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Razor blade found in Christmas gift

■ Dangerous object found in pair of children's gloves bought from Walmart in Bottineau

STAFF REPORT

A pair of gloves that was purchased by a grandmother in Bottineau's Walmart store as a gift to her grandson turned out to have a dangerous razor blade in one of gloves which hurt the child as he attempted to put the glove on.

According to a newscast on WCCO-TV Minneapolis, Pam Henry was trying to place the gloves on her son Alex's hands the day after Christmas so he could go outside and play. While putting the glove on he quickly pulled his hand out of the glove and complained that something sharp was inside the glove.

Alex's mother then looked in the glove and pulled out a two to three inch razor blade.

Pam, who lives in Coon Rapids, Minn., and is employed with WCCO, feels the razor blade wasn't a mistake gone bad, but purposely placed in the glove.

"It's rusty, it's used. Somebody sick put this in a child's glove," said Pam in the WCCO newscast interview. "You always hear about having to check Halloween candy, but I would never ever think you have to check your child's glove."

After contacting her mother about what she found in the glove, her mother told her she bought the gloves at Bottineau's Walmart.

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— Pam Henry,
Mother

WCCO-TV contacted Walmart which stated that a spokesperson for the company informed the television station that all similar gloves from Bottineau's Walmart store have been removed from the shelves. The spokesperson also stated that Walmart wants to make sure all their products are safe and informed WCCO-TV that no other incidents have been reported.

Walmart is encouraging customers to continue shopping at its Bottineau store, or to contact Walmart Customer Care for a full refund.

Pam stated that finding the razor blade in her son's glove didn't ruin her Christmas, but that she and her son spoke with WCCO-TV because they do want other children to get hurt.

Pink Ribbon Riders coming to Metigoshe

By SCOTT WAGAR
Bottineau Courant

METIGOSHE EVENTS

Snowmobile enthusiasts will definitely want to be at Twin Oaks on the shore of Lake Metigoshe on January 14-15 for the Pink Ribbon Riders' Second Annual North Dakota Snow Run, an event which assists in breast cancer awareness.

"The Pink Ribbon mission is to promote breast cancer awareness in the motor sports industry for both men and women, while raising funds for those in need," stated the Pink Ribbon Riders' website. "In combining these two goals for our organization, we hope to bring people in the community closer as this disease not only affects those diagnosed, but also those who love them."

The group's logo is "Riding in honor and in memory of those we love", and ride they do. Since 2006, the PRR has raised awareness on breast cancer through a large portion of the nation, while at the same time raising thousands of dollars through its events.

The PRR is headquartered in Blue Creek, Mich., and has held numerous events in a variety of different states. There first event was held in New York state with The Tug Hill Snow Run, which raised \$2,500 that was donated to the Roswell Cancer Institute in New York.

In 2008, the organization became known as the Pink Ribbon Riders and to date it has assisted more than 600 people diagnosed with breast cancer.

The PRR has a number of items scheduled for January 14-15 at Lake Metigoshe, which will provide exciting events at Twin Oaks, on the snow trails, and a trip to the International Peace Garden for a tour and meal.

The first event will kick-off Friday with a welcome party at Twin Oaks which will consist of music, a silent auction, food, a vintage outfit contest, bra decorating contest and door prizes.

On Saturday, the snowmobilers will hold a sled decorating contest (which normally consists of a pink bra somewhere on the sled) in the staging area, with participants leaving at 9 p.m. for the Peace Garden where they will have the opportunity to see the Garden and be provided a lunch by its staff.

The snowmobilers will then spend the afternoon sledding through the Turtle Mountains before going back to Twin Oaks for a dinner banquet, award and recognition ceremonies, a survivor presentation, gift give aways and a live auction.

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN

Individuals who wish to attend the Second Annual North Dakota Snow Run can register for the event until Dec. 30. Registration is \$100 per person and limited space is still available.

Individuals can register for the event by going to the PRR's website, www.pinkribbonriders.com

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Large amounts of snow fall of this winter season has caused a lot of difficulties on the streets in Bottineau. Streets that are normally wide enough to drive comfortably through like Main Street (pictured above) are becoming narrow due to large amounts of snow fall. The city crews are working hard to blade the streets clean and will begin clearing the boulevards to widen the streets. For now, the city is asking individuals to be careful while driving on the streets in Bottineau.

Snow causes trouble in streets

■ With the large amount of snow this season, city crews have difficulties keeping up with street cleaning

By SCOTT WAGAR
Bottineau Courant

With the large amount of snow this winter, Bottineau's city employees are doing the best they can to keep the streets clean.

Due to the heavy snow and equipment capabilities being pushed to the max, snow ridges are being left behind after officials grade city streets.

"Our moldboard is 16 feet in length and two and a half feet high. Our driveway gate is four feet in length and two and a half feet high," said Keith Fulsebakke, Bottineau's city superintendent. "With the heavy snow this winter the moldboard can't hold enough snow and is pushing a little over the blade, making it difficult in keeping

everything graded in the way we want."

Some local residents have complained that the city is leaving too big a ridge in their residential driveways. However, when communities have heavy snowfall, the gate simply cannot keep a ridge from forming — especially if residential neighborhoods have numerous driveways, causing snow to build up on the grader's blade quicker.

Typically, even during winters when snowfall amounts are small, the snow will go over the top of the driveway gate leaving a ridge in residents' driveways after a street is plowed.

"It can't be helped. Even with the best of graders it happens," Fulsebakke said.

With so much snow in

such a short time period, the city streets are also becoming narrow. Once all the snow is removed from the streets, Fulsebakke said the city would begin removing snow away from the fire hydrants, and then move on to the boulevards in attempts to make the streets wider.

If the city schedule goes as planned and Bottineau does not receive any more snow, Fulsebakke stated the city crew would start removing snow around fire hydrants this week and then start widening the streets next week.

Until that time, drivers are encouraged to take more time while driving in the streets and making more leeway when meeting other vehicles.

The city also asks that resi-

dents move their vehicles off the street so the grader can remove snow more efficiently without being forced to leave an even larger ridge by having to go around vehicles.

CITY ORDINANCES

Bottineau does have city ordinances pertaining to vehicles being parked on streets after snow has fallen in the community.

The ordinance states that vehicles should be moved off the streets after a snowstorm, and not returned to the street until the city has removed the snow from those specific locations. The city has been overlooking vehicles wparked on the

■ STREETS Continued on 4A

Veterans Service Office in new location

■ Local veterans are encouraged to stop by and register for programs

By SCOTT WAGAR
Bottineau Courant

This past week, the move of the Veteran Service Office (VSO) from the Memorial Building to Bottineau's Technology Center was completed.

Dwight Nahinurk, commander of Bottineau's VSO, stated that it was tough to leave his former office in the Memorial Building, but he was excited to be in his new office and was looking forward in continuing to assist local veterans in the Bottineau area.

According to the North Dakota Veterans Affairs Office, the VSO provides numerous programs to assist local veterans in their counties and tribal lands.

"The County and Tribal Veterans Service Officer advises local veterans and their dependents of their rights and entitlements under various federal and state laws, counsels them, and actively assists them by filling out necessary forms and papers and obtaining documents and affidavits," stated the North Dakota Veterans Affairs Office's website. "Work is generated through inquiries concerning



Local veteran, Al Wondrasek (L), welcomes Dwight Nahinurk, commander of Bottineau's Veterans Service Office, to his new office in the Bottineau Tech Center this past Wednesday morning.

veterans' benefits or through action of the service officer in seeking out those who need and may be entitled to assistance.

"The work is complex and exacting due to the numerous

state and federal laws involved and the regulations by which they are administered. These laws cover many and varied benefits including compensation, pension, insurance, death

benefits, hospitalization and education," the web site continued to point out. "These services are provided at no charge to the vet-

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