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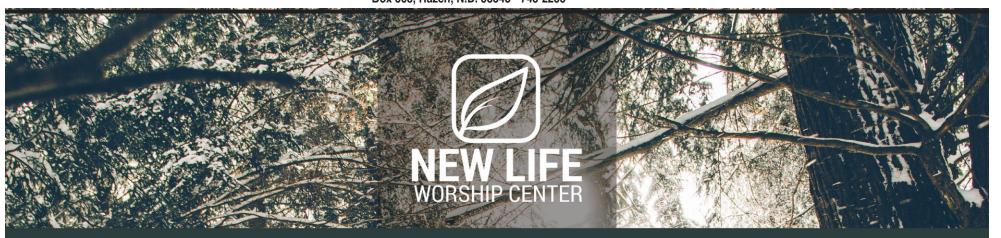
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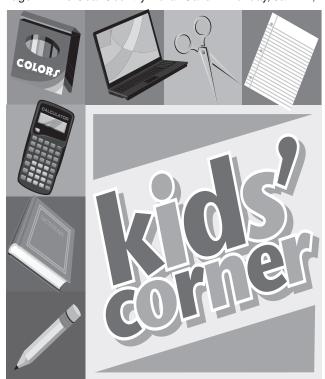
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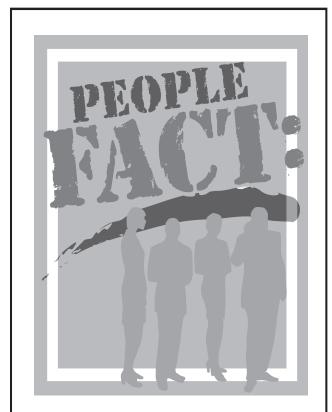
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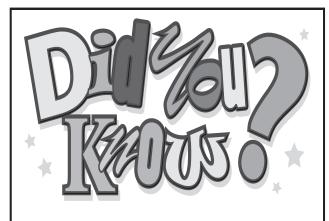
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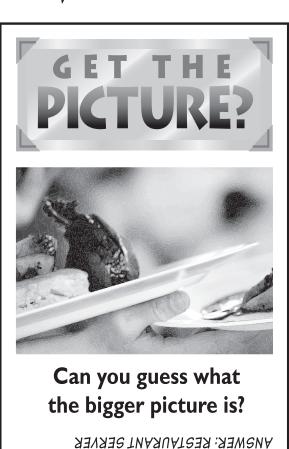
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Why Go Red? Heart disease and stroke cause 1 in 3 deaths among women each year, killing approximately one woman every 80 seconds. Fortunately, we have the power to change that because 80 percent of cardiac and stroke events may be prevented with education and action. That's why you are encouraged to wear red on National Wear Red Day and encourage others to do the same and take the time to Know Your Numbers. Five numbers, all women should know to take control of their heart health are: Total Cholesterol, HDL (good) Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Body Mass Index (BMI). Knowing these numbers can help women and their healthcare provider determine their risk for developing cardiovascular diseases.





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The board members would need to reside within the City of Beulah limits and must be appointed or reappointed. Persons interested in serving on any of the City of Beulah boards should file a written request with the City Auditor on or before February 14, 2020. The request should be in narrative form stating why you want the job and what qualifications you bring to the position. The requests will be reviewed and the replacement approved at a regularly scheduled Beulah City Council meeting.

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### Neff Repair, well oiled machining

BY SUZANNE WERRE BHG NEWS SERVICE

Sometimes opportunity knock ... twice.

After deciding to open up a machine shop in Turtle Lake, Neff Repair Shop's Melinda and David Neff narrowly missed out on an opportunity to buy a shop in Turtle Lake that came complete with a lot of the equipment they would need to open up shop quickly.

Fortunately for them, another opportunity to purchase a shop just down the street opened up shortly thereafter, and they were given the opportunity to buy much of the equipment from the original property, so after moving back to Turtle Lake in November, they were still ready to get things rolling quickly, opening up Neff Repair Shop in early December.

Since opening up "shop," David had been working steadily doing general ag repair, machining, welding and metal fabrications in the new Neff Repair Shop, located at 255 Burke St. in the former Turtle Lake Ag Repair building.

David has been doing ag repair and machining for about 30 years, ever since he learned the skills at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton. Melinda is still learning the finer parts of the craft, but she's working on it. She's also taking care of much of the business/accounting aspects of shop while she hones her skills on the lathes.



David Neff always dons safety glasses when he's doing machining with the lathe.

Precision machining is meticulous work, they noted, as measurements need to be precise down to the thousandth of an inch, or the part won't fit and won't work right.

"There's a lot of math, metallurgy and physics that comes into play," said Melinda. "When you're watching him machine, it's like watching a conductor in the symphony. He makes that machine sing.

"That's years of practice, accuracy and talent all coming together," she added.

David grew up in Mercer, so coming to Turtle Lake

after several out of state is like coming home. His inspiration to get into machining was his dad, Ervin, who machined a lot of his own parts when he needed to do some repairs.

The Neffs plan on being in Turtle Lake for years to come, also planning on getting more involved with the community and community events.

"Our goal is to not only be successful, but to make the community successful in their businesses and jobs by providing services that keep them going," said Melinda.

If the city's dump truck

or a plow breaks down, they figure somebody's got to be able to fix them, and the same theory applies to farm equipment – when it breaks down, they'll be there to fix it.

"We'll just keep working on making good quality parts and do our best to make them happy," added Melinda. So far I haven't heard any complaints. That's always a good thing."

Neff Repair can be reached by phone at 448-2320, or by stopping in at the shop. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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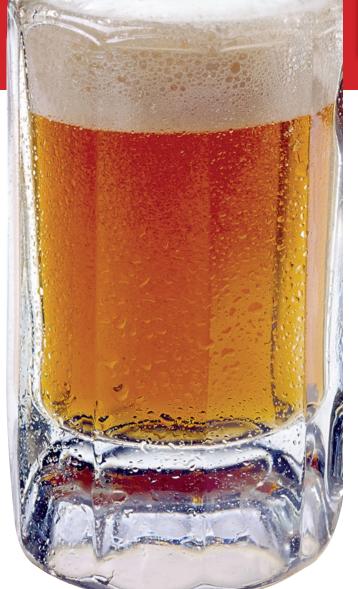
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### Our Outdoors: Light Torches, Throw Pebbles

By Nick Simonson

I've often wondered if people would be more concerned if the increasing reports of Chronic Wasting Disease in North Dakota made the jump from a limited population of mule and whitetail deer into more uncommon species like the resident moose and elk in the state, as has occurred in Montana. It seems likely that more anglers would take notice if sedimentation, or worse, toxic chemicals from a trickle upstream ended up affecting the fishing on their favorite flow or at its end in the Gulf of Mexico or Lake Superior or Hudson Bay. If so, they may take more actions to change their world, and we've seen what can be done in just a few decades to make things better.

We're quick to celebrate the reversal of threats like these long after their impact has been felt, as populations of lake sturgeon have been restored with stockings in places like the Rainy and now the St. Louis and even the Red River throughout the upper Midwest, simply through reducing pollution, removing obstructions and careful monitoring of these fish. Through those efforts, everything else in and connected to those waters has benefitted: walleyes, turtles, ducks, suckers, clams and, ultimately, people. From the fishing guide to the hotel owner, to the citizen

turning on the tap to make a pot of coffee in the morning, all have benefitted from regional efforts focused on a single species of fish due to the interconnectivity of all things. Positive actions for one thing often beget positive results for many others.

Leonardo da Vinci stated in his Principles for the Development of a Complete Mind, "...learn how to see. Realize that everything is connected to everything else." As a layperson, I can't even begin to grasp scientifically what shifts in nitrogen content or the addition of wind-blown dirt into a small creek will do downstream, but as an angler I can see the effects when waters become cloudy and fish become scarcer. My basic understanding is only a weak flicker against the wall in that darkened hall of interconnectivity, but with that little light comes the knowledge that our outdoor opportunities and their wellbeing are far more connected to other human activities in the world around us. Often, those experiences of an armchair scientist lead to the finding of a torch in the form of more information and the illumination of the rest of the hallway and a path forward, and the results of the one which helped us reach this point for better

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or worse. Hang the torch to light the way and pass the flame on to those who will venture forward to find solutions to the problems in nature, and ultimately for all humankind.

The young person you take fishing or teach to trap shoot or bow hunt may become the scientist that finds a way to stop those big game diseases, to more fully restore the flowing waters in our country and better manage fisheries for sport and sustenance. They may also find ways to make notill agriculture the best and most cost-effective method of raising crops, or easier and less expensive ways to capture pollution from industry of all kinds, or a

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way to round up a mat of floating plastic in the Pacific Ocean, all spurred on by a love of the outdoors. There is no telling the impact our interconnectivity will have long after we're gone. In regard to the impacts the actions of one person can have, the Dalai Lama said, "just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects."

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### **Habitat and Access Drive** the Outdoor Economy

By John Bradley, NDWF **Executive Director** 

Each year hunters and anglers wait with anticipation for North Dakota's hunting seasons to open and the ice to clear the lakes for fishing. People from across the country dream of timing the waterfowl migration just right or hooking into a trophy walleye in one of the state's many lakes. The small towns in North Dakota also wait with anticipation for the hunters and anglers to show up and spend their money at the grocery stores, gas stations, bars and coffee shops. Tourism is often called the third leg of North Dakota's economic stool. Much of our tourism is based on North Dakota's outdoor fame as a hunting and fishing destination.

North Dakota's outdoor recreation is also a mainstay of our state's rural economy. One only needs to drive through

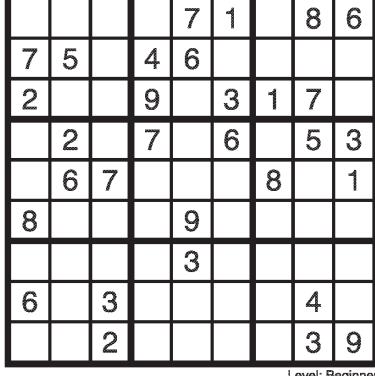


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small town North Dakota and see the signs welcoming outdoor enthusiasts to know how much these activities are valued. We often hear our elected officials extoll the virtues of hunting and fishing as one of the primary factors keeping our small towns from dying, but outdoor recreation also plays a significant role in quality of life for many North Dakotans and is why many people, myself included, choose to live here. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department reports that hunting and fishing in North Dakota contributed an estimated \$2.1 Billion in annual input to our state's economy. When those dollars are added to the many other related outdoor pursuits, that's a lot of money spent on main streets in towns and cities across the state.

Unfortunately, outdoor opportunities in the state are diminishing for the regular hunter or angler. The critical factor that ensures sustainable populations and successful hunting seasons from year to year is adequate habitat for each species and public access for hunters and anglers. Insufficient habitat conditions mean reduced populations resulting in limited or poor hunting opportunities. The habitat for many of our favorite game species has been declining for several years. Ask any pheasant hunter and they will tell you that we have significantly fewer acres in the Conservation Reserve Program. Changes in cropping patterns have also reduced traditional, available habitats. Urban sprawl encroaches on areas formerly available as habitat. To make matters worse. there are fewer federal and state dollars available for

use in maintaining and establishing habitat. Lost habitat and lack of access from industrialization, land use intensification, urbanization, and minimal support of programs that maintain and expand the economic values doesn't just hurt the hunter's bag limit, it results in diminished rural revenue.

Successful hunting and fishing trips depend on habitat and access. If the game is not there, there is no fish in the lake, or if the access is restricted, people won't go. Hunters and anglers, and the leaders of our communities must step up to ensure that habitat and access are available. Otherwise hunters and anglers are going to stay home - or worse, trade in their hunting and fishing gear for golf clubs.

That's why it's critical to show support for the Game and Fish Department's PLOTS (Private Lands Open to Sportsmen), optimum management of our public lands, and strong conservation provisions in the Farm Bill. These programs are critical to North Dakota. Our state leadership also needs to strongly advocate for programs that keep existing habitat on the land, and that promote establishment of new habitat in support of our hunting traditions. Quality habitat and public access drives our outdoor economy. Supporting those conservation programs that provide habitat and access for our citizens, support our local businesses, our farmers, and our ranchers makes good economic sense for North Dakota.

John Bradley is the Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and a Dakota **Edge Outdoors Contribut**ing Writer.

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### "Son, don't make me get my broom!"

This column is reprinted from a previous edition

Though I don't remember all that well these days, I am often reminded, mostly by people who aren't going to let me forget. Like my only surviving sister.

She likes to remind me of how often my mother had to correct me over the years. Like the time I learned a new word from my uncle. Mom's brother, if it matters. I would learn later that it was the swear word of swear words, and I happily skipped around the neighborhood singing it out at the top of my lungs, blissfully ignorant that my eternal soul was in jeopardy. Not that it was worth much but they say the Devil will stoop to pick up even a penny.

Old brooms sweep just as clean as new one's when properly applied and when Mom had finished brooming me off and having a visit with her brother, in which I thought she applied some fairly colorful phrases, I was more careful about where and around whom I introduced any new vocabulary picked up from adults.

It wasn't my sister that reminded me of the incident but the television. It seems that our American president, Donald Trump, had referred to some countries in the world as shitholes. I'm sure that made the world blanche. Mom would have not considered that worthy of a swat with her broom, let alone a good house cleaning of one's nasty mouth. Anyway, just like five year old me, the news people and everyone with a voice began repeating it. Over and over and over. If the departed have ears and are listening, I'm sure my mother was steamed up and warning, "Don't make me get my broom!".

I think the world can give up on its search for an



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honest man, although I don't think Trump brings the exact degree of honesty that would prove ideal. Don't think an honest, married man accurately describes some situations to perfection while standing accused of paying off porn stars for a low rent encounter.

In fairness to the president, we've very likely all shared that thought about some countries and even some places in this country. Some of those were my favorite hangouts in my youth. In all fairness, though, might we have an international definition of just what constitutes that kind of country or place before we widely criticize? I think most people would agree on what such a hole is, in terms of what it offers and what is lacking. I have dug the literal holes. I have covered such holes. I have figuratively wallowed joyously in what some folks would figuratively refer to as such holes. I find they are not all that bad. So, if you had a choice between living every day in a s-hole or a fox hole, which would you choose?

So, for days and nights on end, the television sang it all over the international neighborhood. I'm sure little children were anxiously asking their parents, "Mommy, Daddy, what's a ..., well, it probably wasn't pleasant.

In a world where color seems to affect every conversation, it seems that there is a television impression that all aforementioned holes are predominately of color. Speaking as a man of color, I can assure you that such holes are quite varied, although some are discreet and selective in who is allowed in. There's always that fear of contamination, you know.

If there's a lesson to be learned from Trump's latest trampling of so many sensitivities, it may be that the truth is not the truth unless spoken in terms which will not make my mother want to take her broom to you. Although I cannot imagine my father handing me a shovel and ordering me to dig a new disadvantaged hole for the family biffy because the old one was full; today he would stand corrected.

America has fought wars with lots of the world's countries. Many of those wars started minus the language Trump chose to identify some. Japan, for instance, attacked America, not because President Roosevelt insulted their country but because we embargoed their oil supply. Kind of the olden days sanctions like the ones we're using to cut off oil to North Korea. Countries go to war because their wheels don't turn anymore not because their ears burn.

Just now I remembered the words to an old love song. I think it went: "Tell it like it is. Don't be afraid. Let your conscience be your guide." If a clear conscience is a soft pillow, as your mother warned, Trump may be sleeping on a concrete block. I'd bet not.





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