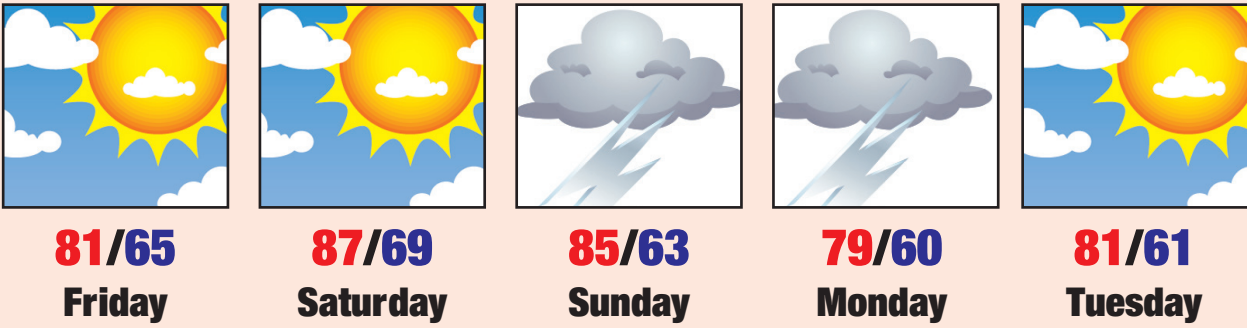


## Fergus Falls five-day weather forecast



## Tomorrow's almanac

Sunrise:	5:38 a.m.
Sunset:	9:19 p.m.
Wind:	SE 18 mph
Humidity:	61%
UV Index:	8 Very High
Avg. High:	80
Avg. Low:	59
Record High:	97/1989
Record Low:	40/1967



### LOTTERIES:

**Daily 3:**  
8-0-6  
**Northstar Cash:**  
1-12-14-17-21  
**Gopher 5:**  
23-26-39-42-44

Traveler information and road conditions may be found at 511mn.org or by calling 511

## OBITUARIES

### Janice A. Anderson

Janice (Mrs. Merle) Anderson, 73, of Erhard, died Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at Lake Region Healthcare, Fergus Falls.



Anderson

She was born January 12, 1941, in Fergus Falls, the daughter of E. O. "Pinky" and Minda (Grimstad) Peterson. She grew up and attended school in Fergus Falls.

On Oct. 11, 1957, she married Merle R. Anderson. After their marriage, the family lived in Fergus Falls, Vancouver, Wash. and settled in Erhard in 1972. They owned and operated the Anderson Grocery Store in Erhard and Rothsay. Janice began working at Fleet Farm in Fergus Falls in 1999 and continued to work there up until her death.

Janice enjoyed horses, camping, visits with friends and especially loved her grandchildren. She held a special bond with her grandchildren and they felt they could always confide in her.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Merle; infant twin daughters, Lori Ann and Lenae Joy; her parents, a brother, Gordy Peterson and two brothers-in-law, Dale and Everett Anderson.

Survivors include her children, Wanda (Mike) Norman, of Fergus Falls, Steven (Jennifer) Anderson of Erhard, Susan (Scott)

Stengrim, of Elizabeth, Jeffrey (Diane) Anderson, of Erhard and Mindy Jo (Joshua) Peterson, of Erhard; grandchildren, Justin, Kelsey (Andy), Kayla, Brianna, Cody, Keidra, Zachary (Lacey), Alison, Emily, Dustin, Reed, Lilyanne, Brody and Bria; great-grandsons, Izic, Preston and Mason; a brother, Marvin (Lucille) Peterson of Vancouver, Wash.; in-laws Arlen (JoAnn) Anderson of Erhard, Marlene Anderson of Fergus Falls, Gary (Mary) Anderson of Vancouver, Wash., Roger (Cheryl) Anderson of Fergus Falls, Janice L. Anderson of Fergus Falls and Lucy Peterson of Vancouver, Wash.; numerous nieces and nephews; many adopted grandchildren who called her Granny Janny; amazing friends who were as close as sisters, JoNelle, Marlene and Diane and special cat companions, Missy and Abby.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to Caring Partners % Pat Melkert, 20344 Harmony Rd., Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

Visitation: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 6 with a prayer service at 12:30 p.m. at the Olson Funeral Home, and at 10 a.m. Monday July 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, Erhard

Service: 11 a.m. Monday at the church

Clergy: Rev. Brad Soenksen

Interment: Bagstevold Cemetery, Erhard

Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls

Condolences: www.olsonfuneralhome.com

### James Hessel

James Andrew Hessel, 71, died Monday, June 30, 2014, at Knute Nelson.



Hessel

He was born Sept. 10, 1942, in Wadena to Clarence and Marjorie (Heard) Hessel. He graduated from Henning High School and then attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis for drafting.

On Sept. 21, 1963, James was married to Vicki Helander at the First Baptist Church in Henning. The couple spent a short time living in Fergus Falls before he enlisted in the U.S. Army in January of 1966. James and Vicki were stationed in Anchorage, Alaska and he was honorably discharged in December of 1968.

The couple then settled in Alexandria where they were blessed with a daughter, Kari. James worked at Bellanca Aircraft and 3M in quality control until he retired in 2004.

James belonged to the Salvation Army where he enjoyed being a Bell Ringer. He also belonged to the Alexandria American Legion Post 87 where he served as chaplain for a few years and enjoyed visiting

the veterans in the nursing homes. His hobbies included woodworking and hunting. He also enjoyed his road trips driving on Route 66 and 61 and their multiple trips to other states.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Vicki of Alexandria; daughter, Kari Hessel of Kansas City, Mo.; sister, Judy (Jeffrey Edington) Lillis of White Bear Lake; uncle, David (Doris) Heard of Henning, Minn.; many cousins; other relatives and cherished friends.

James is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Marjorie.

A funeral service was held Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Grace Church in Alexandria with Reverend Craig Dahl officiating. Music was provided by Laurie Musselman, Vicki Dahl and Dale and Susan Lundblad. Military Honors were provided by the Alexandria American Legion Post 936, VFW Post 936, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235, and the Minnesota National Honor Guard. Interment was held at Inman Cemetery in Inman Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota. Casket Bearers were Dennis Heard, Delwyn Helmbrecht, Dale Haugejorden, Roger Bakewell, Donovan Johnson, and Bill Malyon.

Condolences: www.andersonfuneral.net

## Teacher accused of stalking student

### By Elizabeth Mohr

St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS -- An Oakdale man who was a teacher at a Minneapolis high school has been charged for allegedly making sexual advances and sending sexually inappropriate messages to a girl.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office charged Daniel Arlen Anderson, 46, with criminal sexual conduct and stalking a person under 18.

According to the criminal complaint, a 17-year-old girl told police in May that Anderson, a social studies teacher at South High School, had asked her if she would have sex with him. He reportedly pulled her out of classes to ask her and sent text messages trying to arrange a meeting.

Anderson also allegedly sent the girl text messages with graphic descriptions of sex acts and sent her photos of his genitals, the complaint said.

# Local closings for July 4th

By Heather Rule  
Daily Journal

Many local businesses will be closed Friday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day.

Fergus Falls City Hall, the public library, landfill and senior center will all be closed. Both city liquor stores will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. All Otter Tail County offices will also be closed for the holiday.

No U.S. Mail will be delivered Friday.

The Daily Journal will not publish an edition Friday, July 4. The Journal office will also be closed Friday and re-open at 8 a.m. Monday, July 7.

# Fire causes garage explosion

By Rian Bosse  
Daily Journal

The Otter Tail County Sheriff's Department responded to the report of a garage fire west of Vergas around 4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon.

The fire was discovered and, as first responders were en route,

an explosion was heard as well. Responders quickly extinguished the fire, but the detached garage suffered moderate fire and smoke damage.

The fire and explosion are be-

lieved to have been caused by a ruptured fuel line of a lawn tractor. The homeowner recently used the tractor and parked it in the garage. It has not yet been determined what caused ignition.

The total cost of damages has not yet been determined.

# State lapse leaves MNsure health applicants in the lurch

By Christopher Snowbeck  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL -- At least 16,000 low-income health insurance applicants never received letters telling them that the state needed more information, and many remain uninsured.

State officials disclosed the mistake Wednesday and blamed the problem on human error. The notices were supposed to tell the applicants to provide more information to qualify for the state's Medical Assistance program, but the notices were never sent.

The applicants applied through MNsure, the state's new health insurance exchange, but their eligibility for the low-income assistance couldn't be automatically verified.

"We understand that this is unacceptable to have not been sending these notices for this period of time — to have left people in this ambiguous status," said Chuck Johnson, the state Department of Human Services' deputy commissioner for policy and operations. "We're working to fix it as quickly as possible."

Notices in the future will be generated automatically by the information technology system. But the functionality for this isn't yet available from the exchange. So, earlier this year the Department of Human Services adopted a work-around process that broke down in February.

"The result of folks not getting this notice is that they've been in this pending status for some number of months — as many as six — waiting for some indication," Johnson said.

Going forward, applicants who are found eligible for coverage will get health insurance retroactive to when they submitted applications, Johnson said. If people incurred medical costs when they should have been covered by Medical Assistance, the state will cover those costs, he added.

But Johnson acknowledged that some patients

might have delayed seeking medical care as their health insurance applications languished. Patients surely experienced stress and frustration, he added, as they turned to county workers for help trying to figure out if they had coverage.

"We apologize for the failure to provide these system-generated notices," wrote Human Services Commissioner Lucinda Jeson in an email to county officials Wednesday. "This mistake makes matters more difficult for you, our partners, and, more critically, for the people we serve."

Medical Assistance is the Minnesota's name for the state-federal Medicaid program, which provides health insurance for low-income residents.

The state launched MNsure last year as a tool for people to purchase commercial health insurance and determine if they qualify for Medicaid. It's part of the Affordable Care Act, the federal law requiring nationwide health insurance.

While the MNsure system eventually will automate more aspects of the Medicaid enrollment process, the Department of Human Services has had to develop a number of manual processes as the new system is being developed.

"It's not MNsure's job to send the notices," said Joe Campbell, a spokesman for the exchange. "The jointly owned system generated the notices and sent them for processing, as has been the process in place for months."

Starting last year, people who thought they might qualify for Medical Assistance could fill out online applications on the MNsure website. In many cases, the system automatically checked income, citizenship and other details with a federal data hub to make sure people qualified for coverage.

## OBITUARY

### John Ernst

John Ernst, 55, died June 10, 2014, in Aitkin.

He was born July 18, 1958, in Sioux Falls, S.D. He grew up in South Dakota and Minnesota. John graduated from Fergus Falls High School. He graduated from the University of North Dakota-Bottineau with degrees in forestry and wildlife conservation.

He also attended the University of Montana-Missoula. He graduated from Staples Technical Institute, where he obtained his electrical technician degree.

John worked for various companies, most notably Bill Davis Engineering and Weyerhouse. As part of his job he traveled all over the United States, Europe and the Middle East.

John was married to Ellen Johnson Sept. 10, 1988. He lived most of his adult life in the North-

wood of Minnesota. He will be remembered for his love of the outdoors, raising golden retrievers and many diverse kinds of music.

John is survived by his mother, Doris (Moe) Ernst, Sioux Falls; siblings, Sarah (Ron) Schock, Tea, S.D.; William, Minneapolis; Sally Watton, Baytown, Texas; and Joseph, Sioux Falls; two nephews, Gabe and Aaron, one grand-niece, Riley, and one grand-nephew, Jake; aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Burrell R. Ernst and a brother-in-law, Rick Watton.

Graveside services: 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, in Pioneer Cemetery, rural Baltic

Fellowship will follow the service at the West Nidaros Church in the Heritage room.

Condolences: minnehatafuneralhome.com

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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXTENDED ALLEY CLOSURE for CONSTRUCTION

**Alley South of Lincoln Avenue Court Street to Mill Street**

**This alley closure has been extended one week due to obstacles encountered during gas main replacement operations.**

The alley between Mill Street & Court Street will be closed for one additional week to allow for utility replacement work to be completed. The alley will be temporarily reopened for the weekend but will close again Monday, July 7th.

During this closure period the mail box and utility drop boxes located in the alley will be accessible only by pedestrians using the City parking lot. Access to the parking lot will be provided on Court Street only from the south (from Washington Avenue) until the alley work is complete.

Once the alley work is complete traffic will be restored. The alley traffic will then exit using a temporary route through the City parking lot to its south entrance onto Court Street near the bridge.

Full access for businesses and residents on the southside of Lincoln Avenue from Union Avenue to Mill Street will be maintained from the other directions through the City parking lots. Access may change depending upon the construction operations.

Please drive carefully and be alert for construction activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

Don Edwards, PE, City Engineer

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