

Clergy Corner

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GIVING UP CENTER STGE

Scripture says, that each of you look out not only for his own interest, but also for the interest of others (Philippians 2:4). In other words, give up center stage. Now ,that's easier said than done because we tend to be preoccupied with one person, ME!!

You ask someone, How's it going? Thinking you really want to hear, they start sharing a recent success. That's your signal. You jump in mid sentence, blow their light out and say, think that's something? Let me tell you about, Now you're of and running right over the deflated ego of your friend who's wishing they'd kept walking when they first saw you. They'd hope to hear something like, that's wonderful, tell me more. Instead, they get treated to a litany of your opinions and achievements. Whatever happened to, rejoice with those who rejoice. (Romans. 12:15). That command cuts across our preoccupation with self and says, get over yourself! Vacate center stage. Learn to focus on others. Practice saying enough about me. I want to hear about you. How's your business, how's your wife, how's your health, how's your church? Stifle the urge to interrupt, just listen! Listen with your ears, your eyes, your mind and your spirit. Try to understand the feelings behind their words. If they're celebrating, rejoice with them. If they're hurting, mourn with those who sorrow. The test of Christian character is our ability to celebrate another's success, or share their burden as though it were our own. There's no better way to serve and encourage others.

Lord, I am tired of trying to hold the spotlight. I asked for your forgiveness for the vanity that keeps me on center stage. Help me to let go. Teach me how to step back and trust my worth is found in you alone, not in the applause or recognition of others. Replace my desire for human validation with a deep, secure contentment in your love. Show me how to live in humility and truth, allowing you to guide my steps and take control. Give me the grace to lift others up and to find joy in serving behind the scenes. I surrender my need for spotlight and control, and ask you to take your rightful place at the center of my life.

Good and faithful followers of Christ, STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY and STAY in the WORD.

May God bless you and your family.

North Sargent to review Sargent County sports co-op

BY LYNN KASPARI

The North Sargent School Board had a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 5 to discuss the future of the Sargent County sports co-op.

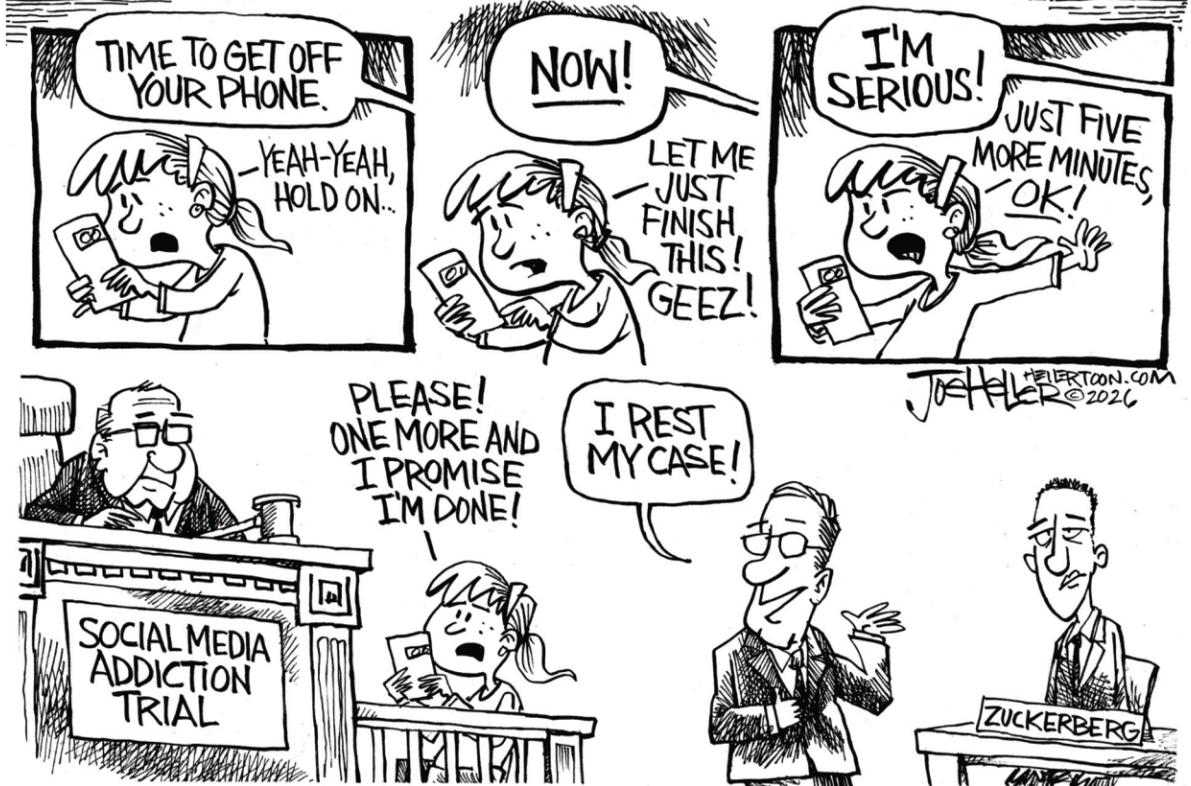
At the meeting, North Sargent will review the results of a community survey of the co-op.

Known as the Bulldogs, the co-op consists of the three high

schools in Sargent County, North Sargent, Milnor and Sargent Central.

The three schools have teamed up to give students more opportunities to play sports but a change in that co-op could effect students and families in the co-op across the county.

The meeting was open to the public. Results were not available at press time.



MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

BY: BONNIE MATTSON

118 YEARS AGO (1908)

- Ordinance 15 would be enforced. It stated that it would be unlawful for anyone driving a vehicle between sunset and sunrise to not have a securely fastened and lighted lamp or lantern on each of the two front corners, or in the center of the front of their vehicle.

64 YEARS AGO (1962)

- The new Milnor Lutheran Church had a capacity crowd for its first service, with 466 in attendance.

55 YEARS AGO (1971)

- Elwood Nelson, owner of Nelson Implement & Chevrolet in Milnor, announced their Grand Opening of the new building to coincide with John Deere Day.

- Tayer Plumbing & Heating had an Open House with guests given the opportunity to see the newly remodeled store.

50 YEARS AGO

COGSWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

Mayor Brown Called meeting to order at 7:40 pm. At Roll Call present were Mayor C. Brown, Council members V. Anderson and K. Diegel and City Auditor B. Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Diegel made motion to accept Agenda as is, Anderson seconded motion carried.

Minutes from January were read and Anderson made motion to accept as read, Diegel seconded, motion passed.

In Old business letters will be sent out to delinquent pet owners for 2026 pet and kennel license.

(1976)

- The Bobcat skidsteer loader sales office of the Melroe Division of Clark Equipment Company, Gwinner, moved to Fargo, according to Robert Spolum, president and general manager.

35 YEARS AGO (1991)

- Sargent County's birth rate was 11.6 and the fertility rate was 57.7. The county had 80 births in 1979, and 58 in 1989.

30 YEARS AGO (1996)

- First Community Credit Union opened a branch office in Milnor, according to Larry Hanna, president and general manager. The office would be located in the former Post Office building. Brian Wittich was named branch manager. Teller was Tammy Rysavy.

25 YEARS AGO (2001)

- The average wage per job in metropolitan areas of North Dakota; Bismarck, Fargo/Moorhead, and Grand Forks, was \$25,033. The

average wage in non-metropolitan areas of ND was \$21,394.

20 YEARS AGO (2006)

- The average wage per job in North Dakota rose to \$28,741 in 2004, an increase of 4.9 percent from \$27,400 in 2003.

10 YEARS AGO (2016)

- Michael Willprecht of the Forman-Havana Rural Fire Department was named Firefighter of the Year by the ND American Legion. He joined in 1986 and currently serves as the department's training officer.

- SPOTLIGHT** on Rutland mayor Ron Narum: In 1971, Ron was appointed to the Rutland City Council. Forty-six years later he still serves as an elected official. Narum is a retired Bobcat employee who serves/has served on the Nordland Lutheran Church Board, Rutland Community Club, Rutland Housing Association, Rutland Development Corporation, Sargent County Ambulance, and Sargent County Historical Society.

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With no further business Anderson made motion to adjourn, Diegel seconded, motion passed.

Mayor Brown closed the meeting at 7:30 pm. Next meeting will be on March 9th, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Bea Brown
 City Auditor
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In new business the Financial report for 2025 will be put in the paper, as well as an ad for gravel and roadblading bids. There will also be an ad as a reminder for the election deadline. Auditor will look into grants for playground equipment and Diegel will check out playground equipment, like swingset.

Financial Report for January was read and Diegel made motion to accept, Anderson seconded, motion carried.

Checks were presented for payment and Anderson made motion to accept as shown, Diegel seconded, motion carried.

Otter Tail Power Company \$466.91
 Sargent Teller \$42.16
 ND League of Cities \$90.00