

BC-ND--Sandbag Central,103

Second sandbag push in Fargo up to 293K

Eds: APNewsNow.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - Volunteers in Fargo have filled 293,000 sandbags as part of a second campaign to help protect against flooding on the Red River.

The city called on volunteers to fill an additional 500,000 sandbags, to go with the one million bags made in early April and 300,000 bags left over from the 2011 flood.

Volunteers on Saturday filled 71,000 sandbags at a storage shed for garbage trucks that has been transformed into Sandbag Central.

The bags may be needed to protect against what is predicted to be one of the top five Red River floods of all time in Fargo and neighboring Moorhead, Minn.

AP-WF-04-21-13 1238GMT

Otter Tail County Flood Plans

4-4-13

Otter Tail County will make sand bags available for residents with flooding issues. The program will be similar to last year and will start Friday (April 5th)

Residents will be responsible for filling and transporting their own sandbags. Bags filled at the distribution site will be free. Empty bags are 20 cents each.

There are three distribution sites all are county highway garages:

Pelican Rapids: 208 NE 5th Ave

New York Mills: 36889 560th Ave

Battle Lake: 601 W Holdt Street

Hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday but you need to call ahead to make sure enough supplies are available. Call 218 998 8470 to schedule a time to fill or pick up sandbags.

At this time; Otter Tail County is expecting overland flooding in a few areas.

Isolated Flooding Predicted for OTC

4-18-13

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So far, only one home has made sandbags, about 100 total. They have received several other phone inquiries about filling bags.

The county asks that you call ahead to 218 998 8470 if you want sandbags or more information.

They have also set up a webpage with county information:
<http://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/emergency/>

THOSE WALLEYES WILL HAVE TO WAIT. ^{TOX} TOMORROW IS THE OPENING OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA/MINNESOTA BORDER WATERS WALLEYE SEASON, BUT THERE'S 30-INCHES OF ICE ON LAKE TRAVERSE AND BIG STONE LAKE. PROFESSIONAL GUIDE STEVE CARNEY SAYS IN HIS 42-YEARS OF FISHING THOSE WATERS, HE'S NEVER SEEN A SPRING THIS LATE.....

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BUT CARNEY THINKS ONCE THE ICE IS OUT AND THE WATER WARMS UP, WALLEYE SEASON WILL BE FANTASTIC FROM MAY THROUGH JULY.

BA 4/19/13 9:55AM

AS FARGO AND CASS COUNTY PREPARE FOR A POSSIBLE RECORD FLOOD, GOVERNOR JACK DALRYMPLE SAYS THE NATIONAL GUARD WILL BE READY:

Media : GUARD READY

Length: 00:00:20.1 OutCue: 'of an emergency".

THE GUARD'S FIRST MISSION WILL START NEXT WEEK IN FARGO WHEN THE SOLDIERS BEGIN TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR TRUCKS HAULING CLAY FOR EMERGENCY LEVEES. ONCE THE RIVER LEVEL HITS 30 FEET, THE GUARD WILL ALSO BE ASSIGNED TO DIKE PATROL. INITIALLY, 460 SOLDIERS WILL DEPLOYED. OTHERS WILL BE DEPLOYED AS NEEDED.

4/19/13 DONTOMASHANEY

BC-ND--Fargo Flooding, 1st Ld,130

Fargo-area officials outline plans for sandbagging

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - Fargo-area officials have mapped out plans for building clay levees and sandbag dikes to protect against what could be record flooding along the Red River and its tributaries.

Police will begin escorting flatbed trucks with sandbags into Fargo neighborhoods on Tuesday. Area high school students will begin placing the bags on Thursday.

Sandbagging in outlying areas of the city is scheduled to begin Monday.

The National Weather Service gives the river a 40 percent chance of topping the 2009 record of nearly 41 feet, which was the first of three straight major floods in the area.

Fargo and neighboring Moorhead, Minn., have made improvements to protect most residents to 38 feet, but hundreds of homes need sandbagging beyond that.

Moorhead is holding neighborhood meetings Monday to outline its flood-fighting plans.

AP-WF-04-19-13 1420GMT

BC-ND--Flood Protection Fargo Moorhead,118
Fargo-Moorhead flood project to get more funding
Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.
By HENRY C. JACKSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - A flood protection project designed to shield Fargo and Moorhead from Red River flooding looks like it will be getting more federal funding than originally expected.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metro Diversion Project is now expected to receive \$7.4 million in federal funding during the 2013 fiscal year. The Office of Management and Budget told North Dakota's congressional delegation it was likely to approve the new figure later this year. That's about 60 percent more than the \$4.5 million that had been allocated for the project.

The increase in funding would not affect the 2014 federal budget for the project. When President Barack Obama released his 2014 budget proposal last week it did not include any funding for the project.

AP-WF-04-18-13 2303GMT

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS TOLD FARGO TO PREPARE FOR WHAT COULD BE A RECORD RED RIVER FLOOD CREST WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. A NEW FORECAST SAYS THE RIVER SHOULD PEAK BETWEEN 39 AND 41 FEET...WITH A MID-RANGE PREDICTION OF 40.3 FEET. WEATHER SERVICE METEOROLOGIST GREG GUST SAYS A SIGNIFICANT WARM-UP NEXT WEEK SHOULD SPEED THE MELT AND RIVERS WILL START RISING:

Media : GUST CREST TIMING

Length: 00:00:17.1 OutCue: "coming week".

THE RECORD FLOOD OF 2009 HIT 40.84 FEET IN FARGO. THIS SPRING'S FLOOD IS THE LATEST ON RECORD.

IN ADVANCE OF THIS FORECAST, FARGO ANNOUNCED IT WAS PLANNING TO PROTECT AGAINST A 41 FOOT CREST WITH TWO FEET OF FREEBOARD.

FARGO'S SANDBAG CENTRAL IS FIRING UP AGAIN TODAY TO FILL ANOTHER HALF MILLION SANDBAGS THAT WILL BE ADDED TO THE 1.3 MILLION ALREADY FILLED AND READY TO BE DEPLOYED IN NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE CITY.

(VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT SANDBAG CENTRAL. CONTACT 701-476-4000 TO PRE-REGISTER)
4/18/13 DONTOMASHANEY

BC-ND--Fargo Flooding, 130

Weather service unveils new flood forecasting plan

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated

★ FARGO, N.D. (AP) - The National Weather Service is unveiling a new flood forecasting system to address what it calls an unprecedented situation in the southern Red River Valley.

The weather service has historically issued forecasts based on historical probabilities until the ice melts, at which time it bases its predictions on real-water flows.

Because Fargo has received double the normal precipitation since March 1 and is looking at its latest river crest on record, forecasters say they developed a new model to narrow down the crest possibilities.

The forecast is scheduled to be released ^{today} Wednesday.

The weather service earlier gave the Red River a 50 percent chance of peaking at 38 feet in Fargo, which is about 3 feet under the all-time record in 2009.

Fargo officials are preparing for a 41-foot crest.

AP-WF-04-17-13 0935GMT

FARGO CITY COMMISSIONERS HAVE ANNOUNCED A PLAN TO PROTECT THE CITY UP TO 43 FEET. THAT'S IN ANTICIPATION OF A 41 FOOT CREST WITH A COUPLE OF FEET OF FREEBOARD. THAT WILL BEGIN WITH RE-OPENING SANDBAG CENTRAL, POSSIBLY WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. THIS COMES AFTER HEAVY, MOISTURE LADEN SNOWFALL OVER THE WEEKEND AND ANOTHER STORM LATER THIS WEEK THAT COULD DROP ANOTHER FOOT OF SNOW OVER THE SOUTHERN VALLEY.

IT WAS A GRIM MAYOR DENNIS WALAKER AT LAST NIGHT'S COMMISSION MEETING:

Media : GRIM MAYOR

Length: 00:00:13.1 OutCue: "a reality".

THE THREAT OF HEAVY RAINS THAT WOULD COINCIDE WITH THE MELT PROMPTED THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TO ADVISE FARGO *NOT* TO WAIT UNTIL AN ACTUAL CREST PREDICTION COMES OUT BECAUSE THERE MIGHT NOT BE TIME TO RAISE LEVEES. WALAKER AGREES:

Media : CHANGE IN PLANS

Length: 00:00:31.6 OutCue: "spring last year".

THE CITY WILL NEED ANOTHER HALF MILLION SANDBAGS, ADDED TO THE 1.3 MILLION NOW IN RESERVE. CITYSTAFF HAS ALSO BEEN DIRECTED TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO PURCHASE HOMES IN FLOOD PRONE AREA'S THAT HAVE WILLING SELLERS AND DETERMINE WHAT OTHER AREA'S OF THE CITY WILL NEED PROTECTION. COMMISSIONERS ALSO VOTED TO DEMOLISH 8 CITY OWNED HOMES IN OAK CREED TO PUT UP AN EMERGENCY LEVEE, ENDING WEEKS OF DEBATE OVER WHAT TO DO IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. MAYOR WALAKER ADDED THAT "TIME IS OFF THE ESSENCE."

4/16/13 DONTOMASHANEY

AP-ND--Fargo Flooding, 129

Fargo to resume filling bags in advance of flood

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - Fargo officials are restarting sandbag filling operations to protect against spring flooding because of last week's snow storm and the prediction for more precipitation.

Work at Sandbag Central was put on hold last week after volunteers filled more than a million bags in nine days. City Administrator Pat Zavoral says there are plans to make another ^{half million} 500,000 bags.

Fargo officials had been preparing for a 38-foot Red River peak, or 20 feet over flood stage, based on last month's probabilistic forecast by the National Weather Service.

Zavoral says residents should now get ready for a 41-foot crest because the weather has taken a turn for the worse. The weather service says another spring storm is expected this week.

The additional sandbags would increase the city's total to 1.8 million.

AP-WF-04-15-13 2357GMT

THE SNOW IS LIKE WET CEMENT...VERY WET AND VERY HEAVY. HOW HEAVY? LEE ANDERSON OF FARGO PUBLIC WORKS SAYS ITS BAD:

Media : TOUGH GO

Length: 00:00:31.5 OutCue: "put it out".

THE SNOW CONTAINS ABOUT AN INCH OF WATER CONTENT.

IN TOWN, MAIN ROUTES ARE PLOWED BUT SECONDARY AND RESIDENTIAL STREETS ARE HEAVY WITHSNOW....THERE'S ALSO CONSIDERABLE SLUSH BUILD UP AROUND INTERSECTIONS.

4/15/13 DONTOMASHANEY

FLOOD FORECASTERS ARE GATHERING INFORMATION ON WHAT IMPACT THE MOISTURE FROM THE WEEKEND STORM WILL HAVE ON THE SPRING FLOOD OUTLOOK. MARK EWENS, WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN GRAND FORKS SAYS IT WILL HAVE SOME EFFECT, THE QUESTION IS HOW MUCH:

Media : EWENS NO MORE

Length: 00:00:20.8 OutCue: "blast".

SOME REPORTS ARE COMING IN FROM OBSERVERS. LIQUID AMOUNTS IN THE LATEST SNOW RANGE FROM JUST OVER AN INCH IN THE FARGO AREA TO 1.7 INCHES IN THE SABIN AREA. TOM RICHEL, A NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OBSERVER IN WILKIN COUNTY SAYS HE MEASURED ONE INCH TO ONE-POINT-FOUR INCHES OF LIQUID AT SIX POINTS ACROSS THE COUNTY.

4/15/13 DTH

Late Spring Slowing Down Area Resorts from Opening
4-10-13

With the unseasonably cold weather and snow in the forecast, area resorts and bait shops have not yet hit the panic button, but they are concerned about the lack of warm weather. Reports of ice thickness on lakes in East Otter Tail County range from 20 to 30 inches.

Chad Gabrielson, Owner of Big McDonald Lake Resort near Dent said [19sec Chad Gabrielson 4-10 Big McDonald Resort] "Well, the biggest concern is with fishing opener. If there is a lot of ice on the lake it is going to be hard to get out and fish. And before that the problem is getting cabins ready for people to come in. We have to turn on our water and there are still four foot drifts around the cabins, so it makes it difficult for getting ready for guests"

The Minnesota Fishing Opener is Saturday, May 11.

Snow in the Area Thursday

4-11-13

Travel may be impacted by a snow system today, especially south and ~~south~~ east of Fergus Falls.

This is Weather Eye Meteorologist Greg Tatro:

“What we are seeing this morning is Winter Weather Advisory for Fergus Falls up north to Detroit Lakes and Fargo areas. South and East of Fergus Falls is a Winter Storm Warning. We are anticipating the heavier snows to be more so towards Morris, Alexandria, St Cloud and points to the south as the system continues to slowly make its way through.”

Fergus Falls is the line between the heavy and lighter snow. Elbow Lake & Grant County are included in the Storm Warning.

This heavy wet snow may increase the chance of flooding. Another smaller system is expected Sunday night.

Hay-mon

Underwood School Volunteers to Sandbag

4-8-13

Underwood School will be helping Fargo to fill sandbags. Principal John Hamann:

"On Friday of this week we are going to send 30 students to Fargo in the morning. They are going to start sandbagging at 8:15. These kids are National Honor Society members and Interact^{club}, that's a community service organization we have in school here. So they are going to up, they're going fill sandbags until about 2 o'clock and then turn around and come home."

Hamann says they have sent kids in the past to help with the Fargo flood fight.

FARGO ENTERPRISE DIRECTOR BRUCE GRUBB TELLS ~~KEGO NEWS~~ HE'S
CONFIDENT VOLUNTEERS WILL HIT THE MILLION BAG GOAL BY
WEEK'S END, THANKS TO A STRONG TURN OUT OF HELP THIS WEEK:

Media : BRUCE THE PLAN

Length: 00:00:21.8 OutCue: "sky is falling".

GRUBB SAYS THE PRE-SCHEDULED VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP THIS WEEK
IS EXCELLENT. APPROXIMATELY 400 STUDENTS
FROM FARGO'S BEN FRANKLIN AND SULLIVAN MIDDLE
SCHOOLS ARE WORKING TODAY.
TOMORROW, BEN FRANKLIN AND THE FARGO FORCE
HOCKEY TEAM ARE SIGNED UP.

LATER IN THE WEEK, STUDENTS FROM CARL BEN EIELSON, CHENEY,
OAK GROVE, DISCOVERY AND UNDERWOOD, MINNESOTA ARE SIGNED
UP. AFTER FOUR DAYS, SANDBAG CENTRAL IS NEARLY HALF WAY TO
THE MILLION BAG GOAL.

4/8/13 DONTOMASHANEY

*6320 AP-MN--Flooding-Moorhead Sandbags,113

Moorhead: Sandbag volunteers should register

MOORHEAD, Minn. (AP) - Flood-fighting volunteers are encouraged to register with the city of Moorhead to learn when they may be needed to place sandbags.

Moorhead has enough sandbags on hand for a Red River crest of up to 41 feet. While there are no immediate volunteer needs in Moorhead, volunteers will be needed when it's time to place sandbags.

Groups and organizations are encouraged to register to be notified about future volunteer needs by calling (218) 299-5107 or emailing mhdvol (at)cityofmoorhead.com.

While volunteers are not needed in Moorhead right now, the neighboring city of Fargo, N.D., and Cass County are looking for volunteers to fill sandbags this week.

Online:

New information will be posted to <http://www.cityofmoorhead.com/flood>

AP-WF-04-09-13 0908GMT

BC-ND--Fargo Flooding-Registration,106

Flood preparations: At-risk people should register

Eds: APNewsNow.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - County officials in the Fargo and Moorhead, Minn., area want to keep track of people who might need help getting around in case of a spring flood.

The vulnerable population registry is meant for people who require additional assistance, especially with transportation, in the event of a disaster.

Officials say those people typically live independently or with the help of a caregiver.

The National Weather Service says there's a 50 percent chance that the Fargo-Moorhead area could be in for one of the top five Red River floods of all time.

The phone numbers to register are 701-476-4016 in Cass County and 218-299-5220 in Clay County.

AP-WF-04-09-13 0938GMT

Minnesota farmers getting off to slow start

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture says Minnesota farmers are getting off to a slow start because of the persistent winter.

It its first weekly crops and weather report of the year, the USDA's Minnesota field office says the cold start to April and continuing dry conditions have limited field work compared with last year. Only 0.2 days were suitable for fieldwork last week, and producers don't expect full-scale fieldwork to begin until about April 26th, about two weeks later than last year and five days behind the five-year average.

As the drought persists, topsoil moisture supplies are rated 10 percent very short, 30 percent short, 47 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated 28 percent very short, 46 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

AIRPORT WORKER CHARGED-MINNEAPOLIS

Minn. airport worker charged with stealing guns

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A former Minneapolis airport employee is accused of stealing weapons and hundreds of other items from passengers' checked luggage.

Authorities say 23-year-old David Vang of St. Paul is facing several charges, including 10 counts of theft of a firearm.

Court documents say hidden cameras were installed after police at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport received reports of thefts. Authorities say the video shows Vang removing items from baggage, then taking them to a parking ramp where his wife was waiting in a vehicle.

Investigators say 716 stolen items valued at more than \$84,000 were found in his apartment.

Court documents don't list an attorney for Vang. Several phone numbers listed under his name in St. Paul have been disconnected.

UMINN-ATTORNEY

U of Minn. general counsel Rotenberg leaving

(Information in the following story is from: Star Tribune,

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BC-MN--Open Burning,129

Got brush or yard waste to burn? Do it soon

Eds: APNewsNow.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Got brush or yard waste to burn? Do it soon.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is encouraging homeowners to complete their open burning now because restrictions will take effect soon after the snow melts.

Larry Himanga, the DNR's fire prevention coordinator, says the safest way to dispose of this vegetation is recycling or composting. But he says homeowners who choose to burn should do it while there's snow on the ground. A DNR burning permit is not required when there are three or more inches of continuous snow cover, but local restrictions are often stricter.

Spring fire restrictions usually last four to six weeks until the summer green-up. Traditionally, most wildfires occur in April and May, and more than 95 percent of them are caused by human error.

AP-WF-04-09-13 0908GMT

FARGO MAYOR DENNIS WALAKER, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, IS WAITING FOR THE SPRING THAW AND THE IMPENDING FLOOD. WALAKER EXPECTS IT WILL BE LONG WAIT:

Media : LATE CREST

Length: 00:00:08.9 OutCue: "in the history of fargo".

AN INDICATION OF JUST HOW LATE THE CREST WILL BE. CITY LEADERS ~~TELL KFGO NEWS~~, THE ANNUAL CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP WEEK, HELD THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY BE DELAYED BECAUSE THE CITY WILL BE IN THE MIDST OF A FLOOD FIGHT. WALAKER STILL STICKS TO HIS OWN CREST PREDICTION, LOWER THAN ONE ISSUED LAST MONTH BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE THAT GAVE A 50% CHANCE OF A 38 FOOT CREST, ONE OF THE TOP FIVE FLOODS IN HISTORY:

Media : DENNIS PREPS

Length: 00:00:19.7 OutCue: 'at this present time.

THE LATEST CREST ON THE RED RIVER IN FARGO WAS APRIL 19TH, 1979.

4/9/13 DONTOMASHANEY

Zoo Run Saturday

6-28-13

The Prometheus Motorcycle Club Zoo Run is Saturday. Zoo Director, Kathy Diekman, says they always take a different route:

:15 They plan a different route every year, it's really a great route. You get into these communities that the ride goes through and do your stops, it's really so much fun. You ride in and see the banners for the zoo run, it's very special."

Registration is in the Chahinkapa Zoo parking lot. They leave at noon. Cost for the ride only is \$20, cost for the weekend including camping is \$70.

This is the 28th Zoo Run. Organizers expect 300 to 400 riders. The funds raised go to support the zoo.

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Chahinkapa Zoo News Release

Artist Shawn McCann is painting a 3D mural at the Chahinkapa Zoo. Watch his work as the animals start to come alive bigger than life. Shawn is painting daily through July 6.

The Prometheus Motorcycle Club Zoo Run leaves Chahinkapa Zoo at noon on Saturday! Organizers expect 300 - 400 riders.

For more information call (701) 642-8709

www.chahinkapazoo.org

Henry Dickman

Wed - Sat

120th annual Wadena County Fair June 26-29

6/24/2013

Admission is free at the Wadena County Fair this weekend, June 26-29. The 120th annual fair features exotic animals, a petting zoo, pony rides, rock climbing wall and euro bungee bounce in addition to carnival rides and the ever-popular 4-H and open exhibits.

Friday, June 28, The Ultimate Dance Party Rock Show band, "Pop Rocks", takes the bandstand at 9 pm following the National Tractor Pullers Association "Clash of the Titans". Earlier on Friday, "Los Diamantes," a 6-piece Mexican band performs at 4:30. Saturday features the Grand River Rodeo Company at 6 pm followed by Original Artist DJ, Bryon Lalum, from 9 pm to 1. Byron will also be there on Thursday from 9 pm to 1.

Legacy funded events at the fair include Native American Hoop Dance presenter-Terry Goedel, the Brothers Burn Mountain acoustic blues group, Margo McCreary-a master puppeteer, and a host of classes and workshops.

Thurs June 27

New York Mills Regional Cultural Center presents Arts events at the Wadena County Fair

6/18/2013

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center will present Visual, Performance, and Culinary Arts Events at the Wadena County Fair this year thanks to a Legacy grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Thursday, June 27 will feature a puppet class with Margo McCreary, a master puppeteer from Minneapolis, and a concert with "The Brothers Burn Mountain" on the bandstand at 5:30.

Friday, June 28 includes a kid's drawing class with Dawn Rossbach, a class in Mexican cooking, and the "Los Diamantes" band on the bandstand at 4:30.

Saturday, June 29 features a class by Kathy Connell of Redfern Gardens on composting and two knitting workshops with Lil McRae.

For a detailed list visit the events page of the Wadena County Fair.

Lakes Radio hosted the 2nd Annual Perham Idol singing competition Saturday in Perham. The winner singing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", was Sophie Thiel (teal) of Ottertail. Thiel (teal) won \$250 dollars in Perham Bucks - a Chamber currency redeemable at participating businesses. Other top finishers were Grace Wooten \$100 dollars, Amy Kalina \$50, and Lauren Anderson \$25. Perham Idol was held in conjunction with Perham Turtlefest

The Perham Turtlefest Medallion was found Saturday morning by Les Kundo (KUHN-doe) of Perham. Les followed the clues to back of Crane Johnson Lumber where the medallion was hidden underneath an electrical panel. Kundo wins \$500 dollars in Perham Bucks good at participating businesses.

Barrett Old Settlers' Reunion Continues

6-21-13

The Barrett Old Settlers' Reunion continues this weekend with many planned activities. Kim Lang says that the reunion has its roots in a potluck:

19 - : "Well it used to be called the Grant County reunion. It was held on June 24th... everybody would come together for a potluck and fellowship."

Saturday there is a 5k race, all city garage sales, 13th annual "Tractorcade" featuring antique and classic tractors at noon, Big parade at 5 pm.

WOT Relay For Life

6-22-13

Brady

The West Ottertail Relay For Life was moved indoors to M-State's Legacy Hall because of the rain on Friday Night. It was the first time in four years that the weather has affected the annual outdoor event. American Cancer Society staff member Kayla Hawkinson said despite the rain, the event was very successful.

AUDIO: "Relay" :14 (Q:So We're hoping to hit that 70 thousand-dollar mark....")

This was the 20th year for the West Ottertail County Relay for Life, and the American Cancer Society also celebrates it's 100th year in 2013.

Dream Big Send Off Saturday

5-11-13

The send off for the Dream Big Tour is Saturday at M-State in Fergus Falls. M-State's Student Life Director, David Jensen, is planning a cross country trip to raise scholarship money for the college. He will start in Huntington Beach, California at the ocean and finish in Jekyll Island, Georgia also by the ocean. He has checked the weather along the route and thinks he may in for a shock: {audio: JENSEN BIGGEST FEAR}

"My biggest fear right now as I look at the forecast, inland California... 104 degrees the day I am passing through. Having the spring that we have had, I am used to 30 degrees riding temperatures so this is going to be a big shock to the system so a lot of water, really early traveling just going to have to bear it and get through it."

The send off party will have ice cream and best wishes for Jensen. 6 pm to 8 pm on Saturday. He will speak about 7 pm to the crowd.

Jensen and his vehicle support person, Aaron Christenson, leave early Sunday. The biking starts Tuesday morning.

Sold as Saturday - loaded
on line already

Perham Lions BBQ Rib Cookoff

6-17-13

The Perham Lions will be sponsoring a rib BBQ cookoff on Saturday August 10.

To enter or find out more information 218 298 2368

Northern Lights Gospel Quartet June 20 in Battle Lake

6/18/2013

The Northern Lights Gospel Quartet will perform Thursday, June 20, 7:30 pm at this week's free concert series sponsored by Lakes Area Community Center in Battle Lake.

The Quartet features a repertoire of Southern Gospel with an occasional 50's, doo-wop, or traditional barbershop arrangement. The "Come to the Lakes" concert series offers free events in Battle Lake each Thursday at 7:30 all through the summer.

Thurs: Concerts in the Park, Roosevelt Park in Fergus Falls June 20: David Stoddard (folk music) Movie: Sky Fall (PG-13, 2012) Food: Creative Catering

Relay for Life: at M-State Fergus Falls Fri June 21 6:30 pm to Sat June 22 6:30 am. It's the 20th Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life of West Otter Tail County

State Hospital Cemetery Tour: Fri, June 21, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

State Hospital for the Insane Cemetery, Fergus Falls, MN. The walk is lengthy so wear comfortable shoes. Admission is \$6.

Saturday: World of Outlaws STP Sprint Car Series I94 Speedway (regular races still held Friday) \$35 adults, children \$15, age 5 and under are free

WEEKEND: The Music and Magic of Patsy Cline - Fundraiser 7:30 PM

A fundraiser for both Prairie Wind Players and the Barrett Old Settler' Reunion - The Music and Magic of Patsy Cline, performed by "Cassie & the Bobs" is being held on June 21, 22, 23, 2013 at Historic Roosevelt Hall in Barrett. This is the 5th Anniversary Season Fundraiser.

Cost: \$20 Historic Roosevelt Hall Barrett, MN

TURTLE FEST in Perham: www.perham.com Medallion Hunt (\$500 in Perham Bucks)

Thurs: Heart O'Lakes Harmony Mens Barbershop Chorus 7 pm Perham HS

Fri: Perham Idol sponsored by Lakes 99.5 4:30 pm, Grand Parade 6:30 pm, Street Dance "Fat Daddys"

Sat: Demo Derby 4 pm at Fairgrounds, Power Play at Whiskey River

KLN Receives Award

6-17-13

Ernst & Young LLP has named a Perham business as one their Entrepreneurs Of The Year in the Upper Midwest. The business is KLN Family Brands – Kenny Nelson of Perham.

The award recognizes outstanding high-growth entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Finalists and winners were selected by an independent panel of judges and honored at a black-tie gala at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center on last Thursday.

In addition to recognizing regional category winners below, Randall Hogan, Chairman and CEO of Pentair Ltd., was presented with the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Lifetime Achievement Award for his business and philanthropic leadership.

Collectively, the 2013 category award recipients grew their company's employment by 37% and their revenues by 51% between 2010 and 2012. They include:

- Coolibar, Inc. – John Barrow (St. Louis Park, Minnesota)
- Genova Technologies – Dawn Ainger (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
- Hayneedle Inc. – Doug Nielsen (Omaha, Nebraska)
- Hot Mama – Megan Tamte (Edina, Minnesota)
- KLN Family Brands – Kenny Nelson (Perham, Minnesota)
- MBI Energy Services, Inc. – James Arthaud (Belfield, North Dakota)
- Milk Specialties Global – David Lenzmeier (Eden Prairie, Minnesota)
- Pawn America – Brad Rixmann (Burnsville, Minnesota)

FF Breakfast Today

6-13-13

You are invited out for breakfast this morning. Forward Fergus Falls has their community celebration in Legacy Hall at M-State today.

This is Harold Stanislawski:

:50help our community be as vibrant as it can be.”

Breakfast starts at 7:15, a short program starts at 7:45. The winner of the walk and bike to work and school week will be announced.

Nationally Known Grief and Loss Expert to Speak June 11 in Fargo
6/5/2013

Hospice of the Red River Valley is bringing nationally known grief and loss expert Dr. Alan Wolfelt to speak at the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo on Tuesday, June 11 from 7-9 p.m. Dr. Wolfelt is the founder and director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado. His presentation, "Understanding Your Grief: Touchstones for Hope and Healing", is an opportunity to learn how to better navigate grief and loss situations. The event is free and open to the public and no registration is needed. For more information call 1-800-237-4629.

Art in Your Parks begins Monday June 10 in New York Mills

6/4/2013

Art in Your Parks begins Monday, June 10 in New York Mills. The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center hosts this popular summer series which offers free arts and crafts workshops in 3 area parks for youth, aged toddler through 6th grade. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling. Workshops are held the 2nd week of each month on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The morning session is from 10 to noon and the afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. The first workshop is Monday, June 10 in Smith Park from 10 to noon followed by an afternoon session in Lund Park from 1 to 3. For a complete schedule of workshops call the Cultural Center at 218 385-3339.

Welcome Back for Big Dream Tour Tonight

6-10-13

A welcome back reception will be held tonight for David Jensen and his support driver Aaron Christensen. Jensen recently completed his cross county bike tour called "The Dream Big Tour" to raise money to start a scholarship fund at M-State.

Tonight, he will share about the journey and Foundation Director Carolyn Glesne will share about the impact the scholarship will have on future students.

The welcome back includes an ice cream sundae bar and will place at Legacy Hall on the Campus of M-State starting at 7 pm.

Free Admission to Glendalough and Maplewood State Parks on Saturday,
June 8

6/5/2013

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is celebrating National Get Outdoors Day by offering free admission at all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas on Saturday, June 8. Many special programs will also take place at parks that day. Otter Tail County is home to two beautiful state parks, Glendalough State Park just north of Battle Lake and Maplewood State Park, north of Fergus Falls.

Saturday

Lakes Radio Great American Think Off LIVE

6/3/2013

The Great American Think-Off will be held this Saturday, June 8, in New York Mills, Minnesota and Lakes Radio will be carrying it live starting at 7:00 p.m. on AM 1250 KBRF and at LakesRadio.net

The Great American Think-Off, now in its 21st year, is a national contest for ordinary people to weigh in on life's weightier issues. Contestants are selected from essays based on personal experience rather than philosophical abstraction. The four finalists will be in New York Mills, June 8th, to debate this year's question, "Which is more ethical: sticking to principle or being willing to compromise?" Two of the finalists, both arguing for principle, hail from the American south and two, both arguing for compromise, live in Minnesota.

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For more information call the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center at 218 385-3339.

Take-A-Kid fishing June 7-9 and Fish Free

5/21/2013

The Minnesota DNR has designated June 7-9 as Take-A-Kid Fishing weekend and suggests celebrating the end of the school year with a potential angler-to-be by fishing free. "This is a great opportunity to discover fishing," said Mike Kurre, the DNR's mentoring program coordinator. "Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a license that weekend. Opportunities for beginning anglers abound throughout Minnesota."

Even when it's not Take-A-Kid Fishing weekend, Minnesota residents may fish in a state park without a fishing license if the body of water doesn't require a trout stamp. Anglers must fish from shore or wade in water within the state park or from a boat or a float on a designated lake within a Minnesota state park. More information on fishing in state parks is available at www.mndnr.gov/state_parks/fishing.html.

"Fishing is one of the easiest and most-accessible outdoor activities in Minnesota," Kurre said. "Take a kid fishing and, come the end of the trip, you're both likely to be hooked."

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(Kurre is pronounced Curry, like the spice)

Number of People Asking About Cancer Tests Increasing

6-7-13

Actress Angelina Jolie announced in mid May that she had her breast removed and was planning for more surgery to have her ovaries removed after she tested positive for a gene that can increase her risk for cancer.

At Lake Region Healthcare Cancer Center, Dr Paul Etzell, thinks they are seeing an increase in the number of people asking about this test.

Etzell says that if immediate family members had cancer, sometimes insurance will pay for the test:

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After a positive test for the gene, what to do may depend on the age of the woman. Women that are done having children or that are post-menopausal may option for the surgery.

The gene that is tested for, BRCA1 is only responsible for a small number of cancers. Etzell says many causes are unknown.

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Ronald McDonald Ride June 8 in New York Mills

6/4/2012

The 12th annual Ronald McDonald House RIDE is this weekend in New York Mills. The event is a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo and includes outdoor concerts Friday and Saturday nights at the New York Mills VFW. Last year's ride included more than 1500 motorcycles and raised nearly \$135,000. Saturday, June 8th, begins with a Pancake Breakfast at the New York Mills School followed by a Bike Rodeo for the Kids at 9:00 and a chance to meet Ronald McDonald, Hamburglar and Grimace. The main event is the Ride itself which leaves at 12:00 noon from the New York Mills VFW with stops in Wolf Lake and the Wadena Elks. For more information go to rmhride dot com. (<http://www.rmhride.com/>)

Things to Do Thursday & Weekend June 6-9

6-5-13

Thursday June 6:

Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Fergus Falls guided by Chris Schuelke, Executive Director of the Otter Tail County Historical Society. 1:30 pm Fee: \$6.00 Meet at the corner of Lincoln Ave and Cascade Street

Walking tour led by Chris Schuelke, Executive Director of the Otter Tail County Historical Society, of historic downtown Fergus Falls, with special guest appearances.

Downtown Mystery Tour: Be thrilled by the mysterious events that have taken place in downtown Fergus Falls.

Fee: \$6.00 per person. All proceeds benefit the Otter Tail County Historical Society. Starts at 8 pm. *Meet at River Inn*

Concert in the Park (Roosevelt) Music: Carlisle Band (marches & waltzes)

Movie- Wreck It Ralph (PG, 2012) Food: Underwood Lions. No rain location for this concert, cancelled if rain.

Lakes Area Community Center in Battle Lake will host their first concert of the season this week, Thursday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m. with a concert by The Rockats, a rock and roll group playing a unique variety of songs from the 50s and 60s and beyond. The group features Alvin Olson on drums, Alan Thompson on guitar and Justin Retzlaff on bass. The concert is free and open to the public. The "Come to the Lakes" concert series in Battle Lakes continues through the end of August with a variety of free entertainment each Thursday evening at 7:30.

Friday:

Enjoy the music of the 30s and 40s in a concert at the United Methodist Church in Perham on Friday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. Local musicians will lead the sing-along, which will include some of the great songs of the big band swing era. The event is free and open to the public. Free will donations will be given to the Perham Area Boys and Girls Club.

SummerFest: Patrick from Sponge Box Square pants will be at the Otter Tail Telcom office from 1:00 to 3:30 located at 230 W.

Lincoln Avenue. Kirkbride mini Tours, Craft and Food Vendors - NOON until dark! Old Fashioned Family Games by OTC Historical Society 4-7pm, Beer Gardens by VFW Fergus Falls noon until Midnight!

Summerfest

Music on Friday: 1:30 - Paul Christian

2:30 - Megan Johnson

4:00 - Sophie Thiel

6:00 - Paul Christian

Street Dance Featuring: HeatBox & Root City Band 8:00pm to Midnight

Saturday 9:00AM - 5:00 PM on the RTC Grounds

Arts & Craft Booths: More than 90 exhibitors

16 Food Vendors

VFW Beer Garden

Live Entertainment on the Stage: including:

Dog Show - registration 9:00 AM, show starts at 10 AM
New this year - adult class !

Fractured Fairytales performed by the Fergus Falls Theatre Geeks! 9:30,
11:30, 2:00

Edge Dancers - 12:00

Fergus Falls Multicultural Percussionists - 1:00

Firefighters Water Ball Tournament 1:30

Fergus Falls Tae Kwon Do - 2:30

Anthony Miltich - 3:00

Fergus Falls Gymnastics Academy - 4:00

Kids Activities

Pony Rides, Barrel Train, Bounce Houses, Water Wars, Family Activities & More

Additional Activities

Kirikbride tours

OTC Historical Society "Myths and Legends, Stories from the State Hospital! 10am & 1pm.

Classic Car Club noon - 5pm

Parade: begins at 6:00 PM; The parade route is the same as in previous years. Line up begins on Cavour Avenue.

Parade route is on Lincoln Avenue from North Oak Street to Friberg Avenue then it turns north and ends by the Hockey Arena.

This year's parade will feature a Marching Band Competition

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Larry Long to perform in New York Mills June 7
6/5/2013

Larry Long, a Minnesota folk legend, will perform at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center on Friday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m. Larry Long is known through this area for his original folk music as well as his spoken word/music project called Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song which was hosted several years ago at Perham. For this Friday night concert in New York Mills he will be joined by guitar artist, Cory Wong. For ticket information call 218 385-3339

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — An aspiring half-marathon runner in Minnesota whose two-hour training session left her with a sore back was stunned to discover that the pain was not due to a pulled muscle or a slipped disc but that she was about to give birth.

Trish Staine says she had no idea she was pregnant. The 33-year-old Duluth mother of three insists she gained no weight, felt no fetal movement — and that her husband has had a vasectomy.

Staine says she noticed what she now realizes were labor pains after her run at noon on Sunday but she didn't go to the hospital until the following day. She gave birth to Mira — short for Miracle — at 3:25 p.m. Monday.

Mira weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 18.9 inches long.

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Jensen Completes Dream Big BikeTour

6-3-13

He went through 19 bike tubes and 2 tires, a cell phone that broke in Texas and other hardships but David Jensen has reached his goal of biking across America in the Dream Big Tour.

Both Jensen and his support driver Aaron Christensen are back in Fergus Falls and recovering. Jensen says the weight of his upper body was resting on his hands while biking and that is causing him some problems with his hands:

042 ...a lot of physical toll, no doubt."

He reached the ocean Saturday and was back to work already ~~this~~ Monday morning.

A welcome back reception will be held next Monday (June 10th) at 7 pm in Legacy Hall on the campus of M-State.

The Dream Big tour raised money to start a scholarship fund at M-State.

Athletic Republic Race Saturday

5-28-13

The Athletic Republic half marathon, 5k and one mile race is this Saturday in Fergus Falls.

If you are not planning to walk or run in the races, you could still participate by taking part in the Spectator Spectacular and win a prize by cheering the runners on.

Race Coordinator, Jarrod Asmus, says they will have judges running the race:

Support Runners

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"We got a couple of different judges lined up that will be running the race. They will keep their eye out for different places, people that put on a show and help support the runners."

The prize is a gas grill, \$100 certificate to Fergus Locker and assorted Coke products.

They could also use a few more volunteers:

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"We're sitting good enough to run the race but we could always use a few more. So we encourage people if not going to participate in one of the races and maybe not going to participate in the spectator challenge to stop by and get some information on volunteering. We could use a few extra hands. It's never a bad thing to have some extra people along the course helping for traffic control."

Sign up for races and volunteering on their website:

<http://www.athleticrepublicrun.com/index.html>

VINING, MINNESOTA NATIVE AND UND GRADUATE KAREN NYBERG HAS LAUNCHED INTO SPACE, BEGINNING A SIX MONTH MISSION. COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE WATCHED NYBERG GROW UP TO BECOME A HOMETOWN HERO. MARJORIE QUAMMEN WAS NYBERG'S HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER.....

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THIS IS NYBERG'S SECOND LAUNCH. SHE PREVIOUSLY FLEW ABOARD THE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY IN 2008.

BA 5/29/13 5AM

The Minnkota Chapter of the American Red Cross in Fargo has been notified that a person representing themselves as a Red Cross worker has contacted homes in the region requesting credit card donations for the relief efforts in Moore, Oklahoma. Spokesman Brian Shawn says although the local Red Cross is accepting donations for the Oklahoma disaster, they are not making calls to request financial assistance. People can donate by visiting www.redcross.org, calling 1-800-Red Cross or texting the word "redcross" to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. The donations help provide food, shelter and emotional support to the disaster victims.

Orchard Planted at Community Garden

5-27-13

The orchard was planted last week at the Community Garden, Lake Region Takes Root. 29 Fruit Trees were donated by Lake Region Healthcare employees in memory/honor of loved ones. Chaplain Brad Skogen led a service of memorial & dedication prior to the planting session. Master Gardener, Wayne Myrvik, shared his expertise and led the planting crew who got the job done in just 2 hours!

This orchard will leave a legacy of healthy apples, plums, cherries and pears.

So far, 24 raised beds have been planted with vegetables, more additional raised beds will be constructed in the weeks to come.

The next big project will be to put down landscaping fabric and spread the wood mulch over the orchard and raised bed areas.

To volunteer for the garden look for more information on the Lake Region Healthcare website.

They are currently working Mondays and Thursdays from 9a-12 noon but shifts are flexible.