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right in front of the back ones, and wrapping a "caterpillar"-like track around the sets of tires, these innovators created what came to be known as a "snowbird." The snowbird was capable of breaking through drifts up to five feet. And, although strange to look at, they reached speeds up to thirty miles per hour.

O. H. Woodridge, rural mail carrier for southwest Fargo, reported to the Fargo Forum that his snowbird allowed him to complete his twenty-nine mile mail route in "little more than two hours." He claimed that on many days he would not even have been able to complete the route with traditional means of transportation.

Woodridge was the first of Fargo's mail carriers to employ a snowbird, and he built the vehicle himself using his old Ford automobile. The mail carrier spent a total of \$165 on the alteration, purchasing an additional axle for the adjustment of the front tires, the two front skis, and the wheel track around the four back tires. Woodridge reported that the snowbird was "...the best outfit he [had] ever seen for 'bucking' snow."

It is ironic that the vehicle created to help rural North Dakota make it through the tough winter of 1928 was named the snowbird, considering that today the word is used to describe residents of the

northern Midwest and Canada who choose to flee south before the first flakes of winter even begin to fall!

As the Tribune said, "The typewriters of the voracious correspondents are clicking overtime with horrifying recitals."

Strange Stories

by SARAH WALKER

**ON THIS DATE:** January 9, 2025 - It's the fantastic that sells. In 1907 and 1908, Ward County newspapers reported on a mess of such tales—some tall, some so strange they must have happened.

In one story, as the Kenmare News reported on this day in 1908, a buffalo that had wandered down from Canada apparently had an identity crisis. The buffalo joined Kenmare man J. A. Englund's cattle herd, and managed to go home with the herd. Once there, after he was discovered, the buffalo picked a fight with Englund's Red Poland bull. Englund and his foreman, Sanders, used pitchforks to try and separate the two animals, and finally they succeeded, after the buffalo almost gored the bull to death. The buffalo then began to attack one of Englund's mares, and ripped up his barn. He was forced to shoot the buffalo. Under normal circumstances, this would incur a penalty. This was not normal.

This wasn't the only odd happening in that region. The Bismarck Tribune proclaimed its curiosity: "Strange things are coming out of the northern part of the state," the paper stated, citing the case of the buffalo, as well as a "lad" who was attacked by "catamounts or mountain lions, or wild

cats or roaring hippopotami or some other unusual animals."

This had been gruesomely reported earlier; young Walter Johnson, of McKinney, had gone to shoot a lynx. Instead, the lynx attacked the boy, disfigured him, and killed him. The funeral was set...unbeknownst to Walter, the grieving family, and even the city of McKinney. The report wasn't true.

The Tribune also reported that Ole Olson, from Blaisdell, walked into a pack of wolves, after mistaking them at first for dogs. He escaped not by brandishing a penknife at them and yelling for help as he did at first, but, as the report went, by playing his horn, which he apparently just happened to have with him. The Tribune stated of the instrument, "We forget whether a trumpet or a trombone."

Whichever the case, the music did the trick—the wolves apparently had a taste for the finer arts. Finally, some people living nearby came and rescued Olson. He had been playing for a long time—so long, in fact, that he was exhausted and out of breath, and he needed help just climbing into the wagon. This story appeared under the headline, "Weird." It certainly was.

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Burke County Water Management Board Minutes

Meeting held December 11th, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

In Attendance: Chair John Moen, Board Member Shannon Holter, Board Member Jordan Hawbaker on by phone. Meeting called to order by Chair John Moen.

Discussion held on Burke County Water checking account balance and remaining year end bills due. Motion by Holter, second by Hawbaker to pay remaining year end bills. Meeting adjourned.

Belinda Moen, Secretary/Treasurer  
January 8, 2025

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM ON THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025, AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE THE BIDS WILL BE OPENED AND READ ALOUD AT 10:00 A.M.

January 8 & 15, 2025

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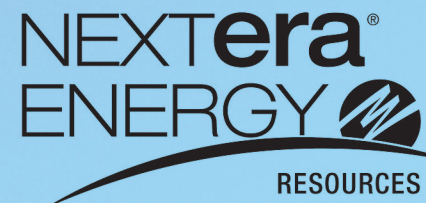
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