

Behavioral health issues at heart of study plan

Schools too often deal with disruptive, inappropriate or violent behavior

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Waylon Hedegaard knocked on about 300 teachers' doors in all the major cities in North Dakota last summer. Out of those 300 teachers, about 250 brought up safety and behavioral issues, unprompted, as their biggest concerns, Hede-



Sen. Erin Oban of Bismarck hopes a study of behavioral issues in classrooms will provide legislators with information on how to respond to the changing educational landscape.

gaard said. Hedegaard, president of the North Dakota AFL-CIO, stumbled upon a behavioral problem that educators across the state say they have been dealing with more and more often in recent years.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4004, introduced by Sen. Erin Oban, D-Bismarck, would have the state study the impact of disruptive, inappropriate and violent behavior in classrooms over the next biennium and determine the need for a uniform reporting system. The resolution passed the Senate Jan. 23 and now awaits approval from the House.

While school officials and lawmakers believe that behavioral disruptions are a significant problem, they say there is no way to measure the scope of the problem or how widespread it may be.

"There are so many things we don't know, and what we do know is all anecdotal," Alexis Baxley, executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association, said in an interview. "We certainly know that it's a growing problem."

In separate interviews, a variety of people involved in education across the state said the issue concerns them.

Lyndsi Engstrom, program director of the Mid Dakota Educational Cooperative based in Minot, says that the behavioral health crisis is not unique to large school districts, and Sue Gunderson-Kranz, principal of Des Lacs-Burlington Elementary with 25 years of educational experience under her belt, agrees.

Gunderson-Kranz was the principal and superintendent at Powers Lake Public School, a K-12 school with around 200 students, before taking her current position at Des Lacs-Burlington Elementary, a K-8 school with around 500 students. She said that disruptive behavior has been a problem at both schools despite the difference in student population.

Jennifer Modeen, a school social worker at Winship Elementary in Grand Forks, says that rural school districts may struggle to deal with disruptive behavioral issues even more than a larger district like Grand Forks. "They have less resources than we do," Modeen said.

While the problem is widespread, school officials say it's hard to pinpoint a specific cause for the increase in disruptive behavior. Factors that Engstrom cites are that educators are better at identifying behavior problems than in the past, and districts are better at keeping students in the classroom, whereas before they would have skipped class or stayed home.

"I can't name just one thing but as a culture, as a whole, things have just shifted," Gunderson-Kranz said. Overstimulation through video games and TV might play a role, she added, as well as heavy demands placed on parents.

"You see a lot more single-parent families than when I grew up. I was one of those for a while. It's just harder to parent when there's only one of you, especially when you have that strong-willed child," Gunderson-Kranz said.

Kim Gaugler, president of the school board at Beach Public Schools, says lack of parenting is an issue for some students in her district.

"Some kids are raising themselves," Gaugler said. The precise cause remains unclear. However, it is the behavior itself which is the most concerning to school officials. Gunderson-Kranz described an example of a typical incident at her elementary school.

"It often starts with a refusal, something they don't want to do. It could be 'I don't want to change my shoes for Phy. Ed, I don't want to do that worksheet, I wanted to use this pencil instead of that pencil.' So that's usually how these things are triggered, by a refusal to do something and then it escalates from there," Gunderson-Kranz said.

"I see more defiance, more insubordination. They might run away, just down the hallway, not necessarily from the school. Or just violence: kicking, ripping up papers, breaking a pencil. Some of them are as young as kindergarteners."

While most students are well behaved and not exhibiting inappropriate behavior, a disruption from one student can have a negative effect on the whole class.

"We're concerned about the students who are losing 20-30 minutes of class time every time this happens," Baxley said. "Certainly, it's a loss of opportunity for learning."

To reduce the amount of negative behavior, schools across the state have implemented Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into their curriculum to help educate students in areas such as empathy, emotional management, and self-awareness.

Modeen sees these "soft skills" as being essential for students. "When you invest on a preventative level, it can make a huge impact," she said.

During testimony, Sen. Oban, also an educator, said she hopes that the data collected by a uniform reporting system will shed more light on behavioral issues in classrooms and provide legislators with more information on how to respond to the changing educational landscape.

Farm bill payment calculator available for 2019 cash flow estimates

A calculator developed by North Dakota State University Extension to help producers estimate the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) payments they may receive in 2019 is available online.

Visit www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmmanagement/farm-bill or search for "NDSU farm bill."

The payments are for the 2018 crop year, but final determination and issuance of actual payments are not made until the last three months of 2019.

Producers face a challenging profit environment for 2019 and any source of

revenue will be important in projecting cash flow, according to Andy Swenson, NDSU Extension farm and family resource management specialist.

"The most current U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) projection of 2018 marketing year average (MYA) prices indicate that base acres of wheat, corn, barley, canola, sunflowers, flax, safflower, small chickpea and sorghum should generate payments if enrolled in the PLC program," says Swenson. "Field peas are on the edge, meaning any reduction in the 2018 MYA price also would trigger a

PLC payment."

PLC payments on a crop's base acres will vary from farm to farm according to the PLC payment yield.

After the adjustments for getting paid on 85 percent of base and a 6.6 percent sequestration rate, an average PLC payment for each base acre of the crop would be about \$46 for canola, \$37 for sunflower, \$26 for flax, \$17 for barley and corn, and \$11 for wheat.

The PLC safety net is triggered by low prices. Payments will be reduced or eliminated if prices rise, but the loss of revenue could be offset by greater income from

the market if producers grow those crops.

"The ARC program is more complicated and difficult to project because it is a safety net triggered by the combination of price and yield," says Swenson.

Using current USDA price projections and average county yields for 2018, no ARC payments would be made for crops with the largest base acres in North Dakota; wheat, soybeans and corn.

Swenson estimates that with the current USDA MYA price projections, the 2018 county average yield would have to be at least 4 percent lower than the county bench-

mark yield to trigger an ARC payment for soybeans, 5 percent lower to trigger a payment for wheat and at least 9 percent lower to trigger a payment for corn.

Few, if any, counties will have these low yields because in 2018, the overall state average yield was a record high for wheat, the second highest on record for corn and the third highest on record for soybeans, Swenson adds.

Current USDA price projections indicate that if actual 2018 county yields are the same as the county benchmark yield, chickpea base acres would generate a maximum ARC payment,

and lentils, safflower, canola, sunflower, flax and sorghum base acres would generate some payments if those crops were enrolled in ARC.

At USDA's current price projection, barley base acres enrolled in the ARC program would generate a payment if the county yield was one bushel or more below the county average yield.

Swenson notes that the 2018 MYA prices will not be known for several months and payment projections can change.

The ARC-PLC calculator will be updated each month with the latest USDA projections.

Amended Summons

IN JUVENILE COURT, COUNTY OF TRAILL,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
IN THE INTEREST OF R.T., A CHILD.

Jackelyn Kraling, LSW
Petitioner,

Vs

AMENDED SUMMONS
File No. 49-2017-JV-17

Director of Traill County Social Services,
Kim Jacobson, Ricky Thornton Sr.,
Tonja Denham, R.T., Jennifer
Restemayer, Lay Guardian ad Litem,

Respondents.

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENTS:

You and each of you are hereby summoned and required to appear personally and bring the above-named child before the Juvenile Court at the Cass County Annex Building, 1010 2nd Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota, on **March 5, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, for the purpose of a hearing on a Petition filed with the Court alleging the above-named child to be subject to the provision of Chapter 27-20, North Dakota Century Code by reason of the following: that the said child falls within the meaning of Section 27-20-02 of the said Code, as more fully appears from the Petition, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Traill County.

If you fail to appear personally and bring said child before the Court at said time and place the Findings and Recommendation of the Judicial Referee as confirmed by the Judge of the Juvenile Court, made by this court at a hearing had herein will become final.

You are entitled to legal counsel in these proceedings if you so desire. If you are unable without undue financial hardship to employ counsel the Court, upon request, will appoint legal counsel for you.

You are further informed that you are entitled to have the Petition heard by a Judge of the Juvenile Court instead of by a Judicial Referee if written request therefore is filed with the Clerk of the above-named Court within three days after receiving a copy of this Amended Summons.

Dated January 25, 2019.

Scott A. Griffeth
Judicial Referee
East Central Judicial District

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May-Port CG School Board

School Board Meeting
February 11, 2019
7:00 pm

- Minutes
- Bills
- Correspondence
- Confirm February Agenda
- Prioritize the February Agenda
- Acknowledge Public in Attendance
- Principals' Reports
 - Houdek
 - Ulland
- Committee Reports
- Budget and Finance
- Extra Curricular
- Curriculum & Technology
- Old Business
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 2. Ag. Opening
 3. Records Retention Policy
 4. Prohibition of Sexual Abuse Policy
 5. Education Homeless Students
 6. Educating Foster Care Students
 7. Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - New Business
 1. 2019-2020 School Calendar (First Reading)
 2. Storm Makeup Dates
 3. HS Science Position (Recommendation)
 4. Snow Removal
 5. Coaching Positions
 6. Hiring Practices
 7. Cheerleaders (Hawaii)
 8. Superintendent Evaluation (March)

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Notice to Creditors

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
TRAILL COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of
Martin Hettervig, Deceased
Court File No. 49-2019-PR-00002

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the attorney listed above, to Joyce Gilbertson as Personal Representative of the Estate at 33395 - 340th Avenue NW, Eldred, Minnesota 56523, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2019.

/s/Joyce Gilbertson
Personal Representative
of the Estate of
Martin Hettervig, deceased
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ATTENTION HUNTERS

2019 SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING PROCLAMATION SUMMARY

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2019 Spring Wild Turkey hunting season.

- Licenses will be issued by a weighted lottery procedure. Applications may be submitted online or by phone. Only residents may apply. **The deadline for submitting online or phone applications is February 13, 2019.**
- The season will run from April 13 through May 19, 2019.
- The season bag limit will be one bearded or male wild turkey.
- Turkeys may be legally taken with shotguns, muzzleloading long guns, muzzleloading pistols, certain handguns, and bow and arrow.

APPLYING BY COMPUTER OR BY PHONE

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<p>Via the Internet Visit our website at gf.nd.gov</p> <p><i>Regular license fees apply with no service charge added.</i></p>	<p>You can apply for your spring turkey license — 24 hours a day — 7 days a week.</p> <p>Visa, Discover, MasterCard and American Express accepted.</p>	<p>By Phone Simply call toll free 800-406-6409</p> <p><i>Besides license fee, a \$4.00 service charge for each applicant will be added.</i></p>
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SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

- Total licenses available increased to 6,032 (up 370).
- After the initial lottery, remaining licenses will be issued as prescribed by the Director which may allow individuals to obtain one additional license in select units.
- Unit 21 will remain closed to spring turkey hunting in 2019.

Lottery results may be obtained by visiting our website at gf.nd.gov

A complete 2019 spring turkey hunting proclamation is available from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095. (701) 328-6300.

Ellen Schafer appointed to AARP North Dakota Executive Council; Dr. Michael Worner formerly of Mayville reappointed

Ellen Schafer of Bismarck has been appointed to the AARP North Dakota Executive Council, and Dr. Michael Worner of Fargo has been reappointed to the Executive Council for a second two-year term.

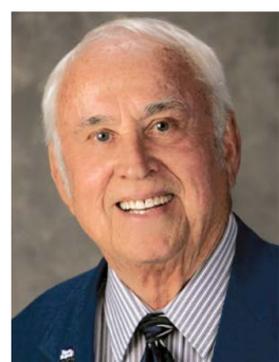
Schafer is a highly-skilled career professional who worked 35 years as a registered nurse and nine years as a licensed practical nurse in hospital, nursing home, clinic, and home health and hospice environments. She worked as a medical oncology nurse for 25 years of her career.

Schafer has been an active volunteer with many organizations, including the American Cancer Society since 1989. Since 2005 she has been part of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, overseeing volunteers in North Dakota and the main representative to North Dakota's Congressional delegation.

Schafer served 20 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring in 1995. She spent eight months with Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Schafer said, "After high school graduation, I began working with the elderly as a nurse's assistant in a nursing home. My first job after college graduation was on a medical unit caring for the elderly, where I learned a lot about values and what is important in life. As an Executive Council member, my goal will be to offer my expertise and work with staff and other Executive Council members to improve the quality of life for the members of AARP through public policies and to support the mission of AARP."

Worner has served in a variety of leadership roles and has been involved with strategic planning in a num-



ber of different sectors, including education, non-profits and government. He has an extensive background in education, including experience working with diverse populations.

Worner was a school administrator for many years in Minnesota, Illinois and North Dakota. He retired in 2003 after 17 years on the education faculty at Mayville State University, and he holds the rank of professor emeritus.

Worner has been an active advocacy volunteer for AARP at the state level. He has also served in a number of other volunteer roles at both the community and state levels.

AARP Executive Council members work with staff and other volunteers to provide ongoing strategic direction for state activities in support of AARP priority issues. Executive Council terms are two years and members may be reappointed twice.

Other Executive Council members are Kathi Schwan, West Fargo; Dianne Billey, Ellendale; RaeAnn Johnson, Grand Forks; and Cindy Yale, Burlington.

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