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# Railroad Runs LEADING EDGE JOURNALISM Through Aitkin

AITKIN -- The best thing for some of the depressed and inbred Northern Minnesota towns would be some new money and new genes. Yet when people bring those things here, they're apt to be met with adversity from locals, and if one has an axe to grind and accuses them of something, well, they're not going to be get to the benefit of any doubt, no matter what the law says.

Palisade, Minn., near Aitkin, is a town of a lot of contractors benefitting from local growth and new construction needs. They fill the restaurants and bars there in the evening, and if you ask one of them about fellow contractor Marc Bessette, they'll tell you, "It's not 'Marc' - It's 'MAWK' Bessette."

Mr. Bessette is a Bostonian who, with his wife and family, came to Palisade in 1992 to coach junior hockey and practice his building trade there. Still, over 13 years later, they are regarded as outsiders in the community; and in a recent court proceeding, Mr. Bessette's only crime may been not speaking the native Minnesotan language. Nonetheless, he was sentenced to 45 days, served it, and saying, "I would not stay in

# Northern Herald Goes to 8-Week Schedule

With this issue, the period of Northern Herald's print schedule will become eight, rather than six weeks. All advertising and subscriptions will be adjusted to provide the same number of issues as before the change.

With more people up here now getting paid not to work, it becomes harder to find those who do; and particularly with state-paid people like BSU's Prof. Mengelkoch spreading false stories on the college campus scaring off those who might want to get their start in the journalism field here.

Of course, here in Bemidji, it has always been hard to find people with the requisites upon which we insist, such as basic honesty, and knowledge of how to read and write. That hasn't changed.

As a result, and in order to maintain the high quality of reporting, and still get done all of the necessary in-office administrative work that makes each issue possible, it now becomes necessary to convert to this eight-weekly print schedule.

an area that calls this justice," he took his trade and his money and went back to Boston.

What happened. A number of years ago, Mr. Bessette happened to be renting an apartment to Thomas and Patty Elinich, local (now-defunct) bar & grille owners. They were 7 months behind on rent, but Mr. Bessette allowed them to remain until they sold the restaurant and could pay him.

Per Bessette, they sold it, and then moved to Delaware without paying the back rent. Tom Elinich called Bessette and told him that they had left some tools in a storage locker, in Aitkin, and asked Bessette if he would store them in his pole barn, so Elinich wouldn't have to pay monthly locker rent until they could come back, get the tools, and pay Bessette for the back rent. Bessette agreed; arrangements were made to get the locker key, and in Feb., 2001, Marc's wife and their daughter picked up the tools - 3 truckloads - from the storage locker and moved them to the Bessettes' pole barn at their home.

The property was never inventoried by Elinich nor Mrs. Bessette, and Bessette wasn't informed as to what tools were supposed to be there. "Somebody else had the key to it [the storage locker] ... so nobody ever knew what was really in there - nobody knows what was moved from the storage bin to my pole barn," said Bessette.

The Elinichs left their property there for 13 months.

Finally, when Mr. Bessette was not at home, Mr. Elinich turned up with a trailer, drove onto Bessette's property and started loading the tools and belongings from the pole barn. Trouble was, Elinich claimed, that some of it was missing.

Some of the missing tools turned up in the garage of Bessette's next door neighbor, Edward Ristow, also a contractor. Ristow would later tell deputies that Bessette traded him those tools to settle an old excavating debt that Ristow claimed Bessette owed him. Bessette, the owner of a \$3/4 million ranch at Palisade adamantly denies this. He said that Ristow wasn't fully paid when Bessette fired him because the work wasn't satisfactorily done; that Ristow was never given permission to remove the property from his pole barn.

And Marc Bessette's adult son, Marc Jr., also a builder, recalls Ristow asking him, in Marc's absence, about the contents of the garage, and Ristow's saying that the Elinichs weren't coming back for it - that he (Ristow) should just come over and take it. Marc Jr. says he told Ristow that he'd better not do that-this was about 2 to 3 months before Ristow, and his son, Michael Ristow, removed some of the property - two welders.

It was clearly a he said - she said type of incident. What's known is that Edward Ristow, and his son, Michael, removed the property - two welders - from the unlocked pole barn. What's in doubt is whether Bessette gave him permission to. The police interrogation reports state that Ristow told deputies that in Sept. or Oct., 2001, Bessette agreed to trade two of Elinich's welders for part of the excavating bill; which Bessette adamantly denies. Curiously, those police reports also show both Edward and Michael Ristow placing a member of the Bessette family at the scene when the welders were taken trouble is, it's a different one. Ed Ristow told authorities that Marc Bessette was present when he took the welders. But Michael Ristow's police statement was that Marc's son, Marc Bessette Jr., and not Marc (Sr.), was there. Marc Jr. told Northern Herald that he wasn't there when the welders were removed - that the Ristows did it "when nobody was around."

There have been, per Bessette, other incidents involving Ristow, touching upon discriminatory attitude of local law enforcement not uncommon in some corrupt Northern Minnesota towns. Bessette said that in 2004 Ristow threatened him with a gun. "My dogs got out and he [Ristow] chased them with a rifle and I told him to put the rifle away and he pointed it at me and said 'you open your mouth again, I'll put one in you." Bessette continued, "I called the [County Attorney's] office, I called the Sheriff's Dept.; nobody would do nothin' about it." [Does this sound like Bemidji? -- Ed.]

Northern Herald attempted to contact Edward Ristow for his side of the story, but his wife, answering the phone, said that he had nothing to say and hung up.

A local jury, though, chose to believe Ristow, finding Bessette guilty of felony theft. And on April 19, 2004, Judge Solien sentenced Bessette to probation, \$945 in fines and surcharges, restitution of \$6,081.82, and 45 days to serve (30, with "good time"). The case (no. K8-02-0324) was filed May 10th, 2002, and prosecuted by Lisa Rakotz, Sr. Asst. Aitkin Co. Attorney.

Bessette appealed the conviction to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, which, in early 2005, affirmed the trial court, and he has retained counsel to take it to the (Continued, "Railroad," p. 9)

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SAUM -- It was bad enough when homeowner Larry Geist came home, last February, to find that his pipes had frozen and burst, but the matter was worsened when his insurance company, *Lakeland Farmers* Ins. Co., and agent *Jerry Downs*, also left him out in the cold.

These are tough economic times with a greater disparity between major corporate and executive profits, and common people's earnings, than ever before. One way the top dogs stay on top is to steal from the common person. That boosts their earnings. The one motto of our times is "steal big." If one happens to be an insurance company, it can do this by taking premiums and then refusing to pay claims. And they can get away with it - under the Bush Administration, and Gov. Pawlenty, official oversight of this theft, and consumer protection, are almost nonexistent. It's the Golden Rule them that's got the Gold can make the Rules. In these times, Caveat Emptor becomes particularly important. The average consumer has to be especially careful that he doesn't get taken, as recourse through regulatory agencies may not be available. A lot of the time, the best place for one's money is in their pocket.

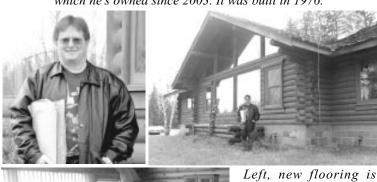
Jerry Downs, as well as being an insurance agent, is also a Bemidji City Councilman. Lakeland Farmers Ins. Co. is a Bemidji-based firm (wouldn't you guess it?) Their home office is located in the city that has a \$1 million+unprosecuted swindler for its police chief.

Geist had been away for a few days for a medical follow-up at the VA in Grand Forks. When he returned to his log home, near Saum, about 40 miles NW of Bemidji, he learned that there had been a power outage - a Beltrami County plow had hit a Beltrami Electric Co-op transformer, and the power in his area had been out for three days. The water-filled pipes in his electric baseboard heaters had frozen and burst; then thawed when the power came back on, flooding the home.

Although he had backup heaters, they were also electric.

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Below, Mr. Geist stands, with insurance file, in front of his log home which he's owned since 2003. It was built in 1976.





stackedin the shambles that used to be Geist's living room. Below, black mould, from the flooding, creeps up the wood studs.



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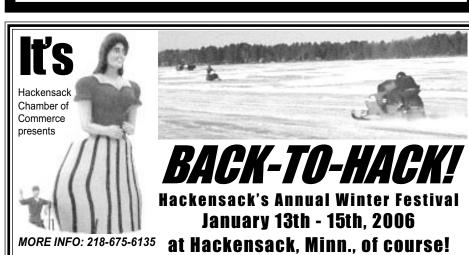
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9 am - 3 pm Craft Fair & Lunch at Community Bldg. Lunch served by Senior Center



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1-6 pm HOWA Halo Tournament at Union Congregational Church

4-5:30 pm HOWA movie matinee & games at Community Bldg.

#### 7 pm The Snowflake Queen **PAGÉANT**

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FALL HAS IT ALL AT HACKENSACK

# **Dayton Scoggins, Brad Sharp Take** Top Honors in Chainsaw Sculpting

HACKENSACK -- One thing they know how to do well in Hackensack is have fun. Whether in summer, winter, or in between, as it was when Fall Has It All at Hackensack brought thousands to see their featured National Chainsaw Sculpting Invitational. The very successful Fall Has It All, which encompasses the communities of Walker, Hackensack and Longville, is expected to now become an annual event with new attractions every year!

In a hard fought national chainsaw competition, which paid the top 10 winners from \$2,500 to \$200, and brought the best, skilled carvers from all over the country for people to watch them do their art at Hackensack, the top spots were carved out by Dayton Scoggins, of Sandersville, Miss. who took 1st place and a \$2,500 prize, and Brad Sharp, of Benbow, Calif., who took 2nd and \$1,500. 3rd through 10th, respectively, went to Justin Hovland, Maple, Wisc.; Bob King, Edgewood, Wash.; Jeff Pinney, Pittsburgh, Penn.; Randy Boni, Wears Valley, Tenn.; Ross Olsen, Hackensack, Minn.; Jim Denkins, Cooks, Mich.; Lisa Foster, Hamilton, Mont.; and Curtis Envoldstad, Minneapolis, Minn.

The event was sponsored by KDKK radio; with Butch De La Hunt broadcasting live from the competition site.

In addition to the woodsculpting, the 10 days of fun at Fall Has It All, which took place from the last (More photos, text continued, "Hack," page 8)

Below, Brad Sharp sculpts in the quick carve event



Sue Hagen, a volunteer for FAITH IN ACTION for Cass County. Proceeds from the chainsaw event benefitted this organization which helps seniors, disabled, and others in need, by helping with home repairs, ramp building, transportation, and household chores and visits. Last year, 135 FAITH IN ACTION volunteers helped about 150 clients in Cass County. The organization

has recently been impacted by the gas crunch, "Cass County is a large county hospitals doctors' offices are many miles away . . . so an event like this really helps us to have the funding to do that," Hagen said. For people needing help, their number is 218-675-5435.



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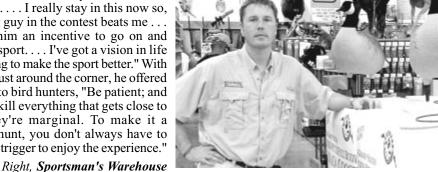
It was Waterfowl Weekend at the huge Sportsman's Warehouse Store, This year's at St. Cloud, August 6th & 7th, 2005.

event just before waterfowl season featured calling and hunting seminars by renowned sportsmen Fred Zink, Tim Grounds, Hunter Grounds, Barnie Calef, Randy Bartz, Kelly Powers, Field Hudnall, Ron Latchaw, Sean Stahl, and John Stephens.

Grounds, (rightmost). Finalists in the calling contests went on to the national competition. From 1st to 5th place they were: Field Hudnall, Hunter Grounds, Craig Rosenau, Tim Grounds,

and John McDonnall in geese; and in ducks, Mitch Downs, Barnie Calef, Tim Grounds, Hunter Grounds, and Travis Martinson.

Five-time world champion caller Tim Grounds said that after four decades of over 100 wins, he "can't always run with the young dogs. . . . I really stay in this now so, [if] a young guy in the contest beats me . . . that gives him an incentive to go on and stay in this sport. . . . I've got a vision in life and it's trying to make the sport better." With the season just around the corner, he offered this advice to bird hunters, "Be patient; and don't try to kill everything that gets close to you, if they're marginal. To make it a successful hunt, you don't always have to squeeze the trigger to enjoy the experience."



manager Scott Gail with goose decoys; he said that the store hosted about 5-6,000 attendees this year.



### A Rather Unusual Sunflower Plant

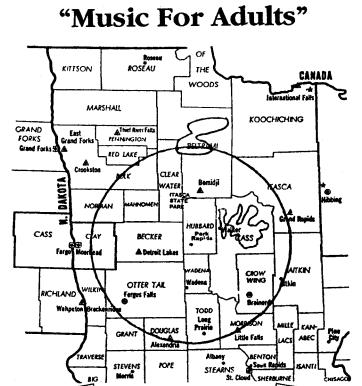
was grown by Devon Christenson (shown at left), on his grandparents', Leonard and Eileen Christenson's, land near Turtle

River. The Christensons, who also grow dill, rhubarb, beans, potatoes, and corn, counted 45 heads from the single sunflower stalk. Devon said the he and his grandmother planted the sunflower seeds, purchased from Wal-Mart, Bemidji, March 3rd, 2005; it reached this size by late September.

Below, Leonard puts his hand around the thick 1/4" sunflower trunk near the base.



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### **EDITORIALS - OPINION**

# **American Indian Commission Meets**

# After Deadly Force Used

#### Guest Column

by Mrs. Patricia Gould

The Duluth American Indian Commission met Monday, October 17, 2005, at City Hall, Duluth, to discuss issues surrounding the events of the arrest of a Native American man David Michael Croud. Croud was taken into custody, apparently, according to police, for his own safety, but the detention proved to be fatal. Commission Chairman Dr. Robert Powless described the meeting as big and that it went well; many of the public, both Native American and non-Indian, were present.

According to the minutes of the meeting, Duluth Police Chief Roger Waller addressed the Commission, and discussed the incident, in which on October 12th, the police received a 911 call; the caller indicated that there was an intoxicated male, who was identified later as Croud. Chief Waller stated that Croud was belligerent, and police attempted to handcuff Croud, but he resisted; and that police took Croud to St. Mary's Hospital because blood was found on his nose.

raised in southwestern Wisconsin, Mrs. Patricia

Gould



received her certificate for child care services from Southwest Wisconsin Vocational-Technical *Institute and her B.A., in education,* from The School of the Ozarks, in Missouri, where she made the dean's list during her required student teaching. She has also taken course work at the U of M. She and Beltrami County native, Enoch Gould, have been happily married for almost 17 years, and, for the past 10 years, have made their home just north of Bemidji.

Also, according to Waller, there was resistance by Croud at the hospital. Chief Waller explained, at the Commission meeting, that he was alerted later that evening about the incident, as Croud was not in good shape or condition at that time and Waller told the Commission he wanted an independent agency to look into the Croud arrest, "because it was a deadly force

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situation." The ongoing investigation has been turned over to Agent Dave Bjerga of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), Bemidji, and other BCA investigators.

In interviews with a number of the 11 members of the Commission, two of the members remarked that the public, at the meeting, appeared angry and frustrated based on the Croud arrest and other previous incidents that appear to be acts of racist handling by law enforcement.

For instance, according to the meeting notes, Mr. Warren Wirta commented that he did not hear anything about the investigations of other incidents involving American Indians (i.e., Goggleye, Buckanaga and Smith and Smith) and wondered why some still were not being investigated. We telephone interviewed Wirta who informed us that Tim Buckanaga and Darius Goggleye (two separate incidents) were both knocked down and later died from the altercations.

Wirta remarked that "no charges were brought". Wirta also spoke about the Smith and Smith incident where two Native Americans were killed. This incident has been under investigation since October 2003. These incidents were also brought up at the Commission hearing by Wirta and C. J. Bird, where Chief Waller responded that a lot of hours had gone in the Smith and Smith homicide, and that it is considered a double homicide, and the police department is still investigating it. Chief Waller then responded to the Darius Goggleye incident, saying that he knew him personally, and added that the case was treated as a homicide, but the St. Louis County Attorney's Office ruled it an accident.

We note, however, that the Darius Goggleye case is not an isolated incident, in Minnesota, where police and investigators make recommendations for charges to some prosecutors who refuse to prosecute, seemingly having the attitude that Native Americans, and their rights, are expendable.

We spoke to another member of the Commission, on the phone, who informed us of the Marcus (Cont'd, "Protective Custody," p. 11)

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# Northern Herald - Still Insisting Upon Quality in what You read!

Nowadays, many papers have gone to cameraless production. Straight from computer to negative or plate. Trouble is, a lot of stuff happens in the computer - a word, a line of text in an ad, even whole blocks of text can get dropped. The technology just isn't perfected yet.

It's getting harder to do - many shops don't have a camera anymore, and it costs more - but that's why Northern Herald insists

upon production the old-fashioned way - with the camera - so what we saw is what you get.

That way, the copy becomes hard and is proofed before it leaves our paste-up room - not later, on the press, when it can't be checked.

This preserves the quality of the ads, and the integrity of the articles (consider the effect of the computer dropping a word like "not" from a news story). It helps ensure that readers get a paper worth reading.

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ALSO, house copies of Northern Herald are available at finer restaurants throughout the region.

#### "Northwoods and Lakes" Real Estate Guide Who is this?

BEMIDJI -- The corruption inherent in the City of Bemidji and most of the businesses located there, by now, is certainly no secret. Now, suppose you took the most lucrative of them and gave them their own publication? Well, what you might have is Bemidji's Northwoods and Lakes Real Estate Guide - a free handout that tries to inveigle people to use the Bemidji realtors that have large ads therein. As differentiated from a true newspaper, this is all realtors' advertising - there are no private party ads, nor does the paper carry any news coverage.

The nature of the *Northwoods* and Lakes operation is evident by the way it does business.

Who owns and operates it is, apparently, a closely-kept secret, possibly to avoid business liability. If you call the number that appears in their rag, the person who answers the phone (it's answered as one would a home phone-with no business name given) will tell you that she's "Liz Westlake". But we could find no telephone listing for that name, nor any "Westlake in Bemidji or the greater area, and the number they advertise is also not listed. It's a peculiar way for a business to operate.

Likewise, Northwoods and year of operation.

Lakes has no web page (a real estate guide certainly should, so surfers could find the properties), nor does a search for "Liz Westlake", in Bemidji, turn up anything. It seems like, for whatever reason, they really don't want people to know who runs this or what they do.

The address Northwoods and Lakes gives, in their publication: 215 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW, #186, Bemidji; is actually just a box number at the UPS Store.

But in Minnesota (as well as many other states) a business can't operate anonymously. It's a matter of civil and consumer protection; so the proper parties can be held culpable when a fly-by-night operation commits crimes, like stealing a competitor's papers, or otherwise operates unethically or fraudulently. That's why Minnesota law (M.S. 333.01) requires that businesses which do business under a business name (like "Northwoods and Lakes") file it with the Secretary of State, and publish, in a newspaper authorized to carry legal notices, a "fictitious name" statement showing who the true owners are. This is so they can be held responsible, if necessary.

When we asked "Liz" about where that was published, however, she became quite upset and said it wasn't. An online search of the Minnesota Secretary of State's assumed name reco disclosed no filing for Northwoods and Lakes. Northwoods and Lakes claims to now be in their 3rd volume - presumably their 3rd

#### "Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one." -- A.J. Liebling

But that's not the way it is in Northern Minnesota. A community cannot progress without open communication.

Send letters (800 words or less) for publication, or consumer comments, to: NORTHERN HERALD - Letters (or Consumer Forum) - P.O. Box 1535, Bemidji, MN 56619. Sign your letter and print your name, address & phone number for verification. Consumer comments may be edited for space. Letters may be printed anonymously, if sender prefers and so indicates, but we have to know who sent it to verify contents.

News Tips, which are not for ad verbatim publication, may still be called in or sent anonymously.

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## **Consumer Corner**

Readers are invited to submit consumer complaints or compliments to this column, and to our Auto Service Forum. Send info c/o this paper, P.O. Box 1535, Bemidji, MN 56619

YOU FIND IT ALL AT THE MART OF WAL

# Prepaid Cellular: Costs

# Vary Greatly

Prepaid cellular should be a bargain - after all, there are no bad accounts or collection costs - it's all up front. But not so always. Typical contract-cell costs usually aren't more than about 27¢ per daytime minute, often less,

By contrast, Tracfone's

Worst Price and service (our opinion): Radio Shack (Trakphone); Best: Wal-Mart (Virgin Mobile)

per minute cards that a person can buy, but even there, the per minute costs don't always figure to as low as they claim, and the minutes purchased can "expire" if not used (how can time expire?)

In addition to the high price, the service at Bemidji Radio Shack, where Tracfone customers buy their minutes, is exceptionally

#### poor. Radio Shack will no longer 'install" the minutes bought, where the customer doesn't know how to (and it can be tricky). One customer, upon being told this, became distressed and wanted to cancel the sale of the minutes they'd just bought. A smug Radio Shack clerk just told them that the minutes were non-refundable, and refused to return the money just paid, even though the customer couldn't install the minutes bought.

There are many prepaid cellular companies now, but only a few are available to people who want a Northern Minnesota number. In Bemidji, the choices are mainly Tracfone and Virgin Mobile. Both are also sold and recharged by Wal-Mart, Bemidji, which will install the minutes if the customer needs this done.

Virgin Mobile's day-to-day plan (one of 3) is probably best for most people. It's about \$10.50 a month, plus all minutes, anytime,

in a brake line, near the

middle - something that Tires

Plus had not diagnosed. In

performed and charged for the

Part Description / Number

REAR WHEEL CYLINDERS

Rear Brake Shoes

HARDWARE KI

H7071

8789

REAR DRUMS

SWC1012

short, had Tires Plus

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Prices per Marketplace Foods, Bemidji, 11/18/05, include all taxes.

The Taste? About the same. Cope may be a little better if you're used to it, but it's not 3 times better.

at 10¢ per. If a person only used 100 minutes in an average month, that would equate to 20.5¢ per minute; for \$20 one gets over twice as many minutes as with Tracfone. With this Virgin Mobile plan, at 500 minutes in a month, the net cost drops to 12.1¢ per.

Virgin Mobile requires their own cell phone instrument, which starts at about \$30, also at Wal-Mart. On another side of the coin,

TIRES PLUS OF BEMIDJI

BEMIDJI, MN. 56601

2525 MIDDLE SCHOOL ROAD

Cellular-One, a contract company, continues to ignore federal law, and not provide enough frequencies for their analog service. In the recent snow emergency, a person with a stuck car would have just reached a "tower busy" if they tried to call for help; and there has been an unofficial report of a Northern Minnesota woman who was attacked, and unable to call for help on her *Cellular-One* phone.

Sub Estimate For Order #

1.32 oz.

# minute. They have larger, cheaper Bemidji Tires Plus Saw Her **Coming**

BEMIDJI -- Yep, a lady can be at the mercy of an unscrupulous shop, and Tires Plus must have seen her coming when she stopped in for a simple brake bleeding, and they told her fluid was leaking and tried to sell her a bill of goods totalling \$419.95

What they didn't realize was that their supposed "rube" was a Northern Herald reader.

When she later told your editor of the estimate, he told her, of course, to hold up the repair appointment 'til a second opinion could be had.

Bemidji master mechanic Bob Klasen of BK's Auto Repair, Inc.,

**Cold Weather Tips** 

There are business

opportunities for skilled

craftsmen in Bemidji.

is a marked shortage of reputable

tradesmen in Bemidji. Waiting

lists for repairs are often a month

or more out, and this spells good

opportunities for qualified,

integrious tradesmen looking for

a place to establish their business.

that the most of those that are here

tend to be surly and undependable;

picking and choosing the jobs they

want to do, and frequently failing

to return calls or to show up to

estimate the job. Clearly, this area

is ripe for new blood - a skilled

craftsman could easily work 70

be this way. A captive market for

now almost everyone shops there.

It's a great thing. If someone

opened a large, reasonably priced

home service business here, they'd

easily put most of the present

charlatans out of business, make

a pile of money, and benefit the

or later, you're going to need home

repairs. In this field, here,

arrogance is the norm - the routine,

not the exception. So the

homeowner should expect this, and

act accordingly. And if you do

contract, remember what you're

dealing with, and be sure to get the

estimate and specs in writing! We

surveyed a number of Bemidji area

heating contractors to determine

and report prices. The only firms

surveyed which seemed to do

things in a businesslike manner

Furnace Replacement

If you live in Bemidji, sooner

community, in the going.

a few unscrupulous merchants.

Groceries, in Bemidji, used to

Then Wal-Mart opened, and

hours, or more, per week.

The other side of the coin is

From roofing to heating there

also in Bemidji, was consulted for a brake inspection. They do this for \$30, but the cost is applicable to any work needed. This may be a better deal than places that inspect free, then make it up on what they then try to sell you.

Klasen heated and removed the drums, and inspected the brake shoes, wheel cylinders and other

This inspection disclosed that

There was a fluid leak, but it

scheduled, it is advisable to call as many firms as possible for estimates.

Bemidji contractors were asked, during the 2003-2004 winter season, and in the 2004 fall season, to give a firm estimate for replacement and installation of an approx. 50,000 BTU/hr output, preferably 80% efficient, downflow propane furnace to be operated with older ductwork typical of Bemidji's older homes. At the time the winter estimates were requested, heating needs were imminent, and the old furnace was, for all practical purposes, unusable, so time was of the essence.

able. We were told that an estimator (Dave) would call, but after several him and he made an appointment to see the installation site and make up, with no call to notify of the cancellation. If they installed a furnace and your house blew up, they probably wouldn't be there then, either.

with cold weather on the way, failed to ever return our call for estimate, and finally, when we called back several days later, one of their office clowns said that they just didn't have time for the job.

A newcomer to the Bemidji contractor pool, and apparently perfect for the level of service quality for which Bemidji 'tradesmen" are known, Todd Erickson, of Erickson's Heating, had a look at the job, but never called back with an estimate. With temperatures at about -20, then, we called him back, about a week later, and he explained that he was booked up for the next few months and really didn't have time to do it. Apparently, he has plenty of business; there's certainly no reason to add to his overload

Norton Heating's estimator

REAR WHEEL CYLINDER SWC1013 1.00 \$1100 - \$1300, but their firm estimate was \$1,899 for a high efficiency Ruud unit. They later reestimated, by phone, at about \$1575 for an 80% unit, but said they'd need to come out again to firm it up. An appointment was made, but Norton's simply didn't show up - no call to notify - nada. A homeowner could be waiting for them all afternoon for nothing. And after the missed appointment, Norton's didn't return calls to reschedule. Apparently, Norton's doesn't really need new business either. For those considering a

is prevalent here. Class Heating/Lakes RV in Cass Lake looked at the job and said they'd call with an estimate. After a week, no estimate. We tried to call them, several times, but the estimator/installer is never "in"; and doesn't return calls - we never got the estimate.

move to Bemidji, and might, at

some time, need work done on

their home, Norton's exemplifies

the kind of tradesman attitude that

The advertised phone number for Ike's Heating & Cooling, Nevis, was just a computer modem number.

By the time we were done jacking around with these various estimators, it was spring, and the cold weather period had passed.

Peterson's Sheet Metal, a Carrier-Bryant dealer, although initially ball-parking substantially lower, came in with a firm estimate of \$2,235; presumably, for a high efficiency unit.

Hill's Plumbing and Heating, a York dealer, initially estimated the job at \$1,800 for a 40,000 BTU/hr high (90% or more) efficiency York Choice unit (warranty: 1 yr. parts & labour, 15 yrs. heat exchanger - this is less than some); but a few months later, when recontacted, revised their estimate to \$1,950 for a 60,000 BTU/hr unit. Of the two companies which actually made firm estimates, this was still the lowest. Accordingly, Hill's was given the job.

over \$400 worth of repairs, it ESTIMATE FOR SERVICES Sale Extended Labor Description REAR BRAKE LAOR FOR COMPLETE BRAKES 1.00 15.00 15.00 2.00 48.35 96.70 1.00 12.92 12.92

041177 Phone - 218-759-2000 Fax - 218-444-6981 The TIRES PLUS estimate "Total" line r<u>epositioned for space</u> Estimate Date: 10/03/2005

> Parts: \$ 187.90 Labor: \$ 220.99 Tax: \$ 11.06 Total: \$ 419.95 wouldn't have corrected the problem. Northern Herald offered the service manager at Bemidji Tires Plus an opportunity to explain his estimate, but he just said that he had no comment, and told the reporter to leave the premises and not return - that he was (Continued, "Tires Plus," page 10)

To their credit, the installation by Hill's was highly professional. In this scenario, the very competent installer determined

12.92

17.68

that an additional metal air flow box to raise and support the furnace, and also provide an easy outlet for an additional air duct, if needed, would be advisable. He quickly fabricated the component, which ended up looking so good that a person would think that it was part of the furnace. He also fabricated all of the proper sheet metal ductwork adapters, and the new (required) PCV chimneys, flues and drains.

The installer had to work in close quarters, as would usually be true of an installation in a house in use, and was highly conscientious not to damage or soil the surroundings, both in, and

outside the house. He also had to do some of the chimney work on the roof, and was prepared for same, with ladder and the other tools needed.

The best possible location for a new duct was discussed, and the Hill's servicemen was prepared to install it, if desired, but in the end, it was not needed.

All in all, the installer had an excellent attitude about his work, and was very helpful and professional. We have nothing but good things to say about the tradesman and manner of installation, which commenced on time, and was finished by the end of the day, in about 11 hours from start to finish, and including the metal fabrication time. The job came in at precisely \$1,950, as estimated.

#### THINGS THAT JUST DON'T WORK

"There is no product that someone cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper. Those who consider price alone are this man's lawful prey.

This column is cumulative, and provided for consumer awareness. Signed consumer submissions are welcome.

#### Toner Bums

A Grand Rapids firm known as Full Circle Image (FCI) is calling businesses trying to sell their office products, which include toner carts and supplies for

If your business gets a call from them, well, here's an actual case history:

A customer orders a remanufactured Laserjet toner cartridge for \$32; picks it up from FCI in Grand Rapids.

Cart is defective. Has spot on drum and uneven type coverage density. Customer calls FCI; is told they'll send another out with deliveryman.

Deliveryman comes, has wrong cart.

FCI sends replacement cart by

Replacement cart is worse than original - only prints part of each

Customer calls FCI - tells them to pick up both carts and forget the order. Appointment is made for

Pickup guy shows up on wrong day. Is given carts. Customer to pickup guy: "They don't do anything right at Full Circle Image, do they?" Pickup guy: "No, they don't.'

By the way, the cart discussed here can be bought as new in box OEM (not remanufactured) on Ebay for about \$15-\$20 including shipping.

For review of the following things that just don't work, from past issues, see Things That Just Don't Work at northernherald.com:

- PATTON® Oil-filled Electric Radiators
- CELLULAR-ONE®
- HI-VAL® (I/O MAGIC®) CD-RW drives
- SYMPHONIC® VCRS.
- LEXAR® Compact Flash cards • OFFICE MAX® REBATES
- HEWLETT-PACKARD® product support
- carsoup.com

#### **Comparisons Bemidji Heating Contractors** Because many don't show up as

were Hill's and Peterson's.

depending on the plan.

prepaid \$20 card is only good for 40 minutes - that figures to 50¢ a

components.

none of the parts that Tires Plus had prescribed and ordered was needed. In fact, the shoes were relatively new and in good condition. The wheel cylinders were fine, and there was no reason to replace the drums.

wasn't in the cylinder, it was simply

In our test scenario, various

Gregg's Heating proved wholly worthless and undependdays, he never did. We finally called an estimate, but he failed to show

Similarly, Naylor's estimator,

problem by giving him more work.

originally ball-parked the job at

JUDGE NOT LEST YE BE JUDGED

# S. D. Initiative Would Hold Judges Accountable

PIERRE, S.D. -- Taking a major step in eliminating corruption, some South Dakotans report that they have garnered enough petition signatures to put on the ballot a measure that would subject judges who ignore the law to the same penalties they exact - jail.

The petition was filed with the South Dakota Secretary of State November 7th, 2005, and organizers are now waiting for the Secretary's finding as to the validity of the required number to put the measure on the ballot.

Per a release, the petitions purported to have approx. 46,800 signatures; the number required is 33,456

The initiators belong to the organization, South Dakota Judicial Accountability (SDJA) (www.sout hdakotajudicialaccountability.com), which apparently, is tied to a national effort by the national organization: Judicial Accountability Initiative Law (J.A.I.L.) (www.jail4judges.org)

The South Dakota effort is being spearheaded by Bill Stegmeier, the owner of a firm that manufactures feed grinders in Tea, SD, near Sioux Falls. He said that he first became aware of the magnitude and gravity of judicial corruption watching someone else's trial. "I never realized we had a big problem in South Dakota . . . [but] the horror stories are coming out of the woodwork," Stegmeier said, adding that "I've got three small children . . . I've never been rung through the wringer . . . it's more of a civic duty thing" for the judicial system that his children will inherit.

Stegmeier said, "I put a lot of my own money into" getting the initiative started, but that now some "big-hitters" have come on board.

The proposed law. SDJA reported in their release, "The proposed amendment [to the SD Constitution], titled the Judicial Accountability Initiative Law, or "J.A.I.L.", is designed to make the judicial branch of state government answerable and accountable to an entity other than itself. The entity that this amendment creates is a Special Grand Jury, comprised of ordinary

SD citizens, who are empowered to hear complaints of judicial misconduct. If, after careful investigation including testimony from both the complainant and the Judge, the Special Grand Jury finds for the complainant, the 'judicial immunity' from lawsuit will be set aside, thereby allowing the complainant to sue the judge for damages."

J.A.I.L. The law would also allow the Grand Jury to criminally indict the judge; and after three "strikes" the judge would be permanently removed, and would forfeit one-half of his retirement benefits.

Acts constituting. Paragraph 2 of the proposed amendment rescinds judicial immunity for "any deliberate violation of law, fraud or conspiracy, intentional violation of due process of law, deliberate disregard of material facts, judicial acts without jurisdiction, blocking of a lawful conclusion of a case, or any deliberate violation of the Constitutions of South Dakota or the United States . . . ."

the United States . . . . "

SDJA reported in their newsletter in October, when the petitions were being circulated, "Susan Johnson from National Voter Outreach (775-883-7447) is in charge of the paid signature gatherers. When asked whether the general attitude of the public has been positive, negative, or indifferent she said, 'Let me put it this way, virtually no one has refused to sign. The signers have been overall receptive to the amendment's stated goal of making the judiciary accountable."

Judges, as well as county and district attorneys, are generally immune from prosecution, even in matters involving severe malfeasance. South Dakota is the first state in which this initiative to hold judges accountable for their official acts is being tested; if it is voted in, and found to be enforceable, J.A.I.L. will likely launch similar measures in other states. Stegmeier said that a similar petition drive is now being mounted in Idaho.

Minnesota, however, does not have initiative and referendum.

# **Ericksons Recovering From Shooting**

SHEVLIN -- "He was looking at one of the shotguns, and I happened to glance over there, and I seen the brass shell sticking out of the breech of that double-barrel." That's how Arnold Erickson described what happened that grim day, October 5th, 2005, when a man walked into the Ericksons' annual gun sale, at their A & E produce stand on Highway 2, Shevlin, loaded a gun on display, and shot Erickson and his wife, Evelyn, in an apparent robbery attempt.

The shooter and his accomplice fled into a field, but law enforcement officials, including Clearwater Co. deputies, quickly took into custody the two Native Americans, Gary Lynn Goodwin, 51, of Minneapolis, and John Thomas Turpin (aka Goodwin), 56, of Mahnomen. Mahnomen is on the White Earth Reservation.

Mr. Erickson continued, "I moved for him right then and there to take it away from him . . . I just pushed it down and that's when it fired and hit Evelyn in the leg." When Erickson kept coming at the shooter, and finally drew his pistol, the shooter fired again, grazing Mr. Erickson's upper arm before fleeing.

Undeterred by the injury, though, Arnold was back at work selling guns and pumpkins the next day. Evelyn, however, was hospitalized, requiring a titanium rod in her badly fractured leg, and many stitches in her knee. Now doing well at home in her wheelchair, doctors have said that full recovery may take six months or more

A former US Marine Corps marksman and firearms expert and instructor, Arnold Erickson said, "When I crowded him [the shooter], he couldn't get back far

buggy rides with the Budweiser

Clydesdale, prizes, and, of course,

as Sheriff Mills puts it, "If you

leave hungry, it's your own fault!"



enough away from me to get it pointed at me... and then when I drew my pistol, he run like a rabbit for the woods."

As to the motive for the incident, Mr. Erickson said, "I think he wanted us both dead, and then they were just going to empty the place out, because one stayed out behind the car, as if to be ready to open the trunk."

Erickson said that the shooter took the long gun with him, and had it reloaded when the pair was found by authorities shortly thereafter.

A very successful benefit was held for the Ericksons at the Bagley American Legion in November, "There was a tremendous crowd there - more than what I'd expected," said Arnold. It raised about \$6,000 to help defray medical and rehabilitation expenses not covered by insurance. "The policy .. [had] a \$10,000 limit and with 12 days in the hospital, it don't take long to use that up," said Mr. Erickson. A Minnesota victim advocacy organization may also help with medical costs and income loss, but the amount of this assistance was uncertain at the time of the interview. Food for the benefit was donated by Lueken's Foods and other merchants.

Arnold said that this incident

At left, Arnold and Evelyn Erickson recovering at home. Below, by his pumpkin wagon, Arnold and his grandson display a plaque awarded by the USMC to Arnold for his courage in the incident. 1st Lt. Colin M. Browning wrote, "Once a Marine, always a Marine."



wouldn't dampen the spirit of the annual gun sale which displays a wide selection of sporting arms at the start of hunting, usually from Sept. through Nov. He said that it'll be back next year as usual.

Although Clearwater Co. Attorney Kip Fontaine was initially to have charged the criminals, as their crimes involved federal firearms violations, the United States District Court at St. Paul assumed jurisdiction. Turpin and Goodwin, both previous violent felons in many incidents, were indicted by a Grand Jury Nov. 15th, 2005 for the federal crimes of possession of firearms (Turpin) and ammunition (both) after three or more violent felonies. (Case No. 05-cr-00387-RHK-RLE USA v. Turpin, et al.)

Jury trial is set for March 13th, 2006 before Judge Richard Kyle at St. Paul.



### **Harvest Fest at Remer!**

REMER -- There's always lots going on in Remer the second weekend of August. That's when they celebrate Harvest Days! This year's fest, August 12th & 13th, included parades, horse show, craft and garden show, picnic in the park, karaoke contest, beer garden, moon walk, kids' games, horseshoe tourney, bingo, the big flea market, street

Left, George Washington and Betsy Ross visit Remer, courtesy of Woodland Insurance Services

The horse show exhibited riders getting horses to do things they normally don't.



The Johnson Telehone Co. parade float

dancing to The Fendermen, and, of course, the B-B-Q feed!

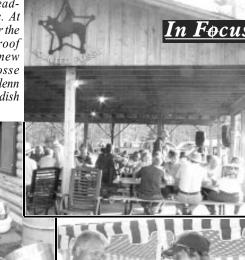
Below, celebrity entertainers, The Fendermen, play for the Remer street dance. At inset is Jim Sundquist, one of the original Fendermen, who recorded, in 1960, the famous and oft-sung hit, "Mule Skinner Blues."



# Hubbard Posse Holds Outing and Feed LAKE GEORGE -- It's the day the Hubbard Co. Sheriff's Posse Ashland, Wisc., dancing, riding,

LAKE GEORGE -- It's the day when everyone gets to ride and eat like posse members! Each year, the weekend after Labor Day, when the Hubbard Co. Sheriff's Posse has their fundraiser and feed. This year's, Sept. 10th, featured Karaoke by Morrison Musical Maestro, of

Left, riders return from the miles of trails on the posse head-quarters grounds. At right, diners under the new shelter roof displaying the new Hubbard Posse emblem. Below, Glenn & Joanie Kormin dish up onion rings.







# BSU Jazz Helps Us Remember When



the night away as the great BSU Jazz Bands entertain at their 24th annual Remember When dance, Oct. 28th & 29th, at Bemidji. Although de rigueur dress is big band era, the dance coincides, each year, with Halloween weekend, which also brings out some interesting garb to make the event even more fun. At top insets, the lovely witch

and friends, are, from left, Petra, Anita, and Jenilynn; the pirate and first mate are pro dancers Suzy and Jon "Hondo" Langout of the Top of The River Dance Club; top left, Lee Foster dances with Erin Lundin.





Above right, BSU Music Director Dr. Steven Konecne plays sax while conducting BSU Jazz Band I, which (at left) featured alumnus Hiram Price and Karissa Korbel on vocals, with renowned alumnus John Horgeshimer on sax, and Phillip Radke on vibes (upper inset). Horgeshimer now regularly teaches music at Oklee High and Plummer Elementary schools, and returns to play special occasions with the Jazz Band. He is also pursuing classes at UND for additional vocal teaching licensure, and plays with the Bemidji Big Band, and with KW and the Hubcaps. Horgeshimer recently opened for Maynard Ferguson at Fisher.

Hiram Price recently completed a three-year teaching position at the Red Lake schools, and now is a Cantor for St. Phillips Catholic Church. An Arikara native, he is of the same North Dakota tribe as was Sacagawea. Of teaching Red Lake children, he said, "I see school up there as an environment for them to be able to be free, and be able to express themselves."

particularly well-polished and

professional renditions of jazz,

and the great Big Band tunes,

including Night and Day, Glenn

Miller's famous In The Mood, a

swinging bossa nova arrangement

of Summertime, and London

was with Dr. & Mrs. Konecne's son, John, now a Jazz Band I member. He said he "found my mom's saxophone, actually, in about elementary school," and now, years later, says, "I've been watching this my whole life, . . . [now] I actually get to play it, so it's a great experience!"

Dr. Konecne said that it was "another great turnout" for the dance. He said Jazz I has several new members this year; that the rhythm section was "100% new."

As every year, the bands

Derriere, which we commoners know simply as Danny Boy. Another great place to hear the BSU Jazz Bands, along with other jazz all-stars, is at the annual Bemidji Jazz Fest, at the Beaux Arts Ballroom on the BSU campus. This year's fest concert is Feb. 4th,

When two saxophone players delighted listeners and ballroom and swing dancers alike, at produce another sax player. So it Remember When, playing Romaine and saxophonist John Gunther. After the fest, Jazz I will play at the Snow Ball, an academic fundraiser also at the Beaux Arts: and in March, visiting trumpet great Allen Vizzutti will perform with Jazz I, and the Bemidji Jazz Quartet, on the BSU campus.

Above, Craig Haugen

conducts BSŬ Band II,

with, at inset, Carolyn

Craig Haugen, Jazz II conductor, said that the band will play their Christmas Concert about Dec. 17th, and a Spring Concert in early May; as well as at Jazz Fest, in Feb. He said that Jazz II also boasts several new musicians, some from the BSU symphony band.

estimated May 19th by Verne Parks, of Solway, at \$12,025; Geist said that the original amount of damages would have been

To compound the damage, refusal by Lakeland Farmers to





Above, expert fiddler Curtis Coubello plays with bow hand behind his back (left photo) and with fiddle upside-down - well, actually all of him is upside down (above right) - at Cajunfest at the Northern Lights Casino, Walker, Minn., in August, 2005. In addition to the fiddling shown, Coubello sometimes plays while someone else holds the fiddle, and then, instead, he'll give them the bow to hold and he plays by moving the fiddle body. He also plays excellently the regular way. As to the fervent reception by his many fans at Walker, Coubello said, "Can't ask for any better!" A fourth generation Louisiana fiddler, Coubello has produced several CDs, and regularly appears with the Treater Band, and his own band, The Insta-gators. Booking info: 225-247-2670

substantial delay, during which black mould has formed on the floor joists and other supporting wood members. "I've had some people tell me that the house would have to be replaced, which would be about \$175,000," due to the mould damage, Geist said. The damage is so extensive that the Beltrami County Tax Assessor has reduced the property's tax valuation by almost \$40,000; from \$113,700 to \$73,900. And Geist has been unable to occupy the premises since the incident occurred; he's had to pay rent of \$500 a month.

When Geist returned to his home, from the VA, in February, he found standing water throughout. It had been about two days, he estimates, after the flooding occurred, and a neighbour

told him of the power outage. Geist said, "I contacted Jerry Downs's agency . . . [afterwards] they never got in touch with me; and I kept calling back and kept calling back." Finally, Geist received a call that they would have an investigator come and look at the place. "But it was better than three weeks before he even got in contact with me," Geist added, "Jerry Downs, himself, has never once contacted me on this claim."

Geist's policy [the standard Minnesota Homeowner's] covered this type of loss from freezing pipes, with a coverage limit of \$158,000. The township mutual coverages were provided by Lakeland Farmers Ins. Co., Bemidji; with statewide coverages provided by RAM Mutual Ins. Co., of Esko, Minn.

Geist received a letter, dated May 6th, 2005, from Dean Stack, of Integrity Claims Service, Bemidji; *Integrity* is, apparently, the adjustment company hired by Lakeland Farmers to handle the claim. The letter offered \$2,750 as a "courtesy settlement"; and went on to try to deny liability for coverage by alleging that Geist was "experiencing extreme difficulties with your electric company" (there were none at that time, except for the plow unexpectedly hitting the transformer) and the letter contained other subterfuges in an effort to deny coverage, including raising a question as to how the damage occurred, which, under the circumstances, was fairly obvious. The letter recited, "Without a clear causation, cause, and origin of your complications, Lakeland Farmers Insurance provided you these offers [\$2,750] to conclude this claim on a courtesy basis.

Later, Geist received a letter from Kirby Dahl of the law firm of Willenbring, Dahl, Wocken, and Zimmerman, Cold Spring, Minn., which accused Geist of neglecting to take "all reasonable action to protect covered property at and after the loss to avoid further damage" and stating that "the Company is not obligated to pay for a loss resulting directly or indirectly from neglect; and "the company is not responsible for losses . . . from power interruption . . . if the interruption takes place away from the insured premises . . . . '

Geist, however, said that there was nothing more he could have done immediately after the flooding. "The insurance company could have, actually, made this quite a simple fix by just getting a crew in here and taking care of the problem." Because they refused to do so, or to pay Geist so that he could do so, the black mould set in causing the further damage.

In investigation of this story, Northern Herald sought an opinion from a local agent of a different insurance company, as to whether a claim for the damages would be payable under these circumstances, under their standard Minnesota Homeowner's policy (these policies tend to be similar, though not necessarily identical, between firms). Mark Gazelka, agent for the leading area insurer, State Farm Insurance, inquired of his claims dept. and ascertained that their policy would cover damage due to the freezing of pipes in this sort of circumstance, regardless of where the power interruption originated, so that if, say, someone struck a line pole and that took out homeowners' power, they'd normally be covered for the freezing of pipes and damages stemming therefrom, assuming that their heating system was otherwise working and adequate and that they'd taken normal and reasonable measures to prevent further damage when the situation became known.

Mr. Gazelka said that if this happened to State Farm customers, "we'd be paying all day." Geist, unfortunately though, was insured through a different company.

Geist has contacted the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Mike Hatch, but they too refused to act against Lakeland Farmers on the matter, claiming that they didn't have jurisdiction to do so; and closed the file on Geist's complaint.

Finally, as of Oct. 18th, 2005, Lakeland Farmers cancelled Geist's policy because the property, in its damaged state, "no longer meets underwriting guidelines.'

Said Geist, "This whole deal has just amazed me that they would go to this amount of trouble to make (Continued, "Lakeland," p. 10)

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Geist explained that even if he had a gas heat source, it too would have failed, as the igniters and thermostat depend on electric power.

Since the disaster, Geist has had to remortgage the house to put

about \$15,000 into repairs, including the heating system and damage to the bathroom; but much of the flooring in the main areas is yet to be replaced. The flooring damage, including the particle board under the carpets, which crumbled when wet, was

about \$24,000 altogether.

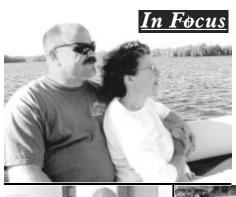
pay for repairs has resulted in a

Lower right, Larry Lindeman serves a taste to Anita Kirschbaum, Bloomington, at Hackensack Municipal Liquor, Oct. 1st. Tasted were many domestic and imported wines, including German and Australian.

it's kinda cool," said Rick.

Below Brad Putney pours Tahoe Ridge (CA) and Luna de Luna Italian wines, including Sangiovese, at Lucette's Pizza and Pub, Hackensack, Sept. 29th.







Jake Giese plays violin under the park shelter, as Tony Tammaro (not

plays drum.



his multi-tiered main piece midway through completion. Colour finshed photo at www.hack ensackcha mber.com

Left, First

Place chainsaw

winner, Dayton Scoggins, by

weekend in September through the three communities, included flea markets, freebies and merchants'

at Hackensack Municipal Liquor off-sale, on Hwy 371. music, classic cars, fall colour tours by auto or bus, free pontoon boat

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first October weekend (this year, Sept. 23rd - Oct. 2nd), across the specials, a \$250 medallion hunt, scavenger hunts, art displays,

Fame inductee, Doug Spartz, with Big John Voit and Sherwin Linton, at Deb's Trailside.

Above, 1964 Cadillac

Fleetwood owned by

Ray Kaczmarek,

# In Focus-Travel DO DE ARTISANI



TIJUANA, BC, MEXICO --Mexican shopping list: Kaluah, chilies, leather bags, LAWN FURNITURE?!!?

OK, it's not what most people think of when they consider good deals to be had south of the border. But it's there. Big garden fountains - some complex and ornate, some traditional; massive inlaid outdoor tables, attractive lawn statuary, as well as household items, furniture, and interior art; all to be had at pennies on the dollar. The only catch is that if one is landscaping their grounds, they'd have to bring their pickup. Shipping the larger pieces would lose the savings, and the guys at airline check-in would just laugh.

Above, Estrella Del Norte, only one of the many craftsmen at Mercado de Artesanias, boasts "Everything for Your Garden" and may well have a lot of it. As one tours the huge expanse of merchandise piled, literally, one thing on top of another, on their lot, one finds attractive and artistic

birdbaths, fountains, pottery, inlaid tables (\$250) (rectangular top at right inset, above; assembled round table, right) and lots of other tasteful items. Wrought iron work is on the second level. At above left inset, a deer lawn ornament (\$55); center inset, a fountain featuring detailed boy and girl figurine (\$180).

The Mercado de Artesanias is a huge arcade mall, about 50 or more individual shops, taking up a full

square block, at 2nd St. near Ave. Negrete, just before the tourist sector of downtown ("Centro") Tijuana.

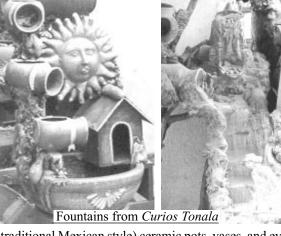
detailed fountain

(magnified below).

**Fountains** are available from any of a number of the many shops at the Mercado. The traditional fountain, below left, comes painted or natural, to the customer's taste. Some of these are quite large, with many tiers. Second from left is a popular, more ornate, design which requires less space. At right is a highly



Some of the other shops at this massive Mercado sell such wares as brightly painted (in the



traditional Mexican style) ceramic pots, vases, and even a thermal ceramic drink jug with spigot and wrought iron stand (\$50 at Anthony's Shop, all of these prices may be negotiable); pinatas, beautifully done picture frames including wood frames antiqued with bronze colour (a 16" x 20" is \$14 at Arturo's Curios); hats, very attractive glass jewelry cabinets and ornamental glass; leather bags, vests and custom leather; many kinds of wrought iron crafts, wine racks, and furnishings, string puppets (have your own show), decorative house number tiles and far too much more to list it all!

Below and right, artisan Carlos Rodriguez displays some of his wares out on the sidewalk, but keeps the larger pieces - hutches, and big dining tables, as well as the coffee and end tables and mirrors, inside his shop, Pinocchio's





All in the Mercado! Above left, feline lawn statuary sits among the columns and raised vases from Curles Sandoval's shop. At left, fine artist Frank Azpetian composes a city scene in the art shop run by himself and fellow artist Casper Torres, while above, leathersmith Emilio crafts a hat in his shop nearby.



At left, the rich wood grain is apparent in these stained glass windows and cabinet doors at Vitrales Ideas, Art, & Designs. These would be a perfect accent for a log home.

There's also a lot of ornamental glass at the Mercado; below, stained glass butterflies on sticks to go into vases or planters at Palazio's.

Bottom left, three swans hold up the circular glass tabletop at Artesania del Bosque, who does traditional as well as rustic

furniture, and some very arty stuff.





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federal courts; but Judge John R. Leitner, at Aitkin, wouldn't stay the sentence pending federal determination of whether there was a due process violation, and on Oct. 3rd, 2005, ordered Bessette to serve. He completed his sentence November 13th

Country Justice. Bessette is expected to raise, in federal court, due process questions, including conflict of interest by the trial court.

Bessette said that, years before, he had retained Jeffrey Haberkorn when Haberkorn and (now Judge) Solien were partners in legal practice. The association,

(now Judge) Solien were partners in legal practice. The association, however, ended with a dispute over quality of the work done and fees. Bessette said that at that time Haberkorn vowed "that he'd get even".

In time, Solien became a judge. And when charged, Marc Bessette's case was assigned to Judge Solien. To make matter worse, Bessette said "the [County] Attorney [Tom Murtha whose office]

case was assigned to Judge Solien. To make matter worse, Bessette said, "the ... [County] Attorney ... [Tom Murtha, whose office] ... prosecuted this case - he was my standby counsel at the omnibus hearing [before he was elected County Attorney], at which I confided with him all of the facts of this case, which is lawyer-client confidentiality."



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(Bessette, who although well able to hire an attorney, opted to represent himself at trial. "I defended the case myself because I couldn't find an honest lawyer in Minnesota," he said.) And Jeffrey Haberkorn was later appointed as standby counsel for Bessette.

Bessette said that he wanted to move to disqualify Judge Solien from hearing the case (a standard and routine motion). But, he said, Haberkorn advised him that that would anger the judge, and that he'd "throw me in jail," Bessette said. Bessette said, also, that 7 months before trial, he'd sent a letter to the Minnesota Judicial Review Board asking that Judge Solien be removed from the case. Solien, nonetheless, presided over the trial.

Following the trial, Bessette retained Shakopee attorney Sam McCloud [not the same one who used to ride horse in New York] to bring a motion for new trial. McCloud also appealed the conviction. But Bessette learned that McCloud didn't raise certain issues at the motion for new trial, and so was precluded from raising them on appeal. He believes that McCloud's assistance was ineffective. Bessette recalls, "Sam McCloud, at one time, said to me, 'Just do the 45 days and shut up. Men have gone to prison for 20 years for crimes they didn't commit. Who cares?"

Where no good deed goes unpunished. As regards Elinich's accusations of theft, Bessette said, "We do a favor for somebody . . . and now we're getting . . . [this]." Bessette believes he was targeted for prosecution because of his means and successful business that he was seen as a deep pocket, "They think I'm made of money and they wanted a piece of it. ... In fact, the [Asst. County Attorney], Lisa Rakotz, told me if I ... [paid]... \$10,000 it [the criminal charge] would 'go away' and I told her to drop dead," said Bessette, "I have been an ... [asset] ... to that community. I've run a good ... and honest business. ... I've never done the harm that this Court has done to me and my family. You would think that they're supposed to be the ones with integrity and honesty; they're not, it's all about money and corruption. ... Aitkin: they're nothing more than a bunch of legal swindlers - they got a license to steal. And it's gonna stop, because I'm gonna take this all the way to Washington if I have to."

Diogenes's Lantern.

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# NORTHERN HERALD RESTAURANT GUIDE

A visitor's or resident's guide to the better sit-down dining in Northern Minnesota. These are Northern Herald rated establishments; as such, except as noted, all are hospitable to all guests, whether or not they smoke. These are ALL outstanding establishments, run by the kind of hospitable people you like as your hosts. If they didn't rate at least three stars overall, they're not here.

Ratings: \*\*\*Very good overall; good food and/or value \*\*\*\*Superb food, plus exceptional value or ambience/extras \*\*\*\*Exceptional as to cuisine as well as value, plus ambience or something extra. (Detail: Q2 or Q3 is the quality rating (top is 3 stars); \$ denotes exceptional value; + denotes ambience; extras)

#### **WALKER AREA**

★★★ (Q3) Charlie's Charlie's famous ribs, steaks, chicken and seafood. Certified Angus Beef. Boathouse bar open is summer. Excellent quality this is where a lot of local people eat. 6241 Hwy 200 (near the "Y" of 200 & 371) 218-547-0222

 $\bigstar\, \star\, \star\, \star\, \star\, (Q3\,\$)$  The Ranch House, Walker. Daily AYCE specials served homestyle. Salad bar. Giant popovers (excellent) with all meals. Specials: Su: Roast turkey, baked ham & fried chicken, \$10.99; Mon: Tenderloin & sirloin tips, \$12.99 ;Tu: Stemed shrimp, \$17.99; Wed: Ribs & chicken, \$13.99; Th: Alaskan snow crab - \$29.99 ( 4 clusters, \$20.99); Baked chicken \$10.79; Fri: Fish Fry, \$8.59, w/soup & salad bar \$12.54; Sat: Steamed shrimp, \$17.99 9420 Hwy 371 NW, 218-547-1540

★★★★ (Q3 \$) The Wharf, Walker. Walleye swim all the way from Alaska to jump into Marie's secret recipe beer batter to be in her AYCE Walleye feed every Friday 'til 10. Other excellent quality, good value, daily specials (not AYCE) include: Wed.: GIANT Tacos, Sat: Prime Rib, Salmon. Full bar, nautical ambience. 218-547-3777

#### HACKENSACK AREA

 $\bigstar\,\star\,\star\,\star\,(\mbox{Q3}\,\$\,+)$  Arthur's Ten Mile Lake Inn, Hackensack. Very excellent food amidst lakeshore ambience. Live pianist and dancing weekends. Nautical motif with lots of glass for the lake view. This is where you'd bring your wife on that special anniversary or occasion. Daily AYCE specials: Wed: Fried, and Peel 'n eat Shrimp, \$17.95; Th: their own smokehouse Ribs, \$12.99; Fr: Fish fry, \$9.95; Sa: Prime rib, \$19.99 Winter early bird specials Wed.-Sat. 5-6 p.m. 7 great entrees \$8.99-\$12.95 Full bar, well stocked, including sherry and cognac. 4777 Hwy 371 NW, 218-675-6576

★★★ (Q3) Lucette's Pizza & Pub, Hackensack. Lucette's Calzone is to die for. Very excellent pizza made with the finest fresh ingredients. Recommended: Paul's Deluxe. It's big enough and good enough for Paul Bunyan himself! Full bar with many draft beers including their specialty: the almost black Lucette's Lager; and imported wines, including Italian and Romanian. 201 Hwy 371 S, 218-675-7777

★★★★ (Q3\$) River House, Hackensack. Daily AYCE specials served home-style: M: Ribs, \$13.99; Tu: Deep fried chicken, \$10.99; W: Steamed peel 'n eat shrimp, \$15.99 Th: Baked chicken, \$9.99; F: Fish fry, \$9.99; Sa: Crab legs, \$27.99; Su: Roast turkey, \$9.99 All dinners include their lavish salad bar and popover or dinner roll. Full bar. 222 Highway 371, 218-675-6200

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **Up North Cafe**, Hackensack. Open for breakfast and lunch. Summer and Fall weekend brunch buffet is rated: It's *the best* weekend buffet in the Northland with egg & cheese bake, corned beef hash, creamed chipped beef (loaded with *lots* of beef) on biscuits, Toast of France with strawberries; fresh fruits, kielbasa, much, much, more. This is a real feed and a great way to start a weekend morning! Rotating daily specials with the same good Up North quality for Breakfast and Lunch all year long. 105 Hwy 371 S, 218-675-5300

#### PARK RAPIDS AREA

★★★ (Q3) Royal Bar, Park Rapids. Quite possibly the best hamburger you've had, prepared in many styles, or any way you like it! Full bar. 120 Main Ave. S, 218-732-9443

#### **NISSWA-PEQUOT LAKES AREA**

★★★ (Q3) Tasty Pizza North, Pequot Lakes. A very good thin crust pizza at usual market prices. Pastas, sandwiches, including their Dago Italian sausage. Daily specials. Domestic Chianti. Open 3 - 10 p.m. every day except Mondays. Rustic ambient motif; smoking area is best seating. This is the only pizza restaurant in the Nisswa-Pequot Lakes area that remains hospitable to smokers and non-smokers, alike. 28889 Hwy 371 (midway between Pequot Lakes and Nisswa), 218-568-4404

#### **CASS LAKE AREA**

★★★ (Q3) North Country Junction Bar & Grille, Cass Lake. Tasty food, good service. Live entertainment Wed. & weekend evenings. 106 Aspen Ave SW (Hwy 371 on S end of town), 218-335-6324

#### **BEMIDJI AREA**

Note: All of Beltrami County is non-smoking, by law. These listed Bemidji restaurants are exceptional, and remained hospitable to all right up to the end when the law took effect. If one has to be here, these are good places to eat.

\*\*\* (Q3 \$) The Great Wall, Bemidji. Outstanding AYCE buffet every day for lunch and dinner at great prices (adults:\$6.95/\$8.95, including beverages and desserts). Mandarin & Szechuan (hot) as well as traditional Cantonese. Four big buffet tables of selection. Includes peel 'n eat shrimp every night, AYCE Crab legs on M,W, Fr, & Sa dinner buffet. 102 1st St W (in Union Station shopping center) 218-751-7085

#### GRAND RAPIDS-DEER RIVER-REMER

★★★★ (Q3 \$) La Rosa, Grand Rapids. Steaks, chops, seafood, Joe's Famous Ribs, in a pleasant latin dining environment. Reasonable prices. Full bar service, including cognac, available. Frequent holiday buffets. 1300 E Highway 169 (in the Rainbow Inn complex) 218-327-4000

★★★ (Q3) Pasties Plus, Grand Rapids. This is a wonderful hot meal of meat, potatoes, and veggies wrapped in a delicious baked pastry crust, with gravy. It's quite the treat! Stop in and take a whiff - the homestyle quality is obvious. All pasties (including breakfast) \$3.99; w/gravy just a few cents more (get it!) 1407 Hwy 2 W (next to Jerry's Liquors), 218-326-2234

How we rate: We don't rate by request - we have to stumble onto the good establishment. We don't accept free food, and try to be anonymous, like any other guest, when sampling the restaurant. After being rated, restaurants listed here pay for the space - the rating and editorial commentary, though, is ours and can't be bought.

of Voice Stress Analysis (VSA) of Bessette's taped interview tends to corroborate that he was being frank and truthful in his denials of having removed Elinich's property, having allowed anyone else to do so, having otherwise disposed of the property, or having any involvement in it's ending up in Ristow's garage. It also indicated that he was being truthful in his statements regarding Ristow pointing a gun at him and threatening him with it. Lie detector evidence, however, is not generally admissible in Court. **10** 

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### Tires Plus from page 5

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probably would take about 2 hours, which was reasonable under the circumstances and given the age of the vehicle. The repair was done and fixed the problem. The final cost? \$116. including the brake line - the only part needed.

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Lowell's Tire Service at Kabekona, and, of course, Wal-Mart, Bemidji.

Lakeland from page 7 trouble for me. All I wanted was to have my ... [insured repairs] ...

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Park Rapids Area. SWM, age 60, financially secure, looking for female - any race - one who is petite or slender, age 21 to 65. One who wants a long-term relationship and one who wants a 50-50 relationship, and one who wants to relocate. For more information, please write, send phone no., address, and photo. #10149

Northern Minn. Mature, sharp-looking gentleman seeks young, beautiful, longhaired virgin, who hasn't done things the wrong way and wants to live her life the right way; for lifetime marriage, to share the good life, at peace with Providence, nature, and man; and eventually become a wealthy widow. Lots of dancing, outdoor fun and (married) romance will hasten the process. Should be skilled in the domestic arts, dancing & smoking, but if not can always learn to smoke. She should know CPR, but frankly, will get rich sooner if she doesn't.

Park Rapids Area. Outdoorsman with multi-interests and good communication skills. Have been single eight years. N/S, 5' 10", active at 175 lbs. Like to hike, bike, and read. Seeking honest Christian lady, preferably a Minnesota native, with homesteading skills, class, and culture. The door is open for LTR.

Lakeland from page 10

heating contractor] the heating

system is totally adequate - it's more

than adequate. And that the actual

damages to the heating system [the

freezing of baseboard pipes] were

attorney in Philadelphia to pursue

legal action against Lakeland

Farmers for damages due to the

power outage, the black mould,

and loss of use of the premises

Protective Custody fr p. 4

Johnson case where one white and

four Native Americans were

involved in a robbery incident in

which a five year old was killed.

When the five were sentenced, by

the Court, the Native Americans

received sentences for a number

of years in prison, while the white

was released on parole; showing

unequal treatment between white

and Native Americans in the

Commission member, Mike Sayers,

said that Croud was compliant

during the incident, continued

safety was not an issue, and that

Croud was safer not being arrested.

In later interview, Sayers conveyed

that Croud leaves four children, 11

and under, and his significant other

who has expressed shock and grief

over Croud's death. Sayers also

Per the minutes, another

criminal justice system.

since February.

Mr. Geist has contacted an

caused by this electrical outage.

Bemidji Area. SWM, 50s, 6'1", 225 lbs., seeking S/D WF for LTR. Looking forward to talking to you and progressing to meeting for #10148

#### **GALS SEEKING GUYS**

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Northern Minnesota. SWF, uab, 40's, well rounded country girl. ISO big burly biker, easy going, to play with as the seasons change. LTR possible, sense of humor #10151

South Itasca County. SWF - age 67 looking for a guy that enjoys dancing, sports, walking, & quiet times. Must be at least 5' 10" or more. I enjoy country/western music and cooking. From late 50s to 75 yrs. of age.

mentioned that the Croud issue

could be taken to either the ACLU

and/or the Attorney General's

Office for further action. When

asked, Sayers gave us what he

called an "actual account" of what

happened to Croud, stating that

witnesses said that the police

officers made contact, and that

Croud was complying, and that a

scuffle ensued. Croud was then

pushed up against a wall, and the

officers tried to subdue him, that is

when he began to resist the officers,

they then slammed him against the

sidewalk. One officer was kneeling

on his head and another on his back.

They handcuffed him and put him

into the squad car. Then, after he

was cuffed (and in the back seat of

the police car), the police used a

taser gun (Thomas A. Swift's

Electric Rifle) on him as well. They

then took him to St. Mary's Hospital

where they sedated him, and he

never regained consciousness.

When discussing the actions of the

Mayor of Duluth, Sayers remarked

that the Mayor has not said a whole

lot, stating further that Mayor

Bergson had apologized, but that

Bergson had previously indicated

via E-Mail, and asked him if it is

true, concerning Sayer's statement

that there have been deaths of

Native Americans while in

custody of Duluth officers, and

where no prosecution of those

officers took place; and if he could

We contacted Mayor Bergson

support of the police officers.

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release any information that would be supportive of his position concerning his statement to the press - that is, the lack of wrongdoing by his police officers. Bergson replied, among other things, "I do not have all of the information you ask for at my fingertips. . . . ," making no response as to the questionable performance of City officers.

Commission Chairman Dr. Powless brought up, in the meeting of the 17th, that the New York police department has extensive training in de-escalating a situation and have done this in similar situations. Chief Waller responded that the method is called "verbal judo", seeming to be aware of that method. "Verbal Judo" is a method where officers use words to prevent police/ citizen encounters from becoming violent, thereby decreasing the potential harm to officers and citizens. However, Commission notes show that Chief Waller had stated that "deadly force" was used in the Croud case. We made numerous attempts to reach Chief Waller for comment, however, as of the date of this article, he has not returned these calls.

Commission member Evie Campbell made a request, at the meeting, that the American Indian Commission donate \$500 to the Croud family; the request was seconded by Mike Sayers, and approved unanimously.

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- Q: Is it expensive?

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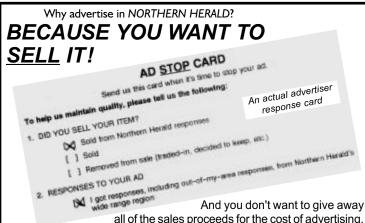
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