

VFW is NOT Calling

9-15-14

Some locals are getting phone calls from an organization that claims to be calling on the behalf of the VFW for veterans with PTSD.

Rick Bugbee says they are NOT with the VFW:

[audio: VFW DOES NOT HAVE TELEMARKETERS]

:10 "The VFW at this time does NOT have any telemarketers hired to use their name and the National VFW does not hire telemarketers at all."

Bugbee is involved in his local VFW and he holds the statewide office of Judge Advocate.

The Fergus Falls VFW has fundraisers of Bingo & meat raffles. You can also make a donation to them in person.

Scams

Man Lost + \$10,000 to a Scam

8-26-14

An Underwood man is out more than ten thousand dollars to a scam. The 76-year-old man got a fake notification in the mail saying he won the Publishers Clearing House and needed to pay taxes. He wired multiple payments of \$400 and even \$3500, emptying his savings.

The sheriff's office says if you have to pay money upfront for something you won- it's a scam.

BC-ND--Fake IRS Calls, 129

North Dakota man loses \$9K in fake IRS call

Eds: APNewsNow.

A Wahpeton man

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem says a man reportedly lost almost \$9,000 as a result of a fake Internal Revenue Service call.

~~Stenehjem on Thursday~~ said the caller threatened to get the victim arrested if he didn't settle a phony debt stemming from his 2005 tax return.

The scammer directed the Wahpeton man to purchase 18 Green Dot cards totaling \$8,897 and to read off the numbers on the back of each card. The scammer then emptied the money from the cards.

~~Stenehjem says~~ hundreds of people are receiving these calls. He says the caller often has a foreign accent and it appears the calls were placed in Ireland.

He adds people should never agree to send money without first independently verifying whether an alleged debt is valid.

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*The IRS does NOT call people & demand
Payment this way*

Developer Plans to Go Ahead with RTC Development Plan

9-3-14

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Willey said they have finalized all of the details. The conclusion that doing the project in two phases makes sense.

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The council announced that they would not reconvene the meeting. A vote on the proposal could come at the next council meeting September 15th.

Grave Markers Added at FF State Hospital Cemetery

9-3-14

More than three thousand people are buried in the Fergus Falls State Hospital Cemetery but there only a few markers. That is changing. More than 500 markers have been installed including 12 of relatives that contacted Remembering with Dignity, the group that is overseeing the project.

Halle O'Falvey [HAL-ee OH-FELL-Vee] says that researching the names is fun but also challenging:

"It's very difficult. They're hand written and when it comes to genealogy and verification there is never ever a right or wrong answer, nothing is ever final and sometimes we have four different spellings of one name. We use a variety of documents. We use county records, state records, Minnesota State death records, cemetery records, hospital records and it's trying to find the best we can do."

A dedication ceremony will be held this Sunday at the Fergus Falls cemetery (September 7) at 1:30 pm. Plan to park behind the Veteran's home and walk in.

Remembering with Dignity is putting markers on 11 state hospital cemeteries. Fergus Falls is the largest. More markers will be added a future date.

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The police report says he collided with a vehicle stopped in traffic, which caused it to strike a third vehicle. No one was injured.

Cellphone and email messages seeking comment weren't returned Thursday.

HARVEST HELP

Goehring says more harvest help is needed in state

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - North Dakota's Agriculture Commissioner says more combiners are needed to help bring in the state's harvest this year.

Doug Goehring says the state's Harvest Hotline has a long list of farmers who need combining services but few looking for work.

Goehring says the number of farmers on the list looking for work is more than three times the number of harvesters.

Farmers can call the hotline and the department will match them up with someone who needs harvesting help or work. Department employees answer the phones daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The hotline is free of charge.

RAIL DELAYS-GRAIN

Officials seek federal board's help on rail delays

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple (DAHL'-rimp-ul) has told federal regulators who oversee railroad service issues that he considers the ongoing delay in grain shipments in some Upper Plains states an emergency situation.

Dalrymple was among dozens of officials from the Dakotas and Minnesota who testified Thursday in Fargo, North Dakota, before the National Surface Transportation Board. Many crops in the three states are at near-record levels; producers say the backlog is costing them millions.

Some believe the increased shipments from North Dakota's western oil fields are largely behind the delays.

Dalrymple says the board can balance between the agriculture and they don't favor one sector over a

Minimum wage law

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New Minnesota Minimum Wage Law Affecting Restaurants

8-7-14

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High Risk Sex Offender Meeting Set for Tuesday

10-2-14

The Richland County Sheriff's Office is informing the public that a high-risk sex offender is living in Walcott, North Dakota. Kenneth Fatland has two criminal convictions, one of possession of child pornography and one for corruption of a minor involving a 15-year-old girl. A public meeting is set for 7 pm on Tuesday (Oct 7th) at the Walcott Fire Hall.

Rail Supervisors
Transportation
Safety

THE STATE PATROL SAYS A SEMI DRIVER HAULING A STEEL STORAGE TANK LOST CONTROL ON I-94 EAST OF MOORHEAD EARLY THIS MORNING. THE TANK CAME TO A REST IN THE MIDDLE OF EASTBOUND I-94, WHERE IT WAS HIT BY A SECOND SEMI THAT WAS HAULING CATTLE.

A THIRD SEMI RAN OVER STEEL ON THE INTERSTATE AND SUSTAINED TIRE DAMAGE. THE DRIVER WHO WAS HAULING THE STORAGE TANK, JAMES BARTON OF WAITE PARK, SUFFERED SERIOUS INJURIES. HE WAS TAKEN TO A FARGO HOSPITAL. THE INITIAL CRASH HAPPENED AROUND 4:30 THIS MORNING AND SLOWED TRAFFIC FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

BA 10/1/14 10:20AM

AP-ND--4th NewsMinute, 203

Here is the latest North Dakota news from The Associated Press
ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Enbridge Energy says it is delaying its Sandpiper pipeline project for at least a year. Minnesota regulators recently requested an expanded study of possible pipeline routes through that state. It would carry North Dakota oil to Wisconsin.

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Senator Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota says FEMA has allocated another \$5 million to support a training center for firefighters in Colorado. Some North Dakota emergency workers who might be called on in the event of an oil train derailment have already been trained at the facility in Pueblo.

(Information in the following story is from: Minot Daily News,
<http://www.minotdailynews.com>)

MINOT, N.D. (AP) - Congressional candidate George Sinner says the federal government needs permanent DEA and FBI offices in western North Dakota. The Democrat who is challenging Republican Kevin Cramer says the feds aren't doing enough to tackle a growing drug and human trafficking problem in the oil patch.

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Manvel Elementary in Manvel and Sweetwater Elementary in Devils Lake have been named North Dakota's Blue Ribbon Schools. The award from the Education Department recognizes schools where students are achieving very high learning standards or are making notable improvements to close the achievement gap.


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AP-MN--1st NewsMinute,199

Here is the latest Minnesota news from The Associated Press

WEST ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Federal immigration agents have searched a Minnesota restaurant as part of an investigation. Agents from Homeland Security Investigations searched the Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet restaurant in West St. Paul Tuesday. OCE officials say agents are "conducting an ongoing criminal law enforcement action in the greater Twin Cities area." No additional details were being released due to the ongoing investigation.

WEST ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Federal authorities say a raid at a West St. Paul restaurant is part of an "ongoing criminal investigation." Immigration agents searched Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet Tuesday and the restaurant remains closed.

 ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - The Sandpiper pipeline project through northern Minnesota is on hold for at least a year. Enbridge Energy says the pipeline won't be in service until 2017 because of what it calls a "longer than expected permitting process." Minnesota regulators recently requested an expanded study of possible pipeline routes.

 ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - FEMA has denied disaster aid for Dakota County but the state is stepping up. Governor Mark Dayton has ordered that the southern metro county get state aid to recover from severe storms and flooding earlier this year

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*Fir Ave Closed to thru traffic From Union Ave
to Friberg.*

Street Improvement Project Updates

Fir Avenue is being milled this week. Paving the road will take an additional one to two days to complete to work on Fir Avenue.

Only local traffic will be allowed on the roadway. Residents living on Fir Avenue will have access to their homes, but will not be allowed to park along Fir Avenue while they are doing the road work.

Peck Street will be closed on Wednesday October 1-Friday October 3 to fix a water main leak by the railroad tracks. In order to make the repair, the railroad tracks will be removed and no traffic will be allowed to cross the railroad tracks. Please watch for the detour signs and avoid this area.

Your patience and cooperation of finding alternative routes during these street improvement projects is appreciated!


The products that will be served to students during the annual Pride of Dakota School Lunch Day have been grown by North Dakota farmers and ranchers and processed by local businesses.

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring says this event helps students learn how their food is raised and produced.

The menus have been prepared by the Department of Instruction. The lunches will be served at more 130 schools across the state.

PHARMACY BURGLARIES

3 arrested in connection with pharmacy burglaries

 GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) - Three women have been arrested in Grand Forks in connection with recent pharmacy burglaries in Hillsboro and Larimore.

The Grand Forks County sheriff's department says the stolen narcotics have a street value of nearly of \$50,000.

The women were arrested when law enforcement executed a search warrant at a home. Authorities say they seized various items including drug paraphernalia and narcotics believed to have come from the burglaries.


The women are 35-year-old Jodi Olson, 18-year-old Alexis Littlewind and 29-year-old Amanda Peterson. They have been charged with one count of conspiracy to commit burglary.

Olson and Littlewind are also facing multiple counts of possession of a control substance with intent to deliver, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Court records don't list attorneys for the Grand Forks women.

DRONES AT NIGHT

ND county employs drones for 1st time at night

 GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) - The Grand Forks County sheriff's department has flown its first nighttime drone mission.

Sheriff Bob Rost says the unmanned aircraft team was contacted after four suspects fled a traffic stop about 2:20 a.m. Sunday in rural Larimore, about 30 miles west of Grand Forks.

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The drone was deployed after a K-9 unit was unable to locate the suspects. Rost says the aircraft helped locate one of the suspects in a corn field.

Two suspects were arrested on the scene, and a third was taken into custody later.

The Federal Aviation Administration in March granted the county permission for night operations. The drone unit is a joint effort among the Grand Forks County sheriff's department, the University of North Dakota and two unmanned aircraft manufacturers.

GOVERNOR-PARK SYSTEM

Dalrymple unveils state parks improvement plan

* BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Gov. Jack Dalrymple wants the state to spend more oil tax revenues to improve North Dakota's park system and for statewide conservation enhancements.

Dalrymple's plan calls for raising the cap on the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage fund from \$30 million every two years to \$50 million.

The plan also calls for investing an additional \$30.4 million in new funds to improve state parks.

The GOP governor's plan comes as conservation advocates are pushing a measure for an even bigger slice of North Dakota oil tax revenues for a fund to benefit water, wildlife and parks projects. The measure will appear on the November ballot.

Backers want 5 percent of the state's oil extraction taxes for the fund. That would raise about \$260 million during the 2015-17 budget cycle.

ELECTION WEBSITE

Jaeger encouraging voters to use election website

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Secretary of State Al Jaeger is encouraging voters in North Dakota to use a state website to find information about the upcoming general election.

Jaeger says the website www.vote.nd.gov has information about polling locations and hours, the full text of each of the eight measures on the ballot and details about candidates for statewide, legislative and judicial

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*6390 AP-ND--Railway Closed,131

Amtrak continues service disruption to ND cities

Eds: APNewsNow.

MINOT, N.D. (AP) - Amtrak will continue to suspend westbound rail service from Fargo on its Empire Builder line and passengers traveling on to Grand Forks, Devils Lake and Rugby will have to complete their journeys on buses.

~~The Minot Daily News (<http://bit.ly/1DwXHbv>)~~ reports the detour route will be reassessed before the holidays.

The service disruption is so that BNSF Railway Co. can make repairs to the line, which BNSF owns and Amtrak uses. The repairs were originally expected to last through Sept. 30.

Passengers traveling to Grand Forks, Devils Lake and Rugby will get off the train in Fargo and take a bus to their destination stations. Passengers heading west from the three affected cities will be taken to Minot, where they'll board the westbound train.

Eastbound traffic will maintain its usual route.

Information from: Minot Daily News, <http://www.minotdailynews.com>

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BC-SD--Bakken Conference,104

TransCanada official speaking in Spearfish

Eds: Resending for online points. APNewsNow.

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) - A TransCanada Corp. official working on the Keystone XL pipeline will be among those who speak this week in Spearfish at a conference tied to North Dakota's oil boom.

Larry Scheuerman is responsible for the development of non-regulated Canadian and U.S. oil and gas projects.

The Black Hills Bakken and Investor Conference runs Wednesday and Thursday in Spearfish.

The Keystone XL pipeline would transport oil from Canadian tar sands through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Gulf Coast.

Online:

<http://www.BlackHillsBakkenConference.com>

AP-WF-09-29-14 0958GMT

FRAZEE, MINNESOTA (KFGO-AM) -- A semi hauling live turkeys hit the ditch in Becker County late Tuesday night.

The trucker told deputies he lost control after hitting the brakes while trying to avoid a deer. He wasn't hurt, but some of the turkeys were injured or killed.

The semi was hauling about 1,500 turkeys. Another truck was brought in from Faribault, Minnesota to haul the live turkeys away.

Deputies spent more than seven-and-a-half hours on the scene corralling turkeys and waiting for them to be loaded onto the other truck.

Joseph Jansen

On Tue, Sep 16, 2014 at 2:54 PM, Paul Jurgens <paul.jurgens@mwcradio.com> wrote:

AN EMPLOYEE OF BRUSHVALE ELEVATOR IN BRUSHVALE NORTH OF BRECKENRIDGE IS LUCKY TO BE ALIVE AFTER HE WAS TRAPPED IN A BIN AT THE ELEVATOR ~~THIS~~ MORNING. BRECKENRIDGE FIRE CHIEF BRIAN CONZEMIUS (CON-ZEE'-ME-US) SAYS HE COULD ONLY SEE THE MAN'S HEAD AND ARMS ABOVE THE CORN WHEN FIREFIGHTERS GOT INTO THE BIN, 60-TO 80 FEET OFF THE GROUND. HE SAYS FIRE CREWS USED SPECIAL GRAIN ELEVATOR RESCUE PANELS TO KEEP THE CORN FROM BURYING THE MAN. SANFORD'S AIR-MED HELICOPTER FROM FARGO WAS SENT TO BRUSHVALE, BUT THE MAN WAS ABLE TO WALK AWAY ON HIS OWN. FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM BRECKENRIDGE, WAHPETON, DWIGHT AND ROTHSAY RESPONDED TO THE CALL. CONZEMIUS SAYS THE DONATED EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR THIS TYPE OF RESCUE PAID OFF.

JURGENS/ROGERS 2:50PM 9-16-14

UPDATED NUMBERS SHOW MINNESOTA WAS NOT FATALITY FREE OVER THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND. THE STATE INITIALLY SAID NO FATAL CRASHES WERE REPORTED BETWEEN FRIDAY AND MONDAY, BUT STATE PATROL SERGEANT JESSE GRABOW (GRAY'-BOE) SAYS THERE'S AN UPDATE TO THAT INFORMATION.....

Media : TRAFFIC DEATHS

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IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 1,300 DRUNK DRIVERS WERE PULLED OFF THE STATE'S ROADS AS PART OF A DWI ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN.

BA 9/10/14 12PM

Sergeant Jesse Grabow
218-639-3168

Level Three Offender, Severud Changing Addresses

9-8-14

A level three predatory offender is moving within Otter Tail County. 49-year-old Timothy Knut Severud is moving from Fergus Falls to the 300 block of 2nd Street Southeast in Pelican Rapids. The change of address takes place Friday. Severud was convicted of criminal sexual conduct involving female victims ages 5 to 12. The victims were known to the offender.

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

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Officials have shelved plans to build a fiber-optic line connecting the Minnesota governor's mansion to the Minnesota History Center.

The 2-mile-long line was estimated to cost \$261,000.

Spokesman Curt Yoakum of the Minnesota Department of Administration tells Minnesota Public Radio News officials are "re-examining the best solutions for establishing secure communications" between the Capitol complex and the governor's residence.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon says the line would have allowed for "monitoring of security and fire systems" at the residence.

Documents show the project had been in the works since last year. A Lakeland company was awarded a contract to bury the line in January.

Fiber-optic cable carries data at speeds at least 10 times faster than those currently available to residential internet customers in St. Paul.

PEOPLE-GARRISON KEILLOR

Garrison Keillor to undergo 'medical procedure'

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Garrison Keillor, host of public radio's popular "A Prairie Home Companion," says he's canceling an upcoming show to undergo a medical procedure.

Keillor didn't specify the procedure but says: "I now know more about the prostate than I ever wanted to."

The 72-year-old humorist and best-selling author says the procedure is set for September 25th, so he's canceling a September 27th show at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. But he says the season opener, street dance and meatloaf supper is still set for September 20th.

In his signature dry humor, Keillor released a statement saying he's found an excellent surgeon, and is looking forward to "thinking more about truth and beauty and less about plumbing."

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PELICAN RAPIDS (KFGO-AM) -- A search team was called out Friday night to find a missing woman and her daughter who got lost in Maplewood State Park.

A park ranger and Otter tail County Sheriff's Deputies found the 45-year old woman and her daughter who got lost while hiking.

The two were not hurt. They were returned to their campsite.

BC-ND--Rail Delays-Harvest,130

BNSF chairman set to discuss backlog of grain cars

Eds: Resending for online points. APNewsNow. Will be updated.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - The executive chairman of BNSF Railway is scheduled to meet with agriculture producers in the Red River Valley about the backlog of grain cars in advance of the harvest.

The state Public Service Commission sent a letter to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board earlier this week warning that "conditions are ripe for significant problems" with the 2014 crop.

The PSC cited a July 25 survey showing that BNSF had more than 2,250 overdue cars and a report that Canadian Pacific's customers were waiting an average of 11 weeks for cars. Commissioners say they are "confused and troubled" by reports that more than half of the grain hoppers from both railroads are offline.

Sens. Heidi Heitkamp and John Hoeven will lead the meeting with BNSF's Matt Rose Thursday afternoon in Fargo.

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Walk of Flags to Fly for New Holiday

8-6-14

The Walk of Flags in Fergus Falls has added a new flag holiday.

Thursday, August 7 is Purple Hearts Day. For the first time ever, the Fergus Falls Veterans Walk of Flags will be honoring this special day

Purple Hearts Day is to honor the men and woman wounded or killed in military service.

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On August 7th in 1782, General George Washington, created the "Badge for Military Merit." It was start of the Purple Heart, and then on February 22, 1932, Washington's 200th birthday, the U.S. War Department announced the creation of the "Order of the Purple Heart" that became the modern Purple Heart.

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Flag #858 that was stolen July 4th from the Walk of Flags has been replaced.

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AP-ND--Right Now, 901

Latest North Dakota news, sports, business and entertainment
AGRICULTURE ROUNDTABLES

Heitkamp to host agriculture roundtables in ND

 VALLEY CITY, N.D. (AP) - U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp (HYT'-kamp) will be hosting roundtables on conservation and rural development in North Dakota with U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie.


Events are scheduled for Wednesday in Valley City and Wahpeton. They will focus on the challenges North Dakota farmers face with conservation compliance and the USDA's role in the state's rural economic development.

Bonnie is the USDA's undersecretary for natural resources and environment. He oversees the Forest Service.

Heitkamp's office says the USDA has invested nearly \$12.8 billion in North Dakota during the past five years to support farmers, ranchers and growers.


The roundtables will be at 10:15 a.m. at Valley City State University and 3:45 p.m. at North Dakota State College of Science.

U.S. Senator John Hoeven is scheduled to participate in the second meeting.

 TRANSMISSION LINE COMPLETED

250-mile transmission line to Grand Forks finished

(Information in the following story is from: WDAY-TV, <http://wday.com>)

 GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) - A 250-mile transmission line from Center to Grand Forks has been completed.

The 345-kilovolt line operated by Minnkota Power Cooperative cost about \$353 million and took more than two years to be built.

Project manager Mike Hennes ~~tells WDAY-TV~~ that the new line can be compared to an interstate highway system. Hennes says that once the transmission line is built, the bulk flow of electricity moves to the new line, effectively freeing up capacity on the underlying system.

~~The station reports~~ this is the longest line in state history that

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A MONTEVIDEO, MINNESOTA TEENAGER HAS DROWNED IN A LAKE NEAR ALEXANDRIA. THE BODY OF 15 YEAR-OLD BRENNON JOHNSON WAS FOUND IN HIS OVERTURNED KAYAK ON LAKE LOBSTER SHORTLY BEFORE 5 YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON. JOHNSON'S MOTHER REPORTED THAT HE WAS OVERDUE RETURNING TO WILDRIDGE CAMPGROUND. THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE USED "CODE RED" TO ALERT LAKE RESIDENTS OF A SEARCH. SOMEONE IN A BOAT FOUND THE KAYAK AND JOHNSON. THE KAYAK HAD OVERTURNED. HE WAS IN THE KAYAK, STILL WEARING A LIFE JACKET.

JURGENS 8-4-14 11:40AM

Fireworks Probable Cause of Hand Injury

8-4-14

A medical call was called in Saturday on Co Hwy 44 on a male with a left hand injury. The man was transported by Parkers Prairie Ambulance. Sheriff's deputies gathered fireworks that were placed into evidence.

Sheriff Investigating a Rollover

7-28-14

The sheriff's office is investigating a rollover crash where one person ran away from the vehicle. The crash happened on Co Hwy 83 Saturday evening. The full report was not available but according to preliminary information, three people were in the vehicle. One person was taken to the hospital with possible injuries, the other two were not injured but one person ran from the crash scene. An alcohol test was given to the 32-year-old driver from the Richville area. The vehicle was taken to an evidence garage.

BILLIONS OF MAYFLIES HATCHED IN LACROSSE, WISCONSIN OVER THE WEEKEND. THE SWARM WAS SO BIG IT APPEARED ON WEATHER RADAR AND WAS BLAMED FOR A 3-CAR PILEUP NEAR RED WING SUNDAY NIGHT.

BA/CCO 7/22/14 5:10AM

BC-WI--Mayfly Crash, 91

Police: Mayfly hatch causes 3-vehicle crash

TRENTON, Wis. (AP) - Police say a large hatch of mayflies may have caused a three-vehicle crash on a Wisconsin road.

The road had become slick from the mayflies Sunday evening, causing at least one of the drivers involved in the crash to lose control of her vehicle. They also said visibility was limited at the time of the crash.

Two people were injured in the crash, but only one person was taken to a local hospital.

7-15-14

* A VEHICLE WAS ON INTERSTATE 94 EAST BOUND ABOUT 60 MPH YESTERDAY (MONDAY) AROUND NOON. THE DRIVER, AN 83 YEAR OLD MAN FROM MELROSE STATED HE FELL ASLEEP AND WENT OFF THE ROAD TO THE RIGHT. VEHICLE THEN WENT INTO OTTER TAIL RIVER AND BEGAN TO FLOAT IN THE STRONG CURRENT. HE WAS PULLING SMALL TRAILER WITH 2 RIDING LAWN MOWERS AND GOT HUNG UP A COUPLE HUNDRED FEET FROM WHERE IT WENT INTO RIVER. FERGUS FALLS FIRE DEPT WAS DISPATCHED AND RESCUED OCCUPANTS FROM VEHICLE. BOTH THE DRIVER AND HIS 79 YEAR OLD PASSENGER WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH MINOR INJURIES.

Driver: Victor Tschida, 83 years of age from Melrose

Passenger: Beatrice Tschida, 79 years of age from Melrose.

No serious injuries – both transported to Fergus Falls Hosp.

Happened today, approximately 12:00pm on I94 near mp54

FYI,

Sgt. Jesse Grabow

Oil Trains = Bombs

On Thu, Jul 10, 2014 at 3:38 AM, Bonnie Amistadi <bonnie.amistadi@mwcradio.com> wrote:

A GROUP OF NORTH DAKOTANS SAY TRAIN CARS THAT CARRY BAKKEN OIL ARE UNSAFE, AND THEY WANT OLDER TANKER CARS BANNED. MEMBERS GATHERED IN DOWNTOWN FARGO AND HELD A LARGE BANNER SAYING "STOP BAKKEN BOMB TRAINS...BAN D-O-T ONE-ELEVEN'S". JUSTIN SEHER (SAYER) OF JAMESTOWN IS WITH THE GROUP.....

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LAST JULY A BAKKEN OIL TRAIN DERAILED IN QUEBEC, KILLING 47 PEOPLE, AND THERE WAS A CLOSE CALL IN CASSELTON WHEN AN OIL TRAIN DERAILED AND CAUGHT FIRE LAST DECEMBER. THE GROUP STATES THAT ON AVERAGE, FARGO HAS 40 OIL TRAINS A WEEK TRAVEL THROUGH THAT ARE ABOUT 100 CARS LONG AND ARE OPERATED BY ONE CONDUCTOR.

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Crews Hit History with New Gas Line

7-2-14

The work in the alley between Mill Street and Court Street will take longer since they have been running into Fergus Falls history-literally.

Crews with Great Plains Natural Gas were boring for a new line going through the alley and were hoping to do it under ground. City Engineer Dan Edwards: [HITTING HISTORY DAN EDWARDS]

:20 "Going through there they found out what they are hitting. There are various sizes of rocks and boulders in there but they're also running into some unknown foundations left over from sheds or other buildings from way back or other obstacles and that's slowed them down."

They will not be able to put the lines in that way. Instead they will be making an open trench.

They will fill the area in on Thursday so traffic can go through this weekend and have access to the mailbox and payment drop boxes. The alley will again be closed on Monday when work starts back up. They anticipate the alley to be closed Monday through Friday next week.

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Council Tables Bike Lane Plan for Fir Ave

7-8-14

The city council did not take any action on the plan to add bike lanes to Fir Avenue. 91 notices were sent out to residents living on Fir between Union Avenue and Friberg Avenue June 18th.

Only 14 responded. Half of those (7) were opposed to adding bike lanes. Six people said they were in favor of the proposal but four of the six do not live on the street.

A motion to table the decision passed and the city council will take the matter up again at the next meeting July 21.

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Mill and overlay work is to be done this summer so the street would need to be re-striped after that work. The proposal calls for no parking on the ~~north~~ ^{South} side of Friberg Avenue and bike lanes would be added on both sides. Fir has been identified as a connecting route to another bike path going in on Co Hwy 27 (Cleveland Ave) and other bike routes.

Direct comments on the plan to City Engineer Dan Edwards or your council representative or attend the next city council meeting July 21, 5:30 pm in the council chambers.

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BC-ND--Rail Delays-Grain,129

Railroads report backlogged grain shipments

Eds: APNewsNow.

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Farm commodity rail shipments are running about a month behind in North Dakota.

The U.S. Surface Transportation Board has told BNSF Railway and Canadian Pacific to submit plans to address backlogs in northern Plains states and begin filing weekly updates.

The companies filed their first updates last week.

BNSF Railway reported 4,942 past due rail cars in North Dakota averaging 32 days late. North Dakota had the most past-due rail cars followed by Montana, Minnesota, Washington and South Dakota.

BNSF promised in April to add more locomotives and crews in an effort to address the agriculture shipping delays.

Canadian Pacific's report does not include a specific number of past-due rail cars or average lateness. But the railroad estimated a backlog demand of 10,000 to 12,000 cars across its system.

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