

Rothsay School Purchases...

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collective years of experience in those men and women.

Drivers are Dave Nord, Larry Ohe, Chad Curtis, Lou Ann Opsahl, Ruth Anderson, Dean Danielson, Trevor Hone, Micki Curtis, Kendra Nord and Paul Fosse.

Purchase of the bus garage was a separate agreement. The school purchased a shop building, cold storage, new cold storage building and two parking lots between buildings from Paul and Sandy Fosse for \$183,000.

Rothsay School is now the owner of transportation service which includes vehicles and tools plus buildings to house them. The bus service does not have a specific name as it is just part of the Rothsay School system.

Paul Fosse will continue to drive bus for the school. He will also be on



All of the same school bus drivers were retained for 2019-2020 school year. They are a devoted group of people with many combined years of service. Lou Ann Opsahl waves as she drops off her treasured cargo at the Rothsay Public School.

Samuelson Sez



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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Last week was National 4-H Week observed every year in October. I want to take a moment to encourage all of you to be supportive of 4-H, either actively as a member or as a 4-H Club leader, or just to help young people prepare themselves to become leaders in whatever career path they choose.

And we still have the challenge of sharing our life experience with people who never had the opportunity to be a 4-H member and explain to them what the program does for young people. I wear a lapel pin everywhere I go with the American flag and the 4-H Clover emblem. People look at it and often say, "I thought you were Norwegian, why are you wearing an Irish flag?" My response... "No, this is not the Irish flag, it is the 4-H clover, the symbol of 4-H clubs for decades here in the United States. The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

History tells us that Jesse Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with an H on each leaf in 1910 and by 1912 they were called 4-H clubs. In 1914, the passage of the Smith-Lever Act created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA and nationalized 4-H.

Part of my annual check writing includes a check that goes to the National 4-H Foundation, because I recognize what it did for me and for my career. I want young people today, whether they are on a farm or not, to get involved in the 4-H program to build leadership, to instill the ability to communicate your feelings on important issues in agriculture or other areas of life. That is what 4-H clubs do and have been doing since 1910. I have shared with you many times that I have the career I have today because of my public speaking activity in 4-H and FFA.

So, write check and make your investment in the 4-H program and support the leaders and the members who are the future leaders of tomorrow, helping them prepare for the future.

My thoughts on Samuelson Sez.

hand to lend advice from his many years of experience.

"We couldn't do this without Paul on hand to help us through the learning process," said Superintendent Johnson.

Because of open enrollment, the spectrum of the bus routes has widened considerably over the years. Tiger Transportation Services picks up students in Barnesville, Pelican Rapids, Fergus Falls, Foxhome and even as far as the east side of Elizabeth.

All of that as well as the Rothsay School District. Drivers put on 50-55 miles each morning and again in late afternoon.

Each bus goes through a process of inspection each day before leaving the garage. At the end of the day, drivers must walk through and make sure all passengers are off of the bus and everything is in order.

Drivers need to pass a special driving test to receive their school bus endorsement. If a bus has air brakes, which two of the Rothsay buses have, there is another endorsement required.

Bus drivers must also submit to background and drug testing before being hired.

Before the beginning of each new school year the Minnesota Highway Patrol comes to inspect the buses. All emergency exits have alarms

which must be working. In addition tires, fluids and other mechanicals must be in perfect operation.

Two times a year all students are instructed on school bus rules. On the first day of school students will be taken by grade and walked through the rules by a bus driver. The process is repeated in the middle of the school year.

Everything will run as normal for Rothsay School Buses. Students are still being transported to and from school in a timely manner.

There will be a little more paperwork for Superintendent Wade Johnson. "Paperwork is my life at school, so a little more won't be a problem," said Johnson.

Schools owning bus services is somewhat unique in the surrounding area, but not in other parts of the state.

"Many schools in Northern Minnesota own their own buses," said Johnson. "Moorhead owns the buses that cover their in-city routes and Detroit Lakes owns some of their own as well."

The primary concern for all involved is the safety of the precious cargo that they carry to and from school each day.

Stella Oland Places At 4-H State Horse Show

The Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show was held September 14-15, 2019, in St Paul, MN. Six youth from West Otter Tail County advanced to the event from the county level. Madison Pesek, Wyatt Gilbertson, Stella Oland, Lindsey Petterson, Natalie Bergem, and Madalyn Hultner.

Stella Oland took home these honors:

- Horse / Showmanship at Halter / Y007010: Horse - Showmanship - Western, Grades 7 - Ninth Place.
- Horse / Trail Class / Y005004: Horse - Trail Class, Grades 6-7 - Fourth Place.
- Horse / Western / Y008018: Horse - Western Horsemanship, Grade 7- Second Place.

Ashley Stevens Receives Scholarship



ASHLEY STEVENS

Ashley Stevens, Elizabeth, MN has received a scholarship from BSU Alumni & Foundation at Bemidji State University.

Ashley Stevens, a junior majoring in English education, has received the Sadie Rosenthal Jackson Melby Scholarship. She is a 2016 graduate of Rothsay High School and the daughter of Todd and Sheri Stevens.

The award is among the more than 900 scholarships valued at nearly \$1.2 million to be distributed by BSU Alumni and Foundation for the 2019-20 academic year. As a result of Bemidji State's successful Imagine Tomorrow campaign, BSU Alumni & Foundation's annual support of student scholarships has increased substantially. In 2010-11, prior to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign, the foundation awarded 701 scholarships valued at \$678,000.



PEOPLE AROUND ROTHSAY THAT NEED EXTRA ROUTINE SERVICES

By: Marlys Winkels, Program Director

Within the walls of the PARTNERS building, nestled in the front corner, is what I think may be a well kept secret in Rothsay. It is our LARL Library Linksite where book lovers can easily access their favorite books and authors by securing a library card. There is a small collection available and Hannah Kramer, the library site coordinator is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during various hours to answer your questions. She can order books for you and they will be delivered right to Rothsay for your convenience. Hannah can also teach you how to download books through the library and order books at home on your computer to be picked up at our site. In the day of all our wonderful technology sometimes it feels so right just to pick up a book, nestle in and read!

Our soup day begins this month! If you would like some fresh soup delivered to your door one day a month during the fall/winter season, give PARTNERS a call to place your order. This month's soup is Chicken Wild Rice and you get a cookie and some bread to go with it all for \$5. We will deliver on Wednesday, October 23rd so call 867-1234 anytime before the 21st.

Upcoming Events:

- Mondays:** Seniors meet at Westrom Apts. Card playing and coffee-1 p.m.
Tai-Ji Quan exercise class-New Life Church-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays:** Just this month no foot clinic on the 3rd Tuesday. Our next foot clinic is scheduled for Nov. 12th. Call for an appt.- 867-1234. \$10 Fee.
- Wednesdays:** 23rd- Soup Delivery Day
- Thursdays:** Exercises at 9 a.m. at Westrom Apts. Everyone is welcome! Coffee and goodies served after exercise class.
Tai-Ji Quan exercise class-4:30 p.m. - New Life Church- 4:30 p.m.
- Fridays:** Outreach and visiting. Blood Pressure checks anytime during office hours- Mon-Fri- 8 a.m.- Noon. Need a ride? Give us a call! We are here to serve seniors 60 years and older-867-1234.

Classes Of 1947 And 1948 Hold Annual Reunion

The Rothsay High School Classes of 1947 and 1948 met for their annual reunion at Mabel Murphys in Fergus Falls. The two classes have always met together for their reunions. They even went on a class trip to Duluth.

On September 19 the members of the classes and their spouses met at Mabel Murphy's. Unable to attend but still sent well wishes were Paul Miller and Beverly (Johnson) Peacock. Unfortunately, since the last reunion class members Gloria (Ellingson) Bakken, Clairce (Korsgaden) Hawley and Blanche (Johnson) Oatman have since passed away.



Members of the RHS Class of 1947 are, Lyle Barringer, Joyce (Brenden) Bruns, Leo Christiansen, Marcella (Martinson) Nettetstad and Elaine (Ouren) Amudson.



Members of the RHS Class of 1948 are, Obert Aaberg, Selvin Brenden and Douglas Lindberg.

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