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**SMALL** GROUPS

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Mercer County Veterans Service Officer Ron Crowly: 701-745-3392, Box 39, Stanton, ND 58571. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday each week.



# OUR OUTDOORS NICK SIMONSON

# Potential Energy

The rating on a box of shotgun shells reads 1180, 1205 or more than 1300 feet per second, the speed at which the pellets are disbursed in pursuit of a thrown clay or an incoming goose. The bent coil at the base of a tip-up flag is precariously held in place by the notch in the T-bar at the top of the plastic and metal fish trap, ready to go off with the tug of a pike below the ice. In that moment to begin the first openwater foray, the weight of a jig and twister suspended in the air of a back cast waits just a moment for a forward fling toward its destination. While all of these examples represent the principle of potential energy likely learned and forgotten in the blur of ninth grade science class, they can be realized with the pull of a trigger, the turn of a switch or the snap of a rod converting what could be into what will be. More than just a physical phenomenon, each embodies the start of something new and the possible opportunities to come in a season so aptly named spring.

For the shotgunner, spring has become synonymous with clay target shooting as high school leagues grow and expand across the map. As soon as ice and snow are cleared from the walkways and around the trap houses, the crack of shotguns echo in the air. With the melt of that same snow in the fields and the breaking of ice on sloughs and small lakes, the return of snow geese through the region provide waterfowlers with an opportunity to get on the X and find spring success. As daylight lengthens and triggers the biological clocks in many breeding species, turkey hunters will find their place in the riparian woods or along the edge of an open field to call in a tom that just can't resist the manufactured mating sounds of a receptive springtime hen or is maddened by the presence of a competitor in the form of a foam decoy.

While the ice remains thick at the start of this time of transition, each passing day suggests that the stretch of adding to surface cover on area lakes is at its end. With the heightened sun angle, the top turns from looking glass clear to a foggy white honeycomb and signals a shift under the water as well. With tip-ups deployed in the upper reaches of bays and feeder creeks before instability sets in, the possibility of pike makes the start of spring a memorable time for ice anglers as they close out their season. Additionally, other species pick up their pre-spawn

See **OUTDOORS** on page 3

# I sentence you to three terms as County Commissioner

Man, the process of governing this great Republic has gotten mean. We should probably stop teaching it in our public schools, just to save on how many youths we drive crazy. And all this talk about buying elections! If we are smart we might just start having auctions where we sell the government positions to the highest bidder, allocate a portion of the return to run a government and divide the rest up among the population. If elections can be bought for what is now billions of dollars, why not apply some economics to it. It would be one way of taxing the rich, sort of like a sales tax. I bet we could talk to Shane Wolff, out there at Wolff Auctioneers and get him to handle the whole thing.

I fear the truth is that, very soon, anyone with any conscience or integrity will not want to sacrifice their money or their serenity to be a government official. So, we might end up making public service a punishment, kind of like community service.

A sentenced judge, him or herself pulling back to back sentences, equaling life, like a Supreme Court appointment now, might really drop the hammer and sentence some poor, fool criminal to be President. And, if his wife was involved with him, might as well make her Speaker of the House. Sort of take advantage of experi-

A friend of mine said he'd love to be that judge. Said he couldn't wait to get his first "journalist". People he describes as always willing to talk about way more than they know. I told him, in defense of good news folks like myself, that to balance that out we also talk very little about some things we do know. But, we don't print gossip.

Of course, he wanted to know the difference between "fake news" and "gossip". I said that "gossip" is like telling a secret to one person at a time while "fake news" is just shouted in the public square. What seems clear to most folks is that less and less qualified people will want jobs in government because the destruction to one's self and family is too high. You know what? I was just thinking that the amount of investigations going on may be proof that public service has already became community service. It attracts community service types who just happen to have a lot of money to buy elections. You might not have to look hard to find a citizen with a huge tax bill who thinks rapists are running part of the government.

I've long thought that run-



# TRACKS IN THE SAND KEN BEAUCHAMP

ning the government is a lot like marriage counseling. You get paid to make everyone feel like they are living at the junction of Happy Road and Joyful. I was visiting with a young lady a few days ago and she was lamenting how less happy and joyful mothering was since her kids have gotten older.

So, I asked if that was what she was thinking when she got pregnant for the first time. She said, "No. Actually, was thinking about cupcakes". I said a "Hmmmm" and suggested I sweeten her marriage, get it headed back to happy and joyful, by telling her husband to come home with cupcakes. Some things are so simple, Yes, even I can figure them out. If I knew you were coming, I'd have baked a cupcake.

Some times, I share with my last wife all the marriages I have saved with my wisdom. One time, I told her that line from a Chris Christofserson song, "Divorce is just another word for nothing left to loose" being very prophetic. She said,

the word was not divorce, but "freedom". Proving my likeability, I said, "so, what's your point?".

You probably wonder what my point is. I'm not sure. But, it seems, if we are to treat what was once the honorable notion of serving one's community and country, by assisting in sound governance, as a subtle and sometimes not so subtle punishment, we can expect no more than what we are willing to settle for. If our nation becomes more and more like a house of ill repute, where you can buy anything if you have enough money or connections, shame on us.

When I'm feeling profound, I like to remind myself, that things are not always a failure, just in need of a correction. Like an addict seeking sobriety and life. Using that analogy, I wonder how far we have to go before we hit that "bottom" addiction talks about in politics?

By the way. How many of you have been keeping your cupcakes a secret?





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activities and the bite improves with each warm-up, giving late ice a rush comparable to start of the hardwater season.

With the shift of the calendar from February to March, it's also hard not to plan for those openwater adventures to come. From early runs of pike and walleyes in the first warm melting flows of the season to panfish rushing the shallows to spawn, a calendar of angling options is setting up and the power stored in the flex of a casting or jigging rod and the

stash of tackle loaded into a spring adventure box for those quick trips after work as the late day sunlight expands, provide the means to connect with a number of soon-to-be-experienced opportunities. Where chilly evenings in late March trying to detect a bite through gloved hands give way to warm sunny mornings with fish in full pre-spawn feeding mode in April and May, the seasonal shift in spring makes for great fishing which often pops up at a moment's notice. Preparing for it now and making

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The annual Hospital Auxiliary Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 22nd. The dinner is scheduled from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Hazen City Hall. Free will donations accepted.

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# Desperate doggy situation prompts strong area response

By Daniel Arens

It can be difficult at any time to maintain a shelter that keeps all kinds and numbers of pets safe and secure.

When 14 additional dogs appear, seemingly out of the blue, and some requiring urgent care and surgeries, the task becomes incredibly more daunting.

M&M Pet Rescue knew they had no option but to rise to that task. And, thanks to the overwhelming support of people around the area and even outside the area, they are managing to make it through the new situation.

Brandi Boyko, president of M&M Pet Rescue, said a "hoarding situation" in the state, discovered Valentine's Day, revealed upwards of 40 stray dogs living in a single place in the state. Several pet rescues have been involved in relocating these animals, with M&M taking six dogs.

Then, just afterward, another situation arose in Mercer County.

"The next night ["Momma"] was spotted in rural

Mercer County," Boyko said.
"A rural mail carrier called us about it."

At first, it was thought there was just a stray dog, but when the issue was investigated further, several puppies were also discovered. In total, there were eight puppies identified, although the shelter was only able to rescue seven of them, with the eighth likely caught by coyotes.

Upon conducting the rescue of the surviving animals, another major complication was revealed. Momma, whose actual name given by the shelter is "Isabella" but who is often referred to as Momma for her pups, had gunshot wounds in three of her four legs (both front legs and one of the back). One of the puppies also had gunshot wounds, although the other six were all right.

Besides the obvious pain and critical condition of the dog, the wounds also meant M&M Pet Rescue would be facing expensive and complicated surgery procedures, either to save the legs or amputate them.

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Photos submitted by Brandi Boyko

Momma" Isabella, the mother of the puppies discovered abandoned in rural Mercer County, is recovering well. Despite her amputated leg and the cast on her other front leg (signed by all the vets involved in her surgery in Dickinson), she is always in high spirits.

Momma ultimately had to have her front right leg amputated, while the front left is in a cast; her back leg wasn't damaged too seriously. The puppy with the wounds is being looked at at the time of this article's writing.

"Currently, we're keeping Momma very stationary in one spot until she heals," Boyko said. "It's hard because she wants to get up and play. So we're trying to keep her entertained."

Boyko said Momma, who is estimated to be only about 2 years old, has been extremely well behaved and good to work with. Even during the surgery, she could not be wholly sedated, but Boyko said her only reaction was to give kisses to everyone working with her.

"She's received so much compassion, it's unreal," Boyko said. "She definitely has some puppy in her. She'll have a lot of good, healthy days ahead of her."

The total of 14 dogs taken in between the "hoarder" situation and those picked up stray in the county all must be quarantined for a limited time, to prevent the spread of any possible diseases or infections, while also being spayed and neutered. Boyko said Momma and her puppies ended their quarantine Tuesday, at which point the search for homes for them can begin, although she added Momma herself will probably need a couple months to recover before the shelter starts seriously pursuing her forever home.

"We had an overwhelming response, both financially and materially," Boyko said. Treats, toys, and presents of all kinds have come in for the dogs, while financial donations, especially generous individuals "sponsoring" the costs associated with a dog, have helped cover a large chunk of the expenses the pet rescue organization would otherwise have to take on itself.

Dawn Kaiser with Buffalo Hill Veterinary Clinic works with the puppies picked up recently by M&M Pet Rescue.





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"It's really reassuring to have that response when you go through something like this, something as horrible as this," she added.

Currently, Boyko said the pet rescue is beginning the process of going through the dozens of applications for pet adoption that have come in related to these dogs. They will narrow down which ones are the best fit, although Boyko said she wants people to come in and actually meet the puppies, since each one has its own unique personality.

There are still questions related to the situation that the pet rescue is trying to answer. One is the kind of dog (or dog mix) that the puppies are: Boyko herself said she thinks its probably a mix of German Shepherd and some kind of Husky like that.

Another question, of course, is who is responsible for dropping the dogs off in the first place. Boyko said M&M Pet Rescue is trying to find answers and bring the people responsible to justice, but also said it is unlikely they'll find any definite leads on the culprit.

In the meantime, the puppies are all full of life, kept together in a pen at Boyko's Stanton residence. The

wounded puppy is kept in the same pen, although it is fenced off from the rest of the area to prevent the other active dogs from causing any further damage while jumping and rolling around. Momma is kept in her own kennel in a separate building on the same residence.

The new home has taken some adjustment. Boyko said at first, the puppies didn't want to step outside again, but as things became more familiar and they watched how Boyko's own dogs handled being outside, they eventually grew brave enough to make the trek themselves.

"Now it's hard to get them back inside," Boyko

As for Momma, she seems to be doing very well, and Boyko said she really just wants to climb into anyone's lap. The one issue for her at her temporary home is the howling of coyotes outside at night; Boyko said wounds on her body when she was found showed she'd probably had run-ins with them while she was a stray. To help with the issue, the radio is turned up high each night in her room.

Whatever trials and adjustments await, however, these dogs have been given

a new lease on life, something that make Boyko ex-

tremely proud and extremely grateful.

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"We just really want to express our gratitude to Buffalo Hill Clinic and all the community," Boyko said. "We couldn't have done it without them, that's for sure."

Community help for addressing the situation is ongoing. On March 14, Cinema Flix in Hazen will hold two dog-themed movies, with donations for M&M Pet Rescue and information about the organization available. The next day, a Pancake for Paws breakfast will be held at the Beulah Civic Center, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the rescue. That event will also include a Chinese auction. Donations for that auction, or for the pet rescue in general, can be brought to the Beulah Beacon.

Boyko encouraged anyone who sees possible stray dogs to get in touch with the pet rescue so they can be found and properly placed. This contact can be made by calling 1-701-880-9093 or by checking them out online at beulahpetrescue.com or their Facebook page.

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"The thing is to get the community more involved so if they see something, they can do something about it," she said.
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M&M Pet Rescue is an organization made up of local volunteers from communities throughout the area, including some outside Mercer County, that are dedicated to making sure displaced pets find a new home. Over 300 dogs and cats have been placed by the shelter in the last eight years.

"We have foster homes all over the place," Boyko said. "Even as far as Dickinson and Bismarck. But we're always trying to find more. There's such a need for it."

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