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THIS WEEK



SKATING RINK

Lidgerwood joins together to create new rink. **A6**



DOUBLE HEADER

Oak Grove had their hands full in Hankinson. **B1**

BUCKS FOR BUCKETS

Hankinson businesses have pledged money based upon their team's ability to make free throws, three-pointers and total score. Three businesses pledged for the Oak Grove game held Tuesday in Hankinson. Polish Pottery will pay \$59 to Cares for Cancer for total points scored by the Hankinson girls. Hankinson Drug and Julie's Pharmacy will pay \$65 based on pledges of \$5 for every three-pointer and \$1 for every free throw. Mauer Oil paid \$204 for pledges of free throws, three-pointers and total score for both boys and girls.

DEATHS

Donald C. Puetz, 83

OUTSIDE



	High	Low	Prec.
Jan. 9	15	-9	.05"
Jan. 10	12	-13	.00
Jan. 11	14	5	.03"
Jan. 12	16	-17	.02"
Jan. 13	-4	-34	.00
Jan. 14	-5	-32	.00
Jan. 15	-14	-36	.00

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Hankinson going up for auction

VeraSun Energy announces plans to sell seven ethanol refineries

BY KATHLEEN LEINEN
 NEWS-MONITOR

VeraSun Energy Corp. is putting seven of its ethanol refineries up for auction as part of a bankruptcy court financing.

Hankinson is one of the plants going up for auction, said Mike Lockrem, corporate communications manager for VeraSun.

The debtor-in-possession agreement calls for

this auction to begin March 16 with closing sales by March 31. Final bid procedures will be determined by the end of the month whether the plants will be sold individually or as a package, Lockrem said.

The other six plants going up for auction are Ord and Central City in Nebraska, Albert City and Dyersville, Iowa, Woodbury, Mich., and Marion, S.D. With the exception of

the Marion plant, the other six were all obtained by VeraSun as part of the company's buyout of US BioEnergy Corp., Lockrem said.

In order to maintain their plants and pay their workforce, VeraSun had to secure \$12.4 million. Lockrem said the company was able to secure additional financing to maintain the plants and workforce through April 30.

"We had previously announced an indication of interest from someone for buying our entire facility," Lockrem said. "This auction is not related to previous announcements."

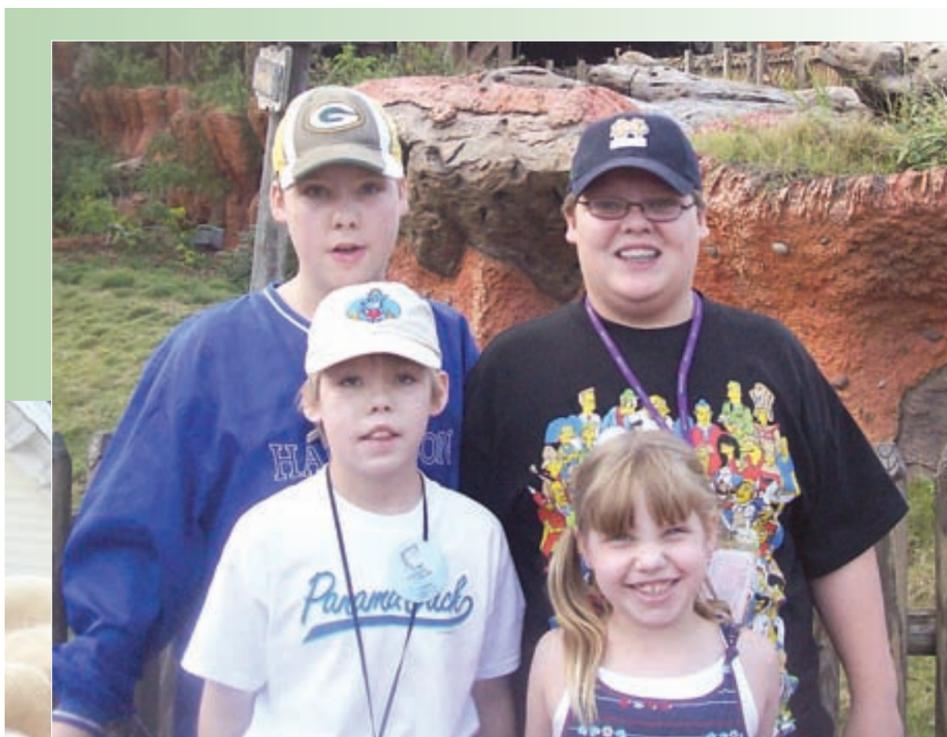
VeraSun Energy Corporation, headquartered in Sioux Falls, S.D., has been a leading producer and marketer of ethanol and distillers grains. Founded in 2001, the company has a fleet of 16 produc-

tion facilities in eight states. VeraSun Energy currently has an annual potential production capacity of close to 1.64 billion gallons of ethanol and 5 million tons of distillers grains.

The company also markets E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline for use in flexible fuel vehicles.

VeraSun Energy Corp.

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Matthew and Josh Schiltz each qualified for a Make-A-Wish trip. The brothers share a genetic disease, myotonic dystrophy. The family used their Christmas holiday to visit the Green Bay Packers and Disney World. Shown in the back row are Matthew and Jonathan Schiltz. Josh and Megan Schiltz are in the foreground.

MAKE A WISH
 Schiltz Family
 Hankinson family takes the trip of a lifetime
 BY KATHLEEN LEINEN
 NEWS-MONITOR

Two young men from Hankinson spent the Christmas holidays on a trip they will never forget.

The Schiltz family spent four days with the Green Bay Packers and five at Disney World in Florida.

It was the trip of a lifetime made all the more special because it was granted by Make-a-Wish. Both Matthew and Josh Schiltz have myotonic dystrophy, a genetic disease which they inherited from their dad, Jeff Schiltz.

The disease is found on Jeff's side of the family. Sisters, brothers and cousins have all been diagnosed. By the time Jeff and his wife,

Sherry, found out he had it, they already had three children. Matthew is the oldest, and Josh is the youngest son. Neither their other boy, Jonathan, nor their youngest, Megan, have myotonic dystrophy, Sherry said, but they are both carriers.

Myotonic dystrophy can cause cataracts, learning disabilities, it can affect the hands, feet and eyesight. It affects the muscles by shortening them.

The family's doctor, Dr. Rios, told them they qualified for Make-a-Wish a few months ago.

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Printing moved to Fergus

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-MONITOR

The News-Monitor and Daily News of Wahpeton and Breckenridge will move printing of all its products to The Daily Journal of Fergus Falls, Minn., effective March 1.

No other changes in the publication of the Daily News

and its affiliated products, including the Perimeter Shopper and the News-Monitor, are anticipated.

'This is a production change only, not a change in ownership'

Ken Harty
 Publisher of News-Monitor

"This is a production change only, not a change in ownership," said Ken Harty, publisher of the Daily News and News-Monitor.

Pages will be sent electronically to Fergus Falls, the newspapers printed there and then trucked back to Wahpeton for distribution as usual.

"It makes sense to combine the production of the Daily News and Daily Journal to add efficiency and save costs for both newspapers," Harty said.

Harty said newspapers across the country have merged production operations to help add efficiency.

"Community newspapers such as the Daily News continue to be in excellent financial health, as opposed to some larger, metropolitan newspapers," he said.

Players and parents allowed to air grievances

BY KATHLEEN LEINEN
 NEWS-MONITOR

The Lidgerwood School Board held a special meeting last Wednesday so their volleyball players and parents could discuss concerns about an upcoming sports cooperative.

Superintendent Tony Grubb said the meeting was a positive step forward.

"We won't know how well this is going to work until the program starts during the next school year," he said. "We are going to move forward. Yes, there

will be bumps along the way but we should be able to work everything out."

Kathy Skroch is a mother of a Lidgerwood volleyball player. She said parents and players had several concerns they presented to the board Wednesday night. Although the volleyball co-op has already been approved, this group of athletes are not in favor of a cooperative for the next two years, Skroch said.

When Moriah Skroch graduates in two years, there will be six senior athletes who will graduate with her. They've been

dreaming of how well they'll do in volleyball since fourth grade. These girls wanted to succeed under their own school, as Cardinals, Skroch said.

The players signed a petition and mailed it to the North Dakota High School Activity Association when the board met to approve co-ops. The Association went along with the direction the school boards wanted taken, so the petition was never taken into consideration.

Another issue this group took exception to was the number of committee meetings held with-

out enough public notice. The girls have wanted to tell their concerns for weeks, but did not have an outlet to vent their frustrations. The special meeting held last Wednesday finally gave them a chance to formally air their grievances before the school board, Skroch said.

The Lidgerwood School Board admitted they didn't handle the situation as well as they should have, she said, which is why the board called for the meeting.

Another special meeting will

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Four weeks to crossover

The North Dakota state legislature has completed three weeks of work with four weeks left to the crossover date of Feb. 20. Crossover is the deadline date by which all Senate bills must be acted on, passed or killed, by the Senate and all House bills must be acted on by the house. The Senate Finance and Tax Committee has been assigned just over 40 bills for hearing thus far and our morning hearing schedule has been full every day. This week we heard Senate bill 2199 which provides the major property tax reductions that Gov. Hoeven proposed in his 2009-11 executive budget. This bill has been two years in the making and was developed by an interim education commission chaired by Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple. The bill was presented to the committee by Dalrymple, who has been working with both the House and Senate to try to get this major initiative through the legislature without amendments or changes that alter the intentions or effect of the bill in a significant way.

Senate bill 2199 will require close to \$300 million throughout the next two years to achieve the effect of major property tax reductions. Property taxes are reduced by the state giving extra money to school districts and requiring all school districts to reduce property taxes by an equal amount, dollar for dollar. This, by itself, will not add any growth in budget to any school district as this new money must be used 100 percent to reduce taxes on property in that school district.

There is another bill, with an appropriation of \$130 million, which together with Senate bill 2199, will bring the state share of K-12 funding to the long sought goal of 70 percent. Some of the questions raised in the committee concerned the issue of long-term sustainability of this approach to reducing property taxes through the route of funding education. Dalrymple provided several written examples of varying economic and oil price projections over the next two years that showed growing trust fund and ending balances even when using pessimistic outlook situations. The state will get an updated budget forecast Feb. 9, which should help answer some of these questions. The tax committee did not act on the bill and will wait until some of the technical and procedural questions can be worked out.

There are other bills that have been introduced which are getting some attention and have prompted phone calls and emails from residents of District 26. Sen. Art Behm has introduced a bill to require vehicles to have their headlights on when traveling on any North Dakota high-

way. He introduced this bill as a safety precaution, allowing cars to better see each other and avoid accidents. He is making the case this is especially necessary for two-lane highways where cars are passing one another in a lane with oncoming traffic. I am getting emails supporting this, but the legislature, in the past, has had some hesitancy to mandate individual safety behavior and create new requirements unless the argument is very strong this needs to be done.

Sen. Mac Schneider has introduced a bill to freeze tuition at all of North Dakota's public universities for the next two years. He has pointed out how tuition has gone up 95 percent since 2002 and our North Dakota students are graduating with some of the highest student loans, on average, in the nation.

Feel free to contact me on these or any other issues. The address here at the capitol is: Capitol Building, 600 East Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505. The toll free call center line is 1-888-635-3447. Email: jdotzenrod@nd.gov

SEN. JIM DOTZENROD
DISTRICT 26



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Introduced bills set record

The pace has gotten rather hectic in the North Dakota House of Representatives. The number of bills introduced has set a record. The unfortunate part is a record number of bills have an appropriation that, if added together and passed, adds about \$700 million to our state budget. These bills are full of good ideas and a select few may become law, but most will not be passed.

School funding, highway funding and property tax relief are the top priorities of this session. We also need to be concerned about sustaining these funding priorities. We need to put a good piece of the surplus away to be able to guarantee our students get a good education and our state and counties are able to maintain our roads. With the amount of snow to remove from roads county, city, and township budgets may be in real trouble and the state may have to intervene.

On Jan. 19 the Legislature hosted "Citizen's Night." We heard bills in committee starting at 7 p.m., and then convened a floor session where House members debated and acted on bills. The floor session lasted until 9 p.m. There was a fair attendance from the public, mostly the Bismarck area.

The House education committee heard many interesting bills. Again, a lot of bills had an appropriation. The northwest area of the state wants a large appropriation to add a technical school to Williston State College. This may be a good idea for

northwest North Dakota, but not for the state budget. Wahpeton has a very good technical college and we cannot afford another one.

We also heard bills with an appropriation for after school learning, adult basic and adult secondary education programs and a bill asking the Bank of North Dakota to give lower than normal interest loans to teachers for college debts. I feel after much testimony, after school learning and adult education will pass with some appropriations but not all that was requested.

The House political subdivisions committee has heard bills relating to job protection for volunteer emergency responders, immunity and exemptions for action in response to emergency management and relating to the record and fiscal affairs of counties.

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REP. JERRY KELSH
DISTRICT 26

Settling into a routine

Hi, Well we are pretty much settling into a routine now. Committees are meeting on a regular basis and quite a few bills have already gone through committees. My government and veteran affairs committee heard 18 bills in just two mornings of meetings. I'll admit most of them were not very complicated or controversial. One which I am carrying to the floor and am a co-sponsor on is that no American Flag may be sold in North Dakota unless it is manufactured in America. It passed out of committee 12-0, it is HB1162.

I'll mention just a few other bills floating around up here. There is a bill which would add three new judges to North Dakota; a bill that would allow fisherman to have four lines when fishing from shore; a bill that would require drivers to keep their headlights on in certain conditions; and one that could help rural areas with development in housing with a housing income tax credit, it is HB1177.

I'm sure most of you know we will be seeing about our usual 1,000 bills this session and you can see by the ones I mentioned they can be just about anything.

Thank you for all your e-mails, phone calls and letters. They are very important, and although I receive them from all over the state, I really appreciate the ones from District 26.

REP. BILL AMERMAN
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ENGAGEMENT

Peterson,
Schiltz

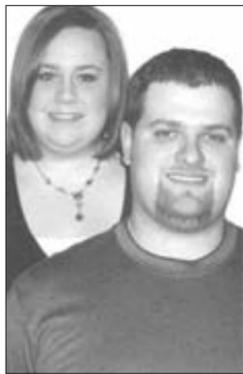
Teresa Amelia Peterson and Matt John Schiltz announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Parents of the bride are Ralph and Mary Peterson Barney, N.D.

Parents of the groom are Tom and Carol Schiltz, Hankinson, N.D.

A Feb. 7, 2009, wedding is planned at St. John's Catholic Church in Wahpeton, N.D.

Reception following at



the American Legion in Hankinson.

Hangaard,
Leifert

Greta Hangaard and Mitchell Leifert were married Aug. 23, 2008 at St. Anthony's Church, Mooreton, N.D.

Parents of the couple are: Glenn and Bonnie Hangaard, Hankinson, N.D., and Robert and Mary Leifert, Newcastle, Wash.

Attendants were: Carley Hangaard, Elgin, N.D., Jason Morris, Andrew Link, Isaac Erickson and Magen Pavlicek, all of Fargo, N.D., Daniel Hangaard, Hankinson, Danae Hautamaki, Eau Claire, Wis., and Rachel Hangaard, Elk River, Minn.

Greta is currently em-



ployed by SK Food International, Fargo.

Mitchell is currently working at Meats by John and Wayne, Fargo.

The couple will make their home in Fargo.

WEDDING

NEWS FROM THE PAST

RICHLAND COUNTY NEWS MONITOR

10 YEARS AGO - Jan. 27, 1999

Erin Campbell and Steven Wood were married Oct. 17, 1998. Alvina Swanson, rural Hankinson, died Jan. 23 at the age of 89. Samuel Paul Arland, son of Paul and Beth Tiegs, was baptized Jan. 17.

5 YEARS AGO - Jan. 27, 2004

Bradley and LaRessa Mattson are proud parents of a baby girl, Elle Victoria, born Jan. 8. Vicky and Travis Schaefer are proud parents of a baby boy, Blake Travis, born Jan. 15.

On Jan. 9 the Lidgerwood School Board and administration held a public information meeting concerning the status of the school's locker room project. The school has long been overdue for new locker room facilities because of health concerns and lack of handicap accessibility.

HANKINSON NEWS

90 YEARS AGO - Jan. 23, 1919

The Lutheran congregation of Great Bend, in a meeting held last Friday, voted to erect a new church edifice in the village of Great Bend. It is proposed to spend between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Ernest Fischer and Ida Hubrig were married Jan. 15. John Sellner, Lidgerwood, died last week at the age of 21 due to tuberculosis.

Mrs. Matt Retterathand witnesses went to Wahpeton Tuesday where she made final proof on her homestead in section 4 of Brightwood Township. This is one of the last homestead proofs to be made in this part of the county.

75 YEARS AGO - Feb. 8, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kuemper are proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Motis are proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 6.

August Foeltz, formerly of Hankinson, died Feb. 5 at the age of 46.

Specials at Kjelstrup's Store were: a five-pound pail of pure strained honey 39¢; two pounds of fig bars 19¢; three pounds of brown sugar 19¢; one gallon of brown syrup 49¢; a five-pound pail of jelly 39¢; and one pound of marshmallows 19¢.

50 YEARS AGO - Feb. 12, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Landers are proud parents of a baby girl, Shannon Alyce Mae, born Jan. 25.

Duane Buscher, formerly of Fairmount, died recently from a heart attack at the age of 38.

Specials at the Red Owl Store were: a two-pound can of Harvest Queen coffee \$1.43; 12 rolls of Northern toilet tissue \$1.00; a 25-pound bag of potatoes 69¢; a four-pound bag of apples 49¢; and a two-pound box of Farndale cheese spread 65¢.

25 YEARS AGO - Feb. 9, 1984

Phil and Brenda Langerud are proud parents of a baby boy, Justin Philip, born Jan. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Roeder are proud parents of a baby girl, Chelsea Joy, born Feb. 3.

John Schmitz, Hankinson, died Jan. 31 at the age of 97.

Leo Odenbrett, Geneseo, died Jan. 30 at the age of 92.

Lydia Ebel, Lidgerwood, died Jan. 29 at the age of 84.

Stephina Jundt, mother of Sister Mary Louise Jundt, Hankinson, died Jan. 25 at the age of 86.

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100 YEARS AGO - Feb. 11, 1909

Ole Bakken Jr., Viking Township, died last week at the age of 25. He had been ailing about two years with epilepsy.

Frank Lohr, Hankinson, was arrested at White Rock, S.D., Saturday on a warrant charging him with having stolen a horse, harness and buggy from his father, who is section forman on the Soo Line. He was sentenced to the reform school at Mandan.

75 YEARS AGO Feb. 8, 1934

J.B. Wagner, Lidgerwood, died Feb. 6 at the age of 70.

Mrs. Joe Faktor, rural Lidgerwood, died Feb. 8 at the age of 27.

Ursula McHugh and Wayne Babcock were married Feb. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ehrenfeldt are proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Novetzke are proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 1.

All the children at the James Poldo home have the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoverson are proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 8.

50 YEARS AGO - Feb. 5, 1959

Cynthia Rae, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Loraas Jr., was baptized Feb. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sapa are grandparents of a baby girl born Jan. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grumbo are proud parents of a baby girl born Feb. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Marohl are proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 1.

Specials at Schwartz' Super Valu were: two pounds of Flav-O-Rich coffee \$1.49; four rolls of toilet tissue 29¢; two pounds of white or yellow popcorn 25¢; a three-pound can of Crisco 89¢; and 10 pounds of granulated sugar 99¢.

25 YEARS AGO - Feb. 9, 1984

Carly Tesch and Lynn Kressin announced their engagement.

Edward Lyons, Lidgerwood, died Feb. 4 at the age of 78.

Tom and Linda Brolin are proud parents of twin boys, Tyler James and Brady John, born Feb. 1.

Mrs. Gene Hauge, formerly of Lidgerwood, died Jan. 20 at the age of 92.

Specials at Ken's Super Valu in Wyndmere were: a five-pound bag of California navel oranges 99¢; a two-pound can of Butter-Nut coffee \$4.89; Valley Maid smoked picnics 79¢ a pound; rib steak \$2.99 a pound; a three-pound bag of Delicious apples 99¢; and a two-pound bag of yellow onions 69¢.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS

30 YEARS AGO - Feb. 1, 1979

Dorothy Ripley, Fairmount, died Jan. 24.

Jean Zentgraf and Roger Wilson announced their engagement. Mrs. Kirby Steffens and Ryan were honored at a cradle shower Jan. 28.

20 YEARS AGO - Feb. 2, 1989

Vanessa Braun celebrated her 2nd birthday Jan. 30.

Winston Brady, formerly of Fairmount, died Jan. 23.

Kendall Swanson, a member of the North Dakota Centennial Band, was the recipient of \$580 from the Fairmount Booster Club and the A.A.L. Branch No. 3582. Swanson will apply the funds toward his \$1,500 expenses with the band this year.

prize * auctions * dinner

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Donald C. Puetz, 83

Donald C. Puetz, 83, Breckenridge, Minn., formerly of Wyndmere, N.D., died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 at St. Francis Healthcare Campus-Home, Breckenridge.

The funeral Mass was held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Wyndmere with the Rev. Leonard Loegering officiating.

Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 with a 7 p.m. prayer service all at Willow Creek Chapel, Wahpeton. Visitation was also held Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 one hour prior to time of service at the church. Military honors were conducted by the Wyndmere American Legion Brown-Nelson Post No. 153 and "Sons of American Legion" and the Barney VFW Memorial Post No. 9366. Interment was held at St. John's Cemetery, Wyndmere.

Donald Cletus Puetz was born May 31, 1925 to Nickolas and Annie (Soehner) Puetz on their farm near Wyndmere. He graduated from Wyndmere High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army from March 16, 1945 until his honorable discharge Nov. 27, 1946. He received the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan) Victory Medal. After his

tour of duty he returned to operate the family farm.

On Nov. 7, 1950 he married Mary A. Enderle at St. Galls Catholic Church, Tintah, Minn. Donald farmed and was a corn dealer for the Trojan/Keltgen Seed Company. His wife, Mary died Dec. 2, 2006. Don entered St. Francis Healthcare Campus-Home Nov. 1, 2006.

Don was a member of the member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Wyndmere American Legion, and Barney VFW. He enjoyed going to Mesa, Ariz., for the winter, golfing, playing cards and fishing.

He is survived by his son and three daughters: Gregory (Laureen) Puetz, Wyndmere, Carol Puetz, Spokane, Wash., Julie (Allen) Rude, Watertown, S.D., and Sandra (Roger) Torell, Lincoln, Neb.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his sister, Ethel Little, Wahpeton, N.D.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Nickolas and Annie Puetz; his wife, Mary Puetz; and his brother, Arnold Puetz.

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home in Wahpeton was in charge of the arrangements.

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Final installment of annual Year in Review

Editor's Note: This is the final installment on a Year in Review. Please enjoy reading the headline news which occurred in 2008

BY KATHLEEN LEINEN
NEWS-MONITOR

In early October the Lidgerwood Ambulance Service was in a state of emergency.

Because of their limited roster, which only included a few EMT's, a single driver and three first responders, it seemed as if they would have to shut down their ambulance service.

Squad members alerted Lidgerwood residents of their need and enough stepped in to volunteer their services.

Although the midwest appeared to be far removed from the economic crisis, failing to bail out the bad debt generated by poor lending practices would have been felt by almost every American.

Investments, retirement plans and stocks are three areas which would have felt the pressure of a floundering economy.

Bob Wurl, president of Lincoln State Bank, Hankinson, Lidgerwood and Wyndmere, said North Dakota banks utilize sound lending practices, but even the northern part of the country will feel a pinch if Congress doesn't pass the economic stabilization package.

Jeffrey Kabella, rural Lidgerwood, was charged with attempted murder from an incident in May after he allegedly fired a rifle at a neighbor who drove into his yard.

A standoff ended with Kabella being taken into custody by the Richland County Sheriff's Office.

In late October, Cody Plummer and a group of friends were driving on a rural country road in the early morning hours. The six occupants crested a slight hill and before they knew it their pickup was being swept away into the Wild Rice River.

All six occupants jumped into the water and made it safely to the east shore.

Jeremiah Medenwald, 26, Hankinson, was Life Flighted in October to MeritCare Hospital in Far-

go after a farm accident.

Medenwald was injured during an attempt to pull a farm truck out of the mud by using two tractors. The clevis failed during the pull, causing the attached rope to spring backwards, striking Medenwald who was inside the tractor.

A week of rain played havoc with this year's fall harvest.

One of the most susceptible crops is the sugarbeet. If the weather turns too hot, the sugarbeet loses quality and Minn-Dak shuts down harvest. The same works for cold weather.

In early November, the Hankinson City Council set a hearing for Roger Boutain, owner of the Spare Time Bar, to appear in front of them to discuss what happened in his bar Oct. 12.

A young woman was in Boutain's bar and took off all her clothes. She and a young man, another patron of the bar, preceded to have sexual acts for "a long period of time," said Mayor Joe O'Meara.

There were a few patrons in the bar when the sexual acts occurred. Five of them recorded the event on their phones and began texting images to their friends.

VeraSun Energy Corporation, one of the nation's largest ethanol producers, announced the company and 24 of its subsidiaries have filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware to enhance liquidity while they reorganize.

The filing was precipitated by a series of events that led to a contraction in VeraSun's liquidity, impairing its ability to operate its business and invest in production facilities.

Boys basketball numbers were projected to be adequate for this year's upcoming season for both Wyndmere and Lidgerwood. Although the numbers were lower than they would have liked, school officials thought they had enough to field a team. When the boys were questioned recently though, both schools found out they didn't have enough players to field a squad. One

injury, rule violation or eligibility violation would have proved disastrous for both schools. The schools submitted an emergency application for a sporting co-op between Lidgerwood and Wyndmere for boys basketball.

United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced on Nov. 19, Allen Edward Prochnow of Wahpeton, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Judge Rodney S. Webb to a charge of delay and destruction of mail.

In entering his guilty plea, Prochnow, 62, admitted while he was employed as a rural mail carrier in Wahpeton, between 1998 and April 3, 2008 he failed to deliver approximately four tons of mail, which was seized by federal agents when they searched his Wahpeton home April 3.

In little more than one year, three small cities will be celebrating their 125th anniversaries.

Each city, nestled in the Wyndmere School District, have seen their share of births, deaths, weddings and town happenings.

The history of these three bergs are important to future generations, which is why a centennial committee has made it their goal to create a history book to help Wyndmere, Barney and McLeod celebrate these auspicious anniversaries.

When Roger Boutain appeared in front of the Hankinson City Council in December, he had friends in the audience speaking on his behalf.

They pleaded with the council to not take away Boutain's liquor license, which in essence would have closed his business.

After hearing from Boutain and the assembled audience, the council passed a unanimous motion to suspend his liquor license for 30 days, with 23 days stayed. Boutain is also to pay for attorney fees and assorted costs, which is about \$1,200. In addition, he faces a two-year probation. If another city ordinance is violated during this probationary period, it may jeopardize his liquor license.

When approaching the Great Bend Fire Hall on an early December morning,

fire chief Pat Porter saw flames were already well above the home of Don Leinen Sr. Porter called for mutual aid from Hankinson and Dwight immediately.

"Shortly after being on scene we realized we were going to come into problems with getting water there," Porter said, so he called in help from Fairmount and Mantador.

After a propane explosion caused Leinen's garage to explode, his home also started on fire - likely triggered by the gas from the garage explosion. Leinen escaped without injury, but his home was completely destroyed.

The Lidgerwood/Hankinson Rural Health Board of Directors has worked hard for many years ensuring quality healthcare in two local communities.

When Lidgerwood and Hankinson were without doctors years ago, the two cities joined together in a united front to find doctors to practice in both towns.

Both towns have supported the clinic as it is a busy place. The practice in fact has outgrown its building, hence the need to construct an addition.

The board was more than happy to announce the addition is complete and will soon house a busy therapy department.

The worst blizzard in the past 10 years hit North Dakota with a one-two punch in late December.

The storm dumped more than 15 inches of snow, combined with high winds and frigid temperatures as most people in the region dug in for the storm.

Joshua Fenske, 23, Hankinson and Adriane Diede, 21, Breckenridge, each pled guilty in December to a Class A misdemeanor charge of public fornication.

Richland County District Court Judge Richard Grosz, who signed Fenske's plea in late December, placed Fenske on one year of unsupervised probation and fined him \$2,000 with \$1,500 suspended. Grosz also ordered Fenske to pay \$350 in court fees, undergo an alcohol dependency evaluation and perform 32 hours of community service.

BRIEFS

Happy Red Hatters

The Red Hatters met Jan. 8 at the Lidgerwood Community Museum with the museum board members serving a delicious soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon, with 15 members attending.

Door prizes were won by Bonnie Bubach and Mary Breker. After the meal Bunko was placed, being enjoyed by all members. The February meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 12 at Dee's Bar & Lounge starting at 5 p.m. Genn Kutter and Bubach will be hostesses.

Schiltz earns VCSU scholarship

The Office of Enrollment Services at Valley City State University, Valley City, N.D., is pleased to announce that Chad L. Schiltz, son of Tom and Carol Schiltz, Hankinson, N.D., has been awarded a VCSU Gary and Connie Tharaldson scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year. Chad will graduate from Hankinson Public School in May 2009.

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Sometimes change is good

Is standing in front of their local school board going to change the final outcome? No. Is airing their views going to make the difference and keep things the way they were? Again, no, but being allowed to air their views has helped Lidgerwood's volleyball team and parents feel like part of the process.

Lidgerwood and Wyndmere School Boards are merging their sporting teams into one joint cooperative. The boards are meeting this Wednesday to finalize a few details, such as mascot name, colors and girls and boys basketball applications. Even though the future of the sporting programs include a joint venture, not everyone is happy with the speed with which the teams are merging.

Girls volleyball has already been approved for a co-op in the 2009-10 school year. Since the North Dakota High School Activity Association has already granted approval nothing short of rescinding this approval will change the co-op. The girls volleyball team wanted to air their grievances in front of their school board and a special meeting held last Wednesday gave them a platform to formally air those grievances. The Lidgerwood volleyball team signed a petition and sent it to the High School Activity Association asking them to deny the co-op application when it was sent in November. The Association granted the co-op though, siding with the school board.

The girls acknowledge it is too late for them to change the process at this point, but many felt they needed to tell their board how they feel. Since the application has gained approval they now need to approach the venture with all the positive feelings they can bring to the court and merge with Wyndmere under a common jersey.

This is a new venture and there will be some hurdles to jump and bumps in the road, but sometimes change is good.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Moratorium on nursing beds

Senate bill 2044 will extend the moratorium on nursing home beds to the year 2013. The moratorium essentially limits the number of licensed skilled and basic care beds available to nursing home facilities. The moratorium was enacted in 1996 and designed to keep the number of licensed beds at the 1996 level because it was deemed there were too many unused beds in the rural areas of the state.

We all know North Dakota has an aging population. In fact, North Dakota ranks fourth in the nation for the number of residents per capita who are 65 years or older and North Dakota ranks first in the nation for the number of residents per capita who are 85 years or older. Keeping the number of beds available at close to the 1996 levels is not only ludicrous, but irresponsible.

Currently, the only way a nursing facility can obtain needed beds is to buy licensed beds from another facility willing

to sell beds. These licensed beds are selling for between \$10,000-\$20,000 a piece. Personally, I find the buying and selling of beds repulsive. The beds should not be treated as a commodity to be sold to the highest. Nursing home administrators should be working cooperatively, not competitively, to meet the needs of North Dakota's elderly. In addition, the licensing of beds should be for the sole purpose of guaranteeing quality care for our elderly and not for regulating how many beds should be available within the state.

Finally, none of us know when or if the time will come when we might need nursing home care, but I pray if the need arises a bed close to my family will be available. If you feel the same, please contact your legislators immediately asking that they vote no on Senate bill 2044, to extend the moratorium until 2013. You can reach our legislators by calling the message center at 1-888-635-3447 or 701-328-3373.

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLA A. JOHNSON, STEELE, ND

The family that rocks together, rolls together

Front man Brian Johnson prowls the stage like a middleweight slugger in jeans, leather boots and a trademark sleeveless shirt, exposing pretty good guns. He attacks each song like he's dragging it out back to kick its ass.

Lungs of steel bellow out naughty schoolboy hormonal sentiments involving back seats, explosives, power chords, sweat and swagger. There will be no surrender tonight—no 10-minute power ballad that brings out the Bic lighters to be held like candles in the wind to show their softer side.

This is AC/DC. There is no softer side. There is only one way. Straight ahead and proudly so down their own Highway to Hell at 100 MPH. Red devil horns flash among the crowd. Everyone is in on the joke. Yeah, we get it. We're sooo bad. Check us out. We rock, dude.

We're at the Fargodome with last-minute seats scored on e-Bay. Seats so high my ears popped climbing to them. Seats so far up I felt like planting a flag when I got there. Maybe you saw me. I was the one in the black T-shirt. The whole family was there. The family that rocks together, rolls together. Like Visigoth hordes, the youngest fans went over the top. Bodies sprawled at the bottom, giggling. This is how we rock, how we roll in North Dakota.

Angus Young rakes his pick across the guitar strings, looking like a truant schoolboy. His arm is raised high and then he strums mightily again, head back, eyes rolling—the kind of behavior that will get you Lithium in the psych ward. Phil Rudd pounds the drums like a cur, delivering the beat that keeps Angus's feet chopping madly at the floor. Malcolm Young and Cliff Williams, rhythm guitar and bass, respectively, survey the mayhem from their lairs on either side of the drum kit. From time to time, they step forward, lean into the mikes like they are cutting through a hard wind and they add their voices to Johnson's howl.

The crowd knows every lyric, every chorus, and they shout, "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap!" with gusto, as Johnson shrieks about all the bad things he's gonna do, and you wonder just how these guys have managed to stay out of prison for so long. They're sooo bad. And we're sooo bad for indulging them.

I realize my face hurts from grinning. When Angus strips down to expose AC/DC boxer shorts, India giggles. Sure, it's juvenile, but it sure is fun. The band has us remembering what it was like to be 14 again, brash, invincible and naughty. This is rock and roll. It is blood, smoke, gristle, madmen howls and guitar solos, duck-walks and yes, cannons. It is bravado, machismo and sass. It is primal, spit in your eye and mud on your boots. Sophisticated? Nah, we can barely spell it.

Dylan stomps his feet as the band kicks into "A Whole Lot of Rosie." India's eyes widen as a 50-foot inflatable woman from the wrong side of the tracks dominates the stage. The Redhead and I grin.

When it is over, I don't resent the price of the tickets. I still resent the climb, mind you, but it's been quite a show. I see some familiar faces in the crowd as we trudge back out into the snow—21,700 of us—and everyone seems to be smiling, because in some way we've bonded, and I start to think that maybe rock-n-roll can save the world after all.

A white stretch limo creeps past as we walk out. I peer into the blackened windows and I wonder—I get the distinct feeling Angus Young is looking back at me.

I salute the car.
TONY BENDER writes "That's Life" each week for the News-Monitor.

Desperate for a little sunshine

As I sit by the dining room window at Deborah's home in Seattle, I have a good view of the large duck pond which covers her entire back yard. Their constant quacking makes me think they are complaining about these cool, cloudy days -- as I am.

Although the lawns remain nice and green all winter here, and the evergreens all around us nearly reach the sky, I'm in desperate need of that big yellow ball shining up in the sky. I need that for Vitamin "D," to keep me in a good mood, and it just doesn't seem to care. I think the good Lord sends it to where it's needed the most (like the Dakotas). At least there's no wind to complain about, and the snow disappeared quickly. We continue to wear our warm jackets to go for strolls, but once the snow disappeared the weather has been in the 40s.

I'm not accustomed to the heavy traffic in this busy area, and coming home during "rush hour" that first week I was here was not the highlight of my life. Deb laughed at my reaction. I couldn't speak, and I'm sure she was thankful for that. Never in my life had I witnessed five lines of cars with bright lights coming at us bumper to bumper nearby, and looking similar to an entire city on the road meeting us, plus the hundreds of lights behind us attempting to pass. I didn't breathe until we were back home. I didn't really scream or faint, I didn't want my chaffier to think I didn't trust her. She drives very well -- the best? She's also a terrific cook and keeps me on schedule for taking medication each morning.

We are impatiently waiting for some warmer, sunnier, weather so we can do more walking, which we both need pretty desperately, especially myself. I'm hoping it will warm up a little more back there before I leave for home, or I may not go back until it does. From the



POSITIVELY THINKING

Lorraine Haaland

calls we've received from home, it sounds like I'm fortunate to be here, and I agree.

We watched the inauguration events the entire day and I stayed up to watch the balls as well. It was a historic event that we really enjoyed. What an exciting and memorable day that was for our country.

The latest means of communicating with all the computers are just unbelievable to me. My family, nephews, nieces, siblings, children and grandchildren, can keep in touch every day on their computers, sending photos and jokes. The generations following us "oldsters" have got it made. I got to see pictures of my little great-granddaughter, Whitney, my sisters, and nearly all the family via the internet, and on her cell phone too.

See you all when I get home. I'm staying until Deb stabilizes from her first round of cancer treatments, which are scheduled to begin in days. She'll be involved in a new research chemotherapy which is supposed to be more effective for ovarian cancer, and should have fewer negative impacts on her as the previous treatments did. Please keep her in your prayers.

By the way, I've really enjoyed the letters from back home, and the newspaper which has been forwarded to me here in Washington. I hope you're surviving the harsh winter safely.

P.S. Reba is enjoying life, I hope, at a kennel near Lisbon. I'll need to sell my home to pay the bill, so send money.

LORRAINE HAALAND writes "Positively Thinking" each week for the News-Monitor.



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MANTADOR
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Friday night relatives helped Doreen Heitkamp celebrate her birthday at the Speak Easy in Moorhead.

Joe and Esther Mertes and Al and Bonnie Gorham were together for the pancake breakfast sponsored by All Saints Church in Mesa Sunday morning.

Several relatives and friends of the area attended the wake and funeral for Sharon Wateland in Wahpeton Sunday and Monday. The funeral was held at St. John's Catholic Church.

Janice and Wayne Ward visited with Joe and Esther Mertes Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon Leo and Marietta Pellman visited with Adolph

Heitkamp and Jerry Heitkamp at their home.

Wednesday Darla Rufer, niece of Memory Mauch, had lunch at Ken and Memory Mauch's home. After lunch they visited with Mary Theede and Linda Dettmann at their homes in Hankinson.

Wednesday evening Margaret Poss, Leo and Marietta Pellman, Bob and Viola Poss, Fergus Falls, David and Kathy Poss, Doris and Paul Foertsch, all of Wahpeton, and Al and Betty (Poss) Frazier, Council Bluffs, Iowa, had supper together at the Fryin' Pan in Wahpeton. Al and Betty have been in the area visiting for a couple of days.

Leo and Marietta Pellman visited with Adolph

Heitkamp and Margaret Poss at the Leach Home in Wahpeton Friday morning.

St. Mary Magdalen Ct.

After Mass Sunday, the National Catholic Society of Women Foresters had a meeting at St. Peter and St. Paul's Catholic Church in Mantador. Donations of aluminum cans will be taken again this summer with proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association.

Another fundraiser sponsored by the Foresters will be "The Souper Bowl," which will run for the next two Sundays. People attending Mass are asked to bring cans of soup to church to be donated to the food pantry.

GUNNAR GREGORY SELZER

Greg and Renata (Olafson) Selzer, West Fargo, N.D., are proud parents of a baby boy, Gunnar Gregory, born at 8:11 a.m. November 26, 2008 at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo. He weighed 5 pounds, 6.7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Ron and Sandy Selzer, Wyndmere, N.D., Curtis Olafson, Mountain, N.D., and Suzanne Larson, West Fargo.

BIRTHS

JUSTIN BRETT QUAM

Brett and Renita Quam, Wyndmere, N.D., are proud parents of a baby boy, Justin Brett, born Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 at Innovis Hospital, Fargo, N.D. He weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Ray and Wanda Haugen, Valley City, N.D., Richard Zink, Carrington, N.D., and Gerald and Jan Quam, Wyndmere.

Great-grandparents are Maybelle Leopoldt,

Jamestown, N.D., Marcy Quam, Wyndmere, and Ardell Johnson, Milnor, N.D.

He was welcomed home by a sister, Julia, and a brother, Jared.

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Heitkamp is 'Inventor of the Year'

BY ANNA JAUHOLA
NEWS-MONITOR

Bob Heitkamp of Mantador said without his family, friends and hunting buddy's support, he would not have won first place at the Marketplace for Entrepreneurs' invention contest nor would he have advanced to the semi-final round of InnovateND.

"I took a lot of phone calls while hunting," he said.

Heitkamp invented what is called the Site Saver, a retention and management system for IVs, which ensures proper alignment and prevents accidental removal. A few years ago, Heitkamp was in the hospital for 17 days. After awhile he got bored and started thinking how IVs could be better secured to a patient's hand.

"I just couldn't imagine there wasn't another way of (securing the IV)," Heitkamp said.

He drew a design on the back on an insurance paper, which is the exact design of the current prototype. He and others have worked on the Site Saver for the last 14 months. This prototype nabbed him \$2,500 from the Marketplace for Entrepreneurs' invention competition, where he beat out 37 other contestants. Heitkamp was the only inventor from the Richland County area.

Heitkamp had his design built into an actual product with the help of many. He



ANNA JAUHOLA | NEWS-MONITOR

Bob Heitkamp shows his prototype, an invention which won him Inventor of the Year at the Marketplace for Entrepreneurs.

owns a business called Midwest Applied Technologies, which was created specifically for the Site Saver. He is employed at ComDel Innovations in Wahpeton, which manufactured the product, with major help from President Jim Albrecht and his team.

Testing is currently going as planned with the Site Saver. Patient comfort and safety is of course No. 1, Heitkamp said. As his business is also brand new, Heitkamp and his team are working on a business plan. A patent is pending on the Site Saver and his company is already listed as a military contractor. "We are writing a proposal right now to do military testing on the Site Saver," Heitkamp said.

Currently, Heitkamp is preparing for production to

near completion. The design and prototype work is done. He is working to distribute the Site Saver to a number of hospitals and emergency medical service units. Though the product is not officially in circulation, Heitkamp's daughter Sasia, 10, was privileged enough to be the first testee while she was in the hospital in August. Heitkamp said his son Brayden, 6, and his wife Barb were there for support.

"I'd just like to thank my family, friends and hunting buddy ... and the whole team at ComDel, Judy Harty, Jack Bernard and Dan Hodgson," Heitkamp said.

Heitkamp will advance to the semi-final round of InnovateND Feb. 6 and if the Site Saver is chosen in that round, he will advance to the finals May 18-19.

DAKOTA ESTATES
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Genn Kutter, Arliene Mattson, ArDeen Haas, Eleanor Harles, Margaret Maczkowicz, Angeline Gilles and Romelle Oster, members of St. Boniface Christian Mothers, entertained at Dakota Estates Thursday afternoon. They played card bingo with the residents, had some readings, and sang some songs with Romelle accompanying them on the piano. Everyone received a snowman table favor handmade by Romelle. The ladies served a delicious lunch afterwards.

Friday afternoon Chuck and Iris Johnson visited Hazel Rossow at Dakota Estates and were her supper guests.

Saturday afternoon Darlene Witt's family treated everyone to cupcakes and

ice cream in honor of Darlene's 87th birthday.

Sunday morning Scott and Renee Rossow stopped at Dakota Estates to take Hazel Rossow with them to the Aaron and Tracy Medenwaldt home for dinner. They were celebrating Shylin's first birthday. Other guests were Glennys Medenwaldt, Jim, Lori and Adam Medenwaldt, Michelle Rossow, Jake Tiegs, Danny Habek and Hunter and Oaklee Medenwaldt.

John King, Fargo, visited Helen Novotny, and Saturday Elaine Solee, Fergus Falls, Minn., was Helen's visitor.

Helen Willprecht took Evelyn Strouse to Hankinson Tuesday to see Bud Strouse at St. Gerard's. Janelle Vig, Veblen, S.D.,

visited Gladys Christensen Friday. Gladys' Tuesday visitors were Neil and Curtis Christensen, Veblen, and Bob and Linda Silseth, Dent, Minn.

Wednesday afternoon Ken and Mary Nash, Colfax, N.D., entertained the residents with music, stories and jokes.

Tuesday afternoon Chuck and Iris Johnson took Hazel Rossow with them for an afternoon visit. They had supper together before returning to Dakota Estates.

Sam Arndt came by Wednesday morning to see his mother, Frieda Arndt.

Elvira Walker's callers this week were Julaine Helmer, Gladys Christensen and Margaret Pankow. Margaret also visited with Dolores Pankow.

COMING EVENTS

The 3rd Annual Cares for Cancer Benefit will be held Saturday, March 28 from 4:30 - 8 p.m. at the Hankinson American Legion Hall. A steak or chicken meal will be served with a live auction to follow at 7 p.m. If you can donate your time, bars or cookies, please call Barb Smith at 701-242-7525. Proceeds of the benefit go to Riveredge Hospice.

Hankinson Commercial Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Lakeview Supper Club in Hankinson. All members are invited to attend.

Humane Society of Richland-Wilkin meets the third Tues-

day of each month at the Wahpeton City Hall Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Lidgerwood Community Club meets the fourth Monday of each month at noon at T&E Steakhouse.

Wahpeton Job Service A representative from Job Service North Dakota will be in the Lidgerwood and Hankinson areas each month. Please call the Wahpeton office at 701-671-1550.

Quarterly meetings of the Mantador VFW will meet at the VFW Hall at 8 p.m. on last Tuesday of the month in March, June,

September and December.

American Legion Eberhard Post 88, Hankinson, meets every second Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

The Lidgerwood American Legion & Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month.

Hankinson American Legion Auxiliary meetings are the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the homes of members.

Better Living Homemakers meetings are the third Thursday of each month at the homes of the members.

HANKINSON
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Elmer and Serena Buckhaus visited Saturday afternoon with Sadie Buckhaus, Marcella Fettes and Nick Goerger, residents at St. Gerard's Nursing Home. Margaret Pankow went

to Fargo Tuesday for a doctor appointment, and also visited Gertrude Askegaard at the Eventide Nursing Home in Moorhead.

Margaret Pankow, accompanied by Grace

Medenwaldt, went to Wahpeton Wednesday and picked up Doreen Bohn. They went to visit Adeline Prochnow, Gene Bladow and Esther Bohn at St. Francis Medical Center Home in Breckenridge.

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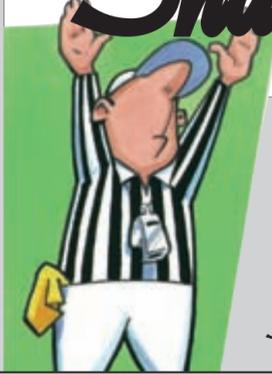
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The Schiltz family poses before a Green Bay Packers game at Lambeau Field. In the back row are: Matthew, Jonathan, Sherry and Jeff Schiltz. In the front are: Megan and Josh.

SCHILTZ: Make-A-Wish program helps dreams come true

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The family lives with this disease every day of their lives, but they didn't think they were eligible and humbly didn't think they should apply.

Matt told his mom they really weren't sick one day, which brought a tear to her eyes. No, they are able to walk without a wheelchair and aren't taking cancer treatments, but this muscular dystrophy affects every member of their family in some way each and every day.

When the boys picked their wishes, mom and dad both knew exactly what Matthew would want. He is a huge Green Bay Packers fan. They drove to Lambeau Field in the back of a limousine. The Packers took the family under their wing. Matthew walked into the locker room to see his name on the back of a Packer jersey and an autographed football waiting for him. They had lunch with the team one day and quarterback Aaron Rodgers sat with them and visited.

Matthew listed off the names of all his favorite players and they kept rolling off his tongue. Rodgers, Donald Driver, James Jones, AJ Hoff,

Nick Barnett, All Harris, Nick Collins and more were on hand to grant this wish.

The family was on the field during warmup of the Packer and Detroit Lions game. Their seats were great and the family thoroughly enjoyed their stay. As much as Matthew loves the Packers is how much Jonathan loves the Vikings. Since neither team mixes well, Jonathan should have been nervous telling them which NFL team is his favorite. But he wasn't afraid to sit in the middle of the Packers and let them know how much he loved their rivals.

She couldn't believe how wonderful the Packers were to a family from small town North Dakota. They could have said hello and gone on with their day, but the Packer team made them feel special.

It was the wish of a lifetime, but it was only half of their trip.

Josh picked Disney World as his wish, under a little pressure from his sister, Megan.

The family stayed in their own chalet at Give the Kids the World, a resort dedicated to families who have sick children. Sherry said she was humbled at the zest for life

some of these children displayed. Some had bald heads due to cancer treatments and others were in wheelchairs. But no matter how sick they were, each child had smiles on their faces as their fondest wishes came true.

"I was never going to fly," Sherry said. "By the end of this trip though, it wasn't too bad."

"Flying was my favorite part," Josh said.

The family spent a whirlwind five days touring Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World and more. As part of their stay at the resort, Josh and his family spent a special evening at the Castle of Miracles. Each child who stays at Give the Kids a Chance because of Make-a-Wish receives a glass star. Josh was given a star and his twinkles on the ceiling of the castle and will be there forever, Sherry said. There are thousands of stars twinkling overhead, representing the thousands of children who have stayed at the resort.

"I thank God every day my kids are walking, talking and can function," Sherry said. "This trip was such an honor to be part of. Make-a-Wish is a wonderful organization and I can't say thanks enough."

CO-OP: Joint meeting will be held for next step in co-op

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be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Lidgerwood High School. This meeting will be a joint meeting held between the Wyndmere and Lidgerwood School Boards and will resolve such issues as a new mascot name and the applications process for both girls and boys basketball.

Since the girls basketball co-op hasn't been applied for yet, the Lidgerwood girls wanted their board to understand their opposition. Before the boys started their season they had a chance to sit down and discuss the co-op with the Lidgerwood co-op committee. The girls never had a chance to sit down and air their views.

"We want the same thing for the girls basketball," Skroch said. "We want the board to ask the girls how they felt about the co-op. When people feel like they are part of the process it is much more positive."

The Lidgerwood and Wyndmere boys basketball teams are perfect examples of why the boards are ask-

I have been through this with our daughter Amanda when her team was running to practices all over the countryside because we didn't have a gym. I didn't want our girls to suffer unnecessarily to keep our program intact.'

Kathy Skroch
Concerned Lidgerwood parent

ing for a co-op. Their numbers do not support continuing under different districts. Lidgerwood has a B-

squad and varsity, but it is the same group of boys who play on both. By the end of the game, they've already run for six quarters.

Even though the numbers for boys has diminished, the girls have closely maintained their numbers, and they are competitive, Skroch said.

"We are not opposing a co-op for the boys," Skroch said. "We just don't understand why we have to do all the sports in one big sweep. We were hoping to do things in a fashion that would allow the girls to continue with their own success until 2012. And then we would gladly slip into a co-op without a stir."

Rick Jacobson, superintendent at Wyndmere, said both boards are moving ahead with co-ops for boys and girls basketball. The volleyball has already been approved and the schools are utilizing a junior high co-op at this time. He said the co-op can only benefit Lidgerwood and Wyndmere.

VERASUN: Bid procedures will be set at month's end

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filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Oct. 31, 2008 when credit markets froze and commodity markets were volatile.

When the company first started, market conditions favored profit margins. Corn was cheap, gas cost a lot to produce and refineries wanted ethanol to use as a cleaner alternative to traditional gasoline. Corn costs since then has skyrocketed and buyers have turned to hedging practices to control their costs. Hedging sets future prices for corn sellers and helps buyers avoid fluctuating markets by locking them in at a set price.

After the Hankinson plant went into production phase a few months ago, corn contracts were sold between \$7 and \$8 a bushel to local corn producers. At the time, markets favored offering these high contracts, but corn prices went into a sharp decline

in August to about \$4 a bushel. The bankruptcy agreement allowed VeraSun to deny their \$8 contracts.

Some of these same farmers entered into a lawsuit against VeraSun to recover some of what their contracts promised. This lawsuit however, does not affect the auction for Hankinson's ethanol plant.

When it became known the company was in a cash crunch, VeraSun tried to raise \$20 million in a public offering in the third quarter of 2008. The company increased revenues by 389 percent over the third quarter of 2007 to \$1.084 billion and recorded a net loss of \$476.1 million for the three month period compared to a net income of \$7.8 million for the 2007 comparable period.

In a press release issued by VeraSun in November, the net loss for the third quarter reflects non-cash charges of \$384.5 million, which includes \$263.3 mil-

lion arising from impairment of the company's goodwill and \$121.2 million arising from impairment of long-lived assets. The goodwill impairment charge was recorded as a result of the acquisition of ASA OpCo Holdings, LLC and US BioEnergy Corporation. The long-lived asset impairment charges relate to the impairment of property, plant and equipment, economic development bonds, corn procurement agreements and non-competitive agreements.

"We are working diligently to secure financing in order to maintain operations during these unprecedented, difficult market conditions," said VeraSun CEO Don Endres when the company announced its third quarter revenue loss. "Ethanol margins continue to suffer while our industry continues to increase capacity at the same time as demand for transportation fuel is being reduced."

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Oakes wins in triple OT

BY KATHLEEN LEINEN
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In a triple overtime win, Oakes narrowly defeated Fairmount-Campbell-Tintah 65-61.

Mike Kvidt led the Rebel offense with 21 points, followed closely by Austin Kutzer with 16.

Oakes-Roberts 32, Ladwig 7, Stenson 2, Hagen 11, Vanorny 2, Breitbach 5, Vculek 5, Cunningham 1.

F-C-T-Kutzer 16, Kvidt 21, Ross 3, McGarry 4, Blotske 8, Hamann 9.

Sargent Central 74 Wyndmere 51

Although Wyndmere's Bryce Woodbury put forth a fantastic effort, the Cadets were too hard to handle in last Thursday's 74-51 loss. Woodbury led the Warriors with 25 points.

Sgt. Central 19 35 47 74 Wyndmere 8 21 40 51

Sargent Central-Saunders 18, J. Minarik 24, Jacobson 2, Nelson 26.

Wyndmere-Hoots 3, Hanson 9, Meslow 6, Woodbury 25, Haberman 2, Stephens 2, Mirales 2, Foertsch 2.

North Sargent 81 Lidgerwood 45

From his guard position, Lidgerwood's Cory Grumbo led the Lidgerwood onslaught when they played North Sargent last Thursday.



Grumbo

Grumbo centered his attack from perimeter shooting and set a quick pace. He scored 16 points in the matchup, but it wasn't enough to overcome an extremely good shooting team the Bobcats are known for. Lidgerwood lost 81-45.

Lidgerwood 6 18 28 45

North Sgt. 18 32 62 81

Lidgerwood-Grumbo 16, Lawrence 8, J. Illies 15, Meyer 4, Mattson 2.

North Sargent-Houle 4,

Hansana 3, Shirrell 18, Hansen 12, Drevlow 20, Anderson 14, Coleman 4, Jonson 4, Greenmyer 2.



Alex Althoff, a junior guard for Hankinson, drives around Oak Grove defenders on a clear path to the basket. Hankinson played an outstanding Grover team and traded basket-for-basket with them. The Pirates lost in the final seconds by a measly two points.

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Grovers win by 2

Hankinson trades baskets with a state-ranked team

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With the game tied and one minute left to play, Hankinson's guard, Alex Althoff, sent a huge pass to the player who was getting it done all night.

Patrick Gulan took the pass, made a quick move under the basket and was wide open for his shot. He put Hankinson up by two, but Oak Grove had time to maneuver.

A back-and-forth game went down to the final seconds. Oak Grove's Logan Carlson brought the ball down the court and didn't hesitate to charge the basket. He hoped to do two things, put the ball in the

basket and draw a foul. He accomplished both and went to the free throw line. His free throws went in and Hankinson had less than three seconds to accomplish an upset, but two points is a big lead with 2.8 seconds left on the clock.

Nick Brandenburger took the inbound pass, ran a few steps and threw an impossible shot up. A huge crowd jumped to their feet and watched the high arcing shot come close but not in.

The Grovers defeated Hankinson by two points in their 72-70 win.

Pirate coach, Mike Gaukler, shook his head at Brandenburger after the game and told him, "next

time that shot will go in Nick."

Hankinson had no reason to hang their heads after their defeat last Tuesday. Oak Grove is full of shooters. The Pirates traded basket-for-basket with them throughout the entire second half, and the biggest reason for this was because of the efforts of Gulan getting into position under the basket. He led all scorers with 26 points.

Gulan is a 6-foot-1 junior. He was the shortest player under the basket, going against Michael VandeVoort a 6-foot-4 senior and Sam Olson a 6-foot-4 junior. Olson led the Grovers with 23 points, so he too had a good inside game.

Although he was smaller, Gulan was a force to be reckoned with.

"Patrick really stepped up tonight. This is how well we played as a team against a big squad," Gaukler said. "In one week, we played the No. 4 and No. 9 team in the state and we traded baskets. Now we have to convert those close games to a win."

Oak Grove 16 37 56 72

Hankinson 27 35 54 70

Oak Grove-Dangerfield 3, Carlson 12, Lackmann 16, VandeVoort 6, Olson 23, Akason 5, Zaiske 3, Anderson 4.

Hankinson-Althoff 11,

Hangaard 16, Brandenburger 2, Gulan 26, Stein 11, Dickerman 2, Vedder 2.

Squads win on the road

BY KATHLEEN LEINEN
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Hankinson girls had to play without their leading scorer, but the girls showed maturity in their 69-65 win over Park Christian last Thursday.

Casey Geffre injured her knee in Tuesday's game against Oak Grove. She will be out indefinitely.

The girls improved their season record to 10-2, while the Falcons drop to 11-4 for the season.

Cody Geffre led a balanced offense with 17 points for Hankinson. Chloe Wahl had 16 and Caitlyn Stein sunk 12.

Hankinson 36 69

Park Christian 29 65

Hankinson-C. Stein 12, Geffre 17, Co. Titus 7, Wahl 16, Pankow 9, L. Stein 3, Ca. Titus 3.

Park Christian-Nickel 12, Pasolt 8, Kiemele 17, Charon 8, Jordahl 6, Twedt 7, Johnson 4, Peterson 2.

Lidgerwood 55 Rosholt 47

Lidgerwood girls pulled off a huge fourth quarter effort to gain and maintain their lead in their 55-47 win over Rosholt.

Kari Wisniewski worked hard under the basket for position and led the Cardinal offense with 25 points. She has a move underneath the basket which is hard to stop.

Kya Wisniewski had a hot hand at the perimeter in her 11-point effort. Both girls combined for 36 of Lidgerwood's 55 points.

Lidgerwood 19 26 39 55

Rosholt 17 25 34 47

Lidgerwood-Ka. Wisniewski 25, Ky. Wisniewski 11, Fuka 8, Skroch 7, Knaust 2, Aker 2.

Rosholt-Wieser 13, Ca. Anderson 11, Col. Anderson 11, Zach 6, Meyer 2, Eggers 2, Johnson 2.



Kari Wisniewski



Kya Wisniewski

Defense keeps Grovers off balance

BY KATHLEEN LEINEN
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If there is one thing the Hankinson girls basketball team knows how to do is play defense.

Their 59-34 win against Oak Grove was a perfect example of a strong defense.

"Offense sells tickets but defense wins games," said LeAnn Fossum, coach of the Pirates.

The Pirates held Oak Grove to 17 points in three quarters. Fossum let her youngest varsity players earn game time in the fourth quarter, the only quarter Oak Grove started up their offense. Playing her youngsters gave them valuable game experience and set a positive example for the future of basketball.

Hankinson jumped out to a dominating first quarter by passing the ball, stopping the Grovers at half court and causing turnovers.

As strong as their defense is, Hankinson also has a team of shooters. Defenders have no one particular player to key in on as at any

given moment another Pirate can explode on offense. They are fast, they are fearless and they make magic happen on the court.

As the basketball season nears completion, this team is looking ahead to

'On each game we are focusing more and more on post-season. We need to get more crisp and clean.'

LeAnn Fossum

Head coach of the Hankinson girls basketball team

post-season play. Their 9-2 record shows coach and players where they need to focus attention to keep their season moving. Hankinson has only lost to one North Dakota team and they face their rivals Thursday.

The girls and boys teams from Fairmount-Campbell-

Tintah will play in Hankinson Jan. 29. For Hankinson, this game is a rematch they're been waiting for.

Fossum said they played the Rebels in their second game of the season. The team was becoming used to their new coach and a new style. The same could be said for F-C-T as well, but the Rebels played this game in their home gym in front of a motivated crowd.

Fossum wants to see how her team plays the Rebels in a bigger facility in front of a packed home crowd.

"We are working on our transitions for the Rebels," she said. "If we stick to our game plan, we'll be ready."

As of press time, F-C-T entered the game with an undefeated record so Hankinson will have their hands full.

Oak Grove 6 9 17 34

Hankinson 19 36 54 59

Oak Grove-Langseth 5, Conant 11, Jameson 6, Mariah Nelson 6, VanderWal 2, Selisker 2, Schock 2. Hankinson-C. Stein 6, Co. Geffre 2, Co. Titus 14, Wahl 7, Ca. Geffre 5, Ca. Titus 6, Pankow 11, L. Stein 7, B. Stein 1.



Brittney VanderWal tries to drive around Cody Geffre of Hankinson. Courtney Titus (13) had a fantastic defensive game and led the Pirate offense with 14 points.

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City of Fairmount - Legal

EMERGENCY MEETING OF FAIRMOUNT CITY COUNCIL Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009

A special emergency meeting was held thursday, Jan. 8, 2009 at the City Hall in regards to the water tower leak.

The meeting was called

to order by Mayor Nelk. Members present were: Nelk, Blotske, Meyer and Johanson.

Discussion was on the water tower issue.

Motion was made by Blotske, second by Meyer, to hire George E. Haggart, Inc. of Fargo, N.D. for the cost of: MOB \$2,500, LS and equipment/crew

\$4,800/day. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Dave Meyer.

Motion by Meyer to adjourn, second by Blotske. Motion carried.

Jon Nelk Mayor

(Jan. 27, 2009)

City of Fairmount - Legal

REGULAR MEETING OF FAIRMOUNT CITY COUNCIL Monday, Jan. 5, 2009

The Fairmount City Council met Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 in the City Hall.

Council members present were: Meyer, Blotske, Swanson, Nelk and Johanson.

Others attending were: Gene DeVine, Marlene Luick and Merle Rubish. Mayor Nelk called the meeting to order and the following motions were made:

- To approve the minutes.
- To approve the following bills as presented: Gene DeVine 1,029.37; Bev Steffens 493.87; PS Bank 757.78; PS Bank 150.00; PS Bank 1,400.00; PS Bank 125.00; PS Bank

- 2,212.26; PS Bank 184.11; PS Bank 10,422.09; Postmaster 162.00; Otter Tail 976.49; Red River Telephone 62.03; Storbakken Sanitation 2,040.00; Daily News 38.70; Lies 30.00; Wahpeton Floral 35.00; ND One Call 1.24; ProSweep 1,093.75; Townmaster 287.00; Truck Shop 60.00; Capmark 2,278.75; N.D. Public Health Lab 16.00; Hawkins 494.00; Maynard Mahler 15.00; Our Town Software 95.00; Postmaster 42.00; Superior Business Solutions 239.60; Jon Nelk 277.05; N.D. State Tax Commissioner 153.00; Job Service ND 18.74; FUSV 1,183.14; Gene DeVine 1,029.37; Eberline Services 240.00.
- To approve the grant request for Wal-Mart.
- To pay Nelk for snow removal in absence of DeVine.

The following items were discussed:

- Log cabin repairs and expenses.
- Water leak on water tower.
- City hall furnace.
- Rear wipers on tractor.
- Lagoon tiles.
- Snow removal on Highway 11 and Front Street corner.
- DOT project 2010 on Highway 11.
- Snow piling and hauling out.

Motion was made to adjourn.

These minutes are subject to council approval.

Jon Nelk Mayor

Bev Steffens Auditor

(Jan. 27, 2009)

Fairmount School Board - Legal

REGULAR MEETING OF FAIRMOUNT BOARD OF EDUCATION Wed., Jan. 7, 2009

The Fairmount Board of Education held the regular monthly board meeting Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009 in the Fairmount School Library.

Members present: Larry Luick, Duane Braun, Tracy DeVine, Tim Campbell, Brenda Adolf.

Others present: Ron Stahlecker, Blake Dahlberg, Amy Gebro, Jay Townsend, Mark Reinig.

The agenda was approved with a motion by DeVine, second by Campbell. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Dec. 10, 2008 meeting was approved with a motion by Adolf, second by Braun. Motion carried.

The claims were reviewed and approved with a motion by Braun, second by DeVine. Motion carried.

The financial reports were reviewed and approved with a motion by Braun, second by Campbell. Motion carried.

Standing reports were heard.

Old Business: Superintendent Negotiators Report: Motion by Braun to approve the superintendent's contract for the 2009-2010 school year with a \$2,500 raise, and use of the school car for school func-

tions, second by Adolf. Motion carried.

New Business: Negotiations Seminar: Let Amy know if you are planning on attending.

Set meeting dates for 2009: Motion by Braun to set the school board meeting dates for 2009 on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., second by Campbell. Motion carried.

Substitute Salary Comparison: Mr. Stahlecker presented the substitute pay from the area schools. Discussion followed.

Open enrollment application from Mary Jo Vanness family presented. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 at 6 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL.

Larry Luick President

Amy Gebro Business Manager

EconoFoods 16.90; FM Jobbing Co. 318.24; Food Service of America 1,651.01; Fairmount School 2,500.00; Greater SE ITV Consortium 4,250.00; Town & Country Computers 89.95; Zaner-Bloser 39.75; Elizabeth Poliak 70.00; Brenda Adolf 229.50; Budgetext

Corporation 45.67; Cenex Credit Card Dept. 113.97; City of Fairmount 64.20; Colonial Door 110.00; Colonial Rental 119.98; Daily News/News-Monitor 63.21; Eckroth Music Co. 25.10; Expressway Inn 259.80; Fairmount School 100.00; Farmers Union Oil Co. 966.97; Information Technology Dept. 99.96; International Reading Assoc. 335.00; Jaymar Business Forms, Inc. 49.77; Kvarme Travel 497.50; Vickie Medenwaldt 902.59; Office Max 230.58; Office of State Auditor 165.00; Otter Tail Power Co. 3,868.67; Palos Sports, Inc. 161.35; Red River Telephone 50.00; Scott's Electric 117.77;

Smith Motors, Inc. 12,894.80; Ron Stahlecker 227.89; Storbakken Sanitation, Inc. 133.00; The Truck Shop 60.00; Tri-State Mechanical 144.00; Valley City State University 1,278.22; Wal-Mart Business 137.04; Wal-Mart Business 135.01; Fairmount Community Development 480.00; Fairmount Locker Plant 160.00; Josten's Inc. 157.10; Minnesota State University 925.00; Peoples State Bank 50.00; Richland School 333.00; Tri-State Officials Association 504.10; Wal-Mart Business 15.61; Hewlett-Packard 192.00.

(Jan. 27, 2009)

Wyndmere School Board - Legal

REGULAR MEETING OF WYNDMERE BOARD OF EDUCATION Wed., Jan. 14, 2009

President David Buskohl called the meeting to order.

Members present: Buskohl, Woodbury and Johnson.

Members absent: Manstrom and Foertsch.

Others in attendance: Rick Jacobson, David Hanson, Chris Swenson, Cara Cody Braun and Nancy Phalen.

Motion by Johnson to approve 12-10-08 minutes, seconded by Woodbury. Roll call vote, all members voted aye.

Motion by Woodbury to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote, all members voted aye.

Manstrom arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Johnson to accept the financial report, seconded by Woodbury.

Roll call vote, all members voted aye.

Motion by Manstrom to pay the January bills, seconded by Woodbury. Roll call vote, all members voted aye.

Booster Club Report: Plaque membership is 100% paid, contributions made towards JHGBB and JHBBB uniforms, updated plaques ordered for the gym, spring banquet being planned.

Woodbury presented the Vocational Center report: house projects, vo-ag teacher, and vo-ag classes.

Community Center Report: None.

Building Committee Report: Reviewed Otter Tail heating report. Otter Tail bill is higher because we have been controlled less this past month, may fill fuel tank in the spring if needed, waiting for bids for science room project before finalizing summer project list.

Transportation Commit-

tee Report: Reviewed bus fuel usage reports.

REA Report: None.

Hanson presented the elementary principal's report/technology report: Map testing started for grades K-3, puberty sessions for grade 5, Saxon math adoption, outdoor recess temperature guidelines. Technology graduate class offered, two staff members applied for Qwest Technology grants for smart boards, technology budget request.

Swanson presented the high school principal's/A.D. report: Congratulations to Gina Vosberg on being named January Student of the Month, class scheduling process will start in a couple of weeks, co-op update. Lidgerwood needs to vote on mascot choice, joint board meeting to be held on 1-28-09 at 7 p.m. in Lidgerwood to review BB applications. Three color choices were presented and discussed.

Reviewed investment sheet.

Policy packet handed out. Policy meeting to be held in February.

Motion by Johnson to approve pledge of assets from Lincoln State Bank, seconded by Manstrom. Roll call vote, all members voted aye.

Discussed request from Vern Fluto for an honorary diploma. Jacobson to check with veteran's service officer.

Meeting recessed at 8:38 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10, 2009 at 8 p.m.

Joint board meeting with Lidgerwood scheduled for Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in Lidgerwood.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

David Buskohl President

Rick Jacobson Business Manager

Adelsman/PBBS 274.00; Cynthia Anderson 30.00; Barnes & Noble 184.56; Best Western Ramkota Hotel 768.00; David Buskohl 37.80; Capitol One, F.S.B. 56.93; Cass-Clay Creamery, Inc. 1,308.19; Center for Education and Employment Law 159.00; Colonial Door 27.89; Dacotah Paper Co. 476.69; Daily News 105.35; Dakota Water Solutions 138.00; Daktronic, Inc. 80.00; The Earthgrains Company 320.32; EconoFoods 95.62; Farm Plan 118.08; Food Services of America - Fargo 1,762.97; Greater Southeast ITV 4,250.00; H.A. Thompson & Sons, Inc. 200.45; Harlow's Bus Sales 61.13; Hill-yard/Hutchinson 517.50; Marilyn Hodgson 100.00; Houghton Mifflin Company 48.01; J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc. 32.16; Jaymar Business Forms, Inc. 87.04; Brett Johnson 95.40;

Knowbuddy Resources 394.09; Lidgerwood Jack & Jill 34.70; Gale Link 100.00; John Manstrom 5.40; Minn-Kota Ag Products 178.50; ND State Treasurer's Office 165.00; NDASA 135.00; Karolyn Nelson 23.92; Nielsen Electric 65.00; Otter Tail Power Co. 5,953.08; Pearson Education 149.28; Richland County Treasurer 5,132.52; Richland Public School 333.00; Sakry Plumbing, Inc. 37.90; Chris Swenson 49.50; Bobbi Tompkins 100.00; US FoodService, Inc. 603.53; Verizon Wireless 81.00; David Woodbury 54.00; Wyndmere Auto, LLC 283.80; City of Wyndmere 1,331.20; Wyndmere Community Center 2,500.00; Wyndmere FFA 119.00; Wyndmere Oil 1,348.19; Rhonda Blazek 11.70; Karen Pinkham 50.00; Farmers Union Oil 1,366.58; Karen Pinkham 50.00; NDAESP 125.00.

(Jan. 27, 2009)

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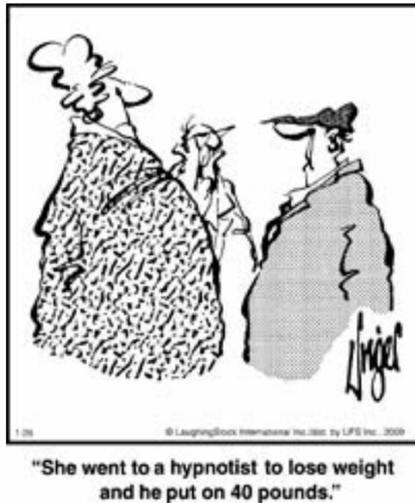
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by Luis Campos

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Soul mates mull over married life

DEAR ABBY: I consider my best friend, "Randall," to be my platonic soul mate -- like a brother, only closer. Randall is gay. I am a straight female. We have no romantic interest, but a deep and meaningful love nonetheless.



should learn -- in case he is ever in a situation that involves water.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

We have talked about raising children together, but in order to adopt in some states there is a requirement that the parents be married. Our state does not happen to be one of them.

Would it be considered duping friends and family to have a "real" wedding? -- PLATONIC SOUL MATE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR PLATONIC SOUL MATE: There is no requirement that in order to be married a couple MUST have sex. If you and Randall wish to be legally married and have a "real" wedding, nothing prevents it.

HOWEVER: Before you take such a step, it is extremely important that you and Randall have an understanding and ensure that you are really committed to raising a child (or children) TOGETHER, even if one of you should meet someone. It would be sad, indeed, if after adopting, the marriage didn't work out and you wound up fighting over custody of the children. It happens all too often when "traditional" marriages fail, and it could happen to you unless you have a meeting of the minds.

DEAR ABBY: There is a bully at my daughter's school. My child is terrified to get on the bus in the morning and shaking when she comes home. She told me that the bully picks only on her. She has taken my daughter's lunch money, shoved her against the lockers and pushed her into one of the garbage cans behind the school.

I have complained to the school board and to the bully's mom. It did no good. I can't afford to take my daughter out of public school and put her into a private school, and if I quit my job to home school her, we will have no source of income. I don't want my daughter to suffer any more than she already has. What should I do? -- HEARTSICK MOTHER, RICHARDSON, TEXAS

DEAR MOTHER: I'm sorry you didn't tell the principal of your daughter's school what was happening before it went this far, because he or she would have been required to document the incident. Because your daughter has been robbed and assaulted and your complaints have not been addressed, you should contact the police and file a report.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and have been swimming my entire life. Swimming has brought me so much pleasure, I think everyone should have the opportunity to experience it.

My friend "Ethan" doesn't know how. He is 18 and nearly drowned in a friend's backyard pool when he was 8. He has been terrified of water ever since.

I have been trying to persuade Ethan to take swimming lessons, but he says it would be embarrassing to learn now at this age. He also says being a nonswimmer will not be a problem because he doesn't plan on ever going near water. I still think he

DEAR AQUATIC: Private lessons at a private pool. And you are correct that everyone should

know at least the basics of how to swim. Your friend may not plan on swimming for pleasure, but he should know what to do if a child or pet should get into trouble in a pool, at the beach, etc.

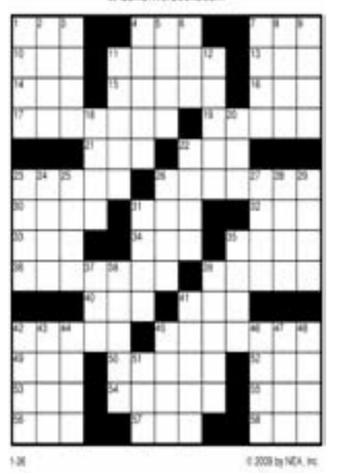
TO MY ASIAN READERS: Today marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year. This is the Year of the Ox. Those born in the Year of the Ox are steadfast and determined -- and that's no bull. To one and all, a Happy New Year!

Crossword

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40 Crunch
41 Excessively
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43 Not fact
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51 Store info
52 Motel of yore
53 Graceful tree
54 TLC
55 DOWN
56 Arab VIP
57 Mound
58 Ice skater's leap
59 Some layers
60 Tadpole's colors
61 Skip past
62 Seiges
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65 Shoulder enhancer
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Attempted murder charge reduced

BY ERIN C. HEVERN
NEWS-MONITOR

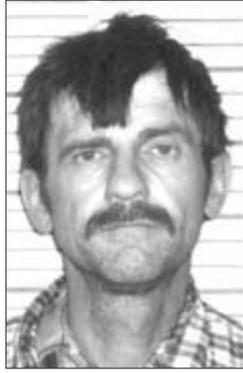
In Richland County District Court Thursday, Jeffrey Kabella, who previously pled not guilty to an attempted murder charge, pled guilty to a reduced charge of reckless endangerment.

At a preliminary hearing Dec. 6, 2008 Southeast District Court Judge Daniel D. Narum ruled Assistant State's Attorney Ron McBeth established probable cause for the attempted murder charge. A trial was scheduled to begin Feb. 23.

The attempted murder charge stems from an incident which occurred May 21, 2008 at Kabella's rural Lidgerwood home when he allegedly shot at one of his neighbors, Michael Novotny.

At Thursday's pre-trial conference, Narum approved an agreement reached between Kabella's attorney, Steve Mottinger, Fargo, and McBeth to reduce the charge under a number of probation requirements and that probable cause had too been established for the reckless endangerment charge.

Although Kabella did not dispute he fired a shot that hit Novotny's vehicle,



Kabella

"Mr. Kabella is adamant he did not attempt to harm Mr. Novotny," Mottinger said.

"I fired a shot, but I wasn't trying to kill," Kabella said, answering a question from Judge Narum, which posed if Kabella changed his plea to guilty because of the reduced charge.

Under five years probation, Kabella must retain employment and not change his profession without notifying his probation officer. He must also undergo a 14-day medical and psychiatric evaluation as recommended by the North Dakota state hospital. If a 90-day treatment period is recommended by the hospital,

Kabella must comply. If the hospital recommends a longer period of evaluation and treatment, it would then become a civil matter.

Also under terms of probation, Kabella can not possess a firearm, destructive device or any other dangerous weapon. He may be prohibited from possessing a weapon even after his supervised probation has expired. Kabella must refrain from using or possessing alcohol and cannot purchase controlled substances, unless authorized by a licensed physician.

After release from the medical facility, Kabella must not leave the state of North Dakota without the permission of his probation officer, and is subject to blood or urine testing to make sure he continues to not use alcohol or illegal substances.

A number of other supervised probation requirements also must be followed.

Per request from McBeth, the Richland County Sheriff's Office will escort Kabella to Jamestown, where the state hospital is located. Kabella will remain incarcerated until his transfer to Jamestown.

LIDGERWOOD HONOR ROLL

The Lidgerwood Public School honor roll for the second nine weeks was:

Grade 12: A Honor Roll: Sonny Ehli, Cory Grumbo, Kenneth Harles, Bria Knaust (4.00), Kellie Podliska, Annemarie Scholz, Kari Wisniewski, Kya Wisniewski. **B Honor Roll:** Stacie Borgen, Jordan Clark, Emmylee Grubb, Logan Kubasta, Joshua Lawrence, Kari Lueck, Vincent Skroch.

Grade 11: A Honor Roll: Ryan Frolek, Anna Fuka, Shane Strege. **B Honor Roll:** Cheryl Bohnenstingl, Lucas Harles, Katie Kaler, Victoria Richards, Mathew Scheuring, Brooke Storbakken.

Grade 10: A Honor Roll: Mylynn Henderson, Christine Manikowski, Lacey Nelson, Jeremy Olson, Haley Oster, Moriah Skroch (4.00). **B Honor Roll:** Chelsea Harles, Kellan Illies, Ryan Orth,

Kristina Sakry, Jennifer Wettstein, Brock Wieber.

Grade 9: B Honor Roll: Caitlin Grumbo, P.J. Herold, Joshua Scheuring, Shawn Strege.

Grade 8: A Honor Roll: Cameron Frank, Joline Manikowski, Taylor Oster, Rachel Sakry (4.00), Ashley Stanley. **B Honor Roll:**

Sadee Bauman, Jordain Bonn-Meyer, Zachary Clark, Jeffrey Illies, Riley Jelinek, Levi Manikowski, Nicole Willprecht.

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Pohl named to dean's list

Nicholas Pohl, son of Keith and Joyce Pohl, Hankinson, was named to the South Dakota State University dean's list for the fall 2008 semester. To earn dean's list distinctions students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and have earned at

least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Muehlberg named to dean's list

Kylie Muehlberg, Wyndmere, was named to the dean's list at the University of North Dakota for the fall 2008 semester.

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1	2	3 Hank. GBB at home vs. Sarg. Central (Parent's night) Just for Kix performs	4	5 Hank BBB at Sarg. Central, 6 p.m. Hank. GBB at home vs. Wheaton, 6 p.m.	6 Hank. BBB at Milnor, 6 p.m. Frmt. BBB at home vs. Wyndmere, 6 p.m.	7 GBB District Tournament at NDSCS
8	9 Hank. GBB at Sisseton, 6 p.m. Frmt. GBB at home vs. Rosholt, 6 p.m. Lidg. GBB at home vs. Richland, 6 p.m.	10 Hank. BBB at home vs. Lisbon, 5 p.m. (Parent's night) Lidg. BBB at home vs. Rosholt, 6 p.m.	11 American Legion Eberhard Post 88, Hankinson at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall.	12 Hankinson Parent/Teacher conferences 3:30-9:30 p.m. Wynd. BBB at Maple Valley, 6 p.m.	13 GBB District Play-In Game Lidg. BBB at F-C-T, 6 p.m.	14 GBB District Tournament at Lidgerwood
15	16 GBB District Tournament at Lidgerwood	17 GBB District Tournament at Lidgerwood	18 Hankinson Commercial Club meets at the Lakeview Supper Club in Hankinson. All members are invited to attend.	19 Hank. BBB at Central Cass, 5 p.m. Frmt. BBB at home vs. C-G-B	20 Lidg. BBB at home vs. Oak Grove, 6 p.m.	21 Just for Kix at St. Gerard's Nursing Home, 3 p.m. BBB at NDSCS Bonanza
22	23 GBB Regional Tournament at Fargo Civic Center	24 GBB Regional Tournament at Fargo Civic Center	25	26 GBB Regional Tournament at Fargo Civic Center	27 BBB District Play-In game	28 BBB District Tournament at NDSCS