

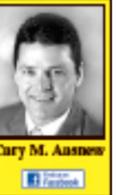
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## Dayton expected to sign heating bill

Associated Press

ST. PAUL — The Legislature on Thursday sent Gov. Mark Dayton a bill containing \$20 million in emergency heating assistance, which his spokesman said the governor would sign immediately.

Lawmakers, in a series of unanimous votes, moved the heating aid quickly through the process in the opening days of the legislative session.

The House initially passed the bill Tuesday. The Senate took

it up Thursday, made minor changes and sent it back to the House, which relayed it to the governor.

The Senate sped up a planned Monday vote after Republicans sought to move it along quicker and Democrats did not object.

The bill replenishes a fast-eroding account for the low income heating assistance program,



Westrom

which has been stressed by a bone-chilling winter and high propane costs.

As propane supplies ran thin, some customers paid as much as \$6 per gallon this winter, though prices have come down more recently.

"There's a crisis going on in rural Minnesota," said Sen. Torrey Westrom, R-Elbow Lake. "This is



Dayton

a start of dealing with this crisis." Minnesota is in the latest run of miserable weather, with temperatures Thursday struggling to hit zero and winds making it seem far colder. There have been few above-freezing days since the start of the year.

The Senate version differs from a House bill by capping administrative costs at 5 percent.

That didn't sit well with Sen. Julie Rosen, R-Fairmont. She said the community-based offices that process aid requests have

been overburdened already and can't turn applications around quickly enough as it is.

But Sen. Tony Lourey, DFL-Kerrick, said limiting the amount spent on bureaucracy will free up "\$1 million more to put in people's propane tanks."

And the House signed on to the Senate's changes. The Minnesota Department of Commerce estimates that for each \$1 million the program can serve nearly 1,300 households with roughly 3,375 people.



### Classic 'whodunit' coming to M State

By Chris Reinos  
Daily Journal

A production of Agatha Christie's classic "And Then There Were None" headlines this weekend's happenings.

A cast of M State students will perform three shows of the mystery this weekend, followed by three more performances next week.

"And Then There Were None" tells the story of 10 strangers brought to a mysterious island, where they begin dying one by one.

#### Friday

- Girl Scout cookie sales, Service Food, Shopko and Sunmart, all day
- "Transfer of Memory" exhibit, Otter Tail County Historical Society, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- "And Then There Were None," Waage Theater on the Fergus Falls M State campus, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- iPad class, Fergus Falls Public Library, 11 a.m. to noon
- Book character BINGO, Fergus Falls Public Library, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Center Series season preview, A Center For The Arts, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- The Rockats, The Spot, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

#### Saturday

- "And Then There Were None," Waage Theater on the Fergus Falls M State campus, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- Prom sale and fundraiser, Elegant Events, all day
- Winter 2014 MRSA Kick-off, Red Horse Ranch Arena, starting at 9 a.m.

#### Sunday

- "And Then There Were None," Waage Theater on the Fergus Falls M State campus, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- Winter 2014 MRSA Kick-off, Red Horse Ranch Arena, starting at 9 a.m.

### Looking to advance



Rian Bosse/Daily Journal

Hillcrest's Jake Isaac (21) goes up for a shot against Rothsay's Logan Moen (33) in Thursday's Section 6A playoff game. For complete coverage, see Page 8.

### Prostitution sting suspect pleads guilty

By Heather Rule  
Daily Journal

A Fargo man charged for a prostitution sting in Fergus Falls last spring pleaded guilty Thursday in Otter Tail County District Court.

James Joseph Caswell, 30, pleaded guilty as part of a plea agreement to one felony count of solicitation, inducement and promotion of prostitution.

Also charged in the case is Kevin Lee Bolles, 38, of Evansville. He pleaded guilty Sept. 16.

According to the criminal complaint, Bolles had texted with an informant from April 21 to May



Caswell

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### Holocaust survivors share their stories

By Heather Rule  
Daily Journal

Joni Sussman and her siblings didn't have many extended family members when they were growing up in Minneapolis. So, the young children began to ask their mom and dad questions.

"My parents would just say, 'there was a war, and we lost much of our family,'" Sussman said. "As we became older... they gave us more information about their experiences."

The main piece of information? Her parents were both Holocaust

#### If you go

The exhibit will be at the museum through March 28. For more information, visit [www.transferofmemory.org](http://www.transferofmemory.org)

survivors.

Sussman spoke to a crowd of more than 65 people Thursday evening at the Otter Tail County Historical Museum as part of an opening reception for Transfer of Memory.

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Heather Rule/Daily Journal

Photographer David Sherman talks Thursday with an onlooker of the Transfer of Memory photography exhibit featuring Holocaust survivors at the Otter Tail County Historical Museum.

### Henning Superintendent retiring this summer

By Chris Reinos  
Daily Journal

Henning School Superintendent Dean Krogstad has announced he will retire from the district effective this summer, according to a report in the Citizen's Advocate.

Krogstad made the announcement to the Henning School Board at a meeting last week.

He will present a written letter of retirement to the board at their

#### AREA ROUNDUP

March meeting.

Krogstad said he made the decision now to allow the board ample time to find a replacement.

He is in his second year as the Henning Superintendent.

#### Consultant attends meeting on Perham High School

The Perham School Board

had another special meeting earlier this month to evaluate potential needs of the high school building, according to a report in the Perham Focus.

Pat Overom from ICS Consulting Inc. was brought to the meeting on the recommendation of other school districts, according to Superintendent Mitch Anderson.

Much of the meeting focused on Overom asking questions of

the board about what they want to do going forward.

The board stressed to Overom that they want strong community involvement in any potential renovation or building projects.

The project is still in the early stages and no ideas have been set in stone.

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