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THE THRIFT STORE, Garrison Area Resource Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LEGO CLUB, Garrison Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

FIRE PREVENTION BREAKFAST, Garrison Fire Hall, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER, Our Savior Church in Max, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WALK, start at St. Paul Lutheran, 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

THE WASHBURN CITY COMMISSION will hold its regular scheduled meeting on Monday, October 9th, 2023, at the City Hall at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

YOGA, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

BONE BUILDERS, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

FIRST DISTRICT HEALTH FLU SHOTS CLINIC, Max Civic Center, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT- Diamond Painting Coasters, Garrison Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL will have a strategic planning meeting from 4-6 p.m.

YOGA, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

THE THRIFT STORE, Garrison Area Resource Center, 10 - 6 p.m.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME, Garrison Public Library, 11:15 a.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

LORD'S PANTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION is held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Turtle Lake from 2 pm -4 pm. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to received food at no cost.

COMMUNITY CLOTHING SHARE-EXCHANGE at 221 Main St. in Turtle Lake has a clothing opportunity at no cost each Thursday from 12:00 -6:00 p.m.

BONE BUILDERS, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Garrison Hospital cafeteria (enter through ER), 8 p.m.

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Turtle Lake Public Library - Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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THAT'S LIFE

By Tony Bender

Name One thriving community without a newspaper

We sometimes get calls that start out accusatorially. “Why didn’t I get my paper today?” Pro tip: It helps to know who’s calling. The pugnacious German approach is to yell first and shoot later. Last week, our papers got hung up a day in Bismarck (for the third time this year) so the phone started ringing at 10:30 a.m.

Our local post offices are excellent, but the we send out thousands of papers each month and inevitably a few go MIA. Sometimes it’s our mistake. Or the subscription’s expired. Or an address changed. Sometimes, I swear, the subscription is cursed.

Sometimes we’ll drop off a paper after work. It’s funny, I started delivering “The Grit” as a kid, and I’m still delivering papers.

After an employee hangs up after having their competence impugned, I sometimes offer perspective: “Isn’t that great that they want the paper that badly?” Conversely, the grocery store was out of smoked oysters last week, but I didn’t want to fight anyone. I’m descendent from Germans and Russians, my ancestors spent their time invading or being invaded, yet I’m inexplicably a pacifist.

Even with the bumps, I love what I do.

We have 125 years of bound newspaper copies in our office, and regularly welcome visitors researching family history and even old sports records. When they find what they’re looking for, I’m thrilled, disappointed when they don’t. It’s a reminder that we’re recording history.

People research weather records, the minutes of local government to settle a legal question; they track expenditures, actions and proposed tax increases. Knowledge is power.

Newspapers are an economic hub. They make and save YOU money.

Bloomberg News published results of a 2018 study showing that after becoming a “news desert,” taxpayers, having lost their newspaper watchdog, paid 6.4% more for bonds necessary for infrastructure. Ashley alone recently signed on for \$20 million in projects.

Bloomberg explained, “When local newspapers shut their doors, communities lose out. People and their stories can’t find coverage. Politicos take liberties when it’s nobody’s job to hold them accountable. What the public doesn’t know winds up hurting them. The city feels poorer, politically and culturally.”

Family achievements may appear online, but invariably they submit it to us. Somehow, it’s not official until it’s recorded in the newspaper. If it’s not in the paper, it’s just not that important.

Sadly, twelve North Dakota communities no longer have that option. Since April, we’ve lost 12 newspapers. Twelve core communities and neighboring towns have lost the glue that bind them together. Another newspaper may pick up some of the slack, but it’s never the same. There were once 300 newspapers in North Dakota. Today, about 75.

The big game? No photos, no story. The obituaries? The history of a beloved city father? Evaporated. The fundraiser? Anniversaries? Church events? Posters will have to do.

Some attrition is natural. Like the communities that disappeared when railroads no longer needed a station every 10 miles, location is a major factor. When we purchased the Wishek Star and Ashley Tribune 25 years ago,

the fact that the papers were 100 miles away from any major city meant that merchants had a good chance to thrive. For us, there was no major threat from a “shopper.” Shoppers devour advertising, leaving the work and expense of reporting to newspapers. I resent them.

Fifteen years ago, the USPS “reorganized” and it became almost impossible to get a paper delivered to Arizona, California, or the East Coast. Newspapers lost many rightfully frustrated subscribers. Delivery issues continue with an understaffed postal service.

We’ve invested in online editions to better serve our distant readers and an iPhone generation. We gift graduates with online subscriptions to grow our base. It doesn’t have to be in print—newspapers just need to keep doing what they’ve always done, remain the authoritative news hub of the community.

Some newspapers haven’t kept up with the cost of doing business and an evolving environment. Small towns are getting smaller. Online sites decimated classifieds. Now, after COVID and inflation—higher labor, printing and mailing costs—stress has increased.

No publisher wants to be the one who goes down with the ship. Most are mindful of the obligation to maintain a strong business to pass on when the time comes. The community has a crucial role, too, and it’s in their self interest as well.

Subscribe. Advertise. Be informed. It’s an investment in your community, in democracy. Use it or lose it. Name one thriving community without a newspaper.

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THIS WEEK, AND EVERY WEEK, NEWSPAPERS ARE FOR YOU

By Dean Ridings, CEO of America’s Newspapers.

Americans have more media options than ever. We are inundated with stories, memes, videos and promotions 24 hours a day. Most of us are on social media, which is built to provide an endless feed of content to keep us glued to our screens. And unfortunately, misinformation is prevalent and much of that content isn’t fact-checked, verified or professionally produced. The result is that we’re not always shown what we need to know, or the information that is most likely to impact our lives. That’s where local newspapers come in. Your local newspaper takes a different approach.

National Newspaper Week is a good opportunity to recognize the commitment that local newspapers make to the communities they serve. Your local newspaper is just that – local. It hires reporters who are trained to provide reliable information about the issues that matter most. Whether it’s the latest happening from the local school board, changes in real estate zoning, high school football scores or a review of that new restaurant you’ve been wanting to try, newspapers deliver what’s important to you.

Your local newspaper is far more than just print. In the ever-changing media landscape, local newspapers have evolved to true multi-channel content providers. From websites to apps, emails, newsletters, video and podcasts, local newspapers are delivering news in innovative ways. As a reader, you get to choose when and where to get the news you need, and no matter the method, can always be assured what you’re reading is credible and reliable.

Although the format or device readers use to connect with their local newspaper might vary, it’s clear that newspapers are relied on as the source for local news. A recent national study conducted by the independent research firm Coda Ventures shows that 79% of Americans use local newspapers to stay informed

about their communities and depend on them to feel connected and to decide where they stand on local issues and to find places and things to do. Further, six out of 10 American adults use newspaper advertising to help them decide what brands, products and local services to buy. It’s clear that local newspapers are vital to healthy communities.

In spite of the new ways to connect with your local newspaper, it’s true that the newspaper industry is facing significant challenges. Rising costs, national competitors and the impact of Big Tech companies using newspapers’ content without compensation have all impacted your local newspaper. Now, more than ever, we need their commitment to journalism’s core values. As we recognize National Newspaper Week, let’s focus on the vital role that newspapers play, and consider how we can support them. Subscribing or advertising in your local newspaper not only supports the newspaper but is also an investment in your community.

On a national level, the Community News and Small Business Support Act (HR 4756) has recently been introduced in Congress. This bill would provide local newspapers with financial support for their newsroom employees, and would go a long way to providing your newspaper with support for the reporters and photographers that are sorely needed. Encourage your members of Congress to support this bill!

Whether you access the content from your local newspaper in print or online, remember that it is produced for you. And behind the articles, columns, and images your newspaper produces is a team of local residents who are committed to making your community stronger! Join me in thanking your local newspaper – during National Newspaper Week – for the good work it does to keep your community informed.

Washburn Editor Leader-News

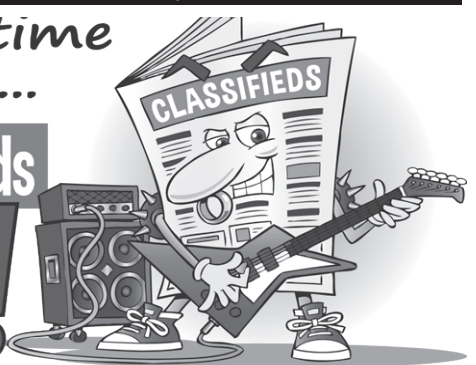
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AMERICANS DEPEND ON NEWSPAPERS TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITIES

By Benjy Hamm, Director, Institute for Rural Journalism, University of Kentucky

Nearly 220 million American adults turn to their local newspapers regularly for news and information they need to stay informed, feel more connected to their neighbors and improve their lives and communities.

That readership number is based on a recent national study by independent research firm Coda Ventures for the America's Newspapers organization.

Most likely, the number of readers is higher. Many people who say they receive news on their phone or from social media instead of newspapers fail to understand that the sources for those stories are often journalists at U.S. newspapers.

We sometimes take the work of journalists for granted, but those who work at newspapers are filling an important role in the health of our communities and country.

Everyone, even nonreaders, benefits from the work of journalists. News coverage has led to improvements in food safety, decreases in traffic and plane fatalities, better care for veterans and nursing home patients, support for victims of

natural disasters, and exposure of all sorts of wrongdoing.

I have long loved this quotation by Frank Batten Sr., a media visionary and former chairman of Landmark Communications, who said about journalists and newspapers: "Our calling was never more important. We have the capacity to inform, to enlighten, to awaken and to inspire. We have the opportunity to enrich the lives of thousands of people every day."

Across the United States, journalists and other newspaper employees are serving their communities and democracy every day by informing, enlightening, awakening and inspiring millions of readers.

The news they provide is accessed in many forms. Many people still use the word newspaper as the all-encompassing term for those various forms, but now news is delivered news through websites, social media, electronic editions, email alerts and newsletters, in addition to the traditional printed paper.

Those delivery methods have changed significantly in recent

years. But one thing remains constant: Americans depend on the trusted news coverage provided by newspapers.

The study by Coda Ventures, based on surveys of 5,000 people, revealed that respondents ranked local newspapers and their websites as the most accurate sources of original news reporting. The results also listed the top five reasons Americans seek out local news – to stay informed, feel connected in the community, decide where they stand on local issues, find places and things to do, and talk to other people about community news.

Survey respondents consistently said they prefer newspapers in print and digital formats over TV, radio and social media as their main source for news and information important to them.

They like the fact that newspapers use different ways to deliver their news stories to various audiences. The survey showed that people who are 39 and younger listed social media as the No. 1 way they prefer to access news, though they also like news websites and email alerts. People in the 40 to 74 age

group ranked news websites as their top choice, followed by email alerts and the printed newspaper. Those 75 and older prefer the print edition but also like news websites and email alerts.

Based on the frequent reports of struggles within the news business, many people might be surprised to learn that newspapers and their digital offerings reach so many readers. Those struggles, primarily financial, are real and affect many media companies, not just newspapers. But the new ways of delivering news allow newspapers to reach even larger audiences.

Frank Batten might not have anticipated the widespread use of the internet and social media when he first made his comments in the 1980s, but his words remain true today.

Newspapers and their dedicated employees continue to inform, enlighten, awaken and inspire – enriching their communities and the lives of millions of people who benefit from their work every day.

SOCIAL MEDIA MAY BE FUN, BUT FOR THE FACTS, WE NEED NEWSPAPERS

By Al Cross

I love social media.

They keep me in touch with dozens of friends, whom I might otherwise have contact with just every few years, or every few decades.

They let me share articles that I think bring greater understanding of a subject, usually with a comment of my own, and enjoy similar sharing by others.

They let me share my own writing, reaching a wider audience than I did when I worked for newspapers, and be part of national, even international, conversations.

• I hate social media.

They have become the default sources of information for most Americans, and major sources of misinformation – even disinformation – that polarizes the country and drives us into media echo chambers.

They have added to the confusion between fact and opinion, and to our natural desire for information that confirms what we believe, rather than information that may challenge those beliefs.

They have led Americans

to spend more time online in virtual communities instead of the geographic communities where we live, pay taxes and elect local leaders.

• My love-hate relationship with social media stems mainly from the fact that I am a journalist who believes that freedom of information is essential to our democratic republic, and who has done most of my journalism for newspapers – which are the main fact-finders in our society.

Newspapers are finding it more difficult to perform that essential function, mainly because much of their audience and more of their advertisers now prefer social media.

Newspapers have as many readers as they ever did, but the audience is mainly online, and reached through social-media posts that bring them no income. There's a bill in Congress to address that, called the Journalism Preservation Act, but what news media also need is more citizens who appreciate and support their work.

Newspapers are not only

the main fact-finders for citizens; they are institutions that speak truth to power and hold it accountable. That's why our founders put the First Amendment into the Constitution, to guarantee freedom of speech, press, petition, assembly and religion.

Freedom of the press demands certain responsibilities of those who exercise it. Too many citizens don't realize that journalists have a set of generally agreed-upon ethics, and that journalism is a collective enterprise, with editors and other colleagues who help each other deliver a fair report.

My favorite description of how journalism is supposed to be practiced is in *The Elements of Journalism*, a book by Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel. They list 10 elements; here are the first five, which are the most fundamental:

Journalism's first obligation is to the truth.

Its first loyalty is to citizens.

Its essence is a discipline of verification.

Its practitioners must

maintain an independence from those they cover.

It must serve as an independent monitor of power.

The element I quote most often these days is No. 3, about the discipline of verification. It means that we tell readers how we know something, or we attribute it to someone.

Social media have no discipline and no verification.

And they're mainly about opinion, not facts.

Journalism, especially in newspapers, is mainly about facts, not opinion.

Opinions are the heartbeat of a democracy, but they should be based on facts. And for the facts, we need newspapers.

Al Cross is professor of journalism and director of the Institute for Rural Journalism at the University of Kentucky. He was a weekly newspaper editor and manager, political writer for the *Louisville Courier Journal* and president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

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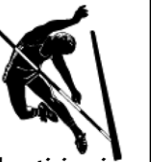


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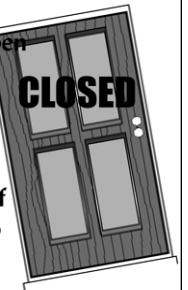
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THE PELUSO REPORT

By Mike Peluso

Shifting and Grinding

It's been quite a challenging week for walleyes up here on Lake Sakakawea. If you are a duck, it would have been awesome. There has been lots of wind and rain, but amazingly enough the walleyes still bit, but it took some work.

A blue collar grind is just one of the terms I could use to explain the bite on Sakakawea right now. I will say this though, after the days of fishing like I had over the last week, it's extremely rewarding.

When you have to work hard and earn every bite you get, when you catch one it's all worth

it. Not to mention the quality of fish we caught this week was way above average. Before all the fronts, the walleyes were actually shallow. 15 to 25 feet of water was solid for us. As soon as the weather moved in the fish moved deeper again. The last few days the bulk of them were in 40 to 60 feet of water.

Old school plain hooks with minnows seemed to be the best, but we did catch fish on crawlers still. The lake just hasn't made the turn to fall yet, but it's getting closer.

It is hard to believe my guide days on Devils Lake and Lake

Sakakawea are pretty much done. I will however be guiding from now until freeze-up on the Missouri River. If you want to get out this autumn, get ahold of me and we will pencil you in a trip on the river near Bismarck.

Mike Peluso is a Dakota Edge Outdoors contributing writer and a licensed ND fishing guide specializing in walleyes on the state's premier waters.

Featured Photo: Hard Earned Gold. As the weather shifted last week, so did the walleyes on Lake Sakakawea. DEO Photo by Mike Peluso.

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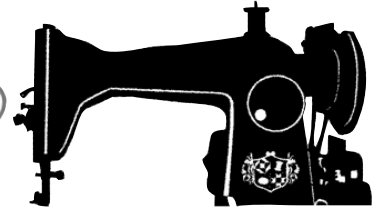
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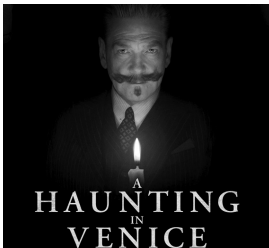
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OUR OUTDOORS

By Nick Simonson

Tips for a Great Mentored Upland Plant

While the upcoming North Dakota youth pheasant weekend on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 provides an ideal opportunity to get new hunters into the field, experienced sportsmen and women can make any approaching hunt a chance to share their knowledge and get someone new into the uplands. What follows are some tips to help in that process and make things a bit easier with some good preparation and reminders for in-the-field opportunities to cement a positive experience.

Plan Ahead. If you haven't already, make connections with landowners to help facilitate the use of pheasant-holding habitat on private acres. If hunting public land, identify public parcels and those public-access acres that will serve as both primary places for the mentored hunt and as backups in case another party is already there when you arrive. Remember to explain field etiquette to the mentored hunter, noting that if someone is already hunting any part of a public space, it's best to move on and leave that area to the first group and not interfere with their hunt.

Prepare the Hunter. Talk with the hunter in the days leading up to the hunt and keep an eye on the weather conditions, letting him or her know where you will meet, travel plans and hunting ideas for the upcoming outing. Explain the concept of dressing in layers and adjusting to a warming day and the requirement of good footwear and a solid hunting vest to hold shells, gear and hopefully birds. Make sure that visibility in the field is stressed and having both a vest or jacket in blaze orange along with a cap makes you more easily seen by others on the landscape and in your immediate party.

Take Photos. As a hunter, it's often hard to catch a moment in the field beyond memory. As a mentor without a firearm in tow, the process is a little less challenging, but the instant of an exciting flush or a dog on point can still override everything else. Don't forget to bring a camera or utilize a quality cell phone lens to capture those exciting occurrences in the field and have that shutter ready to snap and capture those "firsts" for a young hunter.

Celebrate the Harvest. Recap the day over the tailgate with a young hunter, explaining how to clean a bird and pointing out the various points of its biology and anatomy. From the hollow

bones that give the creature its lift with each wingbeat, to the crop that stores its daily meals, to the gizzard that grinds its food with the bits of rock and grit it collects from a gravel road, the biology of a rooster pheasant tells a lot about where it lives and, more importantly for the young hunter, where to find more of them on his or her next hunt! Talk about preserving and storing the meat in a clean manner from the field to the fridge and give some cooking advice on how to get the most out of it at the dinner table.

Don't Push Things. In harsh conditions such as rain, early season snow or extreme cold, it's best to keep hunts short or reschedule them. The same goes for hotter days as well. Some young hunters may not be in as good of shape as you are, or simply not as tall, so be aware of their physical condition and the fact they likely can't take on some of the longer or more challenging walks, and adjust the trip accordingly. Bring lots of water and snacks and take ample breaks, whether it's between walks or just a moment or two to pause and take the experience in, answering any questions that might arise.

Focus on Safety and Identification. From age 11 to

101, all hunters should have a safe experience at the forefront of their mind each time they set out into the field. Explain the importance of being aware of the shot, what lies in front of and around it, and where members of your hunting party are and where other people, structures and equipment might be on the landscape. Also stress that a shot not taken due to confusion, inability to identify a bird, something feeling "not quite right" or simply because the safety was left on are some of the best shots in the outdoors. There will be plenty of other opportunities and many other hunters to make up for it. Stress safety; think twice—shoot once!

With these tips in mind any upland hunter worth his or her salt can become a mentor, be it during a special season like the upcoming ND youth pheasant weekend or any Sunday afternoon hunt throughout the autumn. Keep things safe, fun, and focused on the new hunter, and you're bound to create a sportsman or woman who can help carry on the tradition well into the future.

Simonson is the lead writer and editor for Dakota Edge Outdoors and has been mentoring young uplanders since the first ND youth pheasant weekend was held almost 20 years ago.

MCLEAN COUNTY RESTAURANTS FACE STAFFING TROUBLES

By Ethyn Williams-Calvert

In recent weeks, McLean County has witnessed an unforeseen challenge in its business sector, particularly impacting restaurants and bars: a significant shortage of workers.

As one drives through some towns in McLean County, the scenes are eerily reminiscent of the early pandemic days - restaurants operating under reduced hours and trimmed-down menus.

Only this time, it's not the virus causing these cutbacks but a scarcity of hands to keep these establishments running at full throttle.

At The Harbor Bar in Coleharbor, the vibe seems a tad quieter than usual.

The management reported having to operate only four days a week, down from their standard six-day routine.

"We've tried everything to hire more staff, but consistently, we're short by one or two hands," the owner shared.

"If we could find just one bartender/server to commit to a few shifts weekly, we'd be back in full swing."

Meanwhile, over in Washburn, Captain's Cabin paints a similar picture.

Although they've managed to bounce back to a seven-day week after a brief cutback, hiring remains a challenge.

"From referral bonuses to sign-on perks, from Indeed to Facebook, we've explored every avenue to bring on more staff," the owner laments.

To fully expand their menu and offer extended hours, they still need 2-4 additional employees.

The story takes a slight twist at The Totten Trail.

They've faced a staffing shortage, but quick action has them almost back to their usual business hours.

The restaurant, now open from Tuesday to Sunday, remains closed only on Mondays.

When asked about their hiring strategies, the owner proudly mentioned their resilient team.

"We really have such a fantastic crew. They've stepped up when needed, so our hiring process hasn't dramatically shifted."

However, to be at the pinnacle of their service, they're on the lookout for another full-time cook and two servers.

This worker shortage paints a broader picture of the challenges businesses are facing post-pandemic. Whether it's a global repercussion of the pandemic altering the dynamics of the job market or local issues specific to McLean County, it's evident that the hospitality sector here is feeling the pinch.

In times like these, adaptability becomes crucial. Restaurants are being forced to innovate, not just in their hiring processes, but also in service delivery, menu offerings, and operation hours.

It also brings forth a question for the residents of McLean County: how can the community support these local businesses during this trying period?

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DAKOTA RECREATION REPORT

By Patricia Stockdill

Outdoor Notes:

*Blue-green algae is still present in some area wetlands and lakes so watch water conditions before allowing hunting dogs into the water. It's deadly and death can occur in minutes.

*Be sure of proper bird identification with partridge, grouse, and young pheasants.

*Please park out of the way of other vehicles and farm equipment on prairie roads and trails.

*Oct. 6: Pronghorn season opens.

*Oct. 7: Pheasant season opens.

*Oct. 8: End of the blue-winged teal bonus, daily duck bag limits.

*Oct. 12: Sakakawea Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation chapter banquet, Tumbleweed Bar, Lincoln, 5 p.m.

*Oct. 14: Turkey season opens.

*Oct. 14: Audubon Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge Fall Fest, refuge Visitor Center.

*Oct. 14: Sakakawea Pheasants Forever Fall Flush dinner and fundraiser, Garrison City Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

Fishing:

*Lake Sakakawea elevation: 1,840.44 MSL; 16,800 cubic feet per second average (CFS) Garrison Dam daily releases.

Missouri River gauge height, Stanton: River stage, 7.29 feet.

Missouri River gauge height, Washburn: River stage, 8.98 feet.

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Little activity throughout the Missouri River System and area lakes.

*Lakes Audubon & Sakakawea, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Some walleye activity on the east end of Lake Sakakawea near the intake structure along the east U.S. Highway 83 embankment with the annual fall Lake Audubon drawdown.

*Lakes Audubon & Sakakawea, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Anglers are working the U.S. Highway 83 embankment by the intake culvert on the east end of Lake Sakakawea for walleye with better success in the morning. Look for activity as long as Lake Audubon in its annual fall elevation drawdown. No Lake Audubon reports.

*Lake Sakakawea, New Town:

Arm remains slow for walleye with a little better success in the river portion by New Town on Lake Sakakawea.

*Missouri River, Dakota Tackle, Bismarck: No new reports.

*Missouri River, Enerbase of Washburn: Little activity on area lakes and the Missouri River.

*Missouri River System, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace remains slow from both boat and shore. Look for improving salmon success, though., as more fish move through the dam and some small walleye in the spillway channel yet/.

Try 30 to 50 feet off the points on the east end of Lake Sakakawea with most activity around the north side. Try minnows or nightcrawlers with some crankbait activity. Fair salmon activity from boats and shore with off-and-on success. Look for improving success as temperatures drop.

*McLean Co. area lakes, Cenex of Wilton: Look for some walleye activity around the east end of Lake Sakakawea.

Hunting:

*Cranes: Decent sandhill numbers moving into the northern tier of the state but birds are already pretty decoy-savvy. Be careful of identification with endangered whooping cranes also migrating this time of year.

*Upland: Look for fair pheasant success but there are still numbers of young uncolored birds yet.

*Waterfowl: Fair local waterfowl success along the east end of Lake Sakakawea, east-central, and northeast North Dakota. Not much for northern migration underway yet with mostly local birds. Generally fair to good success.

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Minerals: Sellers to reserve all oil, coal, gas and all other minerals the sellers may now own of record.

Terms: Cash, with 10% down as earnest money upon completion of bids and balance payable within 45 days.

Bids: Written bids, accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for \$5,000 payable to Haugen Farm Realty, Inc., will be accepted until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. The top 5 bidders will have the right to orally raise their bids at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 13th, 2023. Sellers will furnish updated abstracts. Sellers will pay the 2023 Real Estate Taxes and all prior years. Sellers and buyer will split the fee for the actual closing. The sellers reserve the right to accept, reject or modify any and all bids and to modify the oral bidding requirements.

Information: Bids may be submitted to and further information, along with bid forms, may be obtained from:

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- Perform water/wastewater environmental permitting and compliance activities under the ND Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program
- Ensure compliance with facility permits, rules and regulations.
- Developing compliance strategies for new environmental regulations
- Communicate environmental objectives to other plant departments.
- Manage the TRI, SPCC, TSCA, SARA Tier II programs.
- Participate on project teams.
- Manage water/wastewater construction projects.
- Provide environmental training to plant personnel.

The position may require a Bachelor of Science degree preferably in Civil, Geological, Environmental or Mechanical Engineering however other degrees in related fields of science will also be considered. Although utility water/wastewater experience is preferred, any utility experience in environmental programs will be considered.

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MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING INTERN

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- Coordinate the preparation of construction drawings and specifications for plant process equipment.
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 - o Collect necessary data for plant testing requirements.
 - o Analyze test results.
 - o Make recommendations for modification, replacement or repair of equipment.
- Provide engineering support to other departments as required.

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