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GARRISON NASP ARCHERY COMPETITION, Garrison High School, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., There will also be a free-will bake sale during the competition. Garrison Quilt meeting, SACA Lodge, 9 a.m.

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

THE THRIFT STORE, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BUFFALO FEED, Garrison Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

THE WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY invites you to join us Monday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. for our weekly children's story time *Puppy Tales* with Ichabod.

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

THE THRIFT STORE, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 3-6 p.m.

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

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

DICKENS VILLAGE FESTIVAL MEETING, Cubby Hole, 5 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, First Congregational Church-UCC, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

TURTLE LAKE SENIOR CENTER 1:30 p.m. at Turtle Lake City hall.

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FROZEN FINGERS OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMP

By Tyson Matthews

In the 45 minutes or so Derald Schlecht spoke, he pumped out enough stories to fill multiple lifetimes, but one common theme ran through them all, his love of music.

He spoke passionately about the work he has done with the Frozen Fingers Association up in Burlington.

Frozen Fingers has been promoting traditional country and bluegrass music for over 35 years in North Dakota.

Many years ago, Frozen Finger began hosting a Country Music Jubilee every year.

"This is our 35th year, we spun it off of the HostFest. We started

it in February and had to move it to April because of basketball," Schlecht said. "Basketball has kind of taken over Minot all the way through tournament time. So, we decided we'd move ours (Country Music Jubilee) from Valentine's weekend to April."

Schlecht was excited to announce that Gordy Lindquist, Max Music teacher Daniel Stark, and The Replacement will all be playing at the Jubilee this year, along with many more.

But one thing he loves to talk about even more is the scholarship program set up by Frozen Fingers. Music students can apply to attend the International

Music Camp near Dunseith through the program by picking up an application at their school.

The scholarship was started 12 years ago, and Schlecht's granddaughter was the first recipient. Her instrument of choice was the viola.

"She went for two years," Schlecht said. "And during her second year she said, 'Grandpa, I gave them an extra \$40 because I wanted extra lessons.'"

Last year, 15 lucky students were awarded \$315 each to put towards the \$640 tuition.

"Some schools have scholarship money that they will give the kids too," Schlecht said. "We

expect the kids to earn at least \$100 to \$150 themselves. It makes them want to participate."

In return for the scholarship, Frozen Fingers asks that the students play during the next Country Music Jubilee during stage changes between bands.

The Frozen Fingers Association

"We want to send as many kids as we can," Schlecht said. "We cut it off as 15 last year but then Minot High came to us and said they have 17 students! We can't take all 17 but asked them to go back to the students and find out which five that you would really

like to send, that have the ability. So, they gave us those five."

Then, Vals' Cyclery of Minot stepped up and offered full scholarships for two more students.

They are waiting on applications from schools across North Dakota to offer the rest of their scholarship.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 10. Each school's business office should have applications, but if they don't, you can contact Frozen Fingers President Lois Zahn at 701-852-2051.

And for more information on Frozen Fingers check out www.frozenfingers.org.

THE FILM PURSUIT

By Hunter Kamrath

Spy vs. Spy

Argylle is a spy action-comedy film starring Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard, Sam Rockwell, Bryan Cranston, and Samuel L. Jackson. The film is directed by Matthew Vaughn.

The Spy Novelist known as Elly Conway is at the top of the world. She is just starting to write her fifth novel in a series that follows a spy named Argylle. After she finishes a rough draft of the fifth story, she sends it to her mother. But when she realizes her mom isn't too thrilled by the ending, she decides to take a train and visit her. This is when everything goes awry, and she meets a secret agent known as Aidan Wilde. She quickly finds herself in the world of spies and espionage because her novels mirror real world events.

I was getting extremely excited while sitting in the theatre during the beginning of this film. The way the first hour and a half plays out, it felt like a cross between two of my all-time favorite franchises, "James Bond" and "Mission: Impossible". The setting and the villains of the story reminded me of the fun, over-the-top nature of the antagonists from the James Bond films starring Sean Connery and Roger Moore. The film thrives on plot twists, and

I couldn't help but be reminded of "Mission: Impossible".

The cast is full of all-stars, and they all do a nice job here. Probably best known for her roles in "Spider-Man 3" and "Jurassic World", Bryce Dallas Howard does a great job in a leading role, and there is a lot of depth to her performance.

The ending is nothing short of a disappointment. I mentioned earlier that there are lot of plot twists. This was the best and worst part of the film. The first few plot twists are well done and executed, but by the film's end, it felt like the story over relied on them. There were so many to the point where the story became almost impossible to follow. -The ending also struggles by trying to be realistic at times but will quickly throw realism out the window not long after.

I think all these issues could've been helped by a shorter runtime. The film goes on for about a half hour too long. By making the film shorter, this would've helped make the ending better paced and not allow so many plot twists that ended up making the film feel convoluted and confusing.

Overall, I find myself very

conflicted by this film. On the one hand, the film is entertaining and very funny, embracing some of my very favorite spy franchises. Unfortunately, the convoluted ending and overly long runtime really hurt the film and left me feeling disappointed by the end credits.

Overall Score: 5/10

Bonus Review: The Boys in the Boat

The Boys in the Boat stars Joel Edgerton, Callum Turner, Peter Guinness, and Sam Strike and is directed by George Clooney. The film is based on a true story and follows the Washington Huskies' road to the 1936 Olympics.

I find this movie to be very serviceable. It plays out like you would expect with a story about an underdog having to overcome improbable odds. The film doesn't offer a lot in terms of character development and such, but it serves its purpose well. For those who love feel-good sports movies as well as inspirational true stories will enjoy this film. It has good music and is extremely well filmed.

Overall Score: 7/10

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OUR OUTDOORS

By Nick Simonson
Get Ready Already

Perhaps the two sweetest words this time of year in the upper Midwest are “January thaw.”

With temperatures ticking into the upper 40s and walks around the block to rooster pheasants crowing and small covey of partridge taking flight on the north end, I noted how suddenly it felt like everything was in fast forward. It seemed especially so coming out of the deep freeze the weekend prior where wind chills were on a similar end of the spectrum, just with a minus in front of them. With water running down the curbs like it was mid-March, and the streetside berms of the winter’s limited snow disappearing before my eyes, it was tough to deny the feeling of spring in the air.

While I know it won’t be all easy going, sunshine, and melt, the

near term forecast for the region is classic El Nino, and temperatures are way above normal. That means spring fishing opportunities may come on a whole lot faster than normal, and certainly trips to my favorite cabin-fever-breaking power plant lake to the north will be in order much sooner than the late-February and March trips that make up the normal part of my first vernal angling efforts. It also means that I’ve got a lot of work to do before those outings and the ones that follow them.

Looking over my gear in the late afternoon light as the western sun warmed the door frame of my garage, I pulled a couple rods off the rack and began respooling the reel of one that I had left after the late trout outings last fall. It’s always best to start the

season fresh with new line to avoid the kinks and curls that come with monofilament that’s been stored tightly on a reel for several months. Looking over my jigging rod, the white wraps of superline also suggested that it needed replacement, as the wear and tear of launching lures into snaggy situations and the water absorption from countless trips last summer for walleyes, bass and more suggested a respooling was in order as well, and I added a roll of Fireline to my shopping list for the week to come.

A half-filled flybox sticking out of my vest on the hanger also suggested that more time at the vise is required, not just for those classic crappie streamers made of bucktail and marabou, but also a slew of woolly buggers in various

shades for the stocked trout that will follow my panfish pursuits after ice out. It’s hard to say when the pike run will begin, and how much runoff there will be when it does, but it’ll likely be required to crank out those beefy offerings of bucktail, strung hackle and flashabou to catch their attention whenever they decide to stage and then squeeze their way into the shallows of the rushing creeks of spring.

While tempted to peel the tarp back on my puddle jumper, I figured I’d let the warmth do a little more work this week and melt the block of ice that had pulled it tight in the middle of the boat. However, I didn’t hesitate to move the battery into charging position in hopes that by mid-week things will be ready and the launch

up north would be all clear for an outing. With a quick clean in the temperate forecasted evenings for the approaching week, there wouldn’t be much else required besides the half hour drive to the warm water destination.

Even if this winter warm up is an illusion and is only a reprieve in a long season, the preparation that comes from it will certainly make things easier when real spring conditions descend on the region. With rods and reels relined, tackle and fly boxes restocked, and boats prepared for the water, whenever we get the final go-ahead for spring’s start, be it late or early, I’ll be ready for it...in our outdoors.

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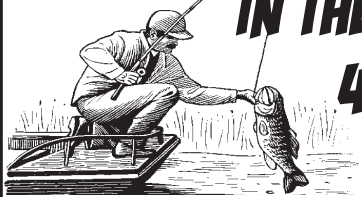
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The new team member must **live within 60 minutes travel time** of Washburn. The successful candidate will operate heavy equipment (primarily motor graders) in road construction, snow removal, bridge projects, maintenance and other repair projects. To view the complete job description or to apply, visit our website, www.mcleancountynd.gov/employment.

If filled at the **EO III level** the starting salary is **\$57,769.46 or \$27.77 per hour**; if filled at the EO II level the starting salary is \$ 50,981.82 or \$24.51 per hour. There is no cost to the employee for participation in ND Public Employees Retirement System pension retirement program or the low deductible, health insurance.

Preference will be given to applicants with prior experience in operation and routine maintenance of construction equipment. High school diploma and class A North Dakota Driver's License with tanker and air brake endorsement is **REQUIRED** on the first day of work. For further information, contact Lori Foss by phone at (701) 462-8541; via email at lfoss@nd.gov; or visit www.mcleancountynd.gov/employment. Résumés may be included with the application but will not be accepted in place of an official application.

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DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Who's in North Dakota

BY LUCID THOMAS

February 23, 2024 — Doug Carlston was a lawyer, but in his spare time he created computer games. In 1980, he made Galactic Empire and Galactic Trading, and wanted to market his creations. He teamed up with his brother Gary, and the two created a software company called Broderbund Games.

Within the first three years, they were making millions. In 1981, their sister Cathy joined the team, serving as vice president of educational market planning. Her involvement was instrumental in

marketing the games to schools. In the following years, Broderbund developed a variety of educational products.

One of their best known was Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego? The premise of the game was that you had to find and arrest various villains around the world, until ultimately you find Carmen Sandiego. It was designed to spur interest in geography. The game was released in 1985 and did very well, selling over four million products by 1997. It won awards for Outstanding Art Direction and Live

and Tape Sound Mixing, and was nominated for many other honors.

On this date in 1989, Carmen Sandiego visited North Dakota as a new version was released called Where in North Dakota is Carmen Sandiego? It was produced in cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction as part of the state's centennial celebration.

More than five thousand copies were made for schools. It's the only version of the game based on one state. The Minot School District's director of technology,

Craig Nansen, gets much of the credit. Nansen had noticed his students' love of the Carmen Sandiego games, and he decided to create a version unique to North Dakota.

After talking to North Dakota's Department of Public Instruction, he secured \$100,000 for the project and worked directly with Broderbund to make the game. Unfortunately, due to technology updates, the game designed for the Apple II became outdated and many copies were thrown away. But, if you're good at searching

the Internet, and you have Apple II simulation software, it is possible to find a playable version online.

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Bachelor Club

BY LEEWANA THOMAS

February 22, 2024 — On this date in 1902, ten young, turned-down, heart-pierced UND men founded the Varsity Bachelor Club.

The club was led by William Lemke, who would go on to serve in the U.S. Congress and champion the Frazier-Lemke Act, which many believe would have helped North Dakota farmers. He would

also be a prominent member of North Dakota's experimentally socialist Non-Partisan League. But most important to this story, he would later become UND's first Varsity Bachelor.

When the group first began, its proclaimed objective was to retain each member's "status of bachelorhood." But the members

must have had a change of heart, because shortly thereafter their goal morphed into "promoting the matrimonial interests of the club."

But whether or not they were chasing after spouses, they were the first fraternal organization to be endorsed by the University administration, and club members were soon student leaders in both

academics and extracurricular activities. In 1905, the VBC established the first annual prize to be awarded at the University of North Dakota: a scholarship for the student with the greatest all-around improvement.

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Old Man Looks for his Wife

BY MERRY HELM

February 19, 2024 — On this date in 1916, the Bismarck Tribune reported a Mr. William Hollis had been arrested in Minneapolis for vagrancy. He was on his way to Port Huron, Michigan, and had just walked 250 miles from Fargo through snowstorms and sub-zero

weather.

Hollis was a railroad engineer until 1901. "When my wife left me, I threw up everything to look for her," he said. He searched Chicago until his savings ran out and then headed farther west. Railroad buddies had given him free train

rides for a while, but after 15 years, that was long over.

Now old, weak and hopelessly discouraged, Hollis was on his way home to die. Instead, the judge sentenced him to 35 days in jail. "I will ask the superintendent to give you the best of care," the judge

said. "It will be spring when you get out, and maybe you can walk to Port Huron then."

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First District Health Unit Offers Program to Reduce Falls in Older Adults

Washburn, ND – One in four older adults has a fall each year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Wisconsin leads the nation in fall-related deaths for people aged 60 and older. But the good news, according to First District Public Health Unit, is that falls are not a normal part of aging and can be prevented. The Stepping On program, offered in Washburn by First District Health Unit, has been researched and proven to reduce falls by 31% and will take place on Tuesdays March 19th, 2024 through April 30th, 2024 at McLean County Courthouse from 1:00-3:00 pm.

In just 7 weekly, 2-hour sessions, Stepping On gives participants strategies for avoiding

falls including balance and strength exercises, home safety modifications, medication review and more. Guest experts including a physical therapist, pharmacist and others visit over the course of the seven sessions providing falls prevention information and strategies for avoiding a fall. The workshop is designed specifically for people who are aged 60 or older and have fallen or have a fear of falling. Participants can expect to finish the program with more strength, better balance and a feeling of confidence and independence.

To register for Stepping On, contact Pamela Fischer at 701-462-3330. Participants must pre-register in order to attend the classes!

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