

EDUCATION

STRAIGHT 'A'S

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Generational differences discussion

We've been discussing in the last two articles some of the differences in people from the age groups they come from. We'll conclude this topic with just some general information on ways people from the age groups handle a response to a specific task or issue.

We need to remember that we are products of the time period we came from. Like many things, there are overlaps and when it comes to people, variations will exist.

We also want to remember that how a task is handled by people within an age group, there are no rights or wrongs. How a person may take care of a task basically depends on the experiences that person went through during their growing up years.

Take a newspaper reporter from the Baby



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Boomer group and a reporter from the Gen X time period. When a question comes up, the older person will most likely use the hard line phone with the younger person using the electronic method in instant messaging to get an answer. Putting these two together, you may create sparks, if one generation cannot accept when things are not done "their way." Here again,

an agreement between the two needs to be what the end result should be.

Within the work force, the old style, step process designed by the older generations to complete a task, is seen as a meaningless process by the Gen Xs and Ys. They have little patience and tolerance for that drawn out process.

Before we close out on this topic, a few words about money and banking should be mentioned.

With the younger generations coming through, paper based payments are in retreat. Plastic payments including online commerce accounts are in place for well over 50 percent of the spending among consumers in the younger groups.

The move to plastic spending is diminishing the nation's savings rate.

Paying with plastic, people tend to spend more and save less. Unless this is checked or if people do not keep themselves organized, retirement years may be difficult with less reserves put away.

To address this move away from paper, the financial institutions have different plans people can take part in to help with their plans in getting ready for their retirement years.

We are all witnessing rapid change happening. The tremendous growth in technology and knowledge will continue this trend. If we, as people; can remember and accept that each age group brings a unique perspective from their learned point of view to relationships, end results are more easily achieved.

Source: *American Generations*



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This year's fundraiser of the Business Professionals of America class at L-BF High School was dedicated and donated to the American Cancer Society.

BPA class raises money for cancer society

L-BF HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

The Business Professionals of America class at Littlefork-Big Falls High School, taught by Tina Meyers, recently organized their annual fundraiser for a cause.

This year's fundraiser was dedicated and donated to the American Cancer Society.

The class divided itself into two teams so they could creatively find ways to help raise money for this worthy cause, as it has touched so many in the class.

Given only two weeks to organize, execute, collect, and distribute, this year's BPA class went to work. Students were responsible for all aspects of this project including creative fundraising ideas, public relations posters and advertising, announcements, deadlines, fiscal management and responsibilities, and organizing any events within the community, elementary and

high school.

Fundraising events included hoop shoots and ball tosses at the boys and girls basketball games, silent auction and bake sales, lemonade slushys and cookie sales during lunch, raffle ticket sales, wrist bands, coin collections within the school and local communities, and candy grams.

A total of \$2,500 was collected and will be presented to the American Cancer Society.

A project of this magnitude is not a simple task and the BPA students should be commended for their dedication and hard work. But the most important part of this project was not the skills and lessons acquired from an educational standpoint; the most important lesson learned this holiday season was expressed by a student... "after the competition is over it's all about the giving and knowing that somehow everyone can make a difference."

Learning from each other

The Falls High School Family and Consumer Science class, Lifeskills and Parenting, taught by Marva Fairchild, and Falls Elementary School kindergartners, taught by Kristie LaVigne and Molly Pavleck, recently finished their four-week collaboration project.

The high school FACS students developed and taught many activities, and gained first-hand experience of the kindergarten stage of development.

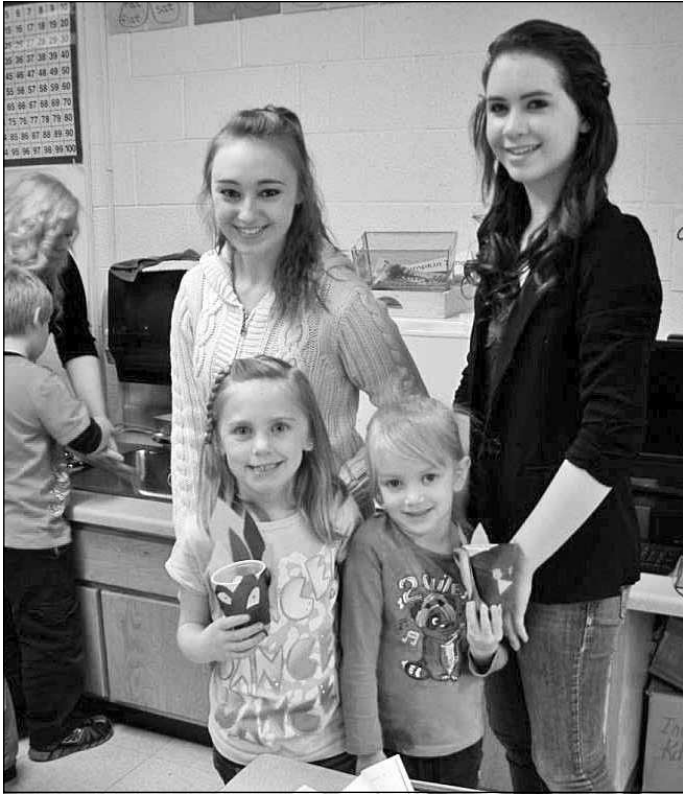
High school students were role models for the kindergartners, and kindergartners received individual time with them.

According to school officials, both the high school students and the kindergartners benefited by this experience; the groups not only enjoyed their time together, but also learned from each other.



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BSU CAREER FAIR

Bemidji State University's only on-site career fair for BSU/Northwest Technical College, where employers can connect with students looking for summer, part-time, full-time employment and internships is planned.

The career fairs gives the opportunity to share information with students about a company or organization. It may serve as a recruiting event for those currently seeking to fill open positions or network for future job openings.

The career fair will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 26 in the Beaux Arts Ballroom, BSU campus.

Cost to attend: \$65 (business fee) or \$50 (non-profit) per employer booth, includes electricity, internet, and two employer lunches. Additional lunches are \$10 per person. Non-refundable fee.

Limited space available so register soon. For information, contact Career Services at 218-755-2038 or email: career@bemidjistate.edu.

SMSU ANNOUNCES FALL SEMESTER DEAN'S LISTS

Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, students have been honored for achievement during the fall semester of study.

Students with a 3.8-4.0 (A) average are listed with "High Honors" while those with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.79 gained "Honors" recognition.

Olivia Santee, of International Falls, was named to the Honors list at SMSU.

STUDENTS NAMED TO NDSU DEAN'S LIST

Area Minnesota students were among the 3,166 North Dakota State University students to be placed on the fall 2013 dean's list.

A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify.

Students from International Falls named to the dean's list included:

Michael P. Anderson, mathematics; Stephen K. Anderson, computer science; Sara M. Christianson, radiologic sciences; Brent C. Hasbargen, agricultural economics; Rebecca E. Hummel, health education; Sarah A. Todd, chemistry; and Jenna K. Vergeldt, zoology.

And from Baudette, Sarah A. Palm, theatre arts.

In Loving Memory of

Lois A. Nelson

who passed away January 19, 1987.
Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother!
Things we feel most deeply are the hardest things to say.
Dearest Mom, We love you in a very special way.
If we could have one lifetime wish, one dream that could come true,
We'd pray to God with all our heart for yesterday and you!!!

Very Sadly missed by her Children and Grandchildren, no amount of time, no one or nothing will ever erase the memory of her love and kindness from our lives!!!