



Editorial

By Benjiman Cartwright

While driving around this week in all the smoke, I was brainstorming for the front page article about the wildfires. I came up with the title while thinking of the song, Smoke on the Water, by Deep Purple. Everyone knows the song, but have you ever listened to the lyrics? I found out I hadn't, and when I was talking with Megan about it, she hadn't either. The story is almost unbelievable, but its true. It starts on December 4, 1971 when Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention were playing at a lakeside casino in the Swiss town of Montreux. 80 minutes into the set someone in the crowd fired a flare gun, and caught the ceiling on fire. This was in the lyrics as "some stupid with a flare gun". Deep Purple was staying at the Montreux using a sound truck rented from the Rolling Stones to record songs. The casino was completely destroyed, no one died, and the band stood back watching the blaze while the smoke covered Lake Geneva. I think if you listen to song while you read the lyrics, the song won't be about what you thought it was, at least for us it was. Quite interesting. Have a listen and let us know if that was the same for you.

The Pool is scheduled to open



Destiny, Ethan and Dalton pushing the mower home

Thank You

Vi Arden would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped make her birthday so special last Saturday in Bottineau. She called The Standard, nearly in tears, to share how much she appreciated all the love she received during her birthday week.

Over 125 people asked to have their names added to the birthday cards posted on Facebook by her daughter Lorie, and more than 55 friends and family came to celebrate in person. Vi said she felt incredibly loved and grateful.

"It turned out to be a very good day... a VERY good day. I'm already looking forward to the next one!" she said with a smile.

Vi also sends a special thank you to Lorie, Ken and Joan for organizing everything. She says it meant the world to her to feel so loved.

Celebration of Life

Celebration of life for Richard Lee Enderle on June 7th 2025 at 11:00 am at Westhope Cemetary. In case of bad weather it will be at the Presbyterian Church with social time at 12:00 pm at Shawna's.

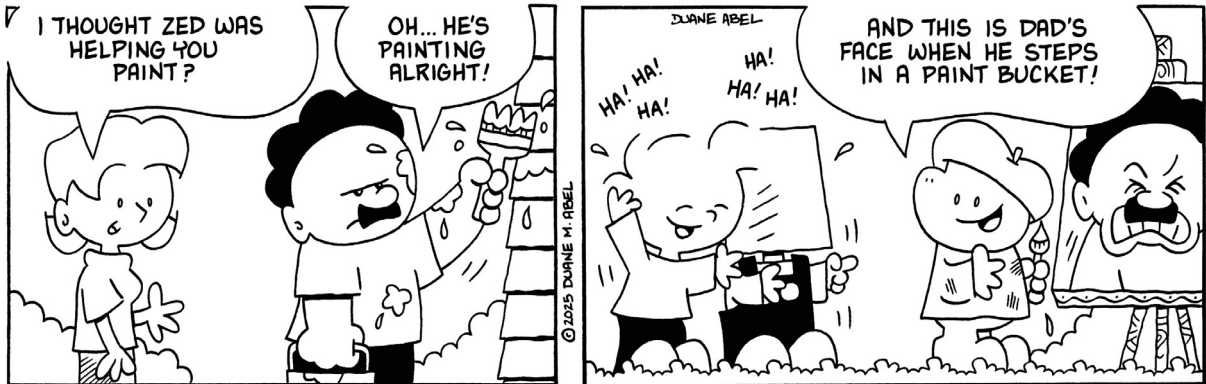


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Stop in the Coffee Shop when its open, they can take you news or pay-ments If you have some-thing to drop off after hours the door slot is still available, its just to the side of the door now. If you want to call and we are not around my cell is (701)818-1230 and Amanda's (701)625-1087 If we cannot answer please leave a message and we will return the call. The office number is still (701)245-6461 and email standard@srt.com



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Social Security Matters

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens



Ask Rusty – I'm a Retired Veteran; Why must I pay for Medicare?

Dear Rusty: I'm a retired Navy veteran who is going to be turning 65 years old this year. My question is concerning mandatory Medicare sign-up requirements. Why do I have to sign up for Medicare coverage at 65 when I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I turn 67? My Social Security benefits will not pay for my mandatory Medicare because I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I'm 67!

I currently pay for Tricare and utilize my local Veterans Administration medical facilities and referrals for my healthcare. With me turning 65 and having to wait until I'm 67 for my full Social Security benefits, it just seems unfair that I'll have to pay out of pocket Medicare monthly expenses for two years! Is there any way to avoid this unfair penalty? Signed: Retired Navy Vet

Dear Retired Navy Vet: First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. Please know that here at the AMAC Foundation we care a lot about our veterans, and you may find the "For Veterans" section of our Foundation website interesting (www.amacfoundation.org).

Regarding your question, you should be aware that enrolling in Medicare is not mandatory, but there are consequences if you do not enroll when you become eligible (normally at age 65). For one thing, if you are a retired veteran on military TriCare, you will lose your TriCare benefits if you don't enroll in Medicare when you are eligible (TriCare requires that you enroll in Medicare when eligible). And, since you are not yet collecting Social Security, you will be required to separately pay the Medicare Part B premium directly to Medicare (they will bill you when you enroll in Medicare). Another potential consequence is that if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you are first eligible, you may incur a lifetime late enrollment penalty for enrolling in Part B later.

Something else to keep in mind is that there are two "parts" to Medicare - Part A (which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), and Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.). Medicare Part A is free to you, but there is a premium for Medicare Part B (\$185/month for 2025). Note that you will need to

pay a Part B premium as long as you are enrolled in Medicare Part B (it doesn't go away after you are collecting Social Security, but it is taken from your Social Security payment). And there is no way for you to avoid the Part B premium after enrolling, and enrolling in Part B is necessary for you to continue your military TriCare-for-life benefits. Note that Medicare Part A and Part B do not include prescription drug coverage, but your TriCare coverage usually does.

It's important to note that Medicare and Social Security are two independent senior programs with different eligibility rules. As you may know, you can collect early (reduced) Social Security at age 65 (and have your Medicare Part B premium deducted from your SS payment). But you would be collecting Social Security early and, in addition to a reduced benefit, you would also be subject to Social Security's annual earnings test if you are still working. The SS earnings test limits how much you can earn before some of your SS benefits are taken away (if you exceed the earning limit prior to your full retirement age).

So, is it unfair that you must pay for Medicare Part B before you are collecting Social Security? Well, I think not, because the two programs are completely independent benefits (the Social Security Administration merely administers Medicare payments as a convenience). Remember your Medicare Part A is free, but you must pay a premium for Part B, and you must take both to retain your military TriCare-for-Life benefits. You can visit this site to see how to pay your Medicare premiums until it is later deducted from your Social Security payment: www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/pay-premiums/online-bill-pay.

Once again, thank you for your service to our country.

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RETIRED TEACHERS TO MEET JUNE 6

The Turtle Mountain Retired Teachers Association will meet June 6 at 11:30 at Shanna's Place Cafe in Westhope. Following lunch, Ben Cartwright will demonstrate 3D printing at the Westhope Standard. The agenda includes selecting a Silver Apple winner and election of officers. Please bring ideas for programs for the upcoming year. We will meet in the NW corner of the Walmart parking lot at 10:30 to carpool from Bottineau.

We welcome all retired teachers from Bottineau and Rolette Counties and beyond. Our purpose is to provide a scholarship to a student who is attending Dakota College at Bottineau and pursuing a degree in education. We also support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Anne Carlsen School. At Christmas we donate quarters for resident activities in the long-term care facilities alternating counties every other year. We also strive to keep in touch with our former colleagues and meet new ones who have moved into the area. We welcome visitors at our meetings.

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In the Past

by Annika Graun

100 Years Ago June 4th, 1925

Secretary Munn of the Commercial Club, received a telegram Monday morning from Congressman Hall, stating that President Coolidge had signed an order making Westhope a port of entry. A port of entry, as everyone knows, is a place where any foreigner desiring to enter the U.S. must pass through to get in. Also, a lot of tourist traffic that has formerly gone through Portal or St. John, will now be diverted this way. Bottineau has been endeavoring for some time, past to be made a port of entry, but failed. This is good news for everyone and means that Westhope will be permanently on the map. A permanent inspector will be appointed, who will arrive here soon and open an office. This is the only place that we know of that is a port of entry along the Canadian line, where the railroad does not continue across, Pembina, St John and Portal are the other ports. The Commercial Club and especially Secretary Munn, is to be congratulated on the activity put forth. He has done some hard work in the past that has counted for much, and he should be given every assistance, not only by club members but everyone else.

90 Years Ago June 6th, 1935

Thirteen grasshopper mixing stations are being made ready to begin mixing poison in Bottineau county if necessary. Bait materials are being shipped into county at this time, although weather conditions are such that there has been very little call for poison. Several stations have poison on hand from the 1934 campaign. This will be ground and be used again this year. Farmers having poison on hand from last years supply should bring this to their local station and have it ground so they may use it. State and federal grasshopper control experts have indicated that a thorough cleaning up of the insects in 1935 will probably make it unnecessary to conduct an organized control program in 1934. An equally good control program this year is expected to put the finishing touch to the hoppers. Caution in spreading the poison grasshopper bait and in handling the materials are urged on all who are engaged in the control program now in operation in the country. Hal Stefanson, Agricultural Adjustment Agent in charge of the campaign said today. The bait should be scattered so that none lies in lumps or piles. Each flake should fall separately for best results in grasshopper control and for reducing the danger of injury to livestock, poultry and game birds. Sacks of bait should not be left where livestock of children can get at it. Grasshopper bait contains arsenic. Arsenic is a deadly poison and should be handles as such. Full instructions for taking the necessary precautions have been given every control group and it is hoped that no fatalities or injury to humans or livestock will result from grasshopper bait.

80 Years Ago June 7th, 1945

Fire Saturday morning destroyed the dwelling on the George McDougall farm northwest of town. The alarm was sounded in town about 9:30, but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to do anything with he chemical truck. The fire started from the chimney, upstairs, and had such a start that the two women, keeping house, had time to save only a few personal belongings before the house was a mass of flames. Mr. McDougall was in town at the time and the men were all in fields. A bunch car which was close to the house also caught fire and was completely destroyed. Mr. McDougall said he had only a small amount of insurance. Fortunately there was not much wind, so the other building were in no great danger, through workers doused water on the roads of several of the buildings to prevent any possibility of a spread of the flames.

Lester (Ike) Ballantyne returned recently form the South Pacific and has been given a medical discharge from the army. He was in the Pacific are for 14 months, and took part in three major campaigns. Ike did not have a great deal to say about his experiences, expect to remark that is was "pretty rough". None of us here at home can have the slightest inkling of all the hell that these returned solders pass of in two simple words. Anyway, we are glad to see Ike back home again. He is the son of Jas. Ballantyne of Kuroki. Lester said that the only person from home he saw over there was rufus Henderson, who was in the same outfit, the 154th Infantry.

70 Years Ago June 2nd, 1955

Published last week, and again this week, is a resolution by the City Council of the City of Westhope, creating Paving, Curb, and Gutter District No.3 of the city of Westhope. The district covered in the resolution would comprise 20 blocks of paving, curb and gutter. Plans and specifications are expected to be ready by Monday, at which time the

council holds their regular meeting. It is expected that at this meeting they will pass a resolution of necessity, in regard to this paving district, and at the same time call for bids of the project. The 20 blocks of paving specified in the district are. Railroad Avenue, from the Marcotte corner west five blocks to the airport corner. Main Street 4 blocks north to the city park corner. From the park corner, east 3 blocks to the highway. From main street and 2nd Ave. 1 block west, then south on Ruby Street 3 blocks to Railroad avenue. First avenue from Darrell Bush corner west 3 blocks to the Westhope Feed & Seed. (Mill) There is also one block in the Westhope east side addition from the A.T Helgerson corner to Pat Ballantynes. We understand that at the time of the Resolution of Necessity is published, a time and place will be set forth when any property may protest if he wishes.

50 Years Ago June 5th, 1975

Mrs. Selma Moench of Edgely who is, Project Director of LaMoire County Citizens for Elderly Inc.. directed a group of 40 people on a bus trip of over 3700 miles which touched or went through 14 states and the Province of Ontario, Canada. It was a 10 day trip with Curley Maier of the J.C. Shortway Bus Line Inc.. of Jamestown as driver. With 3 days in Washington D. C. they toured the White House, Capitol Building, and Senate. Had an audience with both Senators Young and Burdick. A guided tour of Arlington Cemetery and the 4 big monuments. Mr. Vernon was beautiful with all the lovely fruit trees, flowers and well kept lawns. In New York were more guided tours and a boat trip to the Statue of Liberty. Visited China Town, Old Churches, saw the Waldorf Astoria and many more famous places. Niagara Falls was beautiful, especially at night with colored lights shining on it. The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario is so clean and well kept. Many beautiful flowers. Another high light of the trip was a 6 hr. ferry boat ride from Luddington, Michigan to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was a relaxing restful ride. There were 6 people form this area who made the trip with the LaMoire group. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Denver McKay, Minot; Mrs. Mable Piquette, Young Towers; Ms. Violette Hastings, Glenburn; Mrs. Marie Friese and Mrs. Loretta Westmiller north of Garrison.

Thursday, June 5, Mixed Stag, 6:30 on Ron Schepps, Chairman: Ed Martins and Ray Sharkeys. Every member couple may bring a non member couple, so invite your friends and come out for steal and an evening of fun. Tuesday, June 10, Ladies Stag, 6 to 7, Joann Henry and Audrey Deschamp.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. Well, something worth remembering happened. Tom Matteson, age 17, blasted a little white ball with a 9-iron on the 132 yard Par 3 Number 5 hole at the Westhope Country Club for an ace. Accompanying Matteson in witnessing the ace were Kent Pelton, Westhope gold coach, and Rich Huber. The hole-in-one was only the second in the history of the Country Club. The first dropped in way back in 1961.

35 Years Ago May 30th, 1990

North Dakota crude oil posted prices fell during April after starting 1990 with the strongest quarterly prices since before the price crash of 1986. After averaging nearly \$20 per barrel for sweet crude oil during the first three months, prices fell to a low of near \$15 per barrel before rebounding to around \$16.50 in the third week in April, but as May opened prices slipped again to settle near \$16 per barrel. Most experts blame the price fluctuations of OPEC nations exceeding their cartel assigned production quotas.

25 Years Ago May 31st, 2000

The State Bar Association of North Dakota honored Westhope High School Graduate Aaron Heth by presenting its Constitution Award for achieving excellence in knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. "Even in this day and age, the Constitution is a vibrant, living document." Said Sandi Tabor, executive director of the Association, "our constitutional award project ensure that the future citizens and leaders of our state will understand the basic principles from which this country was founded." This is the fifty-second consecutive year the State Bar Association has sponsored the Constitution Awards Program for high school seniors. It was begun as a way to encourage student and faculty to learn about the liberties and guarantees associated with the governance of our nation. The State Bar Association of North Dakota represents more than 1,800 attorneys license to practice law in North Dakota. SBAND provides numerous services and support staff for several committees which work on a myriad of issues affecting the practice of law in todays society.