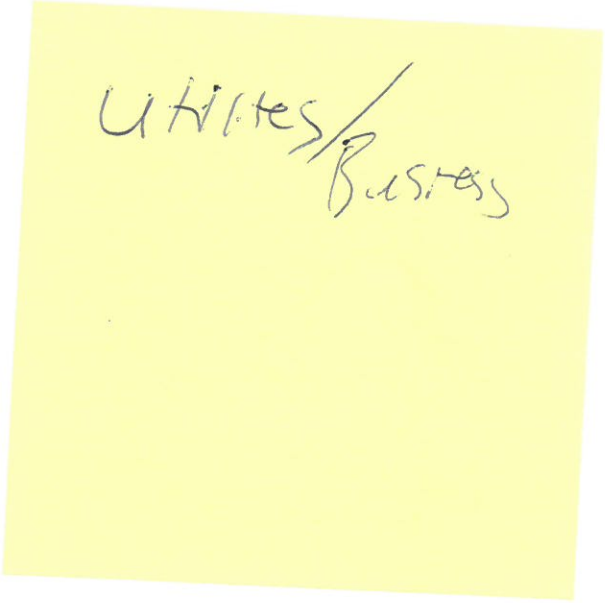


TWO UTILITIES WHO CO-OWN THE BIG STONE POWER PLAN IN NORTHEASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA WILL BE ABLE TO CHARGE THEIR NORTH DAKOTA CUSTOMERS FOR THE COST OF INSTALLING POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER BRIAN KALK SAYS IT WILL COST MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CUSTOMERS ANOTHER DOLLAR-50 A MONTH AND OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY CUSTOMERS TWO-DOLLARS 70-CENTS A MONTH.

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Utilities / Business

Perham Pays \$70k MPCA Penalty

11-21-13

As a result of complaints about wastewater treatment pond odors in the city of Perham, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is requiring the city to work with local industries to reduce the potential for future odor problems.

Among other things, the M-P-C-A found the city had failed to adequately regulate discharges to the wastewater treatment facility from four industrial facilities. Discharges from all four facilities contributed to depressed dissolved oxygen levels in the treatment ponds, which can lead to odor problems.

In addition to paying a \$70,000 penalty, the city has completed numerous actions to correct the problems and help ensure that future potential issues are addressed in a timely manner. Recent facility upgrades and pretreatment improvements have resulted in far fewer odor complaints.

OIL PIPELINE-NORTH DAKOTA

Firm wants to build largest pipeline yet from ND

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - A Canadian company has applied to build the largest pipeline yet from western North Dakota's booming oil patch. The proposed oil pipeline would run 612 miles into Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Enbridge Energy says it's seeking shipping commitments from oil producers, a major step in getting the \$2.6 billion pipeline built.


Enbridge spokeswoman Katie Haarsager says the company submitted its project application to North Dakota regulators last week. She says the company will soon do the same in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

She says Enbridge will begin a so-called open season within the week to solicit interest in the pipeline, which is designed to transport 225,000 barrels of oil each day to a hub in northern Minnesota and 375,000 barrels per day to a terminal in Wisconsin.

ETHANOL PLANT-SOLD

Closed Minn. ethanol plant sold

(Information in the following story is from: Minnesota Public Radio News, <http://www.mprnews.org>)

 FAIRMONT, Minn. (AP) - Green Plains Renewable Energy says it has bought the BioFuel Energy facility in Fairmont.

The ethanol plant has been closed for nearly 14 months.

Omaha, Neb.- based-Green Plains also purchased the BioFuel plant in Wood River, Neb.

The company says it paid about \$101 million for the two facilities.

Minnesota Public Radio News reports both the Minnesota and Nebraska plants can produce about 110 million gallons of ethanol a year. Green Plains plans to reopen the Fairmont plant by the end of this year.

Green Plains is the nation's fourth largest ethanol producer, selling about 1 billion gallons of the corn-based fuel a year.

Fairmont will be the company's second Minnesota plant. Green Plains

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also owns an ethanol operation in Fergus Falls.

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COACH-SEX ALLEGATIONS

Former Minn. youth coach sentenced in sex assaults

(Information in the following story is from: Duluth News Tribune,
<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com>)

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) - A former Salvation Army youth basketball coach in northeastern Minnesota will spend at least 12 years behind bars after being found guilty of sexually assaulting two preteen girls.

Thirty-seven-year-old Wendell Anthony Greene of Duluth was sentenced to the maximum sentence under Minnesota sentencing guidelines.

Greene will serve 18 years, with the final six years to be served as supervised release. He will remain on conditional release for the rest of his life.


The judge cited Greene's lack of remorse in giving him the maximum sentence.

Greene's public defender told the Duluth News Tribune the sentence is "excessive."

A jury found Greene guilty in September. The girls testified that Greene had sexually abused them in his role as a coach and personal care assistant to the family.

SUGAR PRICES-CRYSTAL PAYMENTS

Low sugar prices cut into Crystal farmer payments

 MOORHEAD, Minn. (AP) - Low sugar prices are cutting into payments to farmers at American Crystal Sugar Co.

The Moorhead-based cooperative is telling its growers to expect a "massive reduction" in payments for this year's beet crop.

In a company blog, American Crystal CEO David Berg says growers will be paid just \$38 per ton. Last year, Crystal's farmers were paid more than \$68 per ton.

~~KEGO-AM reports~~ Berg says most of Crystal's growers will lose money,

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and in many cases, "they will lose a lot of money."

The company says the reduced payments are mainly due to lower sugar prices, but also reflect much lower sugar content in this year's crop.

CROP REPORT-MINNESOTA

Minn. corn harvest now ahead of average

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Minnesota's corn harvest is now ahead of the five-year average for the first time this season.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says farmers were able to harvest 25 percent of their corn for grain in the week ending Sunday.

That pushed Minnesota's corn harvest slightly ahead of normal.

Seventy-three percent of corn for grain has been harvested, compared with the normal 72 percent. Minnesota's soybean harvest remains ahead of normal at 96 percent complete.

Minnesota's sugar beet harvest jumped 15 percentage points last week to 99 percent lifted. The sunflower harvest also moved along rapidly to 65 percent complete, a jump of 28 percentage points.

Farmers had five days rated suitable for fieldwork last week.

ALLEN EDMONDS-SOLD

Wis.-based shoemaker Allen Edmonds sold

(Information in the following story is from: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, <http://www.jsonline.com>)

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis. (AP) - Allen Edmonds Corp. says the upscale shoemaker is being sold to a Los Angeles-based private equity firm but will keep its headquarters in Port Washington, Wis.

An affiliate of Brentwood Associates will take over the company from Minneapolis-based Goldner Hawn Johnson & Morrison. That private equity firm bought Allen Edmonds in 2006.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports terms of the transaction weren't immediately disclosed Monday.

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MINNESOTA SENATOR AMY KLOBUCHAR, ONE OF NEGOTIATORS ON THE NEW FARM BILL, SAYS TALKS THAT BEGIN WEDNESDAY ON THE LEGISLATION COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE CAN GET ALONG. KLOBUCHAR BELIEVES MODERATES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TABLE HAVE A COMMON GOAL:

Media : AMY CHAOS

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KLOBUCHAR SAYS NOT ONLY ARE NEGOTIATORS FACING A BUDGET DEADLINE. IF THEY DON'T FINISH THE FARM BILL, DAIRY SUPPORTS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND THAT WILL SEND MILK PRICES SKYROCKETING.

10/28/13 DTH

RTC Developers Still Working on Plan

10-22-13

The developers are continuing to work on their plan to redevelop the former state hospital, also known as the Kirkbride building. City Administrator Mark Sievert says that Ray Willie and Bill Brown of Historic Properties will be here November 14. They are expected to present a developers agreement and more finance plans at that time.

It is taking a little more time than was outlined in the timeline. It was discussed at the city council meeting that a letter of intent is still in place with the developer and the council did not need to take action at this time.

Sievert said that after the November 14th meeting he should have more information.

BC-ND--Crystal Sugar-Loan Default,131
American Crystal Sugar to default on USDA loan
Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - American Crystal Sugar will default on a government loan of \$71.2 million under a program that provides relief when a glut of sugar depresses prices.

David Berg, American Crystal Sugar president and CEO, tells the Forum newspaper (<http://bit.ly/GzAcpt>) that forfeiting the sugar put up as collateral was the best option, given very low sugar prices.

The loans end with the crop year, which concludes Tuesday.

The forfeiture is under a U.S. Agriculture Department program. It is the result of sugar being cheaper and more plentiful than at any time in the past decade.

Berg says defaulting on the loan does not present a financial hit to the company. He says the default is beneficial to American Crystal Sugar's financial health, and that's the way the program is designed to work.

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BC-MN--Solar Power,131

Judge ruling could mean more solar power in Minn.

(Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.)

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A judge's recent ruling means Minnesota could see a major expansion in the use of solar power over natural gas.

~~A Minneapolis Star Tribune report (<http://strib.mn/1eqICK7>) says~~ the judge was reviewing whether Xcel Energy should invest in natural-gas generators or solar-power arrays. Administrative Law Judge Eric Lipman concluded that solar was the better deal.

If the state Public Utilities Commission upholds his finding, Edina-based Geronimo Energy plans to spend \$250 million to build about 20 solar-power arrays across Xcel service sites. Xcel would then likely buy the power from Geronimo under a long-term agreement.

Xcel's proposals included generating power using natural gas. It says it disagrees with some of Lipman's findings and will file a response.

Lipman says solar energy provides the greatest value to Minnesota and to Xcel customers.

Information from: Star Tribune, <http://www.startribune.com>

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NDSU STUDENTS TAKE A PAUSE WITH DOGS TODAY

12-12-13

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THERAPY DOGS WILL BE AT NDSU'S LIBRARY THIS AFTERNOON TO HELP STRESSED STUDENTS CRAMMING FOR FINALS NEXT WEEK. LIBRARY SPOKESPERSON NICOLE MATTSON SAYS IT'S PROVEN FACT THAT SEVEN CERTIFIED DOGS, USUALLY SEEN AT HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES, HAVE A CALMING EFFECT:

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THE NDSU LIBRARY HAS PARTNERED WITH THE SCHOOL TO BRING THE SEVEN THERAPY DOGS TO THE LIBRARY. NICOLE MATTSON SAYS IT'S THE LIBRARY'S WAY OF PROVIDING A BREAK FOR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FINALS.

Spurth

Perham High School is hosting a Job & Career Fair Wednesday (Dec 11.) It's primarily for area high school students but they have opened the fair from 9:30 am to 10:45 for adults to visit employment and college booths. Many employers will accept applications and resumes at the fair.

Students from Perham, Battle Lake, New York Mills, Wadena-Deer Creek will be able to visit the booths and attend mini-sessions on careers.

Underwood Football Team Plays Thursday at Metrodome

11-11-13

The Underwood Football team won on Friday. They play Thursday in the Metrodome in the semi-final round of the 9-Man FB playoffs.

There will be no school on Thursday, the makeup day will be determined later. Game Time is 11:30 am Thursday (Nov 14th)

Ticket Costs: \$12.00/adult \$8.00/student Tickets can be purchased at the school through Wednesday Noon. This will eliminate any waiting in lines once you get to the Metrodome.

Football pepfest and Rocket team sendoff will be Wednesday at 12:30 pm with players bus departing at 1:00 pm. They will have a walk-through practice at the Maple Grove bubble, have a good dinner, stay overnight at the Staybridge Suites. located in Maple Grove and be ready to play football on Thursday.

If you are interested in getting hotel rooms, close to where the team will be staying, please contact, Lisa Widmark at 763-234-5253

Pepband bus will depart at 6:30 am on Thursday morning.

Fan buses will depart at 7:00 am on Thursday morning as well.. I have reserved a coach bus and a school bus. The cost of the charter bus, which holds 55 people will be \$25/person and the cost of the school bus, which holds 40 people, will be \$10/person. Please sign up by noon on Wednesday. It is possible that we can get an additional charter bus if we are in need of one.

Watch for Signs of Bullying in Children

10-28-13

Breckenridge Detective Sergeant Natalie Butenhoff says parents can watch for signs of bullying with their children:[audio: SIGNS OF BULLYING]

:28 “Are they coming home with clothing that is torn or in disarray or damaged items, their books or something like that. Do they have bruises or cuts that don’t have a logical explanation to them? Are they afraid or reluctant to go to school in the morning? Some come up with ‘I have a headache or stomach ache’ that might be indicative of a bullying situation going on.”

She says some may lose interest in school or seem sad or depressed.

What to do about bullying depends on where the incident occurred: [audio REPORT BULLYS]

:26 “Most schools, in fact Minnesota requires them to have an anti-bullying policy. If it happens within the school they should report it to the school and then the school can take action. If it is something that is out of the school realm, walking home from school and you get assaulted by another child that becomes a law enforcement issue and we can take care of that through law enforcement.”

Butenhoff recommends a program called “ NetSmartz” spelled with a “Z” from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Parents can watch the presentation online if NetSmartz is not offered at your school.

Natalite Butenhoff is the guest on Community Watch today, 5:45 pm on AM 1250 KBRF (online now at www.lakesradio.net)

BC-MN--Jilted Bride Donates Wedding,130

Jilted bride donates reception to care group

Eds: APNewsNow.

MOORHEAD, Minn. (AP) - A bride who has already spent thousands of dollars on a dream wedding is donating her reception to a Moorhead organization that serves people with disabilities.

Michelle Marxen says the Oct. 19 event was her "fairy tale wedding," complete with a ballroom reception, a great band, limos and fabulous flowers.

Then Marxen says she got a phone call from her fiance the day the wedding invitations were sent. He didn't want to go through with it. Even though the wedding was off, contracts had been signed and vendors had to be paid.

Marxen tells ~~WDAY-TV~~ (~~<http://bit.ly/164pRgg>~~) her special day instead will be a special day for the Creative Care for Reaching Independence organization. The ballroom at the Ramada in Fargo, N.D., will host a Halloween celebration for CCRI clients.

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Mayor for a Day essay contest open to 7-12 year olds

10-7-13

The League of Minnesota Cities is sponsoring an essay contest called "Mayor for a Day" for any Minnesota resident ages 7-12. The League wants to know what students would do if they ran the city. Four prizes of \$100 each will be awarded, and the winning essays will also be published in a future issue of Minnesota Cities magazine. An entry form is available on the website:

lmc dot org (<http://www.lmc.org/>). Essays are due November 1, 2013.

The League of Minnesota Cities is a membership organization dedicated to promoting excellence in local government.

ABOUT 350 MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD, MANY OF THEM IN THE FARGO AREA, HAVE BEEN FURLOUGHED BY THE PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. GUARD LEADERS TELL ~~KFGO NEWS~~ THERE'S A LOT OF FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS WERE GIVEN THE NEWS. COLONEL KENT OLSON IS COMMANDER OF THE AIR GUARD'S 119TH WING:

Media : OLSON FURLOUGHS

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LT.COLONEL DEB LIEN, WITH THE GUARD'S 141ST MANUEVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE, SAYS THE GROUP'S 150 SOLDIERS SENT HOME HAVE BEEN TOLD TO BE PREPARED FOR THE "WORST CASE SCENARIO" BUT THERE'S A NUMBER OF RESOURCES TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED:

>Media : ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

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199 FEDERAL TECHNICIANS WITH THE 119TH WING ARE PART OF THE FURLOUGHS.

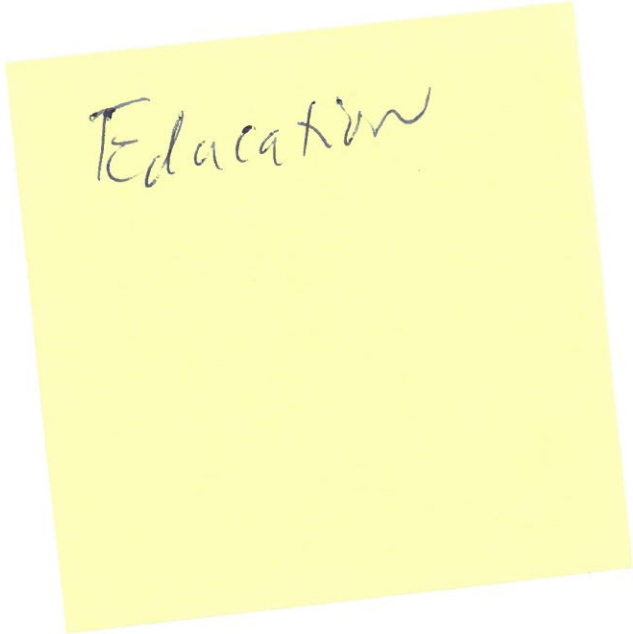
10/1/13 DTH

BRECKENRIDGE, Minn. (KFGO AM) -- Voters in the Breckenridge School District have approved three operating referendums.

The first question on the ballot was to approve a renewal of \$700 per student.

The second question was over hiring an employee or consultant to increase technology at a cost to taxpayers of \$150 a student.

The final question asked for \$333 per student for roof repairs and improve safety at the school.



Education

Breckenridge Voters Face Three Questions

12-9-13

Voters in the Breckenridge school district are asked to vote "yes" three times for a special election.

The first question would renew the current levy that is scheduled to expire.

Question two would operating revenue for technology.

Question three would add operating revenue for safety purposes.

This is not a polling vote; Breckenridge will be conducting the referendum by mail ballot. Ballots were mailed to every registered voter in the district in mid-November. The deadline for turning them in is Tuesday. If you have not already mailed your ballot, you should drop it off at the school before 8 pm Tuesday.

Thursday Give to the Max Day

11-13-13

Today
Thursday November 14 is Give to the Max Day.

Every donation you make gives your ^{favorite} nonprofits and schools the chance to win even more money. ~~Hundreds~~ of organizations will offer the opportunity to double your dollars with matching grants throughout the 24 hours.

Tammy Anderson with Hospice:

:12odds increase."

[For example "Golden Tickets" are hourly drawings that add \$1,000 to a person's donation, randomly selected from donors who gave during each hour of the event.]

In addition, two 10 thousand dollar prizes will be drawn at the end of the day.

Go to www.givemn.org and search for your favorite school or non-profit or church foundation. ~~You can make the donation today and have it count towards the Give to the Max Day by checking a box on the website.~~

Breckenridge School Vote Dec 10th

11-11-13

Breckenridge school district voters will face three questions in a special election on December 10th.

Question one asks to renew a current levy that has been in place for six years, question two asks for an additional \$150 per student for technology services, question three asks for additional levy money towards safety upgrades.

Question one must pass in order for questions two and three to pass.

Additional information can be found on the school's website:

www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us

To learn more, attend one of the following informational meetings:

Doran Community Hall-Monday, November 18, 7:00PM

Foxhome Community Center-Tuesday, November 12, 6:30PM

Kent Community Center-Thursday, November 14, 6:30PM

WCA School Vote Fails

11-6-13

West Central Area School voters have said NO to both questions on the ballot Tuesday.

On Question #1 Yes – 479, No - 1,515

On Question #2 Yes – 810, No - 1,157

Detroit Lakes, MN (WDAY TV) - Voters in Detroit Lakes Tuesday decided on the biggest school bond referendum the district has ever had: \$59 million dollars.

Every school in the district would be affected by it.

With two of two precincts reporting Tuesday night. The vote has soundly failed; 1703 no votes to 1239 yes votes.

Absentee ballots haven't been counted yet, but they wouldn't be enough to change the outcome.

The money would've been used to cover improvements and additions at all schools in the district, as well as build a new elementary school.

A family living in a \$200,000 home would see about \$340 in new taxes each year.

The superintendent says it's time for the district to regroup.

Pelican Rapids School Vote Passes

11-6-13

Pelican Rapids School will move forward with their remodeling project. The \$22 million dollar bond referendum passing yes votes 1426 (51.93%), no votes were 1320 (48.07%). School board member Jon Karger says on his Facebook page that the school can move forward like nothing can stop it.

In a prepared statement, Superintendent Deb Wanek says, this is an exciting time for ISD 548.

Jon Karger

7 hours ago

Pretty glad to be living in Pelican Rapids tonight! The school can now move forward like nothing can stop it. We have the students, staff and desire to make top notch things happen here. The key will be that we don't take the win for granted, and continue to be good stewards of the people's money. Thank you!

FF Girls Volleyball Headed to State

11-4-13

The Fergus Falls ^{Girls} volleyball team is headed to their first state tournament. They won over Thief River Falls on Saturday night in Hawley.

There will be a Fan Bus going to the Xcel Energy Center on Thursday (Nov. 7th) - Fergus Falls vs Belle Plaine - 5:00pm game time. The bus will load at 12:15pm in the Kennedy Bus Parking Lot.

Sign up in the school Activity Office before 4 pm Wednesday. It will be a coach bus, cost is \$20 per person.

There will be a State send off for the Volleyball Girls on Wednesday(Nov. 6th) at 8:20am in the Kennedy Gold Gym. The coaches will say a few words and the pep band will play.

Win or lose on Thursday the Otters will play again at five o'clock on Friday.

Pelican Rapids Votes Tuesday on School Plan

11-4-13

Voters in the Pelican Rapids School District go to the polls Tuesday to vote on a bond referendum to remodel the current school. This follows recommendations from a task force created after a vote for a new school failed.

The plan would address safety concerns such as one main secure entrance and dropping children off away from busy Hwy 59.

School Board member Kathy Ouren: [WEAR AND TEAR]


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Voters needing more information can visit the school's website. Call the school if you would like to tour the building before the vote.

Polls open 7 am Tuesday and close at 8 pm. There is one polling place-at the Pelican Rapids High School.

10-28 School Board Meeting

10-28-13

The school board meeting covered many topics including a new relationship with Apple Tree Dental for the elementary school, a new idea for the IQ Academy called "Tuesdays Live," upcoming high school theatrical productions and more.

One highlight of last night's meeting was the presentation by students who participated in last year's 17-day trip to Europe. Two students, who were very charismatic and grateful for the opportunity, shared their personal highlights. The students find historical sites and experiencing culture interesting. The trip provides valuable life lessons with the eye-opening experience to world beauty. The proposed 2014 trip will be similar to last year's adventure covering 1,900 miles of Europe through seven countries and nine major cities.