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Marvel Von Hagen talks about receiving government assistance to help pay her heating bills and weatherize her home in Kindred on Wednesday, March 13.

Need heating assistance?

In North Dakota, call 1-800-755-2716.
In Minnesota, call 1-800-657-3710.

MOST NORTH DAKOTANS, MINNESOTANS WHO QUALIFY FOR HEATING ASSISTANCE DON'T SEEK IT

By April Baumgarten
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Kindred, N.D.

Marvel Von Hagen and her love of 37 years were living the good life.

The 60-year-old woman built hotels for a living while her man worked as a plumber. The couple who have lived in their Kindred home for 29 years were never ones to ask for help, even after medical bills started to roll in for her back and his diagnosis of colorectal cancer.

But as money became tight, she sold many of her personal belongings and watched every penny. "We gave up what we thought was important in life, then you find out what really is important," she said.

She heard from a friend about the low-income home energy assistance program, or LIHEAP, that provides federal funds to help eligible residents pay to heat their homes. Before Von Hagen applied for heating assistance this winter, she kept the house heated at 55 degrees.

Of the 55,358 households eligible for heating assistance in North Dakota, only 22

percent (12,331 households) received it in 2017, according to the most recent analysis by the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC).

In Minnesota, 393,788 households qualify for LIHEAP, and only 32 percent (126,149 households) received such assistance in 2017, according to NEUAC.

There are numerous reasons qualified residents may not apply for LIHEAP, said Ross Corson, former spokesman for the Minnesota Commerce Department, which administers the state's heating assistance program. Households simply may not know the program exists, others don't want to be considered low income, and some feel they can "get by" and "should leave the money for needier households," he said via email.

"There are not too many people who want to go in and say, 'Hey, I need help.' We're a proud people," said Brandon Kjelden, energy and rehab program coordinator for the Southeastern North Dakota Community Action Agency.

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During the 1897 flood in Fargo, the river crested at 39.1 feet on April 7.

A look at the conditions that led to previous major flood years in Fargo

By Gigi Wood
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FARGO — As record flooding saturates South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, anxiety is heightening along the banks of the Red River.

When hazarding a guess about the severity of flooding this year in Fargo, several factors come into play. There's fall precipitation, winter snowpack totals, the timing of spring thaws, potential spring storms and streamflow, among others.

According to the National Weather Service's (NWS) updated spring flood outlook, released Friday, moderate to major river flooding is "nearly guaranteed" this year. For the 2018-2019 season, fall precipitation was high, winter frost is deep and snowpack is very high. The risk of spring rain storms is high and an expected late spring thaw likely means there will be a lot of runoff at once.

As of March 15, Fargo had received 59.1 inches of snowfall for the season, 3.7 inches above normal. The Red River water level is at 15.02 feet, compared to the flood stage of 18 feet and major flood stage at 30 feet. Water levels of the nearby streams and creeks that feed into the Red River are high and ice jams are likely.

There's a lot riding on the spring thaw. If the snow melts slowly, that



A Decade Later

could help the flood outlook immensely, the NWS stated. Whether there are several major spring storms will also affect the outcome.

During Fargo's most severe floods, streamflow played a major role. In 2009, 1897, 1997, 2011 and 1969, streamflows were above 20,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). In a quiet year, Red River streamflow is below 10,000 cfs. Streamflow, the rate at which the water in the river is flowing, is at a standstill this year; the river is frozen.

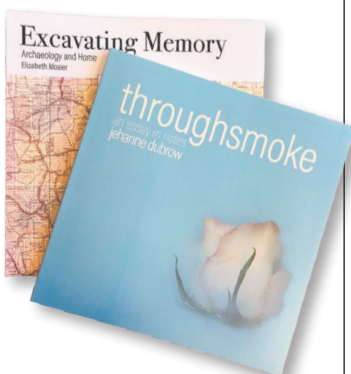
Historic floods

This season's snowfall of 59.1 inches is far from the 79.7 inches that fell in 2008-2009, in the lead up to that spring's 40.84 river crest, Fargo's most severe flood to date.

About 117 inches of snow fell during the 1996-1997 season, when the river crested at 39.72 feet. There were 88.4 inches of snow during the

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ND lawmakers eyeing increased fees to fight aquatic invaders

By John Hageman
Forum News Service

BISMARCK — About 15 years ago, few people in North Dakota were aware of "aquatic nuisance species," the water-based invaders that can hamper recreational opportunities and clog water systems.

But amid increased concerns about their proliferation, "ignorance is no excuse anymore," said Greg Power, the

fisheries division chief for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

State lawmakers are eyeing a proposal to raise fees for fishing licenses and other related permits to provide the department with a dedicated funding source for programs to curb the spread of unwelcome pests.

Power said the agency has reshuffled

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A Fargo family abandons their home during the 1897 flood.

Water fills most of a field near these homes south of West Fargo in March 2009, as the snow melt continues.

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2010-2011 season, when the flood crest hit 38.81 feet.

In 1897, when the river crested at 39.1 feet, the area received 79 inches of snowfall.

And in 1969, when the flood crest was 37.34 feet, the area had received only 41.4 inches. Instead, frequent ground blizzards, large snow drifts and a late thaw in April were to blame, according to WDAY Chief Meteorologist John Wheeler.

Snowfall doesn't always predict major flooding, however. In 1993-1994, the area received 89.1 inches of snow and the river crested at 26.69 feet

that spring.

Heavy rains in the fall often create high soil moisture conditions going into winter, which has been a factor in each of Fargo's historic floods. Fall 2018 precipitation was fairly normal, although mid-October snowfall brought about 2 inches of snow to Fargo and several more to northern and western parts of the state.

One potential silver lining: from Oct. 1, 2018, through March 15, 2019, rain and snowfall totals were nowhere near levels in 1997 and 2009, according to last week's NWS report.

Upstream, however, thick ice, which could lead to ice jams that cause river surges, is being reported along the Red

Monthly Total Precipitation for Fargo Area, ND (ThreadEx)

Click column heading to sort ascending, click again to sort descending

Year	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Season
1995-1996	2.04	0.99	0.73	1.82	0.94	0.41	0.21	7.14
1996-1997	2.41	2.38	1.27	1.79	0.59	1.89	3.12	13.45
2008-2009	4.46	1.13	1.80	0.55	1.29	4.62	0.81	14.66
2009-2010	5.44	0.41	1.85	1.57	0.86	1.41	1.49	13.03
2010-2011	1.91	0.73	1.75	0.90	0.08	1.84	2.02	9.23
2012-2013	2.22	0.59	0.37	0.97	1.22	1.44	2.11	8.92
2017-2018	0.77	0.33	0.77	0.21	0.83	1.93	0.37	5.21
2018-2019	2.70	0.61	1.13	0.59	1.69	1.66	M	8.38
Mean	2.74	0.90	1.21	1.05	0.94	1.90	1.45	10.00
Max	5.44	2.38	1.85	1.82	1.69	4.62	3.12	14.66
Min	0.77	0.33	0.37	0.21	0.08	0.41	0.21	5.21

River in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Spring storms and thaws

Whether flooding will be moderate, major or historic in Fargo will likely depend on spring storms and how

quickly the snow thaws.

The NWS is predicting a late spring thaw that favors a "fast thaw cycle," more rain and a top 10 runoff year. If the next several weeks maintain cold temperatures, slowing the thaw, flooding

TOP 5 FARGO FLOODS

- 2009:** Red River crested at 40.84 feet on March 28, 88.4 inches of seasonal snowfall, streamflow at 29,500 cfs.
 - 1997:** Red River crested at 39.72 feet on April 18, 117 inches of seasonal snowfall, streamflow at 28,000 cfs.
 - 1897:** Red River crested at 39.1 feet on April 7, 79 inches of seasonal snowfall, streamflow at 29,500 cfs.
 - 2011:** Red River crested at 38.81 feet on April 9, 88.4 inches of seasonal snowfall, streamflow at 27,200 cfs.
 - 1969:** Red River crested at 37.34 feet on April 15, 41.4 inches of seasonal snowfall, streamflow at 25,300 cfs.
- Compared to today:
- 2019:** Red River at 15.02 feet, 59.1 inches of seasonal snowfall, streamflow minimal due to ice.

Major flood years

Years when the flood stage was 30 feet or above along the Red River in Fargo.

2009: 40.84 feet	2010: 36.99 feet	2013: 33.18 feet
1897: 40.1 feet	2001: 36.63 feet	2007: 30.84 feet
1997: 39.72 feet	1989: 35.39 feet	1965: 30.50 feet
2011: 38.81 feet	1979: 34.93 feet	1966: 30.16 feet
1969: 37.34 feet	1978: 34.41 feet	
2006: 37.13 feet	1975: 33.26 feet	

Sources: National Weather Service, North Dakota State Climate Office, U.S. Geological Survey, John Wheeler/WDAY

could be minimized, the report stated.

The Old Farmers' Almanac, which in August predicted a cold winter with plenty of snow, beating the Climate Prediction Center forecast, is anticipating a snowy, cold remainder to March with below average temperatures and below average precipitation. April,

the almanac predicts, will see average temperatures and precipitation.

Regardless of predictions, the city of Fargo is preparing for a major flood. Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney announced Friday that the city will soon begin emergency operations exercises and make a call for sandbag volunteers.

BRIEFS

Free grief programs available in April

FARGO — Hospice of the Red River Valley will host free educational grief classes for youth and adults on separate dates in

April at their Fargo office, 1701 38th St. S.

Journeying Through Grief is a free three-session grief class for adults at 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, April 4, 11, and 18,

at 1701 38th St. S. It will focus on the grief process, common grief reactions, taking care of yourself while grieving and embracing memories.

Youth Journeys is a daylong program at 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, for youth ages 7 to 18 who have lost a loved one. The day is split into sections, allowing youth to explore how the death of their loved one has

affected their lives, their feelings, self-care and how to embrace memories. Youth will have an opportunity to meet therapy dogs and the day will end with a celebration of life service. Food and snacks will be provided throughout the day.

Pre-registration is required for both adults and youth by Monday, April 1. To register, call 800-237-4629 or regis-

ter online.

Vandals damage nearly two dozen vehicles in Fargo

FARGO — The windows of almost two dozen vehicles were shattered over the weekend by an unknown suspect, according to the Fargo Police Department.

In a post on the department's Facebook page,

police said a BB gun or pellet gun was used to break the windows.

The department said the targeted vehicles were generally east of 25th Street and parked in driveways, in a parking ramp or on the street.

Police are encouraging anyone who observes suspicious behavior to call Red River Dispatch Center at 701-451-7660.

Riley Henry Rogers III



Devoted and loving husband, father, brother and friend, Riley Henry Rogers III died peacefully the morning of February 12, 2019 in his Fargo home at Sheyenne Crossing. He was 93.

Riley, son of Dr. Riley H Rogers II and Alice Mae (Wilson) was born in Chicago IL. December 28, 1925. He was the couple's only son but grew up with two older half-brothers Bill and Dan. As a young boy Riley enjoyed the benefits of both city life and the wonderful experiences of summer vacations with his Grandfather, Riley Rogers Sr, at the family farm in Lawrence KS. Riley loved the water and won numerous medals in Chicago Boys Club swimming and diving competitions. Later he became an open water lifeguard on Lake Michigan for the Chicago Park District. Riley also played semi pro football in Chicago and would enjoy earning some pocket change playing pool in his spare time.

Riley joined the navy and served during WWII as an aircraft mechanic on the USS Saratoga. Upon his return, and with the advice of a family friend, Riley headed to North Dakota and Jamestown College. It is there that he met and married the love of his life, Olive Ann (Stretch) Wanner. He successfully completed majors in Biology and Chemistry at Jamestown College where he was also a valuable asset on both the track and football teams.

While in Jamestown the couple added two children and a border collie to their growing family, Riley H Rogers IV, Vicki Lynn and Tinker. Educational pursuits lead the family to Grand Forks and then to Fargo where their third child, Roxanne, was born. In 1958 Riley was commissioned to install the first pharmacy at Mercy Hospital in Valley City. The original plan was to stay only one year but Riley and Stretch would live happily in Valley City for more than 50 years.

Riley was a civic minded man and through the years he became an active member both in the community and the state. He had memberships in the Elks, Eagles and Masons, was a past president of Rotary, served on the State University Advisory Board, had a place on the Valley City Multi-District Vocational Center Health Occupations Committee, held every office and served at some capacity on every committee of the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy, he also served on The Red River Basin Board, was a past president of the League of Cities and served on the Board of Trustees of the Congregational United Church of Christ. Riley served as mayor of Valley City for 12 years and also acted as the Pharmacy Compliance Officer for the State of North Dakota for several years. He was proud to be part of the important work of the city and the state and was humbled by the integrity of the many people with whom he worked side by side. He is quoted saying, "Valley City is the finest in the country, and I've worked with some of the finest people. That's been the story of my life. Who could ask for more than that?"

Riley and Stretch enjoyed each other's company tremendously and in their leisure time they would go flying, boating, traveling, taking photographs and listening to a variety of music. Riley Rogers will be remembered for his warmth, kindness and welcoming disposition as well as his easy smile and carefully timed jokes. We are finding it hard to imagine life without him but we find comfort imagining him reunited with Olive Ann, the love of his life.

Riley is preceded in death by his wife, parents and brothers.

Riley is survived by: son Riley H Rogers IV, daughters Vicki Lynn (Gary) Sizemore and Roxanne (Harve) Rogers. Grand children: Tracy (Sean) Ochester, Aaron Sizemore, Kelly Sizemore, Riley H (Mary) Rogers V and Olivia (John) Rogers. Great Grandchildren: Kelly and Amelia.

Join us as we celebrate the life of Riley H. Rogers III Friday 3:00pm, March 22nd, 2019

Congregational United Church of Christ in Valley City 217 4th st NW

Clay County marriage licenses for February:
Kellie Jo Goschen, and Daniel Lee Otto, Dilworth, Minn.
Ashley Lee Fenske, Fargo, and Ethan Theodore Wentzel, Underwood, Minn.
Robert Anthony Beitel and Mary Josephine Goulet, Moorhead
Jourdan Laura Joyce Rudd and Chad Thomas Fischer, Moorhead
Stacy Mae Willprecht and Benjamin John Frank, Fargo

Kalyn Thomas Bjorgum and Amyjo Baggestross, Hawley, Minn.
Tyler Joe Bjerken and Amanda Jo Hansen, Moorhead
Mark Richard Kemper and Tonya Ann Poole, Moorhead
Adam Dominic Forness, Crookston, Minn., and Kacie Lee Hall, West Fargo
Brenna Sierra Johnson and Zachary Raymond Dolan, Moorhead
Kevin Joseph Dahme and Nicolle Lynne Wieka-

mp, Fargo
Mckenzie Katherine Rudolph and Adam William Schueller, Fargo
Samantha Samone Becker and Paul Cameron Ferrell, Moorhead
Kristin Rose Kriale and Michael James Knorr, Moorhead
Keegan Michael Ahern and Megan Laurel Germondson, Moorhead
Amber Mae Gabbard and Daniel Gerardo Sanchez, Fargo

MARRIAGE LICENSES

DEATHS

Elgene Belle Armstrong Graves

Sept. 3, 1922 - Feb. 23, 2019
ALEXANDRIA, Minn. - Elgene Belle Armstrong Graves, 96, Alexandria, died Saturday, Feb. 23, in Grand Arbor.

Services were previously held.

Arrangements by Lind Family Funeral & Cremation Service.

Glenmore Gust

June 6, 1937 - March 16, 2019
FARGO, N.D. - Glenmore Gust, 81, Alice, N.D., died Saturday, March 16, in Elim Care Center.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., followed by the funeral at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 21, at West Funeral Home Chapel in West Fargo, N.D. Burial will be in Tabor Cemetery near Embden, N.D.

Arrangements by West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center.

Marlyn N. Langerud

Sept. 10, 1926 - March 16, 2019
ULEN, Minn. - Marlyn N. Langerud, 92, Hawley, Minn., died Saturday, March 16, in Viking Manor.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Wright Funeral Home in Hawley. The Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Hawley. Burial will be at a later date in Hawley Cemetery. Arrangements by Wright Funeral Home.

Lucile E. Albert

April 10, 1921 - March 16, 2019
BRECKENRIDGE, Minn. - Lucile E. Albert, 97, Erie, N.D., died Saturday, March 16, in Saint Francis Healthcare Campus.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by the funeral at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 21, at Arthur (N.D.) United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the spring in Erie Cemetery.

Arrangements by West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center in West Fargo, N.D.

Alma Berg

Alma Berg, 92, of Fargo, ND and formerly of Leeds, ND passed away on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the Bethany Retirement Living Center in Fargo, ND. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Leeds Lutheran Church in Leeds, ND with Pastor Richard Budd officiating. Visitation will begin two hours before the service. Burial will take place at the Leeds Lutheran Cemetery in Leeds, ND in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Leeds Lutheran Church: 250 1st Avenue SE Leeds, ND 58346.

Alma Berg was born in Springfield Township on May 11, 1926 to Albert and Lena (Somdalen) Berg. She attended country grade schools and was confirmed at Hurricane Lake Lutheran Church in 1941. In 1944, she graduated from Tioga High School and returned home to help on the family farm in Rolette County.

After her father's death in 1950, Alma continued to care for her mother in York and Rugby where she worked at the Rugby Hospital. Following her mother's death, she moved to Leeds where her only sibling, Lillian (Toots) Berg Marsaa lived. The sisters together moved to Heartland Care in Devils Lake and finally to Bethany Retirement Home in Fargo.

Alma was an avid fan of sports and country western music. Her special gifts included being the family letter writer, having a green thumb, and cheering up others through her keen sense of humor.

Alma Berg is survived by her niece, Donna (Ralph) Lemar; great-nephew, James (Martha) Lemar; great-nieces, Corrina and Carmen Lemar; 8 great-great nieces and nephews; her beloved cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister and brother-in-law, Toots and Dick Marsaa; great-nephew, Randall Lemar. Online condolences may be left at www.thenelsonfuneralhome.com. Nelson Funeral Home of Leeds, ND is in charge of arrangements.

Roger Langseth

Aug. 25, 1949 - March 14, 2019
FARGO, N.D. - Roger Langseth, 69, Fargo, died Thursday, March 14, in Sanford Health on Broadway.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Friday, March 22, at West Funeral Home in West Fargo, N.D. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by the funeral at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 23, at Hope Lutheran Church, South Campus, in Fargo. Burial will be in Herby Lutheran Cemetery near Argusville, N.D.

Memorials are preferred to Oak Grove, Hope Lutheran Church, Great Plains Harmony, Herby Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements by West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center.

Barbara Brinkman

May 19, 1939 - March 15, 2019
MCINTOSH, Minn. - Barbara Brinkman, 79, Fosston, Minn., died Friday, March 15, in McIntosh Senior Living.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., today, March 18, at Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by the funeral at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 19, at Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Fosston. The Rev. Alan Arneson will officiate. Interment will be in the spring in Kingo Lutheran Cemetery in Fosston.

Arrangements by Carlin Family Funeral Service.



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