



Tri County Canary

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Mrs. Smith's Kindergarten class in Grygla.

Garden Valley delivers trick-or-treat bags to area students

More photos continuing from last week's Canary.
In celebration of National Co-op Month in October, Garden Valley's Marketing & PR Supervisor Julie Dahle, along with Administrative Assistants Lisa Stuhaut & Sue Lorentz delivered trick or treat bags the last week of October to kindergarten and first grade students in 35 classrooms at nine schools located within Garden Valley's service area. Pictured are several photos taken at the area schools. Look for more Garden Valley trick-or-treat photos on page 6 of this week's issue. Also look for more photos in next week's Canary.



Mrs. Sargent with her Kindergarten class in Goodridge.



Mrs. Vettleson with her 1st grade class in Plummer.

Winter Weather Terms (From the National Weather Service)

NOAA's National Weather Service urges residents to keep abreast of local forecasts and warnings and familiarize themselves with key weather terminology.

Winter Storm Warning: Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

Winter Storm Watch: Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm.

Hazardous Weather Outlook: Provides up to seven day notice of any hazardous weather, including winter storms. It is issued daily, with more frequent updates whenever the outlook changes.

Blizzard Warning: Issued for sustained or gusty winds of 35 mph or more, and falling or blowing snow creating visibilities at or below ¼ mile; these conditions should persist for at least three hours.

Lake Effect Snow Warning: Issued when heavy lake effect snow is imminent or occurring.

Lake Effect Snow Advisory: Issued when accumulation of lake effect snow will cause significant inconvenience.

Wind Chill Warning: Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be hazardous to life within several minutes of exposure.

Wind Chill Advisory: Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be a significant inconvenience to life with prolonged exposure, and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to hazardous exposure.

Winter Weather Advisories: Issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations.

Dense Fog Advisory: Issued when fog will reduce visibility to ¼ mile or less over a widespread area.

Snow Flurries: Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation or light dusting is all that is expected.

Snow Showers: Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.

Snow Squalls: Brief, intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant. Snow squalls are best known in the Great Lakes region.

Blowing Snow: Wind-driven snow that reduces visibility and causes significant drifting. Blowing snow may be snow that is falling and/or loose snow on the ground picked up by the wind.

Sleet: Rain drops that freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects. However, it can accumulate like snow and cause a hazard to motorists.

Freezing Rain: Rain that falls onto a surface with a temperature below freezing. This causes it to freeze to surfaces, such as trees, cars, and roads, forming a coating or glaze of ice. Even small accumulations of ice can cause a significant hazard.

What is Wind Chill Temperature?

It is the temperature it "feels like" outside and is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the effects of wind and cold. The NWS will inform you when Wind Chill conditions reach critical thresholds. A Wind Chill Warning is issued when wind chill temperatures are life threatening. A Wind Chill Advisory is issued when wind chill temperatures are potentially hazardous.



Chase Svalen was recently awarded the Momentum Scholarship from Full Sail University, Winter Park, Florida. The Momentum Scholarship is dedicated to those students who are pursuing a career in the entertainment and media industry. Chase is currently entering his 3rd year as Entertainment and Media Business Major with an emphasis in Music. Chase is a 2015 graduate of Win-E-Mac High School

Handel's Messiah Announced

Handel's Messiah is a well-known and beloved holiday classic. A local performance of this masterpiece is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 at the United Methodist Church in Thief River Falls, and all area singers are cordially invited to take part. Vanessa Martell, Barb Geer and Jane Anderson are coordinating this effort, with Reid Froiland accompanying on piano and organ.

The performance will include a rehearsed choir, soloists, and anyone in the audience who would like to sing along with the choruses—especially the beloved "Hallelujah Chorus."

Rehearsals will take place on the following dates from 7–9

p.m. each evening: Tuesday, December 6; Thursday, December 8; Tuesday, December 13; and Thursday, December 15. There will also be a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 18 before the concert. All activities will take place at the United Methodist Church located at 116 North Horace in Thief River Falls.

It is not necessary for those wishing to sing to be at every rehearsal, especially if you have sung this piece previously. Choruses selected to be performed are: "Glory to God," "Unto Us a Child is Born," "Good Tidings to Zion," "And the Glory of the Lord," and "The Hallelujah Chorus."

In addition to the above

rehearsal times, there are videos on Youtube singers can look up to assist with individual part practice, and singers are encouraged to take advantage of those—especially if you are new to this great work.

The goal of this concert is to make beautiful music, celebrate the holidays, and give back to our communities. A freewill offering will be taken, with proceeds directed to support children's summer theater programs and Trails to Treatment.

Score are available to borrow and can be picked up at the first rehearsal. Questions? Call Jane Anderson at 681-3810 or email mjander@mncable.net

The Beltrami County Historical Society announces "The Search for Beltrami's Heart" presentation by John Eggers

Join the Beltrami County Historical Society on Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Beltrami County History Center, 130 Minnesota Ave SW, Bemidji, for a book signing and presentation by John Eggers on his new children's book *The Search for Beltrami's Heart: Minnesota's Forgotten Hero*. John will discuss the book, how

he put it together, and provide answers to burning questions about the life and history of Giacomo Beltrami. Do you know why he carried a red umbrella? Join us to find the answer! Plus, John and artist Chris Pasch will have original artwork from the book available in a silent auction! Program is free with paid admission to the museum

(\$5/adults, \$4/students, \$4/seniors, \$1/kids 6-12). Free for BCHS Members & Free for kids 5 & under.



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-Frank & Annie Bergh

Fosston Country Music Jam

There will be a Country Music Jam at The Embassy Community Center (603 3rd st. ne) in Fosston on Sunday, Dec. 4th from 1:00-5:00. Any questions, call Russ at 435-6096. Everyone is welcome

Sons of Norway meeting

Granlund Lodge 1-240 of Sons of Norway will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 8th at the Embassy Community Center, 603 3rd St NE, Fosston.

Carol Niewinski will demonstrate making Norsk Christmas ornaments. This is, also, our traditional Christmas Eve potluck; so bring your favorite dish to share. If you would like to be included in the gift exchange bring a \$5 - \$8 gift to exchange.

Come Celebrate With Us

Our uncle, **Russell Anderson** is turning **80 years young.**

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You are invited to "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" directed by Abby Pearson and Donna Parenteau, December 1st, 2nd, 3rd at 7:00 at the Fosston Library Arts Center. Tickets \$10/adult \$7/child. Tickets available at Generations 435-1676 Sidney Roed, Trinity Lee, Hannah Marshall, Mary Balstad, Andrew Hanson, Abby Pearson, Tia Wickham, Teagan Duppong, Jadon Kangas, Aiden Pederson, Sheryl Magelssen, Paul Magelssen, Claire Nelson, Kyla Faldet, Abby Agnes, Nate Ubert, Kyla Pederson, Kendall Moan, Warren Nelson, Kiera Faldet, Heidi Steinbrenner, Alison Carlin, Zoe Halliwell (not pictured- Donna Parenteau and Olivia Landsverk)

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Mrs. Beard with her 1st grade class in Clearbrook.



Mrs. Gunufson with her 1st grade class in Win-E-Mac.



Mrs. Johnson with her Kindergarten class in Clearbrook.

Ways to give back to local schools

Schools frequently serve as a home away from home for millions of students. Although children regularly spend six or more hours per day inside the classroom and schools are instrumental in shaping the lives of students, many schools are making due with very few resources.

The Center of Budget and Policy Priorities says that, in the United States, education budgets are providing less per-pupil funding for kindergarten through 12th grade than they did just a few years ago. What's more, local school districts typically have little recourse to replace lost state aid on their own.

Similar scenarios are playing out in Canada. Canadian education budgets are being slashed. Many provinces have been forced to re-examine their education budgets and make serious cuts to keep schools operational. Declining enrollment in Ontario could lead to school closures, while in 2014 in Québec, nine of 69 school boards made cuts to specialized staff. These staff members included guidance counselors, speech therapists, psychologists and social workers.

Schools have various needs that must be addressed. Financial donations and/or volunteer work is one way to address those needs. The following is a look at how people can support neighborhood schools and ensure they deliver the best education for local students.

· Shop smartly. A simple way to give back to school is to buy supplies from brands that give a portion of their profits to schools or those that match purchases with donated items. Some of these brands and retailers include Office Max, Target and Levi Strauss. When shopping, purchase extra materials for schools, which are often short on supplies. Many teachers regularly tap into their own money to buy supplies or to help students who are in need.

· Volunteer to help in the classroom. Large classroom sizes can pull teachers in many directions. Volunteering in the classroom a few hours per week can make it easier for teachers to devote their energy to those who need it most and to provide one-on-one attention more frequently.

· Give when you can. Financial donations can help schools offset budget cuts. Donations can be made via one-time contributions or by participating in school-organized fundraisers.

· Volunteer in other ways. Volunteer to lead a committee or to work in the school library. Funding may be cut for specialized programs, so investigate any opportunities to organize activities during school or after school when many kids have nothing to do.

· Make other donations. Check your home for old musical instruments, books, sports equipment, and other items that schools can put to good use.

With some ingenuity, people can give back to schools throughout the year.

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