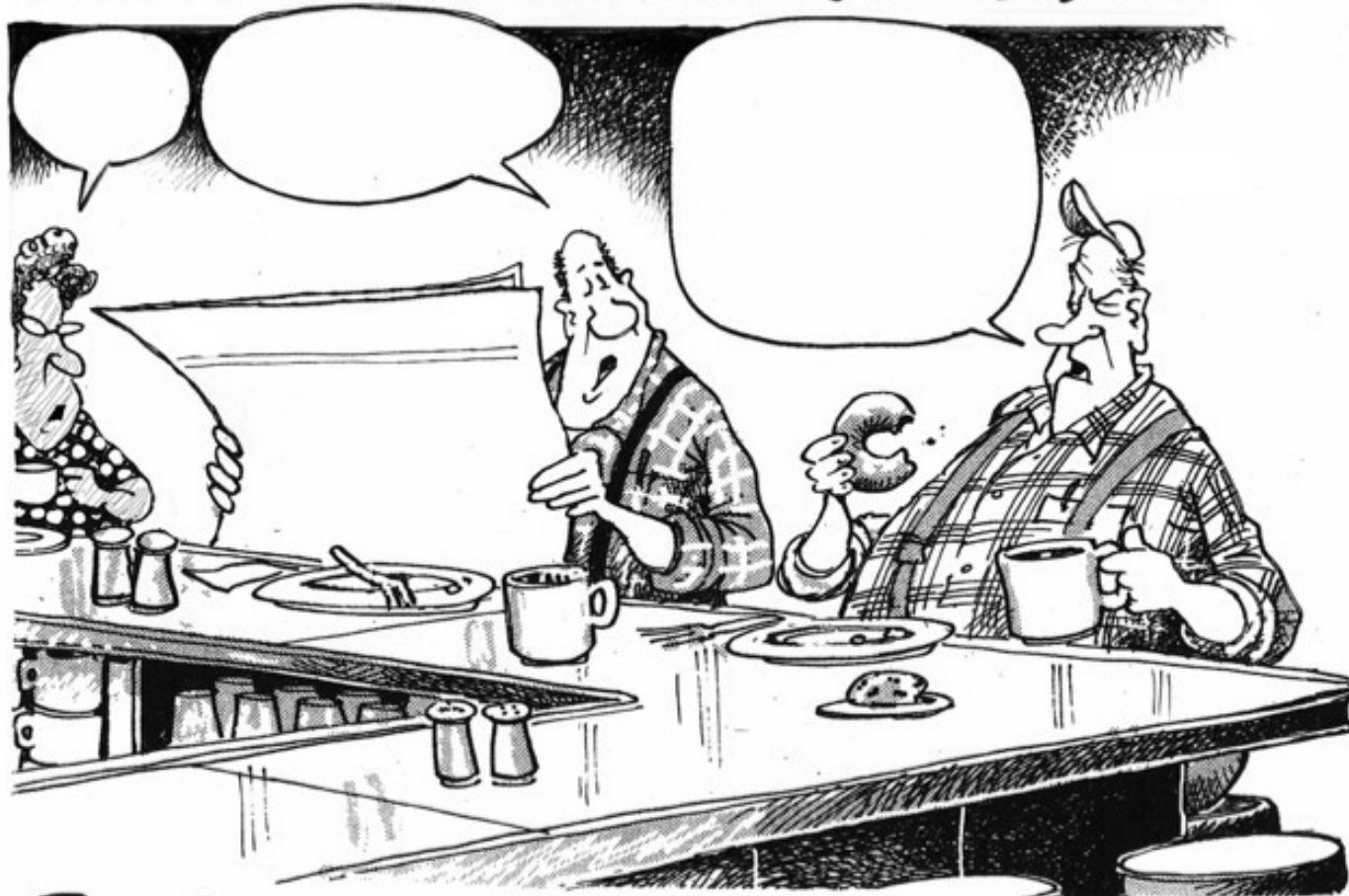


“The press is the only institution that is truly accountable. The founding fathers put the First Amendment first for a reason.”

~ Rubert Murdoch

If there were no news reported by newspapers...



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Why a White Out?

More than 200 newspapers across the state will print no front-page news during Minnesota Newspaper Week

This week, more than 200 newspapers across Minnesota will publish no news on their front pages. This “White Out” is taking place during Minnesota Newspaper Week, Aug. 13-19, a part of the Minnesota Newspaper Association’s yearlong celebration of its 150th anniversary.

The White Out reminds Minnesotans of the important role that newspapers play, writing the first draft of history and telling the stories of their communities.

“In many communities across the State of Minnesota, the newspaper is the main source of local news,” said MNA executive director

Lisa Hills. “Newspaper journalists across the state attend city council and school board meetings, they cover town festivals and local sports teams, and they arrive on the scene to document history during natural disasters and other community challenges. We know newspapers play an important role.”

Today, 25 daily and 295 non-daily newspapers, from Worthington to Warroad, Bird Island to Baudette, Elbow Lake to Ely, and every community in between, belong to the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

“Minnesota Newspaper Week is a statewide initiative that reminds individuals of the importance of a free press,” reads Gov. Mark Dayton’s proclamation for the week. “Freedom of the Press promotes a well-informed constituency, improves public policy, increases responsiveness and accountability, and enhances public confidence in governmental institutions.”

Minnesotans agree that newspapers play a vital role in the state. MNA’s member newspapers have a total circulation of more than 2.2 million each week. A 2014 Scarborough readership survey found that 89 percent of Minnesotans accessed a newspaper in print and/or digital format in the past month. Minnesotans of all ages read Minnesota newspapers in print and online.

It’s no wonder that in a state where many read their local newspaper, the population is also civic-minded and involved in activities like voting in local elections. According to state officials, more than 81 percent of registered Minnesota voters cast ballots in the November 2016 election. That’s just under 75 percent of eligible Minnesotans.

“We are proud to support Minnesota’s vibrant newspaper industry and look forward to being here for the next 150 years,” said Hills.

The Minnesota Newspaper Association (MNA) is the voluntary trade association of all general-interest newspapers in the State of Minnesota, acting on behalf of the newspaper press of the state, representing its members in the legislature and in the courts, managing local/regional/national newspaper advertising placement, operating a press release service, and working to enhance the quality of the state’s newspapers.

The Paynesville Press is celebrating its 130th anniversary this year, first published in 1887 in New Paynesville. Its sister newspaper, the Eden Valley-Watkins Voice, founded in 2012, is celebrating its fifth anniversary this year.

Michael Jacobson, editor/publisher of the Press and Voice, is the immediate past president of the Minnesota Newspaper Association, having served as its president in 2016-17, when planning for the statewide “White Out” began.

Supporting a Free Press in America

In Minnesota, we understand the importance of a free press.

It’s hard to forget in our state; Minnesotans are among the most engaged citizens in the country. Last year we again ranked first in the nation in voter turnout. Minnesotans volunteer at the second highest rate in the country.

And we usually look to our local newspapers as the first stop for the information we need.

In my house growing up, it was impossible to forget the importance of a free press. My dad was a journalist.

As a reporter and a columnist, my dad, Jim Klobuchar, covered it all. On the night of the presidential election in 1960, as a young stringer for the Associated Press, he was among the first in the country – if not the first – to call the race for President John F. Kennedy. He was fearless, whether it was reporting from Moscow with a Soviet Intourist guide assigned to him at all times or taking tear gas covering protests outside of a political convention. Digging for the truth was his job. Finding the truth made it all worth it.

From children with cancer to Minnesota veterans, he covered the stories of everyday heroes, too. He believed that all stories needed to be told and that by sharing these stories, we deepen our understanding of one another and become more united as a country.

So, from a very young age, I understood the important role the press has played in our democracy. And today, I understand a free press is as important as ever.

Minnesota reporters have been on the frontlines of major stories since the founding of our first newspaper in 1849. They’ve covered good times and bad. From enlisting with the Union in the Civil War, as Hastings Democrat publisher Charles P. Adams did in 1861, to tireless investigating and reporting on the abduction of Jacob Wetterling, Minnesota journalists have always been committed to telling our stories.

Over the past few months, we have heard about “alternative facts.” We have heard an administration official suggest that the press should “keep its mouth shut.” And we have even seen efforts to

limit journalists’ access to elected officials.

None of this is acceptable. Our founders enshrined freedom of the press in our Constitution for a reason. Thomas Jefferson said that our first objective as a nation should be to leave open “all avenues to truth,” and that the most effective way of doing that is through “the freedom of the press.”

Today, Minnesota reporters continue their dogged pursuit of the truth day after day, story after story. That reporting is on display all across Minnesota, and the Minnesota Newspaper Association has played a big part in supporting Minnesota reporters for 150 years now.

From Deborah Howell, who oversaw the Pioneer Press’s first Pulitzer Prize, to Mark Kellogg, the first Associated Press reporter to die in the line of duty, reporters all across our state are carrying forward a remarkable legacy.

I’m determined to protect journalists and defend the freedom of the press. My dad expects me to. And the oath I took to “support and defend the Constitution” demands that I do.

Without newspapers, communities would suffer

If we didn’t have newspapers, think of all that would be lost. As community newspapers, we have a long tradition of providing you with the news and information that helps you make critical decisions and stay informed. But we also serve as a watchdog of

government, we strive to capture the moments in life that define our communities, and we hope to entertain and inspire by sharing your stories.

The newspaper is your resource because without you there is no community.

It is your stories of struggles won and lost that help shape who we are and how we come together as people. Your courageous fight against disease, the emotional and some-

times daunting first day of school for child and parent, the heartache of a home leveled by tornado or destroyed by fire, the joy of a state championship title or a single win for a team that has been denied for weeks, the street assess-

ment being proposed by your city or the new park being planned down the street, the mayor who made good on his campaign promise, or the legislator who failed to vote the will of the people. All of these are snapshots of what is shared in your newspaper.

Without the newspaper acting in an objective role to collect, investigate, interview, verify, and share all of this information, our connections

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Guest Editorial
Amy Klobuchar (DFL-Minneapolis) is the senior U.S. Senator for Minnesota.

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- Aitkin Independent Age
- Albany Enterprise
- Albert Lea Tribune
- Alden Advance
- Alexandria Echo Press
- Anoka County Union Herald
- Apple Valley – Sun ThisWeek
- Arlington Enterprise
- Ashby Dalton Post
- Askov American
- Austin Daily Herald
- Battle Lake Review
- Baudette – Northern Light Region
- Bemidji Pioneer
- Benson – Swift County Monitor-News
- Blaine Spring Lake Park Life
- Bloomington – Steele County Times
- Bloomington Leader
- Bloomington Sun Current
- Blue Earth-Faribault County Register
- Brainerd Dispatch
- Brooklyn Center/Brooklyn Park Sun Post
- Browerville Blade
- Burnsville/Eagan – Sun Thisweek
- Byron Review
- Caledonia Argus
- Cambridge – Isanti County News
- Cambridge – Isanti-Chisago County Star
- Canby News
- Cannon Falls Beacon
- Cass Lake Times
- Chatfield News
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- Greenbush Tribune
- Grygla Eagle
- Hallock – Kittson County Enterprise
- Hanska Herald
- Hastings Star Gazette
- Hendricks Pioneer
- Henning Citizen’s Advocate

- Hermantown Star
- Heron Lake Tri-County News
- Hibbing Daily Tribune
- Hills Crescent
- Hinckley News
- Hopkins/Minnetonka Sun Sailor
- Howard Lake Herald Journal
- Hugo Citizen
- Hutchinson Leader
- Isle – Mille Lacs Messenger
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- Lake Benton Valley Journal
- Lake Crystal Tribune
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- Monticello Times

- Moose Lake Star Gazette
- Mora – Kanabec County Times
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- Mound Laker
- Mounds View/New Brighton – Sun Focus
- Mountain Lake Observer/Advocate
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- North Branch – ECM Post Review
- Northfield News
- Norwood Young America Times
- Oklee Herald
- Osakis Review
- Osseo/Maple Grove/Champlin – Press
- Outing/Crosslake – Northland Press
- Owatonna People’s Press
- Park Rapids Enterprise
- Parkers Prairie Independent
- Paynesville Press
- Pelican Rapids Press
- Pequot Lakes – Pineandlakes Echo Journal
- Perham Focus
- Pine City Pioneer
- Pipestone County Star
- Preston – Fillmore County News Leader
- Princeton Union-Times
- Proctor Journal
- Raymond/Prinsburg – The News
- Red Lake Falls Gazette
- Red Wing Republican Eagle
- Redwood Falls Gazette
- Renville County Register
- Richfield Sun Current
- Rochester Post-Bulletin
- Rushford – Tri-County Record
- Sandstone – Pine County Courier
- Sartell-St. Stephen Newsleader
- Sauk Centre Herald
- Scandia – Country Messenger
- Sebeka/Menahga Review-Messenger
- Shoreview Press

- Slayton – Murray County News
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- Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch
- South Washington County Bulletin
- Spring Grove Herald
- Spring Valley Tribune
- St. Croix Valley Lowdown
- St. James Plaindealer
- St. Peter Herald
- St. Joseph Newsleader
- St. Louis Park Sun Sailor
- St. Michael/Rockford – Crow River News
- Staples World
- Starbuck Times
- Stephen Messenger
- Stewartville Star
- Stillwater Gazette
- Thief River Falls Times
- Twin Valley Times
- Two Harbors – Lake County News-Chronicle
- Tyler Tribute
- Vadnais Heights Press
- Verham Focus
- Virginia – Mesabi Daily News
- Wabasso Standard
- Waconia Patriot
- Wadena Pioneer-Journal
- Walker Pilot-Independent
- Warren Sheaf
- Waseca County News
- Watertown – Carver County News
- Waterville – Lake Region Life
- Wayzata/Orono/Plymouth – Sun Sailor
- Westbrook Sentinel/Tribune
- Wheaton Gazette
- White Bear Press
- Willmar – West Central Tribune
- Windom – Cottonwood County Citizen
- Winthrop News
- Woodbury Bulletin
- Worthington Globe



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SANDY POINT PARK

McMillans mark 50th summer on Koronis

Bud and Vivian McMillan bought property in 1967, opened in 1968

By Michael Jacobson

For 50 years, Sandy Point Park has welcomed summer visitors to the south shore of Lake Koronis. On Saturday, owners Bud and Vivian McMillan welcomed current and former campers to a picnic to celebrate their 50th summer.

"It went fast," said Bud of 50 years. "Time flies."

Bud and Vivian McMillan were avid campers in the 1960s, and in 1967 they had a trailer at Tollman's Resort on Lake Koronis. But at the end of 1966, Cush Tollman closed his resort, selling off his half dozen cabins and leaving the McMillans and four other trailers without homes for 1967.

From Tollman's Resort, they could see a trailer across the lake. When they checked it out, the lot right next to it (7.7 acres) was for sale. A Litchfield man was planning to retire. "Never in a million years did we think we could do this," said Bud. "Really we were seeking a lot to park our trailer, and maybe someday do something with," he added.

"From the fall of 1966 to the spring of 1967, we talked about it. Gradually we hatched the idea to do this," Bud continued.

"We talked about it all winter," added Vivian.

"We could see the potential," said Bud, who worked for Northwestern Bell for 43 years, including 12 years (1958-70) in Paynesville. "I couldn't get it out of my mind."

Creating a campsite, renting out other sites, "that's the only way, at the time, we felt we could cut it (financially)," said Bud.

In 1967, their kids were nine (Scott); seven (Jim); four (Nancy); and 18 months (Paul).

Paul, they recalled, had to wear his life jacket whenever he left their trailer. "His life jacket was on morning to night," said Vivian.

"It was part of his normal dress," added Bud.

In the spring of 1967, they took ownership of the hilly property with a grassy track down to the lake and an old cabin. They needed permits from the county, roads (built by Harold Putzke), picnic tables (Louis Blacksmith made the metal brackets and Richard Stern provided the lumber), electricity, and a shower building.

"Because of the slope, all the sites are terraced," said Bud. "We had 11 at first. Then we added to that as we went along."

That first year, when they stayed at Sandy Point Park with friends and a few acquaintances, they charged \$3 per night.

Cush Tollman sold them six aluminum boats on credit, telling Bud, "You need these." They rented boats for a few years - Scott was the boat boy - until they got tired of getting up at 4 a.m. to get a boat for an early-morning angler.

"All the kids had jobs," said Bud.

By 1968, they had their first seasonal rentals. "By 1972, pretty much that soon, they were all seasonal," said Bud.

They were licensed for 30 campsites, and at their peak they had 28. "As we grubbed trees, I'd say, we can put one (a site) here. It just evolved," said

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SALEM FEST



Photo by Michael Jacobson

Dr. Lowell Gess (center), 96, a Paynesville native who heard God's calling at Salem Church at the age of 11, was honored at Salem Fest on Sunday, Aug. 13, for his 52 years of medical missionary in Africa. Historic Salem Church president Rick Miller (right) led a round of applause for Gess, who has traveled back to Africa twice in 2017.

The Life, Times, and Faith of Dr. Lowell Gess

Paynesville native honored for over 50 years as medical missionary

By Ashley Peck

"How could a farm boy from Minnesota be in a situation like this?"

Two days after arriving in Nigeria for his first medical missionary experience in 1952, Dr. Lowell Gess performed surgery on a man impaled by a spear inspecting the patient's abdomen, Gess debated between two procedures; one could save his life, the other could be fatal.

In that moment, the new missionary prayed - "Show me how to do my part." With

the assistance of God, his wife and nurse Ruth, an anesthetist, and a Nigerian attendant, the doctor made the right decision.

The life, times, and faith of Gess, 96, were honored with a service at the Historic Salem Church, during its annual Salem Fest on Sunday, Aug. 13. Gess spent 52 years in medical missionary in Africa, including 18 years as a full-time missionary. "We are here to celebrate the work of Dr. Lowell Gess," said Rick Miller, president of Salem Historical Church, to a full congregation. "I want to emphasize 'work,' because I know Dr. Gess likes when we celebrate his work and not the man."

Gess, who attended the event with family, stood for a lengthy round of applause before speakers and videos

painting his story - 96 years of impacting others - for the audience. "The man just doesn't quit, and the world is a much better place for it," said Miller.

Linda Liestman of Paynesville, who compiled the doctor's accomplishments and missionary experiences for the festival, found the research to be a touching and emotional process, she told the crowd. "It has been a real honor to do this," said Liestman, who read portions of Gess' life, along with Miller and Susan Lorenz.

"It is very important to Lowell for people to know that the Lord is credited for all accomplishments he has been a part of. Much of the story we share comes from the interesting and inspiring books he has authored," said Liestman, who read his six books.

Born on July 13, 1921, Gess was raised on an 80-acre farm north of Paynesville and attended Salem Church, one of the first German Evangelical Churches, formed in 1861. During a sermon, the pastor challenged: "What is God calling you to do? How are you going to live your life?" At age 11, Gess answered.

"Under the spell of the moment there came an awareness of an inner message of 'be a medical missionary,'" he wrote in one of his six books.

During his time in Africa, Gess was exposed to the early development of cataracts and glaucoma. "As a general surgeon, Lowell saw so many blind people come to the hospital, and he didn't have the skills to help them," read Lorenz. He mentioned this to

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ANNA BRAUCHLER

Six-year-old on the road to healing from leukemia

Anna Brauchler diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in March

By Brittany Utsch

"Do not fear for I am with you. Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; surely I will help you; surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

Childhood cancer are two words a family never wants to hear. "I did know, but I didn't know," said Becky Brauchler of her daughter Anna's leukemia diagnosis.

For Becky and Matt Brauchler, Monday, March 27, 2017 - the day they were presented with their daughter's test results - is the day cancer impacted their family.

Anna was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), a form of childhood cancer - which can also be found in adults - of the blood and bone marrow, just three months before her sixth birthday last spring.



Submitted Photo

Anna Brauchler (front right) of Paynesville was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a form of childhood cancer in March 2017, just three months before her sixth birthday. The Brauchler family - (front) brother Everett and Anna and (back) parents Matt and Becky - give a thumbs up.

Though each day may bring new challenges for the family, the Brauchlers - backed by faith, family, and friends - are on the road to healing.

#ThumbsupAnna'

Anna was born to Becky

(Schaumann), a 2002 PHS graduate, and Matt Brauchler, a 2000 PHS graduate, on June 5, 2011. She is the youngest of

the family, joined by her almost eight-year-old brother Everett.

Created by Anna's aunt, Katie, '#ThumbsupAnna,' was a fitting title for a local benefit that was organized by the family's church, Crystal Hills Assembly.

"On one of my Facebook picture posts, Anna was in her princess dress in her hospital bed, with bunny ears and sunglasses, giving us a thumbs up," said Matt. "Then my sister-in-law commented on the post, saying '#Thumbsup-Anna,' and it stuck."

"It is kind of funny because looking back on pictures before all of this and calling it #ThumbsupAnna, Anna would always stick her thumbs up in pictures," said Becky. "So it was cute and kind of catchy."

A '#ThumbsupAnna' benefit was held on Saturday, July 8, at Crystal Hills.

"It was awesome," said Becky. "It was overwhelming, incredible, and more than we could of asked for. Definitely something that we will never forget."

A spaghetti dinner, silent auction, and activities for the children including snow cones, horse rides, bouncy castles, face painting, balloon

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