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Panther Press

New Richland Library reading program and scavenger hunt month of February

The New Richland Public Library will host a Children's Winter Reading Program. There are three age groups, 3-5, 6-10 and 12 and up. Come in weekly for new books; every time you come into the library you can sign up for the prize drawing. There will also be a scavenger hunt.

Celebrate Reading in New Richland for February and March

Kids ages 3-18 can Celebrate Reading at the New Richland Public Library for February and March. Read books to win raffle tickets for prize drawings.

"In the Forest of the Night" One Act Play at NRHEG 6 p.m. Feb. 14

The NRHEG one-act contest play will be presented for the public at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 in the high school gymnasium in New Richland. Those in attendance will be offered the chance to give a free-will donation. The play is about 35 minutes in length.

Flower Painting at New Richland Public Library Wed., Feb. 19

There will be a Flower Painting class at the New Richland Public Library at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. Create a layered collage flower painting. This is geared for adults. Register at waseca.elseurlibraries.com/ge-registered.

NRHEG Middle School Music Concert 7:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 25

NRHEG middle-schoolers will present a concert at the district's secondary site in New Richland beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

New Richland Red Hatters to meet April 8

The New Richland Red Hatters will not meet again until April 8th due to the cold weather. Stay warm, friends, and on your feet.

Waldorf Community Pickleball every Thursday at old Waldorf School

Waldorf Community Pickleball plays every Thursday from 5:00 till 9 p.m. or so. They meet at the old Waldorf School in the gym, 144 North Street in Waldorf.

Naeve Alumni and Nurses' Club to Offer Scholarships

The Naeve Alumni and Nurses' Club has nursing scholarships available to area graduating seniors, or persons who have successfully completed one year of education in an RN program. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Applications are available from school counselors, principals or by contacting Rosie Rasmussen at (507) -377-3683 or cell phone 507-391-0404) and also by e-mail: jrassen@charter.net

Factors to be considered by the scholarship committee are academics, community involvement and demonstrated leadership.

A word from The Word



Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

Jeremiah 17:14

Snow week



Snow week royalty gathered in the NRHEG high school gymnasium Tuesday afternoon, February 3 to find out who amongst them would be crowned King and Queen. Royalty for 2025 Snow week are, from left: Brady Koopal, Aidan Schlaak, Carter Martens, Bo McCamish, Aryanna Howe, Jozlyn Johnson, Ava Cummins, Aspyn Stenzel; seated King Talon Smith-Vulcan, Queen Josie Bell.



Smith-Vulcan, Bell crowned NRHEG Snow week 2025 concluded last week

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

Described by secondary school principal Grant Berg as "a way to escape the mid-winter blues," NRHEG Snow Week from Feb. 3 to 7 was filled with activities, most notably the coronation ceremony which crowned Josie Bell and Talon Smith-Vulcan from among the 10 members of the snow court, who were Bell, Smith-Vulcan, and Aspyn Stenzel, Jozlyn Johnson, Ava Cummins,

Aryanna Howe, Carter Martens, Aidan Schlaak, Bo McCamish and Brady Koopal.

Held early Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 4, the coronation was attended by all secondary school students and many friends and family members of the court. Activity coaches and advisors gave brief summaries of their seasons. Speaking were Shawn Larson, wrestling; Dan Schmidt, boys' basketball; Onika Peterson, girls' basketball; Holly Pederson and Solveig Sundblad, one-act play; Krista Reeder, choir; and Seth Schaefer, band.

Dress-up days for the week included "Jersey Out," "Winter White Out," "Pajama Day," "USA," and "Hot and Cold." Daily prizes were awarded; those who dressed up all five days were eligible for a "championship." High School champion was Zoe Wilson; runner up was Wyatt Larson. The middle school champion was sixth-grader Annie

Royalty continued on 4

Winter angling returns to St. Olaf

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The New Richland Sportsmen's Club held its ice fishing contest on St. Olaf Lake from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. According to Lee Mendenhall, "Fish houses are allowed; prize announcements can be heard on FM 88.1."

An icy wind moved the 20-degree air across St. Olaf Lake, but seemed not to dampen the spirits of so many ice fishermen. The clogging of boots on ice and the hoots and hollers of hearty, heavily dressed Minnesotans could be heard while approaching the announcer's booth, which Mendenhall described for anglers as being "under the pole with the American flag on it." Among this year's many prizes were opportunities to win cash. Seykora Automotive Repair out of Owatonna donated a "fishing license for life" to one child under 18 years old.

Waseca Marine and More set up a mobile bait shop. The city park concession stand offered pop, bratwurst, hot dogs and hot chocolate as long as supplies lasted.

The afternoon's largest reward, the 50/50 raffle prize of \$1,143, went to Rick Shultz.

Tyler Jacobson won the grand



Tyler Jacobson won the \$500 grand prize at the New Richland Sportsmen's Club's Ice Fishing Contest on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025. Prize drawing of \$500.

First place with a \$75 cash prize for the largest fish of the day was Todd Ide: his fish weighed 1 pound, 8.4 ounces.

Taking second place and earning a \$50 cash prize was Hunter Priebe, whose fish weighed 1 pound, 6.6 ounces.

A \$25 cash prize for the third largest fish for the day went to Alexa Schmidt; her fish was 13.5 ounces.

The lifetime fishing license draw-

Angling continued on 2



Dave Dunnette of Seykora Automotive Repair of Owatonna was at St. Olaf Lake to present Alex Revermann with his Fishing License for Life prize on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025.



Todd Ide won first place with a cash prize of \$75. His fish was 1 pound 8.4 ounces at the St. Olaf Ice Fishing contest on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025.



Rick Shultz won the 50/50 cash prize of \$1,143 at the St. Olaf ice fishing contest on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025.



Alexa Schmidt won the third place prize of \$25. Her fish was 13.5 ounces at the New Richland Sportsmen's Club Ice Fishing contest on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025.



Hunter Priebe won second place with his 1 pound 6.6 ounces fish. The cash prize was \$50 at the St. Olaf Lake Ice Fishing Contest.

HARTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Hartland council approves new check signer

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The city of Hartland held its monthly city council meeting Monday, Feb. 3. There is a new checkbook signer for Hartland, Jodie Reed.

The Fire Department Lawful Gambling fund donated around \$60,000 to the city; as had been decided during the January 2024 meeting, the funds were designated for use by the fire department. The department's report stated the agency had one billable call during January. It was also reported a training had recently taken place, and that the department's equipment has become dated. A Rochester company has indicated it can replace all the equipment at a cost ranging from \$31,000 to \$40,000; each firefighter's pack would cost between \$8,500 and \$10,000. Council members asked the fire department to seek additional quotes to see whether lower prices are available elsewhere.

The city maintenance department suggested a new border should be put in place around the playground; recommended material is black rubber; installation cost would be just under \$5,000.

The department also reported that the cement that was put in near the apartment complex needs to be repoured; the failing material was a recent attempt to repair the walkway, but it was unsuccessful. It was also pointed out during the meeting that the tobacco license for the gas station located along Highway 13 is due for renewal.

Soil Health Summit draws hundreds

By DEB BENTLY
Staff writer

The University of Minnesota Extension Soil Management Summit drew hundreds of farmers, educators and presenters to Mankato's Mayo Event Center on Jan. 29 and 30.

About a dozen sessions each day covered topics ranging from drainage, manure, cover crops and "inputs." Presenters included academicians sharing the results of multi-year studies, field advisors from numerous state and county agencies, and farmers simply sharing their own experiences and observations.

Vendors offered information about tillage equipment, testing services, and organizations which assist farmers in implementing practices to promote soil health.

Eileen Kladvko, Ph.D., of Purdue University, shared results of a 30-year study regarding the benefits of good soil drainage. Kladvko shared her conclusion that drainage is not only fundamental to consistent crop production, but it contributes significantly to the success of the elements of soil management, including cover crops, reduced tillage, and soil testing.

Farmers Andy Linder, Martin Larsen and Vance Johnson led a "Farm Economics Panel." Larsen, a fifth-generation farmer from the Byron area, presented a thorough spreadsheet which presented the economic advantages his farm experiences from having a three-crop rotation that includes oats.

"I wanted to show this stands on its own two feet," said Larsen. He presented data which showed that, even without supplemental money provided by government agencies, his farm is about \$44,000 more profitable than one with the traditional corn-soybeans rotation.

Melisa Wilson, Ph.D., of the University of Minnesota, presented results from studies she has worked on regarding the use of manure as a fertilizer. She referred to manure as "a multi-vitamin for your soil," which "closes a natural loop" that has supported soil health for millennia.

Wilson shared many observations regarding the differences between manure and commercial fertilizers, stating each has different strengths depending on the circumstances.

She particularly recommended a "manure database" which would help farmers understand the nutrient potential from various types of animal waste. The database, she said, takes more than 500,000 data points into account to provide its information.

The database is available online at <https://z.umn.edu/manureDB>.

Among the vendors were representatives from the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition, a non-profit organization which describes itself as "a farmer-led and driven organization dedicated to provide education, farmer-to-farmer mentoring, networking, and plain language technical information." Anyone interested in more information about the coalition is encouraged to visit its website at msoilhealth.org, or to email executive director Mark Gutierrez at mark@msoilhealth.org.



From left: FFA members Kaitlyn Dobberstein, Hadley Roeker, Makenna Reeder, Mady Schlaak and Alexa Viktora volunteered at the Future Farmers of America's Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025.

FFA Alumni fundraiser breakfast has a snowy start

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The first ever NRHEG Future Farmers of America (FFA) alumni breakfast was held at the New Richland Community Center the morning of Saturday, Feb. 8. Working the event were 24 volunteers ranging from students to adults.

Alexa Viktora, 14, was manning the ticket table at the entry; she is a first-year member of FFA. She observed, "We've had 50 people come through this morning. I think the snowy weather and slippery roads stopped a few from coming out." A few inches of snow had fallen overnight and continued to come down well into the morning.

Krista Reeder, Alumni Vice President and Dan Sorum, FFA Advisor, were present. Said Reeder, "We're

here to support our local student chapter, the trips they take and the scholarships they receive. Membership as well, student enrollment fees, this helps us by adding resources to help with teams and interviews for officers." Sorum added, "Anybody that wants to support FFA can be a member. You don't even have to live in Waseca County. We do have a few former graduates who don't live around here, but still pay their dues. That helps a lot. We also take kids up to three years after they graduate high school."

Speaking of trips, last fall's trip to the FFA national convention in Indianapolis was chaperoned by past FFA Alumni. There are 67 local members in the NRHEG District; annual membership fees are \$20 for an individual and \$40 for a business.

The 2025 FFA Convention and Expo is also scheduled to be in Indianapolis. It will mark year 97 for the annual event.

Along with the breakfast there was a silent auction. Said Reeder, "All our food was paid for with donations, all of the silent auction items were donated. This really helps the local FFA. With all this community participation, it gives the kids the feeling like everyone's in on it." Donations from places like: Lerberg's Foods, Wagner's Foods, Arnold's Equipment, McDonald's, L&D Ag, Hi-Yield, Farm Bureau, Roeker Farms, Reeder Ranch, Neighbor's Meats, Steve's Meats, Waseca, Steele & Freeborn Farm Bureau, Kibble Equipment, Waseca Soybean & Corn Growers, Titan Pro-Chad Johnson, Tastefully Simple-Lianne Possin,

NRHEG FFA, NRHEG Food Services, Schlaak Seeds, Channel Seed, New Richland Fire Department, Hollandale Fire Department, Gehrke Farms, Matt Groskreutz, First Impressions, Becks/Corn County-Tyler Huber, New Richland Craft Mall, Legendary Woodcraft-Alex Schlaak, Farm Bureau-Bennit Schaak, Farmers Feed & Pet Supply, J & J Trucking and Krause Feeds & Supplies.

Reeder said there would be another breakfast like this next year, "Around February-ish, but we won't know till we get closer." In the meantime, she encourages everyone to remember the FFA is giving local kids a direction to go. "We all need agriculture, and who better to help them?" Reeder asked.



Identify Frosty for share of \$1,500

It's time again for the annual Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Identify Frosty event. This year's event is the 27th installment of the annual contest.

Who is Frosty?

Identify FROSTY and win some cash! Prize money totaling \$1,500.00 is waiting to be won. FROSTY is a Waseca County resident chosen to be an ambassador for the Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Festival. Follow the clues and guess FROSTY'S name.

Grand prize is \$300.00. If you are at the official unmasking at the Star Fire Event Center at 8:30 p.m., on Friday, February 21, 2025, you will win an additional \$50.00. First correct guess from Janesville, New Richland and Waseca wins \$150.00; and if you are at the unmasking, you will win an additional \$50.00. Only five names will be drawn for \$100 – must be present. Five names win \$50.00 – attendance is not necessary.

- Contest rules**
1. Clues are published by the Waseca County News and Facebook; Waseca County Pioneer; NRHEG Star Eagle; Waseca Chamber of Commerce; and KOWZ/KRUE radio.
 2. One guess allowed each week.
 3. Each entry must have a name and complete address. Entries without complete information will not be entered.
 4. Entrants must live in Waseca County and be over 18 years of age.
 5. If there are multiple correct guesses, a drawing will be made to determine the winner.
 6. If there are no correct guesses, a drawing will be made from all entries received.
 7. Entries must be received before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025.
 8. Submit entries to:
 - A. WASECA: Submit entry at Waseca Music; 111 South State, Waseca, MN 56093; or via mail.
 - B. JANESVILLE: Mail or drop off at Waseca Music; mark your entry as Janesville.
 - C. NEW RICHLAND: Drop off at NRHEG STAR EAGLE NEWS; or mail to Waseca Music - mark your entry as New Richland.
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- Frosty: Week 1 Clue**
*Much like the legend,
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The NRHEG Varsity Competition Cheer team placed third at the State Competition on February 1, 2025. They also received the RAH Award (Regional Academic Honor Award) for their outstanding combined GPA. Cheerleaders Sierra, Maddy and Olivia all received All-State Awards.

Competitive cheerleading takes 3rd at state

By ARIEL ANHALT
Panther Press

On February 1 the NRHEG competitive cheerleading team attended their state competition. However, their weekend started on January 31 at the MCCA awards banquet. The entire team received an academic award for having one of the highest GPAs in the state. This was an honor to the team because it showed that

they not only are fully committed to cheerleading, but also to their school work. Other members of the team also received various awards. The team's only senior, Sierra Misgen, was selected to be on the All-State Competitive and Sideline team. She also was awarded the Outstanding Cheerleader award shortly after the team's performance. Madison Bouge and Olivia Berg were also selected for the All-State Competition team.

After a night full of events and awards, the team had to prepare for the day ahead of them. The team's semi-finals performance was at 1:05. Our team had shown all of the hard work that this entire season has taken. They had scored well, which meant that they were able to advance into finals. This performance was not until 7:45, so the team had some time to bond and think about what they could do to further improve their

score. This was when they knew that they had to give their all because this was the last time that everyone would perform together. So our cheerleaders pushed themselves to success. At awards later that night, our team was awarded third place. These girls worked very hard at every practice. And all of the work paid off as they brought their season to an end.

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Commissioners approve walk-through scanner for courthouse

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

During their Feb. 4 meeting, Waseca County Commissioners gave the go-ahead to purchase a scanning unit which will use x-ray technology to examine the contents of bags and other containers brought into the courthouse as people enter.

The scanning unit, installation, training and other incidentals are expected to cost about \$43,000. All needed funds have come to the county as part of statewide "safe and secure courthouse" and "public safety" initiatives.

The scanner is a walk-through structure which uses magnetism to determine whether individuals have potentially harmful items on their person and x-ray to check items they are carrying.

Once the scanning unit is ordered, delivery and installation may require as long as 30 weeks.

In other business, board members heard from the county's Internet Technology (IT) director Judy Hiller and deputy director Christopher Dieker.

Hiller stated the purpose of their presentation was to help commissioners understand the range of duties her four-member department manages. She mentioned they are the "go-to" individuals when it comes to troubleshooting any difficulties with technology, but their mission is to maintain and protect "critical systems."

Hiller listed seven buildings, three firewalls, 132 security cameras, 200 phones, 94 door badge readers and 270 computers, explaining her department is persistently working to update equipment so that it retains its functionality as internet technology continues to evolve.

She also stated cybersecurity is an ongoing priority—not only of the county's own equipment and operations, but also as part of a statewide network meant to be activated in case of a large-scale emergency. In terms of equipment and general operations, Dieker told commissioners Waseca County is perhaps better positioned than other similar counties in terms of its IT operations, but staying that way requires persistent vigilance, including extra hours from IT staff.

Another matter of business Feb. 4 was a public hearing followed by instating a revised version of the county's Universal Development Code (UDC). Senior Land Use Planner Maame Quarcoo recommended approval of the UDC, which had last been revised in 2009. She, other department heads, and commissioners had been reviewing the lengthy listing of county zoning laws for about the past year.

Quarcoo referred to the UDC as a "living document" meant to be responsive to changing circumstances and help create "an environment for building and expansion."

County commissioner De Mal-

WASECA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

terer expressed gratitude to staff, planning and zoning board members and fellow commissioners for the time and dedication needed for the lengthy process.

Of changes made to the UDC, a high percentage were in relation to the recent legalization of cannabis and circumstances under which various businesses related to cannabis production and sales would be allowed.

During their 8 a.m. work session prior to the 9:30 meeting, commissioners heard from Community Development Coordinator Tina Wilson for a presentation she titled "economic development 101."

Wilson explained that, as investors and businesses look at communities for possible construction and development, they consistently look into the availability of land, access to sufficient utilities with electricity typically being the first concern followed by water, sewer, natural gas, and others, depending on the nature of their operations.

After those fundamental matters, their next priorities tend to be access to a sufficient workforce and access to transportation—both for products and for people. Another consideration is the availability of housing for any staff members the business might bring into the area, and then lifestyle circumstances, including access to a strong education for those workers' children.

"You can see it's a complex picture," commented Wilson. "There are a lot of pieces that need to be in place."

Wilson mentioned that she works with the Economic Development Authorities (EDA) not only of Waseca County, but also all the towns located within the county helping them assess their strengths and communicate with any potential developers.

Also during the Feb. 4 meeting, commissioners approved a construction contract to replace three bridges, one located on Country Road (CR) 54 over Bull Run Creek, one on CR 54 over the Little Cobb River, and one on CR 55 over Joint Ditch 11. According to county public works director Jim Kollar, all three bridges are of similar construction and will be replaced with precast concrete box culverts. The contract for the work was awarded to Minnowa Construction out of Harmony, Minn., for about \$1.5 million for all three replacements. Kollar mentioned that, because there are protected species in some of the waterways, work cannot begin on the projects until June.

Commissioners recognized a number of anniversaries: county attorney Rachel Cornelius, 19 years; human resources director Melissa Sexton, 9 years; county administrator Michael Johnson, 5 years; and commissioner Brad Milbrath, 1 year.

Royalty

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Lassahn and Zander Hanna; Dakota Schlaak and Calvin Nissen. Eighth-grade winners were Brock Holland and Jacob Klaras; and Tyler Piepho and Wyatt Hendrickson. Seventh-grade winners were Clayton Kaplan and Axel Ladlie; and Tucker Flatness and Eli Studier. Sixth-grade winners were Abram Chance and Adler Bethke; and Trevor Gilliland and Parker Simon.

A semi-formal dance was held in the high school gym on Saturday evening.

Student council advisor Barb Roesler expressed gratitude for the cooperation and level of participation shown by the student body. Principal Berg mirrored the sentiment, saying he was gratified to see the wide variety of students who took part in the week's many activities.

The following introduction was read aloud, introducing the 2025 Snow Court:

Aryanna Howe is the daughter of Angela and Jeff Howe. She has three siblings: Nash, Kayla and Jacob. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends. Aryanna is really good at drawing, and not very good at singing. If she were a dinosaur, she would be a T-Rex because it's the most violent. Her hero is her brother Nash, because he has always been there for her and helps her with anything. After high school, Aryanna plans to attend a 4-year university and go into pharmaceutical pulmonology.

Bo McCamish is the son of Chenille McCamish. He has 3 siblings, Whitney McCamish, Sydney McCamish, and Blake Feather. Bo likes to play video games in his spare time. He is good at playing Team Fortress 2, Minecraft, and Call of Duty. If he was a dinosaur, Bo would be a stegosaurus because he feels like a gentle giant to toddlers. His hero is his grandma, because he says, "She

helped us learn and understand things that got us where we are today and we are grateful for everything she did." After high school, Bo plans to go into the workforce.

Jozlyn Johnson is the daughter of Steph and Luke Andersen. She has one older sister, Kylie and one younger brother, Jackson. Jozlyn enjoys hanging out with Mal and Meela, working, and going to concerts. She is good at story telling, but not very good at trying new foods. If she was a dinosaur, Jozlyn would be a velociraptor, so she could experience what it would be like to be Blue from Jurassic Park. Her heroes are her parents, Steph and Luke, because they are her biggest role models. After high school, Jozlyn plans to attend college for radiology.

Talon Smith-Vulcan is the son of Tracy Smith and Jon Hansen, and Troy Vulcan. He has five siblings: Tatum, Trinity, Tanner, Taylor and Eli. His hobbies include restoration and soda dispensers. Talon is involved in Special Olympics bowling. He is good at Minecraft, but not very good at reading. If Talon was a dinosaur, he would be a T-Rex because of Grimlock from Transformers. His hero is Senku Ishigami-Dr. Stone, because of his forward thinking and never giving up. After school, Talon plans to get a job restoring antiques.

Aspyn Stenzel is the daughter of Doug and Amy Stenzel. She has two siblings: older brother Clay and younger sister Ciara. Her hobbies include shopping, annoying her sister, hanging out with family and friends, and playing fetch with her dog Oakley. Aspyn is involved in softball, volleyball, trap shooting, and wrestling stats. She is good at spending money, but not very good at staying focused. If she were a dinosaur, Aspyn would be a Carnotaurus because they are the fastest large dinosaur. Her heroes are her parents, because they always support her and push her to do her best. Aspyn is undecided on her plans after high school.

Carter Martens is the son of Anthony and Kelly Martens. He has one

younger brother, Corbin. His hobbies include hanging out with friends, playing sports, playing poker, and listening to music. Carter is involved in football, hockey, and baseball, as well as student council, DECA, student ambassadors and FCA. He is good at winning wrestling matches against Dakota, but not very good at staying quiet while playing PS5 when his parents are trying to sleep. If he were a dinosaur, Carter would want to be a Pterodactylus, so he could fly. His heroes are his parents because he says, "They have taught me so much. They have always been my biggest supporters whether I am playing sports or focusing on school." After high school, Carter plans to attend MSU to major in sports management while minoring in coaching.

Ava Cummins is the daughter of Sheila Wenzel and Jason Cummins. She has one sister, Grace. Ava enjoys keeping the elderly safe, hanging out with her boyfriend Marco and sleeping and is involved in softball. Ava is good at shopping, but not very good at saving money. If she were a dinosaur, Ava would be an Irrigator because the name speaks for itself. Her hero is her mom because she says, "I have learned more from her than I have from school and she deals with me every day, of course, by her own choice." Ava plans to attend RCTC to continue her education in Health Administration after high school.

Aidan Schlaak is the son of Nathan and Lindsey Schlaak. He has one brother, Ryan. Aidan enjoys

playing poker in his free time, and is involved in football, wrestling and baseball. He is good at playing poker, but not very good at staying healthy. If he were a dinosaur, Aidan would be a Giganotosaurus because he took a quiz that told him what dinosaur he is. His hero is his dad because he always helps him. After high school, Aidan plans to attend MSU-Mankato for mechanical engineering.

Josie Bell is the daughter of Melissa and Zechary Bell. She has 2 siblings: a sister, Hazel, and a brother, Hank. Her hobbies include going to the gym, working, and shopping. Josie is good at cooking food, but not very good at being at school on time. If she was a dinosaur, Josie would be a Pterosaur because, "I could fly away from all my issues." Her hero is her mom because she always knows best. After high school, Josie plans to go to college for personal training.

Brady Koopal is the son of Jason and Lacey Koopal. He has 3 siblings, Caralee, Crissa, and Brendan. His hobbies include writing music and painting. Although he is not involved in sports, Brady plays the national anthem on guitar for basketball games. He is good at guitar, but not very good at managing his time. If he were a dinosaur, Brady would be Micropachycephalosaurus because the name is hard to read. His hero is Harbor Cromwell because he has strong moral judgment. After high school, Brady plans to go to trade school to work on power lines.



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Compostings

by Al Batt

Most birds have three or four toes

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS’ CLUB MEETING
I love Worcestershire sauce.
What’s so good about it?
It’s hard to say.

DRIVING BY BRUCE’S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The radio sang, “Everybody was Kung Fu fighting. Those cats were fast as lightning. In fact, it was a little bit frightening.” Farmers’ Almanac says the spring outlook for the Midwest is very cold and wet. That was more frightening.

I saw a road-killed raccoon. Its tail whipped around in a fierce wind. That’s where the wind goes. I thought of Fess Parker. Someone had sent me a video of 6’6” tall Fess Parker, who was featured in “Davy Crockett: King of the Wild Frontier” on TV in 1955, which presented three episodes about the famous explorer, congressman and heroic figure from the Alamo. It was a colossal hit, and kids sported coonskin caps just like their hero. Later, still wearing buckskins and a coonskin cap, Parker starred in “Daniel Boone,” a highly rated TV series (1964-1970) set during the American Revolution. Buddy Ebsen played Georgie Russell, Davy Crockett’s loyal and humorous sidekick. Ebsen’s career continued to flourish in “The Beverly Hillbillies” and “Barnaby Jones.” Nathan Boone said that his father despised raccoon fur caps and didn’t wear one, wearing a wide-brimmed felt or beaver hat instead. There were comic books, bubble gum and a #1 hit song called “The Ballad of Davy Crockett.” Neither Crockett, Boone, Parker or Ebsen did any Kung Fu fighting.

NOW U-TURN
False rumors claim that my hometown is getting a stoplight, with a committee supposedly formed to select the colors. A woman made a U-turn on the highway and stopped at the gas station. She waved her cellphone about and said, “I can’t find Hartland on the map and I’m in it!” Stoplights would have only confused her. When I was a new driver, a U-turn, either done legally or illegally, was called hanging a U-ie. A left turn was sometimes called a Louis (pronounced “Louie”) and a right turn was hanging a Ralph or a Ralphy.

I’VE LEARNED
Whereas most birds have three to four toes on each foot, ostriches are unique in that they have only two. Nearly all cigarette filters are made of plastic fibers. The plastic, cellulose acetate, degrades only

under severe biological circumstances, such as when filters collect in sewage. Cigarette butts are the most commonly littered item. I had the hiccups for three weeks. I found a way to cure them. Keep saying “pineapple” until they go away. It works, but it takes three weeks.

ASK AL
“How do you decide which breakfast cereal to buy?” I read the nutrition label and avoid any box that carries a funeral home advertisement. “Why are the deceased’s arms crossed in a casket?” The practice of crossing arms in a casket is a tradition that dates back to ancient cultures that believed there would be waterslides in the afterlife. “Who said, ‘The way to a man’s heart is through his stomach?’” An inept surgeon.

NATURE NOTES
As quick as a hiccup, the birds glided into the conspicuous and vibrant red veins of spring, the red-osier dogwood. The many-stemmed shrub is a favorite nest site of goldfinches and is also called red twig dogwood, red willow and redstem dogwood. Red-osier dogwood has pliable stems used in wicker baskets and furniture. Why is a dogwood tree called a dogwood? The possible origins are many and varied. In the 1500s, the trees were known in Europe as the dagwood because the small stems were used for daggers, arrows or skewers. It might have been referred to as a dag or dagge in old English. It could have originated in colonial times because its fruit was edible but not fit for dogs. Another belief is that it’s called dogwood because a medicine concocted from its bark was used to treat dogs plagued with mange. Others suggest the name dogwood is a derivation of the word “daggerwood.” Daggerwood sticks were sharpened and used to skewer meat for cooking.

European starlings attacked the suet with a fierce hunger. They were introduced into the U.S., reaching southeastern Minnesota in 1929. Within a decade, they were distributed statewide. T. S. Roberts first observed a flock of house sparrows in Minneapolis in 1876. A resident had a dozen sparrows brought from New York and released in a garden in 1875. By 1877, the house sparrow was established as a breeding bird in the Twin Cities.

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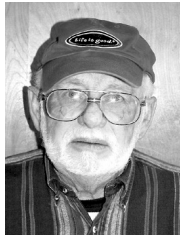
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The best way to grow old

When Genie and I bought a cabin at Beaver Lake by Ellendale, Minnesota, we didn’t know any of the neighbors.

As we drove down the road to our cabin, we noticed one cabin in particular. We could tell when the occupants were there because of all the things outside by their cabin. (Typical lake things- shoes, towels, swimsuits, sleeping tents, inner tubes, life jackets, etc.) We decided both parents must work judging the size of the family and all the lake related things. We later found out we were right. The dad, Hugh Hall, was in the Albert Lea school system plus a radio announcer at KATE Radio in Albert Lea. The mom, Pauline Hall, besides being the driver of her own taxi cab, found time for herself being



FACT OR FICTION

...you decide

by Bob Hanson, Emeritus

“If you repeat what you have read here, it may be used against you.”

involved in many not-for-pay activities, plus secretary for pay activities at Queens Products and Naeve (Mayo) Hospital in Albert Lea.

The years passed and the Hall family sold their cabin on Beaver Lake and lived in Albert Lea.

More years passed, the Hall kids became adults out in the world doing many good deeds.

More years passed, Hugh passed away and Hugh took residence in the room promised him.

Genie and I attended the celebration of life service for Pauline at Salem Lutheran Church in Albert Lea on Friday, January 31, 2025.

When Pauline met Hugh at a church youth activity in St. Paul, MN. High played a waltz on the

Church’s music system. They danced one time around the Youth hall when Hugh turned to her and said, “Wow, we dance well together. Will you marry me?”

Do you suppose as Pauline accepted the room promised her; Hugh was there to dance a waltz with her?

Something to think about: the best way to grow old is to enjoy life’s opportunities as they present themselves. (Hugh and Pauline were classic examples.)

Bob is a retired AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans) agent, currently working on his master’s degree in Volunteering. His wife, Genie, is a retired RN, currently working on her doctor’s degree in Volunteering. They have two children, Deb in North Carolina, and Dan in New York. Bob says if you enjoy his column, let him know. If you don’t enjoy it, keep on reading, it can get worse. Words of wisdom: There is always room for God.

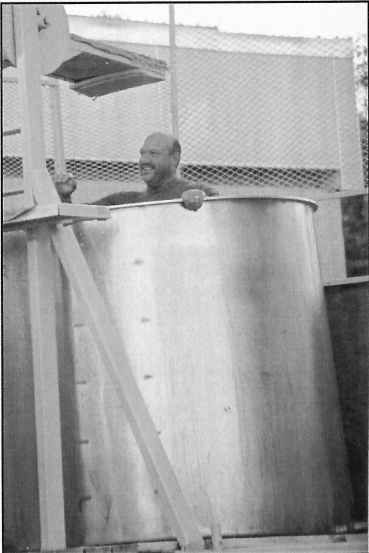
HERITAGE BITS



Sportsmen’s Club Tug of War, Thursday, July 20, at 7:15 p.m.



Ellendale Area Sportsmen’s Club Bed Races held Saturday, July 22, at 2:00 p.m. The Busch Patrol team included: Doug Willert, Kristi Blaschko, Bob Hareid, Lynn Hecker, and Doug Klemmensen



Lion’s Club Dunk Tank- John Schultz on duty, Friday, July 21



Out for a stroll!! Bonnie Sloan & grandsons, Trevor & Tyler Sloan, sons of Gary & Brooke, in wheelchair being pushed by Deb (Sloan) Harvey. Lindsey Krejci, the daughter of Rick & Cheri, is pushing the stroller carrying Allison Sloan, infant daughter of Gary & Brooke and Anna Bailey, daughter of Steve & Mary Bailey

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Ellendale Memories

■ Snow

from Page 3

Coming again this year,
In their white Frosty Hue

A Waseca transplant,
But ties they did bind,
Here the greater part of 40 years
A love match they did find

A local friend, and
A supporter of the arts,
Who will it be this year?
The answer, the clues will impart.
Frosty: Week 2 Clue
A northerner from the start,
Frosty moved South for school
The major of study initially unknown
But a degree was the general rule

Completing classes at Gustavus
And taking credits as MSU
A 1983 college graduate
History was a favored study too

Far out of school now
But to help pass the time
Frosty enjoys putting together words
Possibly a limerick or a rhyme

Frosty: Week 3 Clue
Do you think you have Frosty
Narrowed down or found out?

Have you passed them around town
While strolling out and about?

A lover of the arts
And items that are unique
Catch Frosty at the local stores
Browsing, and taking a peek

A supporter to all businesses
Big or small, or community driven
Donating time, talent or special items
With their contribution, a unique display given

Frosty: Week 4 Clue
Frosty patiently awaits the 21st,
For that date is the identity reveal
Money is on the line for guessers
Sweetening the guessing appeal

Details have been given,
But has it been enough?
Putting all the clues together
The sleuthing can be tough.

More information to go off of
That frosty along with their spouse
Have both been enjoying retirement
Spending time both in and out of the house

Medallion: Week 1 Clue
How quickly again,
The time of the year is here,
Another winter season bringing the Sleigh & Cutter Community Near

In our 75th year, the medallion
Once again is hidden
Bundle up for your search,
Perhaps you need a lucky mitten?

Hidden within the town
Easy to find but not in plain sight
The medallion is secured
Protected and strapped in tight.
Medallion: Week 2 Clue
One lucky winner
Will keep the grand prize
Their dedication and note taking
A technique which was wise

Now in support of the 75th year
And to give one more chance
The medallion will be re-hidden
In a special circumstance

\$750 is now waiting
For the second lucky finder
The medallion hidden well
Good luck to the new pathfinder

Medallion: Week 3 Clue
The medallion re-hidden
where could it be?
Between 7 and 14,
What do you see?

Off the beaten path,
But easily attainable,
The medallion hides
Its location easily explainable

Not so noticeable now,
In plain sight it blends
Who will find the medallion,
Once found, the search ends.

Medallion: Week 3 Clue
On the West side of town
And West of the attraction,
The medallion hidden is
A bystander to the action

Enjoying the views
And animal sounds
The perfect place
To survey the grounds

The feel of the cool air
A lakeside winter breeze
The clues will guide
To its location with ease.

Medallion Hunt Rules
The medallion is hidden outdoors, on public property within the Waseca city limits. A \$1,500 prize of Chamber Dollars will be awarded at the Star Fire Event Center at 8:30 on Friday Feb 21, 2025. Bring the medallion to Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce or Waseca Music. Clues will be published each week in the Waseca County News, Facebook, Waseca County Pioneer, NRHEG Star Eagle, and Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Festival. Clues will also be broadcast on KRUE and KOWZ Radio and will be available online at Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce at info@wasecachamber.com . The hunt is sponsored by: Waseca County News, KEEN Bank, Xcel Energy, KOWZ/KRUE Radio, Waseca VFW Club 1642, and M Peters Enterprises. Please thank these sponsors for supporting the 28th Annual Medallion Hunt!



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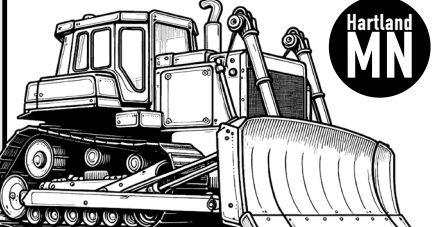
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NRHEG girls take conference lead

Panthers upend first-place JWP, 76-55

It looked to be a showdown when Gopher Conference West leader Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton visited second-place New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva last Friday.

It turned into a blowout.

The Panthers, sparked by a smothering defense, bolted to a 34-18 halftime advantage and went on to a 76-55 victory. It improved NRHEG to 7-1 in the Gopher Conference West and 16-3 overall while the Bulldogs fell to 6-1 and 20-3.

“This was a big program win,” said NRHEG head coach Onika Peterson. “The girls came out tonight with confidence and they all did their job and did it well. We were able to hop out to a lead and held it the whole game.”

The Bulldogs hit a couple of baskets to cut the lead to nine but, according to Peterson, the Bulldogs were able to make the extra pass and find an open teammate.

“We hit some big outside shots and we rebounded so well,” said Peterson. “Our defense was smothering. This was a big win and I couldn’t be more proud of every single girl in our program. It takes every kid for us to be successful—

whether they are running scout team, rebounding, diving on loose balls, or hitting big shots.”

Quinn VanMaldeghem had a big game for the Panthers with 30 points, 15 rebounds, 6 steals, 4 assists and 1 blocked shots. Her twin sister, Camryn, finished with 25 points, 12 rebounds and one block.

Others: Gabby Schlaak 8P, 4R, 1A; Ezra Boerner 1R; Clara Buendorf 4P, 1R, 1A; Chloe Stork 3R, 2S, 1B; Kylie Olson 9P, 9R, 1S.

The Panthers won 69-49 at WEM last Monday, leading 36-22 at halftime.

“We started a little slow, but really came on strong in the second half,” said Coach Peterson. “The girls adjusted to WEM’s offensive scheme and did a great job communicating. We came away with a win and were able to get everyone in the game. I am very proud of my girls and their ability to adjust and fight every game.”

Individually: Schlaak 17P, 5R, 1A, 3S; Boerner 1P, 2R, 1A, 2S; Q.VanMaldeghem 9P, 11R, 2S, 1B; Buendorf 2P, 1R, 1S, 1B; C.VanMaldeghem 28P, 12R, 1A, 6S, 2B; Stork 3R, 1A, 1S; Joey Rossing 3P; Olson 9P, 9R.

After hosing St. Clair Monday



BIG BOARD — Camryn VanMaldeghem grabs a defensive rebound during the NRHEG girls’ basketball team’s 76-55 victory over visiting JWP last Friday. VanMaldeghem finished with 25 points, 12 rebounds and a blocked shot.

Star Eagle photo by Jim Lutgens

and Alden-Conger/Glenville tonight, the Panthers play Friday at Randolph and finish the regular season Feb. 18 at Tri-City United.			JWP	6-1	20-3	Hayfield/Schaeffer	Ac.5-2	11-9
			WEM	4-3	13-10	Bethlehem Academy	3-3	8-10
			United South Central	1-6	13-10	Randolph	2-4	7-11
			Medford	0-7	0-22	Blooming Prairie	2-5	6-15
						Kenyon-Wan.	1-6	7-15

Gopher Conference West			Gopher Conference East		
	W-L	Ov.		W-L	Ov.
NRHEG	7-1	16-5	Triton	7-0	19-2



LOSS TO THE LEADERS — The NRHEG boys’ basketball team came up short against Gopher Conference West leader JWP 76-41 Friday. Here, the Panthers’ Jordan Brouwers dribbles the ball as the Bulldogs’ Ethan Born defends.

Star Eagle photo by Jim Lutgens

NRHEG boys fall to WEM, Nicollet, JWP

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva boys’ basketball team dropped three games in the past week, 73-45 to WEM last Monday, 74-51 to Nicollet Thursday and 76-41 to JWP Friday.

Panthers coach Dan Schmidt expected a tough game against WEM.

“We knew we were going to be in for a grind, and WEM proved it,” said Schmidt. “They put a lot of ball pressure on teams, and unfortunately we just lost our composure against it.”

The Buccaneers, according to Schmidt, dictated the pace of the game from the start.

“We have to go back to the drawing board on not only preparing our guys for that kind of ball pressure, but also helping them get confidence against it,” said Schmidt. “We had openings at times, but we hesitated taking them. We played significantly better than when we played at Waterville earlier this year, so we’re taking that as a positive. The guys continue to play hard, and that’s always something that will help us turn the corner when we can stack some good play from start to finish.”

Individually for NRHEG: Greyson Schaefer 4 points, 10 rebounds, 1 blocked shot; Calvin Nissen 7P, 1R, 1 assist, 1 steal; Owen Wayne 6P, 1R, 1A; Brendan Schmidt 7P, 2R, 5A, 1S; Justin Beauvais 3P, Lavon Jewison 2P, 2R, 1A, 1B; Hudson Chrz 2P, 1R, 1A, 2B; Mack Gilliland 2P, 1R, 1S, 1B; Sean Lassahn 8P, 3R, 1A.

Individually at Nicollet: Schaefer 9P, 11R, 1S, 1B; Nissen 13P, 1R, 2A, 1S; wayne 8P, 2R, 4S, 1B; Schmidt 4P, 11R, 2A, 1S, 3B; Beauvais 3P, 1A; Jewison 2P, 1R, 1S; Dom Olson 2P, 1R; Chrz 3P, 1R, Gilliland 3P, 1A, 1S; Lassahn 4P, 1R, 1A, 1S; Brock Holland 1R.

Against JWP: Schaefer 3P, 14R, 1B; Nissen 13P, 2R, 4S; Wayne 10P, 2R, 2A, 2S; Schmidt 3R, 1A, 2S; Olson 3P, 1R; Gilliland 4P, 2R, 1A; Lassahn 4P, 4R; Holland 1R, 1A, 1B; Zander Hanna 2R.

The Panthers, 1-6 in the Gopher Conference and 3-18 overall, play tonight at Mankato Loyola at 7 p.m. and Friday at 7:15 at Alden-Conger. They’re home Feb. 17 at 7:15 against Tri-City United.

Gopher Conference West		
	W-L	Overall
JWP	6-0	16-4
WEM	5-1	11-9
United South Central	3-3	7-15
NRHEG	1-6	3-18
Medford	0-5	0-19

Wrestlers compete with Gopher champs

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva wrestling team had the misfortune of facing Gopher Conference champion Kenyon-Wanamingo in its final home dual meet Thursday.

But the Panthers, according to head coach Shawn Larson, were able to compete while dropping a 59-14 decision.

“Those who know wrestling well, and have been watching our team, know that we are getting better,” said Larson. “It is tough to have the Gopher Conference champions for our last home match. They are a good team, and we believe we competed with them.”

The Panthers had three dominant bonus-point wins. Harbor Cromwell, 160 pounds, and Ryan Schlaak, 172, won by technical fall. Cole Hutchens earned a major decision at 215. The Panthers forfeited at 127 and 285.

The results, by weight:

107 – Liam Sommer (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Graham Jacobson (Fall 3:25)

114 – Gabriel Ramirez (Kenyon-

“Those who know wrestling well, and have been watching our team, know that we are getting better.”

— Shawn Larson

Wanamingo) over Charles Tufte (Fall 4:43)

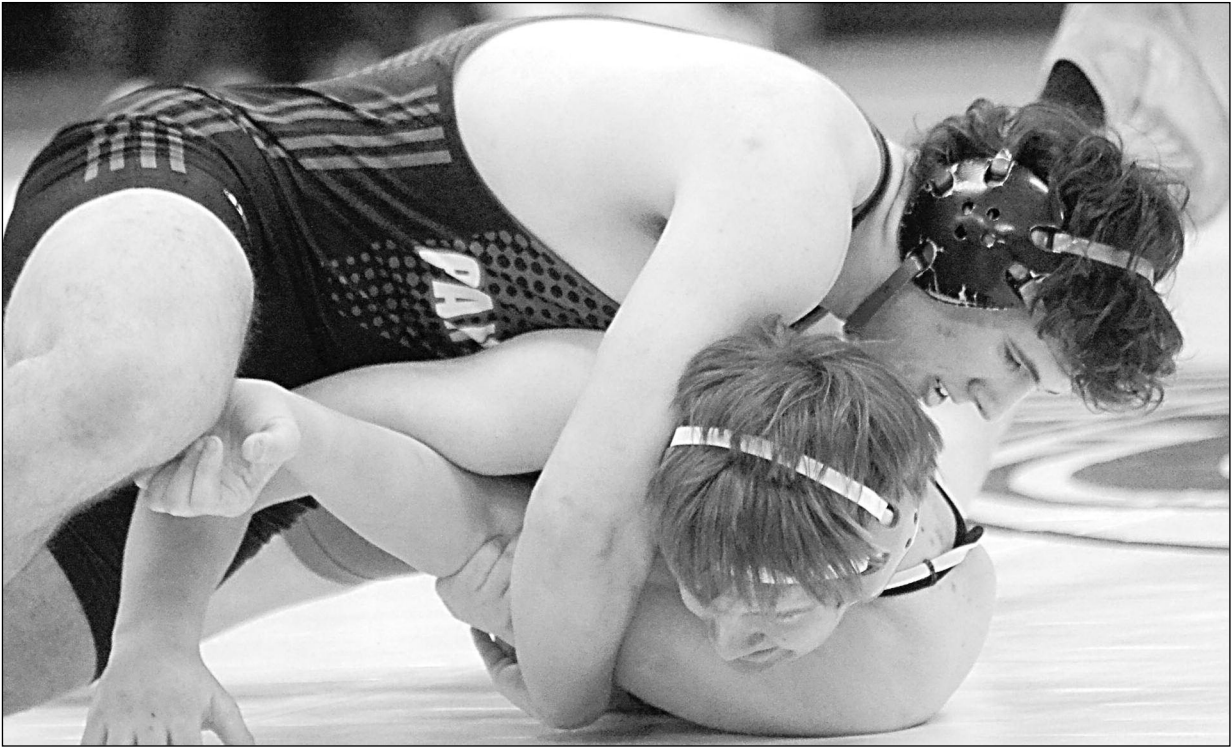
121 – Bryan Jacobson (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Dakota Schlaak (Fall 1:08)

127 – Ryan LaCanne (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Unknown (For.)

133 – Reed Sommer (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Chase Johannsen (TF 18-2)

139 – Masyn Hanson (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Khaiden Madson (Fall 1:12)

145 – Luke Johnson (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Logan Schiell



MAJOR DECISION — NRHEG’s Cole Hutchens, top, tries to turn over Kenyon-Wanamingo’s Knute Ronningen for back points on his way to a 10-1 major decision Thursday in New Richland.

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(Fall 0:59)

152 – Logan Trump (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Noah Weller (Fall 3:16)

160 – Harbor Cromwell (NRHEG) over Myles Thompson (TF 18-3)

172 – Ryan Schlaak (NRHEG) over Ryan Rechtzigel (TF 19-4)

189 – Brennan Flotterud (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Wyatt Larson (Fall 5:41)

215 – Cole Hutchens (NRHEG) over Knute Ronningen (MD 10-1)

285 – Charles Koncur (Kenyon-Wanamingo) over Unknown (For.)

The Panthers open section tournament team competition tonight, with the finals set for Saturday. Section individual finals are Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. at Blue Earth Area.

WHS icemen win 2 of 3

The Waseca High School boys’ hockey team went 2-1 this past week, defeating Minnesota River 7-1 last Tuesday at LeSueur, blanking Fairmont at home 10-0 Thursday and falling 5-2 in a nonconference game at Blake Academy Saturday.

While the shots on goal were fairly close at Minnesota River, 36-26 in favor of Waseca, the game was not. The Bluejays led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 5-0 after two.

Waseca took nine penalties for 26 minutes while Minnesota River was whistled five times for 10 minutes.

Scoring for the Bluejays were Hunter Anderson, Henry Huttemier, Jude Gehring and Beckett Srp, with assists by Cash Lynch, Jackson Tesch, Otto Schoenrock, Jackson Dahl, Srp, Lucas Groll, Jude Gehring and Griffin Storey.

Josiah Schmittke was in goal for the Bluejays.

The Bluejays dominated winless Fairmont at home Thursday, leading 4-0 after one period and 8-0 after two. They outshot the Cardinals 49-4.

Goal scorers: Jayden Gehring, Avery Selvik, Tesch, Easton Danks, Schoenrock, Anderson, Jude Gehring, Huttemier, with assists going to Jayden Gehring, Anderson, Selvik, Groll, Tesch, Storey, Srp, Dahl and Lynch.

The Waseca goaltender was Carter Martens.

The Bluejays scored first at Blake Saturday, but the Bears scored four unanswered goals in the second period while outshooting the Bluejays 39-26.

Martens took the loss in goal.

The Bluejays, 12-1-1 in the Big South, good for second place behind Luverne, improved to 17-3-2 overall.

Waseca plays tonight at Luverne at 7:15 and finishes the regular season Saturday at 2:45 at Marshall.

Big South Standings			
	WLT	PTS	Overall
Luverne	13-0-1	26	18-4-1
Waseca	12-1-1	25	17-3-2
Marshall	8-6-0	16	10-13-0
New Ulm	7-4-0	14	10-10-2
Minn. River	5-5-0	10	10-13-0
Worthington	5-8-0	10	6-17-0
Windom	5-9-0	10	6-16-1
Redwood V.	4-12-0	8	5-18-0
Fairmont	0-14-0	0	0-21-0

Flyers end season with loss to top-seeded Farmington

The South Central Flyers girls’ hockey team saw its season end last Wednesday with a 6-0 loss at top-seeded Farmington in the Section 2A quarterfinals.

The Flyers, seeded eighth among nine teams in the section, reached the quarterfinals by defeating Austin 3-2 in overtime Monday, Feb. 3 at Waseca Community Arena. It was the second time this season the Flyers defeated Austin.

The Flyers finished with a record of 10-16-1. Farmington improved to 16-7-2.

Farmington, which led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 after two, outshot the Flyers 76-4.

Ilamay Draheim was in goal for the Flyers.

The 2024-25 Flyers included seniors Katlyn Schueler and Stevie Johnston, juniors Madalyn Benson and Kaylee Lawson, sophomores Jayden Drager, Emma Huelsnitz, McKenna Mortensen, Makayla Forthun and Draheim, freshmen Savannah Conway, Sadie Wagner, Clara Nowrocki and Allison Drager, 8th-graders Ava Greden, Camila Staloch, Zoey Gibson and Maddie Hanna, and 7th-grader Lila Pavlic.

The Flyers were led by co-head coaches Chas Benson and Amanda Reed, assisted by Steve Graygarrd, Abbe Hoehn and Tony Schied.

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LTO lightens the mood with 'Spelling Bee'

**By: Joni Hubred
Steele County Times**

"I think it's a great combination of comedy and heart. It's something we could all use right now."

That's how director William McIntyre describes Little Theatre of Owatonna's latest production, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." It opens Feb. 13 on the Sharon Stark Auditorium stage and runs Thursdays-Sundays through Feb. 23.

McIntyre knows the show well; he was part of the cast in the Merlin Players' 2018 production. The audience follows six kids, all hyped up for the annual bee and all "drastically different."

"During the show we get a glimpse into each of their home lives and the reasons they're competing," McIntyre said. "You see how quirky they are, and how each of them has challenges, but they find confidence and hope in spelling."

Tricia Murphy plays Olive Ostrovsky, who she describes as "a sweet and quirky girl."

"She loves words and spelling! Olive's also very kindhearted; she's not the character that comforts the other spellers," Murphy said.

After moving to Owatonna with her partner in 2023, Murphy looked for a community theater as a way to meet people.

"At that time, it had been nearly 10 years since I had been on stage," she said. "I had been teaching, which usually had me in a directing position."

At that time, LTO was shutting down for renovations, so Murphy auditioned in Faribault for Paradise Community Theater's "If/Then," directed by McIntyre. He was a big part of her decision to audition for "Spelling Bee."

"Not trying to sound like a middle schooler, but Will was directing, and my new theater friends were auditioning. But also, I listened to the show, and I knew I had to perform the 'I Love You' song," she said.

Heather Burke plays Rona Lisa Peretti, "the face of the Bee." She's able to do the show as her husband, Mike, "is an absolute rockstar," caring for their children, ages 4, 3, and 11 months. "I literally wouldn't be able to do this without his love and support."

Peretti, she said, has a unique relationship with the students.

"She sees herself when she looks at them because she was one of them in her past," Burke said. "She's also really quirky. She claims the bee is not for braggarts, yet she takes several moments and makes them about her, which is super funny."

This marks the third time Burke has played the same role. She performed with McIntyre the last time as well.



Cast members are rehearsing for Little Theatre of Owatonna's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," which opens next week.

"It's been so exciting to see his vision for the whole show and not just his character," she said. "I love performing, and this show has helped me create new friendships because of the small cast... Theater is a place to foster friendships and relationships. You gain confidence in how you present yourself, and you create connections with others outside of the cast."

Burke said she's grateful to the committee and everyone who supported LTO's Raise the Curtain Fundraiser, which led to improvements the audience may not see, but have "made a huge difference for the safety of everyone in the building."

Burke and Murphy hope the audience can just sit back and enjoy the performance—and maybe take a little piece of it home.

"We are stuck as a society on being tough all the time, and we end up pushing ourselves too much and become distracted by the future and forget that it's okay to sit back and just enjoy the little things," Burke said.

and if you use ground contact spaces that weren't tested before (such as a basement or new addition).

During National Radon Action Month in January, Waseca County Public Health provides test kits at no cost. For information about the availability of these test kits, contact Tevyn Schmidt at 507-835-0657 or stop at the front desk. Test kits also can be purchased at hardware and home improvement stores or ordered for \$12.95 at mn.radon.com.

Check your home for radon this month

With doors and windows shut tight against the cold, dangerous levels of cancer-causing radon gas can build up in homes during the winter months, posing a health risk. Waseca County Public Health reminds residents that now is the time to test or retest homes for radon.

Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that occurs naturally in soil and can enter homes through cracks and other openings in the walls or foundation. When inhaled over a long period of time, radioactive radon particles can damage lungs and lead to lung cancer. In fact, radon causes about 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year.

Due to its unique geology and cold climate:

- The average Minnesota home radon level is more than 3x the national average.
- As many as 70% of Southwest Minnesota homes have high radon, compared with 40% in the rest of the state.

"You can't see or smell radon, so the only way to know if it's in your home, and help prevent future

cancers, is to test for it," said Dan Tranter, supervisor of the Indoor Air Unit at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). "People who have detected high radon levels and installed a radon mitigation system should test every 2 years to confirm the system is working. People who have tested before and results were low should test every five years."

Tranter also noted that people should test sooner if the home has had significant changes (such as significant renovations, changes to an HVAC system or openings to soil),

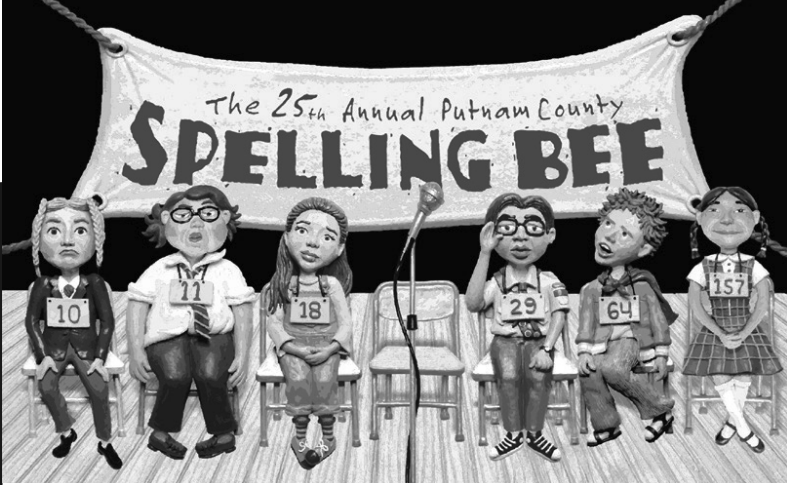
SCPH announces funding for SHIP awards

[STEELE COUNTY, Minnesota] – [02/06/25] – Steele County Public Health (SCPH) is thrilled to announce additional funding for the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Community Partner Awards. This funding will provide over \$20,000 to community organizations, schools, and workplaces to support initiatives that promote physical activity, healthy eating, commercial tobacco prevention, and mental well-being. The overall goal is to create lasting improvements to policies, systems, and environments, to make healthy living easier for Steele County residents and prevent chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

About the Show

Six quirky kids compete for the spelling championship of a lifetime, sharing hilarious and touching stories along the way. As they tackle tricky (and sometimes made-up) words, they hope to avoid the dreaded ding of elimination. One wins—everyone else gets a juice box. With audience participation and sharp comedy, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a riotous, feel-good experience.



February Performances

Thursday, 13 – 7:30 PM	Thursday, 20 – 7:30 PM
Friday, 14 – 7:30 PM	Friday, 21 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, 15 – 7:30 PM	Saturday, 22 – 7:30 PM
Sunday, 16 – 2:00 PM	Sunday, 23 – 2:00 PM



Little Theatre of Owatonna

560 Dunnell Dr, Owatonna, MN 55060
www.littletheatreofowatonna.org

Music & Lyrics by William Finn
Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Conceived by Rebecca Feldman
Additional Material by Jay Reiss

Originally produced on Broadway by David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman, Patrick Catullo, Barrington Stage Company, and Second Stage Theatre

Genre: Comedy (Musical)
Director: William McIntyre
Technical Director: Victoria Bartkowiak

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Steele County SHIP has funded a variety of impactful projects, including physical education and playground equipment in schools, healthy snack stations and breast-feeding rooms in workplaces, and smoke-free signage throughout the community. "Steele County's SHIP program is able to award additional funding this year due to a staffing transition which freed up budgeted funds that were carried forward into this year," said Ethan Rindfleisch, Steele County SHIP Coordinator.

Interested applicants should submit an Idea Proposal, available on the SCPH website under "Funding Opportunities" by March 3rd at 5 p.m. Applicants will then meet with the SHIP Coordinator to discuss next steps and complete a full application. Applications will be reviewed by Steele County's SHIP Community Leadership Team, a dedicated group of individuals that represent SHIP's priority areas and amplify the voices of Steele County's diverse population to ensure community-driven funding decisions. Award announcements are expected in early April. For questions, please contact Ethan Rindfleisch at SHIP@SteeleCountyMN.gov or (507) 444-7650.

Steele County Public Health is dedicated to preventing disease, promoting wellness, and protecting the health of Steele County residents through a variety of services such as family health programs, immunization clinics, and home health care. SCPH also provides resources for radon and water testing, health education, and emergency preparedness to realize its vision of Healthy People in Healthy Communities. Learn more: https://steele-countymn.gov/public_health.



Shown here are pictures of my grandsons when they were younger and enjoying the fishing on our lake. Another is of the boys sitting around the campfire eating lunch. Seated left to right are Dylan, Trevor, Grant and Taylor.



Taking time to smell the pine trees

When our family first began working on the land that we had purchased in Northern Minnesota, it was a dream come true. My son Brian had a definite plan for the kind of cabin that we would build. He is a carpenter at heart and had worked in the trade for a few years. He drew up the blueprints and together we planned where the cabin would sit. With a lot of hard work, we, along with my son Brad, and my grandsons, made this a reality. We also had some help from some of our friends along the way.

Each time that I have to cut up a fallen pine tree and handle the freshly cut wood, I get a little pine tar on my hands or gloves. This, to me, is the sweetest smell that I can take in. It signals the outdoors to me and also reminds me of the work that it has taken to make this little piece of paradise our own.

When I was working, I made it through the winter by planning my summer vacation, which usually in-



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

involved going up north camping. I now survive the winter months by planning for the upcoming season at the cabin. My son Brad and his son Dylan have been coming up to the cabin with me for a couple of times each summer. I always enjoy our time there, fishing and doing work on the cabin. Spending time with family has always been my favorite part of having this cabin.

Dylan and his wife Kloe have blessed us with our first great grandson, Krew, so I know that things will be different for Dylan now. I hope that I will be there to see when Krew

catches his first fish. I can envision our great granddaughter Avery and Krew playing together at family get-togethers.

We were lucky enough to have plenty of fish in the lake when our grandkids were growing up. When I am there by myself, I swear that I can still hear the boys' voices echoing through the woods while excitedly calling out for grandpa to look at the fish that they had caught. Those are memories that will last me a lifetime.

Until the next time: When I look back at those days of building our cabin and clearing the land, I am

grateful for my family. Everyone chipped in and did their part to make this a place where we could share quality time together.

I am already making some plans to improve life at the cabin. There are many things that need to be done both in and around the cabin. My son Brad has a lot of good ideas, and he will help put those into play. Thinking about this should make me excited about the upcoming spring.

I have heard that the walleyes have been biting on Fountain Lake this winter. I also noticed that someone decided to do a little trolling with their car. It didn't end well for that person, but at least everyone was all right. I won't give a lecture about safe ice, but this is a prime example of not knowing how thick the ice is.

Please show your support for our troops who are now deployed. These service men and women are making that sacrifice, so that we may have the many freedoms that we enjoy today.

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Otisco, Minnesota
Rev. Scott Williams, Pastor
Sunday - 8:45 a.m. Worship

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Richland, Minnesota
Pastor Mary Iverson
Sunday - 9 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sunday School; 10 a.m. Coffee
Monday - 9 a.m. Quilting
Wednesday - 6:15 p.m. Confirmation; 7 p.m. Council meeting (first Wednesday)

LESUEUR RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Richland, Minnesota
Pastor Dan Kordahl
Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. Quilting

VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Richland, Minnesota
Pastor Dan Kordahl
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Worship

VISTA EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

New Richland, Minnesota
Brian Schanil Pastor
Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship; 9 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesdays: The Shepherd's Robe Ministry, 1-3 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Bonfires and Yard Games, 6 p.m. until dark

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN

Hartland, Minnesota

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Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship
Tuesday - Council meeting (First Tuesday)

WEST FREEBORN LUTHERAN

Hartland, Minnesota
Rev. Marcia Pedersen

HARTLAND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Hartland, Minnesota
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Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Worship

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

New Richland, Minnesota
Father Glenn Frerichs
Friday - 10 a.m. on 1st, 3rd and 4th Fridays p.m. Mass
Sunday - Mass at 8 a.m.

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Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship
Tuesday - Council meeting (First Tuesday)

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Sunday - Summer Service time is 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. (No summer Sunday school)
Worship is at 10:30 a.m. beginning after Sept. 3. Sunday School from Oct through May from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Food shelf is open every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor Matt Griggs
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Worship
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Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Worship
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Hollandale, Minnesota
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship

HOLLANDALE REFORMED

Rev. Neal Ooms

101 East Park Avenue

Hollandale, Minnesota
Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Worship; 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

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Rural Ellendale
Deacon Billie Jo Wicks
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Worship

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Meriden, Minnesota
Deacon Billie Jo Wicks
Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN

Lemond Township
Pastor Dave Klawiter
Sunday - 10:15 a.m. Worship

FIRST LUTHERAN, LCMS

Hope, Minnesota
Pastor Sandy Miller
Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship; 10:15 a.m. Youth/Adult Study

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor James Cameron
Sunday - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

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Minnesota Lake, Minnesota
Interim Pastor
Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Freedom Township
Rev. Larry Sipe
Sunday - 9:15 a.m. Worship

ZOAR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pastor Ava Adams-Morris
Waldorf, Minnesota
Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship

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Waldorf, Minnesota
Sunday - 8 a.m. Worship

TRINITY LUTHERAN

Wilton Township
Rev. Larry Sipe, Pastor
Sunday - 10:45 a.m. Worship

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Sunday - 10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.; 11:20 a.m. Sunday School
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Youth Activities, ages 12-18

NOTE: CHANGES IN CHURCH CALENDARS

MUST BE MADE BY NOTIFICATION FROM A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION TO THE STAR EAGLE.

LOOKING BACK

25 Years Back



- Dale Bayerkohler, treasurer of the New Richland Lions, presented Pastor John Hendrickson of First Congregational Church, New Richland with checks amounting to \$6,000 last Thursday evening. Since the New Richland Lions was founded in 1969 through the combined efforts of a number of members of the community, the organization has supported many community drives and assisted many organizations, families and individuals with funds raised at their semi-annual pancakes breakfast.



- Grand Champion! Thomas Wacholz won the New Richland Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, held here January 16. Thomas received his championship plaque from Cub Master Jacky Payne.

- The New Richland Commercial Club reviewed the accomplishments of the past year and elected new officers at the annual meeting and banquet, Friday, January 21 at the American Legion Clubrooms. Bernie Anderson, treasurer, was in charge due to the fact that Beth Wesselhoft, president, and Dale Hलगren, vice president, were unable to attend. Anita Staloch was elected president; Dale Hलगren vice president; Gary Billing secretary and Bernie Anderson treasure. Board members elected were Dr. Ray Mielke, Corrine Schuller and Beth Wesselhoft. Anderson welcomed new members, Joyce Hansen, owner of Du Drop Inn and Todd Stencel of New Richland Insurance Agency.

- The North Central Weed Science Society has selected Thomas Hoverstad to receive the Distinguished Achievement in Weed Science Professional Staff Award. Hoverstad has been on staff at the U of M Southern Research and outreach Center at Waseca for the past 17 years. He is currently a scientist in the agronomy/weed management program.

- Winter really arrived! In southern Minnesota last week, five to six inches of snow fell over Waseca County and the surrounding area. Moving the snow kept most folks in New Richland busy for a couple of days. Here, Joe Duenes blows the snow out of his driveway and front walk. The happiest folks were the kids who had not had much opportunity to use their sleds this winter.

50 Years Back

- Waldorf-Pemberton High School Honor Roll, 2nd Quarter - 1974-75 Seniors. A-Becky Ewert, Darla Goodrich, Bonita Tesch, Daniel Geary, Susan Schubbe. B-Bonnie Benson, Lynn Ewald, Cynthia Murphy, Lynn Drager, Darla Halstead, Deborah Webster, Lori Bluhm. JUNIORS: A-Robert Drager, JoAnn Kajewski, Amy Sonnek, Julia Haakinson, Jan Kunkel, Darrel Hankerson, Debra McCoy. B-Randy Burmeister, Kim Hofman, Carol Kunz, Yvonne Geary, Richard Krause, Shawn McDonough, Diane Goebel, Cindy Kruse and Ronald Rausch.

- Arlene S. Thompson has been named New Richland High Schools 12975 Betty Crocker Family leader of tomorrow. Miaa Thompson won the honor by scoring high in a written knowledge and attitude examination administered to high school seniors here and throughout the country December 3rd. She will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, sponsor of the annual Betty Crocker Search for Leadership in Family Living, and becomes eligible for state national honors.

- Eric Purdie, Jon Parrott and Ted Rosenback. The boys seem to have decided that maybe there aren't any fish in the fishing hole, as they fished patiently during the Ice Fishing Derby at St. Olaf Lake, Sunday afternoon.

- Don Longley Memorial Scholarships were awarded at the American Shorthorn Association Annual Awards Banquet recently at the Denver Hilton. Winners of this year's scholarships are Lynn Ewald, Waldorf, John Gunn, Greenfield, Ind., and Gloria Walters, Paola, Kan. Ewald is a senior at Waldorf-Pemberton High School where he is an honor student. He has also won many showmanship and livestock efficiency awards for 4-H and FFA.

75 Years Back

- A son, weighing eight pounds, ten ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kalis, Tuesday, March 7, at the Naeve hospital, Albert Lea. They have another son Gary, and a daughter Joan.

- Tommy Smith and Burton Halvorson are expected to reach New Richland Saturday evening following their discharge from the U.S. Navy. Burton will receive his "Mustering out" at Washington D.C., while Tommy will be discharged at Norfolk, Va. The boys were together through much of their training. Burton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Halvorson of Albert Lea, attended school here.

- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seberson of New Richland were honored Sunday on their 40th wedding anniversary when about seventy-five relatives and friends called on them during the afternoon and evening.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 4, 2022

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$198,341.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Eric Chambers, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on November 18, 2022 as Document Number A332149; as modified of record by document recorded on April 1, 2024 as Document Number A336478 in the Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on December 24, 2024 as Document Number A338873 in the Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, Block 1, First Addition to City of Waseca, Waseca County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 525 3RD AVE NE, WASECA, MN 56093

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Waseca County,

Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$161,467.05

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17.276.0060

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100032412225875530

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if

the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Waseca County Sheriff's Office, 122 3rd Ave. NW, Waseca, MN 56093.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 22, 2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: January 22, 2025

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: _____/s/
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. Published in the Star Eagle January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 2025

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY WASECA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 81-PR-25-37

Estate of David A. Millang a/k/a David Allen Millang a/k/a David Millang, Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated September 30, 2024, and ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Gary F. Korogi, whose address is 27499 145th Street, New Richland, Minnesota, 56072, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of

the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate. Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with

this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: January 24, 2025 Barb Stevens
Deputy Probate Registrar
Shannon M. Asselin
Court Administrator

Attorney for Personal Representative

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