

News Briefs

From The Borderland News Center

Walhalla residents face felony charges

Felony charges were laid upon two Walhalla residents last Friday. Michael Lafferty, 27, and Stephanie Lafferty, 50, have both been charged with possessing methamphetamines with intent to deliver. Stephanie was also charged with Possessing Drug Paraphernalia. Both have been placed on appearance bond with an initial appearance date scheduled for Dec. 9.

Dog responsible for collision

The Devils Lake Police Department reported that a mixed breed dog named Max caused a car crash at the Altru Clinic last Friday. The department reports Max, while waiting inside of a pickup truck, managed to move the manual transmission to neutral, causing the truck to roll downhill and collide into an unoccupied vehicle. Max was uninjured.

LPH accepting entries for annual celebration

Langdon Prairie Health Foundation has begun accepting entries for their annual Lights, Stars, and Diamonds Program, where residents can submit a dedication for a loved one they may miss over the holidays. A reading of the names will be held Dec. 8 at St. Alphonsus' Festival of Trees and live on KNDK AM 1080 on Dec. 18. Entries are due by Dec. 4.

Summit granted permit

The North Dakota Public Service Commission met last week to vote on whether or not to allow Summit Carbon Solution's pipeline project to commence. Back in 2023, the PSC denied Summit a permit, but over the last two years, the company appealed and changed its original plans. Opponents of the project continue to raise concerns about how the pipeline could damage farmland and property values. North Dakota's Public Service Commission has unanimously given the go-ahead to Summit Carbon Solutions for their carbon capture pipeline project. Summit's approved plan intends to install 333 miles of pipeline through N.D. as part of a five-state network. Other states such as South Dakota have still not approved a permit for Summit.

Search into two disappearances

Last weekend, the Spirit Lake Tribe and the Fort Totten community began the search for leads into the disappearance of Jemini Posey, 22, and Isaac Hunt, 27. The two went missing in January and March of this year.

Myrdal case dismissed

In a 10-4 decision, North Dakota's Legislative Management voted to cover the \$40K accrued in legal fees by state Senator Janne Myrdal of Edinburg. Myrdal had been sued by a Park River resident and one of her constituents, Mitchell Sanderson, for blocking him on Facebook. Sanderson's case was dismissed by the state Supreme Court on Nov. 8.

Burgum to take on new roll

President-elect Donald Trump has announced that he will be appointing North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum to lead the Interior Department. In this position, Burgum will be responsible for managing several government agencies and bureaus such as the National Park Service, the US Geological Survey, and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Anheuser-Busch announces closure

Anheuser-Busch has announced its plans to close down its malt operation in Moorhead. In a statement, Anheuser-Busch Agronomy Director Nicole Zaharadka said the brewing company still intends to purchase barley grown in N.D. and Minn. When operational, the Moorhead plant processed close to 8 million bushels of barley annually.

Steinbach data breached

The Steinbach Credit Union reported their phone systems were breached by a third party recently. The credit union said only limited data such as names and phone numbers could have possibly been exposed. The union is continuing to investigate and work with impacted members.

CDC issues recall

The CDC has issued a nationwide recall on organically grown carrots and baby carrots following an outbreak of e.coli which has seen 39 confirmed cases, 15 of which required hospitalization and one reported fatality. The carrots came from California-based Grimmway Farms but are sold under numerous store brands. A link to the complete brand listing is available at our QL page.

Dunseith teacher sentenced to 50 months

Belcourt resident and former English teacher at Dunseith Public Schools, Rhawnie Marcellais, 42, was sentenced last week to 50 months in federal prison. Local officials and the FBI began investigating Marcellais in January 2021. In June of this year, she was convicted of child abuse, assault with a deadly weapon, and malicious mischief.

NHTSA and Cavalier County Health District remind drivers: Buzzed driving is drunk driving

Langdon, N.D. — As people across the country make plans to kick off Thanksgiving on the night before the holiday, popularly known as Thanksgiving Eve or Drinksgiving, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Cavalier County Health District remind drivers that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. Drinking and driving is a deadly choice; drivers should always commit to sober driving or arrange for a safe ride. Even one drink can cloud a person's judgment and impair their ability to make safe choices.

Drunk driving has tragically become a defining aspect of Thanksgiving Eve, with some people turning it into a night of drinking and driving. From 2018 to 2022 (6 p.m. the Wednesday

before Thanksgiving through 5:59 a.m. Thanksgiving morning), 143 drunk drivers were involved in fatal traffic crashes on that night. Of those drivers, 109 were males and 25 were females. Drivers 21-24 (38%) were the age group most likely to be alcohol-impaired drivers in fatal crashes on that same night, followed by drivers ages 25-34 (35%). In 2022 alone, there were 35 drunk drivers involved in fatal traffic crashes on Thanksgiving Eve, with 27 of the drivers being males.

Drivers should be safe on Thanksgiving Eve by planning ahead if they intend to drink. They shouldn't wait until after drinking to plan how to get somewhere. Impairment clouds a person's judgment. Drivers should

secure a designated sober driver for a safe ride home.

If a driver finds they are unable to drive, they should give their keys to a sober driver so that person can get them home safely. When a friend has been drinking and is considering driving, friends should be proactive — take away the keys and help them get a sober ride home. If anyone spots a drunk driver, contact the Cavalier County Sheriff's Department by calling 911.

Drive 100% sober, because Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. For more information on impaired driving, visit www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving.

House fire in Langdon leads to complete loss

By The Borderland Press staff

Alarms went off a short time after 3:45 in the afternoon on Sunday on the report of a house fire on Langdon's 16th Street.

Police, fire and EMT crews quickly mobilized and found themselves outside the residence of one of their own, EMT service member Lorraine Gage.

Teams quickly went to work to extinguish the fire. At time of writing, there have been no reports of injuries.

However, the extent of the fire was substantial, as explained by Langdon Ambulance Service Director Chris Sanders.

"Everything was a total loss, including her car," he stated.

The Borderland News Center has reached out to representatives of the Langdon Fire Department for further details but at time of publication, we had not heard back.

Hours after the incident, Sanders went to work putting together a GoFundMe for Lorraine and her mother.

"Her mother also resided at the home, so she has to replace all the prescriptions and everything. So that'll probably be full price for stuff like that. We're just trying to support her in any way we can," said Sanders.

A link to the Go Fund Me page is now available at our QL page.

NLAC News – November 2024

Greetings from the Northern Lights Arts Council!

The holiday season is here! It seems like just yesterday we were enjoying the summer sun listening to the music of the Summer Concert Series, but I am watching the snow fall as I type this, and Christmas music is filling the air!

Speaking of Christmas music... the Langdon Community Band has been rehearsing and is excited to present their Holiday Concert which will be held on Monday, Dec. 9 at 7:00pm at the Roxy Theater. Tickets will be sold at the door, and doors open at 6:30. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and kids 5 and under are free.

Art Club has begun for the 2024-25 season. Join us the third Thursday of each month in the Langdon Eagles Club basement meeting room at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own projects and supplies and hang out with fellow artists. The next time we meet is Dec. 19.

Art Student of the Month is also in full swing. Each month a student is chosen from a Cavalier County school and their artwork is displayed at the Bread Pan in Langdon. Our October Art Student of the Month was Nora Van-Heerden from St. Alphonsus and our November Art Student of the Month is Lucy Westphal from Munich. Congratulations to both Nora and Lucy!

Mark your calendars for a couple of upcoming fundraisers for the Roxy

Theater. We'll be doing a burger night and bake sale at the Langdon Eagles Club on Jan. 10, and Giving Hearts Day is Feb. 13. More details to come! On behalf of myself and the board of directors, thank you for your membership donations. We cannot thank you enough for your support. Your membership gives us the ability to promote the arts and host events and activities for our community. If you haven't had a chance to become a member or renew your membership, visit nlac.us/membership or contact me for more information.

See you around this holiday season! Sincerely, Amber Benoit Executive Director of Marketing/Programming

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from the people who live and work near the border and depend upon the free flow of individuals, goods and services across the border. He added that while two additional hours will help alleviate some of the pressures for commercial commodity haulers, it isn't near enough to restore lost small town business activity or to renew family and friend relationships across the border.

Mike Cook, Walhalla City Auditor, feels that it is a step in the right direction and hopes that it will help Frost Fire and other local businesses. Desiree Kintyhtt, Walhalla Area Chamber of Commerce Board president, is grateful that the hard work the community has put in hasn't totally fallen on deaf

ears, and some progress is being made.

"We hope that with the expanded hours, Canadians will be able to enjoy the campground in town and the new state park in the Gorge," said Kintyhtt.

With the port of entry closing at 6pm, it was difficult for campers to get into town after work on Friday evenings, so many would camp elsewhere.

After the Judiciary Committee hearing in Grand Forks, N.D. in May, Congressman Armstrong was able to pass an amendment to the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, HR 8752 that would have restored the border hours of operation to the pre-COVID hours. However, this bill was never taken up by the Senate and is now bogged down in the post-election budget negotiations.

"Please reach out to Senators Hoven, Cramer, Governor Elect Armstrong, and our new Congresswoman Julie Fedorchak and tell them to do everything they can to restore the port of entry hours to their pre-COVID state," pleaded Carpenter.

CBP says that it continually monitors operations, traffic patterns, and volume, and analyzes the best use of resources to better serve the traveling

public. Sharing it will remain engaged with local and regional stakeholders, as well as communities to ensure consistent communication and to address concerns.

Hours effective at midnight, January 6, 2025:
Fortuna will expand its operating hours to 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Neche will expand its operating hours to 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Noonan will expand its operating hours to 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Walhalla will expand its operating hours to 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Carbury will permanently maintain current hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Maida will permanently maintain current hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Northgate will permanently maintain current hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
St. John will permanently maintain current hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sherwood will permanently maintain current hours of 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Westhope will permanently maintain current hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Antler will expand its operating hours temporarily for 120 days to 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Hannah will continue to operate from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Hansboro will continue to operate from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sarles will continue to operate from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



HAPPY Thanksgiving
Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday!

UNITY MEDICAL CENTER'S Tree of Lights Community Remembrance Service
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 4:00 P.M.

Please join us for the 4th annual Tree of Lights Community Remembrance Service at Unity Medical Center. Names of loved ones lost will be read and broadcast live on KXPO. Attendees can make a luminary and ornament for their loved one(s) to display in the main entrance of the hospital.

The UMC Foundation evergreen tree will be illuminated during the service in honor of those that have passed away and will remain lit throughout the holiday season.

Enter through DOOR #1 (ER/Main Entrance) and take elevators to the third floor.

Submit names by Wednesday, December 4:

- Envelopes at UMC ER/Main Entrance (Door #1), Grafton Family Clinic & Park River Family Clinic
- Mail to UMC Foundation at 164 W. 13th St., Grafton, ND 58237
- Online via the QR codes below (hover phone camera over square & click on link)

Submit names here [QR Code] Submit donations here [QR Code]

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Nov. 22 - 25 **GOING GLAVE** PG

Nov. 29 - Dec. 2 **MANA** PG

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