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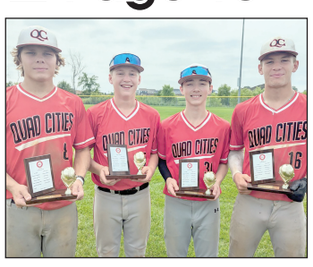

Sports

Ferguson sworn in as mayor, area filings for office

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

Janda Ferguson, 43, was sworn in as interim Mayor of New Richland during Monday night's city council meeting. Ferguson was first appointed to the New Richland city council, filling a vacant position in February of 2023. She also serves on the local Economic Development Authority.

Ferguson will serve out the remainder of what was originally Chad Neitzel's term as mayor. Following Neitzel's resignation, due to his moving out of town, Loren Skelton also resigned his position and is rumored to be moving as well.

Ferguson has filed to run for Mayor. As of 2 p.m. Tuesday, no other candidates had filed for the open, 2-year term for mayor.

Many candidates are running for the other two open council seats currently held by Ryan Gehrke and Jody Wynnemer, along with another special election seat to fill the seat previously held by Ferguson.

Running for the two 4-year city council positions are: Gehkre, Matthew Economy, Sam Genelin, Brandy Jacobson, Robert Swenson, Melissa Thompson and Joshua Warke.

Running for the special election to fill the remaining 2-year council seat are: Jacob Naser, Christina Petsinger and Wynnemer.

Other area filings

NRHEG School board - 3
Kelly Delacruz
Terri Engel
Loren Schoenrock

Ellendale

Three candidates have filed for election to the mayor position and the two city council positions in Ellendale.

For mayor, Scott Groth. In the event of his election, the city will have to fill his current council position.

Scott Swanson and Joel Meyer have filed for two open, four year council positions.

Waldorf

Mayor, two year term
Rob Wilkening
Council - one position
Jamie Beckstrand
Cody Schnepf

Geneva

Mayor
Steven Bailey
Christopher Bartsch
Jacob A. Jensen
City Council - 2
Garry R. Gordinier
Susan Phillips
Michelle Stollard
Frederick Vokoun

Hartland

Mayor
Kelly Routh
City council
Jackie Schlaak

Clarks Grove

None reported

Freeborn

Mayor
Steven Seipp
City Council
Dallas C. Jacobsen
Leanne M. Tukua

Any new filings will be printed in next week's edition.

A word from The Word

So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
1 Corinthians 2:5

From left: Hazel Botten, Amelia McKenna, Josh Babcock, Dawn Tangen, SaraJo Vulcan, Conway Botten, Ryan Gehrke, Kaisley Gehrke, Janda Ferguson, Tanyce Bruegger and Chad Neitzel.
Star Eagle photo by Eli Lutgens

Fifth annual New Richland Night Out

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

Several dozen people attended New Richland's fifth annual Night to Unite celebration Tuesday evening, August 6, 2024 at New Richland City Park.

"Night to Unite" is meant to honor law enforcement officers and first responders, including medical personnel and firefighters.

"The weather was beautiful tonight," New Richland City Tanyce Bruegger said. "You can't beat a free meal, some good fun and a chance to meet some new people… Plus there were no mosquitoes!"

This year's event had the addition of a pony, Ava, provided by the Waseca County Sheriff's posse who attended this year.

The event was mainly run by the New Richland Fire Department, first responders, ambulance, and police volunteers. It was hard to tell exactly who the volunteers were with representatives from many local agencies attending simply because they wanted to.

Bruegger credited the three departments for the setup. Chad Neitzel helped grill hot dogs again this year. Other volunteers helped serve.

Hot dogs donated by Neighbors Meats of New Richland were enjoyed on buns supplied by Wagner Foods. Chips were donated by the Willows, along with cookies from Casey's.

Firefighters assisted kids in a target practice event with a fire hose typically used for "grass fires" which can shoot up to 50 gallons of water per minute, but was powered down to about 10 gallons per minute in order to make it safe for children to use. There were also coloring books for kids to color during the two-hour get-together.

This year's attendance was significantly higher than last year's, which was also higher than the year prior. Bruegger said she hopes this annual event continues to grow better and better each year. In total about 80 hot dogs were served.

New Richland Chief of Police Tanyce Bruegger, Mayor Janda Ferguson.

From left: Dawn Tangen, SaraJo Vulcan
Star Eagle photos by Eli Lutgens

Nite to Unite

The Geneva Night to Unite event brought out the Police Department, Fire Department and EMT's. A chance to get together with friends and family and meet even more. All proceeds go to NRHEG Eagle Bluff Program honoring first responders. Get an up-close look at the tools our first responders need when out on the job, while grabbing some food and fun at the park, enjoying the summer get-together. Above, Brynlee Boverhuis meets Police Officer Wangsness at the Geneva Night to Unite.

The Lions Club passed out hot dogs or brats at the Ellendale Night to Unite. Proceeds went to NRHEG Scholarships, Hearing Foundation, Leader Dogs, Camp Sweetlife and Lions Eye Bank. Kids got an up-close look at the tools our first responders need when out on the job. Fire Trucks and Police Cars were on display. Everyone was welcome. Above, Logan Lewis and Mason Torley get their hotdog dinners.
Star Eagle photos by Ben Revermann

ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL

Fines rescinded, Petsinger battles with Metronet

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

The city of Ellendale rescinded its fines for un-mowed grass on the five lots owned by Daniel Petsinger. A unanimous decision was made after Petsinger mowed the lawns at the locations. The decision occurred during their regular meeting on August 8, 2024.

A public hearing regarding a 360-degree camera mounted to a roughly 25-foot tower/structure owned by Petsinger, located on one of the aforementioned lots, was cut short after Petsinger reminded the council he did not receive a letter informing him of the hearing.

Petsinger is currently a defendant in a civil case with Jaguar Communications (Metronet) regarding a building on the lot located on Lageson Court.

Steele County court documents list Jaguar Communications LLC as the plaintiff and Daniel Petsinger as the defendant in a case set to go to trial in the coming months.

The complaint states that Petsinger purchased land in 2017 and did not, until January 2024, claim Jaguar was trespassing on the property. After which, Petsinger "erected several 'no trespassing' signs on the property and affixed one to the door of the building, preventing Jaguar from entering."

The complaint continues: "Defendant's actions violate the Grant of Easement… Defendant's wrongful actions have put thousands of Jaguar's customers at risk of network outages, thereby causing irreparable harm to Jaguar.

"Jaguar has asserted claims against Defendant for declaratory judgment, breach of contract, private nuisance, and temporary and permanent Injunction," the complaint states.

"In 2008, Plaintiff Jaguar Communications, LLC, d/b/a MetroNet Holdings, LLC. ("Jaguar") purchased a Grant of Easement to build and maintain a structure on a plot of land in Steele County in connection with its telecommunications business. Jaguar has continuously utilized the easement since this time. The structure Jaguar built, in which it houses telecommunications equipment, is essential to providing its customers with high-speed internet services."

Petsinger's defense is that the easement is not valid or legal. Petsinger claims the easement was made between the former property owner and Jaguar after the property had been forfeited back to Steele County, therefore making the easement illegal.

He says the tower is there to surveil the building and stated, if the previous trail camera had not been destroyed, he would not have erected the large tower and camera which is now causing waves with neighbors.

The outcome of this court case will be reported at a later date when information is made public.

During the public comment portion of the August 8 council meeting, residents were reminded they had four minutes to speak, and nearly everyone who spoke talked about the lawn mowing violations and the tower located on the lots owned by Petsinger.

Cynthia Nelson said she fears

Council continued on 4

Fence Lines

by Mark Bernard

In the meantime, this column was written in Candada

The scurs and the Weather Eye dispensed with the rainfall and brought some wonderful weather. Are we done with our September prequel, or do we get another week? Starting on Thursday, partly sunny with a good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-70's with lows in the low 60's. Mostly sunny on Friday with highs in the mid-70's and lows in the low 60's. Mostly sunny on Saturday with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70's and lows in the upper 50's. Sunday, mostly sunny with highs in the mid-80's with lows in the low 60's. Mostly sunny on Monday with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-70's with lows in the mid-60's. Tuesday, mostly sunny with highs in the mid-80's with lows in the mid-60's. Mostly sunny on Wednesday with highs in the low 80's and lows in the low 60's. The normal high for August 19th is 79 and the normal low is 60. The scurs will be turning the AC back on for at least one more stint before September.

The Full Moon this month falls on the 19th and goes by several names. The most common one is The Full Sturgeon Moon, so named for the sturgeon abundant in the Great Lakes and other areas. It also can be called The Red Moon for the dust that causes the moon to appear reddish when it rises and is closest to the horizon. It's also known as the Full Green Corn Moon as the corn starts to head towards maturity and harvest. The Ojibwe knew this as the Berry Moon, primarily for berries such as blueberries and huckleberries. The Sioux Called this The Moon when Plums are Scarlet. At the ranch we know it as the Overrun with Garden Produce Moon. It's one of Poppy's favorites.

Crops continue their progress to their destiny. Even though this crop wears the "what could've been label" after all the rain, there is still a crop that will need to be harvested. We are fortunate we have as much livestock and as many ethanol plants as we do. If we didn't, prices would be even lower as demand simply couldn't consume enough crop to even maintain them at the levels they're at. The crop in parts of the Midwest, especially the "I" states is advertised to be pretty amazing. Even in MN, we have some pretty decent crop once we get outside of South Central and Southwest MN. Southeast MN in general looks good where last year much of that region looked anything but. The irrigated areas of MN look good too, having received abundant rainfall in addition to having the option to irrigate. Not every area has a good crop every year and this time it was our turn in the barrel.

We'll be writing this next week's column from the road on the Pro Farmer Midwest Crop Tour. We'll be able to get an up close and personal firsthand look at much of the corn belt. In the meantime, this column was written in Canada. I was able to get away for a few days to exhale and play a little north of the border. Time for that becomes shorter and more precious as we go along. Getting away from people for a while is sometimes the best medicine, and Canada offers one such opportunity for that. Good or bad, cell reception has improved over the years to the point where most of the necessary and unnecessary communication can happen. It still doesn't affect the flora and fauna. The hummingbirds were glad to see us. The feeders needed to be cleaned, refilled and rehung. Once that happened, they became very active. It won't be long, and they'll leave and move south, the same as the groups of loons that entertained us.

As usual, each venture north has its moments. I'd used my enhanced driver's license to use as proof of residency at the border. We passed through customs quickly, speaking only when spoken to and answering quickly without hesitation. When we got to camp, the bugs weren't even too bad after horror stories from suburban Flanders back in July. The next day we accomplished as much as we could between rain showers. I was starting to feel good about how seamlessly everything was going, then suddenly reached in my back pocket. My wallet was gone! The only place I'd been outside that day was to the outhouse. I really didn't want to look, but thought I'd better anyway. I turned the light on my phone on and made sure I was hanging on tight. I opened the toilet seat lid and peered down the hole. No wallet. Whew! Where else could it be? Then I remembered pulling it out of my pocket before we went across. I pointed the light into the locked vehicle. There it was tucked in by the console. Another crisis narrowly averted.

At home Poppy awaits my return. I can't say I haven't missed her and her antics. I mentioned the garden as being one of her favorite places. The string beans were flowering heavily when I left, so upon my return, they should be starting to come online. That's Poppy's cue to hide in their foliage amongst other things. I know last year when picking the beans, I'd come across pods that had been chewed in two. Sure enough, several feet ahead of me in the row, the corgi was helping herself concealed under the canopy. Not that I really minded. There were plenty of beans, more than enough to go around. If Poppy ate a few, it was a few I didn't have to pick. Now if we could just teach her to blanch and freeze them.

See you next week…real good then.

Investing in the home teams

Whatever Flips Your Waffle

by Mark Domeier

Contributing Writer

The MLB trade deadline passed at the end of July. There was much anticipation in the air - would the Minnesota Twins trade for a pitcher that could make a difference in the playoff race this season?

The answer was no. They're apparently on a tight budget this year. In fact, before the season even got close to starting, the Pohlad family, who owns the baseball club, said they had to slash spending this year, in part, I suppose, because of an uncertain television deal that has been a joke.

I understand trying to operate a professional sports franchise is like any business. Owners are trying to make money. It's just harder to look at pinching millions off the payroll when the Pohlad family is worth nearly four billion dollars.

It's tricky in pro sports. If you're competitive, people tend to come out to the ballpark and spend money to watch a good team. Credit to the Twins for putting together a team that looks to make the playoffs and has a chance to make some noise. But there's a difference between having a playoff team and having a legitimate World Series contender. That is not the Twins right now. They are a team that has trouble beating the best teams in the league.

A big problem with the Twins is the aforementioned television deal. There are a lot of us who can't watch the team on television. This diminishes interest, and it's not going to make those of us who live outstate attend more games. Instead, interest is waning, though many people keep an eye on the periphery. Still, if the Twins had made a splash at the trade deadline, it might have heightened interest and put more butts in seats.

Across town, the Minnesota Vikings are preparing for what looks to be a rebuilding season. But they will sell out every home game. They are spending money to make sure people stay interested. This team could go 5-12 this year and folks would still be excited. Justin Jefferson is the highest-paid wide receiver in the league. They've also signed Christian Darrisaw, an important offensive lineman, to an extension.

They invested a high draft pick on a young quarterback, JJ McCarthy, and another on a defensive stud, Dallas Turner. These two might take some time to develop, but football fans are on tenterhooks to see what could happen in a year or two. Zygi Wilf, the owner of the Purple, has a net worth of $1.3 billion, much less than the Twins ownership. But he's shown, time and time again, that putting money into this team will reap benefits. It helps that the NFL has a salary cap, but the Vikings have shown a willingness to hit that cap.

In the NBA, you can go over the salary cap and then pay a penalty. That's what the Minnesota Timberwolves have been doing and will do again next season. They are all in on trying to win a title. The salary cap this season will be $140 million. The Wolves will be paying over $190 million in salaries. That will result in a $36 million dollar penalty for Glen Taylor, or whoever ends up owning the franchise. You don't put out that kind of money if you don't believe this team can win.

And it showed last season as the basketball team made a run to the Western Conference finals. People showed up to Target Center, especially during the playoff run. That meant more money for the franchise to help pay those bills. Just figure they make at least $1 million each home game. At least. Mix that with TV deals and advertising in the stadium, and it's a lot of money.

You have to spend money to make money. Frustration grows with the Twins, who haven't shown that propensity. Any sport is hard to predict who will win it all. Neither of the Twins' World Series titles were foretold by anyone, and they weren't even favorites once they made the playoffs either year, maybe not even once they were in the World Series. But in both years, they invested in free agents and made deals at the trade deadline that were important in the end results.

So which team will have their investment, or lack thereof, pay off first? Which Minnesota pro sports team will hoist a trophy first and show the path to how to do so to the other teams in our state? Will it actually take a lot of money, or will a team like the Twins go on a hot streak come playoff time and prove me and so many other pundits wrong?

Naw. The next champion will be the Minnesota Lynx. Bank on it.

Word of the Week: This week's word is gorblimey, which means an expression of surprise and dismay, as in, "Twins fans everywhere said, 'Gorblimey!' when the trade deadline passed without a new starting pitcher on the squad." Impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

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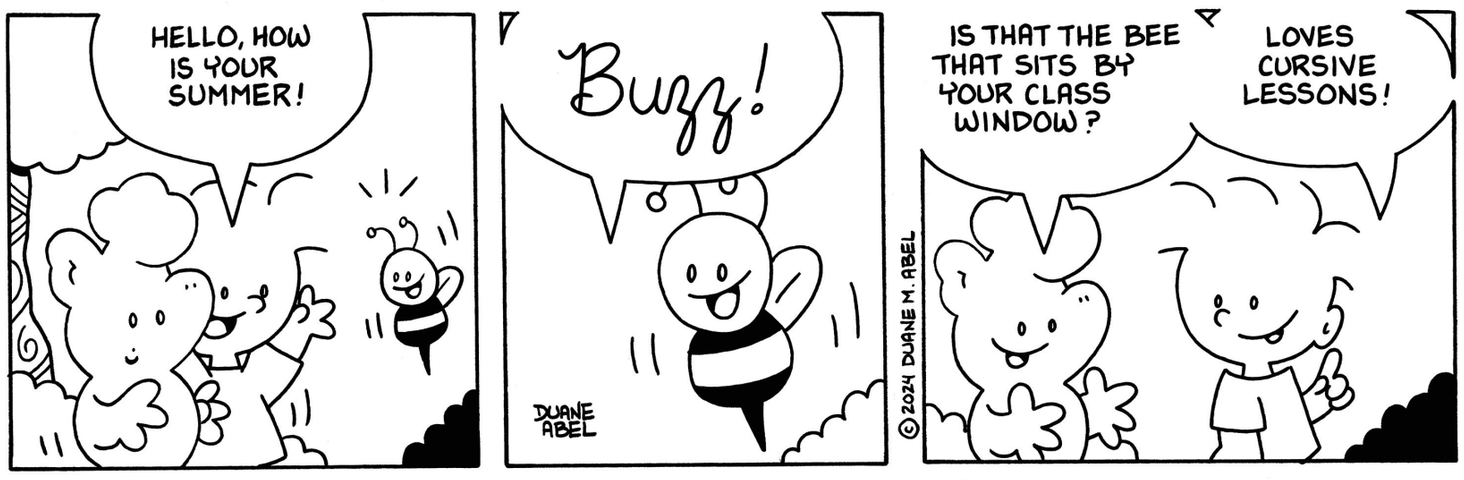

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'Why Treaties Matter' on display at FCHM

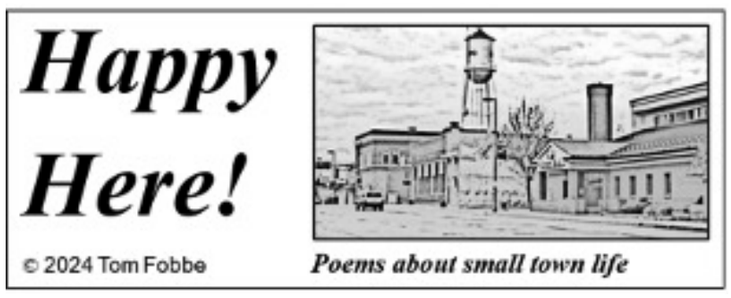
"Why Treaties Matter" is a collaborative exhibit currently on loan to the Freeborn County Historical Museum (FCHM). It is on view at FCHM, 1031 Bridge Avenue through Friday, August 30 (details below).

The exhibit explores relationships between Dakota and Ojibwe Indian Nations and the U.S. government in this place we now call Minnesota. Learn through a video presentation and 20 banners featuring text and images how treaties affected the lands and lifeways of the indigenous peoples of this place, and why these binding agreements between nations still matter today.

Details

- On view Freeborn County Historical Museum, Library & Village, 1031 Bridge Avenue, Albert Lea, MN
- Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday and Friday through August 30, and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Ojibwe Shoulder Bag Making event, Thursday, August 22, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., while supplies last
- Updated books available in our Research Library

Credits: Why Treaties Matter is a collaboration of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, the Minnesota Humanities Center and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. This exhibit was developed with money from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund that was created with a vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008 and The Patrick and Aimee Butler Family Foundation



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And what there is ain't bad…
Like breeze through trees,
A child's sneeze,
Or passing car…be glad!

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Crossing mosquitos and snowmen

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

My neighbor drives me crazy. He hired a poop scooper service that removes pet waste from his yard.

What's wrong with that?

He doesn't have any pets.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. It's the time of the year when the natural habitat of a raccoon becomes the centerline of a highway. Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both, I took the one with the most mosquitoes. In order to combat the loss of blood and find order in the chaos, I've found life is good when I'm well-fed. I've been eating my share of apricots, peaches, blueberries, cherries and watermelon. I didn't mean to do it, but I counteracted that by slamming my poor knee against a vicious desk drawer sharpened to a deadly edge. I'm not an easy bruise, but that collision left my knee with a contusion in the shape of Tennessee.

I went to an Ivy League grade school, and at the end of each year, my mother baked a pie or some other treat to give to my teacher. I added a thank-you note, even though I thought I'd get more brownie points if that were done at the beginning of the year.

George Eastman was a bank clerk making $1,500 a year in 1877, when he spent $94 on a photographic outfit and became interested in producing a camera. The first Eastman camera introduced in 1888 was named the "Kodak," the "K" for the first letter of Eastman's mother's maiden name. Kodak flourished on the slogan, "You press the button—we do the rest." The Brownie camera was launched in 1900 and sold for just $1 and the film was 15 cents a roll, an affordable price that opened the door for average families to take photographs. Before the Brownie, photography was primarily the domain of professionals. Cameras were bulky, complicated and expensive. Capturing photographs was an arduous task, involving heavy glass plates, toxic chemicals and a deep understanding of the photographic process. The Brownie replaced these cumbersome methods with something far simpler and more accessible.

Now, thanks to the cellphone, we've all become walking cameras, where the most important things about taking a photo are to clean the lenses before using the camera and not to put any film into the phone.

I'VE LEARNED

Some people have a Monday on days that aren't Mondays.

Proper names enjoy playing hide and seek with our memories.

In the Tanning Olympics, the winner takes home the bronze.

Aliens from outer space built the pyramids under the supervision of Abraham Lincoln.

Penny Jacobsen of Albert Lea had an excellent suggestion that, for one glorious day, candidates for office would concentrate on what they intend to do without giving a single mention of an opponent by name, action or party.

Walking bean rows prepared me for math classes. I had to show my work.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

I crossed a mosquito with a snowman and got frostbitten.

The library had a lot of books on the Titanic, but they're all sodden now.

Someone stole fruit from the farmer's roadside stand and left him peachless.

What does it mean if you hear, "Book, book, book, book, book, book, book, book, book, book." It means you've just listened to 10 books.

The police officer told me to say the alphabet starting with M. I said, "malphabet."

There were so many Olympians. Gymnastics alone included a few Brazilian athletes.

NATURE NOTES

Carolina grasshopper, Carolina locust, black-winged grasshopper, road-duster or quaker is a large species of grasshopper often found basking on bare ground. They're identified in flight by their black wings. Males crepitate, producing a crackling series of snaps or clicks as they hover or fly in a butterfly-like fashion during courtship.

Weather lore says, "For every fog in August, there will be a snowfall in winter."

Look for migrating common nighthawks in late August. Ruby-throated hummingbirds begin migrating, with the adult males leaving first.

Tall and giant Canada goldenrods are perennials that grow 2 to 6 feet tall, have lance-shaped leaves and clusters of golden flowers that produce tufts of seeds. The flowers bloom in late summer and early fall and become enchanting insect zoos.

Fragrant wild cucumber flowers are pale yellowish-white and grow on a vine reaching up to 30 feet. The aggressive native plant has star-shaped leaves and green, oval seed pods up to two inches long and covered with sharp spines. They are inedible.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A kind word is often a boomerang.

Steele County Fair honors Livestock hall of famers

The Steele County Free Fair honored Dr. Les Hansen and Jane and Allen Nelson as the 2024 recipients of the Livestock Hall of Fame Award.

DR. LES HANSEN

Achievments

- Active member of Steele County 4-H and Blooming Prairie FFA.
- Founding and continuous advisor for the Gopher Dairy Club at the University of Minnesota.
- Creator and mentor of the Gopher Dairy Bar at the Minnesota State Fair which generates $150,000 annually to fund club activities.
- Coach of the University of Minnesota Dairy Judging Team which has produced three national champion teams and five national champion individuals for oral reasons
- Co-Specialist Advisor to the Minnesota 4-H Dairy Judging program and one of the founding members of the 4-H Dairy Showcase program.
- Mentor extraordinaire for countless students in securing high profile internships and completing impactful graduate programs.
- Internationally recognized geneticist with research focused on functional and health traits.
- Industry recognition includes Guest of Honor for the National Dairy Shrine, Minnesota Livestock Hall of Fame and numerous Distinguished Teaching Awards.

JANE AND ALLEN NELSON

A humble couple who quietly made a positive impact on countless young people who shared their love for livestock.

The Nelson family developed three Minnesota State 4-H Auction qualifiers in the same year, the only year all three children were eligible for the auction.

Jane

Steele County 4-H Educator from 1984-1994, serving as County Extension Director most of those years.

Created a high energy program for pre-4-H-aged youth. Here, work has become the model for the current Minnesota 4-H Cloverbud program.

Prioritized a strong yet practical community service component into all of her work.

Allen

Operated a diverse livestock operation, including farrow to finish hog, beef cow-calf and poultry components while maintaining a professional career in ag finance.

A founding member of the Steele County 4-H Purple Ribbon Committee, supporting Steele County Livestock youth at the State level.

Key Leader and Livestock Leader offering creative and educational 4-H livestock opportunities.

Jane and Allen Nelson

Dr. Les Hansen

Engel accepts position of City Clerk/Treasurer

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

Following the short public hearing and many comments regarding the properties owned by Daniel Petsinger, the regular meeting of the Ellendale City Council got underway Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Steve Engel has accepted the position of head City Clerk/Treasurer beginning August. 26, 2024. By all accounts, it appears Kim Zimprich will remain on as assistant clerk/treasurer. The two have swapped positions. The council will approve her position change at a future meeting.

The fire department is waiting for HVAC drawings on the fire hall project. Repairs for the side-by-side were approved.

A grant from Steele-Waseca-Cooperative-Electric was received for $2,000 for the fire department. They instructed the city to use it for something to better the department.

Two new firefighters were approved to have background checks run.

The annual auction and pork supper fundraiser for the department is set for Aug. 23, with dinner at 5 p.m. and the auction at 6:30 p.m.

In the maintenance report, Josh Otto reported on a partial collapsed line on 6th street. The broken pipe, in the alley south of the Ellendale Cafe, was caused by Empire Pipe. They offered to pay for half of the repairs, which are scheduled for spring of 2025. Otto assured everything is still flowing fine for now.

Water main valves were leaking on two properties, one on Simplicity and another between 4th and 5th avenue. Olson excavating is helping with the repairs. The city approved purchase of a new six-inch valve for $2,823.

In the parks and trail committee, a potential bike trail project, more than 10 years away, connecting New Richland to Ellendale, Beaver Lake and Blooming Prairie, was discussed. A meeting to discuss wish list items was talked about.

Regarding the Ellendale mural project, the committee requested the city put removal of the big tree on next month's agenda. They need the tree removed in order to move forward with their landscaping plans. They also announced lights will be going atop the mural to make it visible at night.

ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL

The Steele Heights apartment project is rumored to be receiving grant funds in September, more than two months delayed.

Numerous updates regarding codification rules at various properties were provided and one fine approved at 217 8th Ave. East for an inoperable motor vehicle.

A certificate of compliance was issued for the property of 802 Rose Drive, located on Crown Ridge, for a potential new home expected in September or October of this year.

A budget workshop was scheduled for August 15 at 7 p.m.

Fall cleanup is set for September 7 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Accounting software updates from Banyon were approved at a cost of $2,530.

Nite to unite was a success, reported Mayor Matthew Bartsch. More than 110 cups of Rootbeer floats were served.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Cabin is like therapy for the soul

Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

I still have not been able to do much fishing this year, but hopefully that will change in the next week or so. I am hoping to get up to the cabin in the very near future. My boat must be missing me by now, so I will attempt to rectify that on my next visit.

Whenever I go to the cabin, it is like therapy for the soul. There are so many things that I can still do, only a lot slower. At the cabin I challenge myself to do some of the things that need doing. The one thing about having a cabin is that there is always something that needs to be done.

I am hopeful that a couple of Navy friends and I will be able to get together again this year. We missed last year because we could not get together on a date that worked for us. We have been getting together for a few years for some laughs and sharing of memories. We have been friends for over 56 years and, although we did not connect for a few years, it seemed like only yesterday when we did get together again.

I love to take a drive in the country just to look for wildlife and enjoy the scenery. You would be amazed at the amount of wildlife you can spot in an afternoon drive. There is one area where I can usually spot deer. Turkeys are abundant in Freeborn County, so it is not unusual to see them. Sandhill cranes have become more abundant in the last few years. It is not unusual to spot an eagle feasting on a roadkill along a highway or soaring overhead. Turkey vultures are abundant and, when I would go for a walk, there were times that they seemed to be circling overhead, which gave me the feeling that they were following me and just maybe they knew something that I didn't.

Until next time: All wildlife topics welcome in discussions with local DNR wildlife staff: Wildlife managers with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, whose work improves wildlife habitat and public land access, are inviting the public to talk about wildlife in local Minnesota DNR offices across the state from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. While the office hours on Aug. 15 are specifically to invite conversation about wildlife, Minnesota DNR staff are always available and happy to talk with members of the public throughout the year.

People might want to know where new properties are to hunt, or how pheasants are faring in their area; bird watchers might want to hear about the wetland and prairie restoration projects taking place nearby; staff can share how partnerships with conservation groups complements work completed by the Minnesota DNR; and there are others who might benefit from simply discussing the basics about how to access public land or about what wildlife lives nearby.

The wildlife conversations began in 2018 with the release of the statewide deer management plan and have continued and broadened to encourage discussions about all wildlife and habitat topics.

When it comes to deer, individuals can talk with Minnesota DNR staff about deer generally, upcoming hunting season changes, topics that the DNR's deer advisory committee should be aware of, and other opportunities to provide thoughts and feedback regarding deer management throughout the year.

To find an area wildlife office location and contact information, visit the Minnesota DNR website.

Finally, for an overview of Minnesota wildlife topics, the DNR has recorded webinars. One covering northern Minnesota wildlife opens in a new browser tab, and one covering southern Minnesota wildlife opens in a new browser tab. They are both available in the Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series webinar archive.

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■ Council

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the cameras capture video of confidential meetings located in nearby buildings. If so, this would violate federal privacy rights, she stated. She asked Petsinger the distance the camera can view, to which Petsinger declined to answer.

Joel Meyer, the neighbor who allegedly destroyed the previous trail camera located on the same property, voiced his concerns with Petsinger.

"The structure can't be there," Meyer said. "Every time you come to the meeting, they carry on and buy themselves another month…"

Meyer referenced numerous trespassing notices he's been issued, along with another one issued to a surveyor hired to locate property lines.

"Let's get this in court and get it over with," Meyer said. "That's where it's going to go."

"I have a right to protect my property," Petsinger said during his time to speak. "I would expect the city to respect my rights to protect my property."

Keith Haskell, a Mankato area resident, stated, "Originally, there were just trail cameras there. Until Joel Meyer tore it down. That's why it is different now. He's (Joel) never contested that in here."

Petsinger also pointed out that per the law, the structure holding his camera does not meet the legal requirements of a "tower."

Charlie Berg, a local resident, summarized his perspective from what he's observed the past four months.

"This is getting ridiculous and needs to come to an end," Berg stated. 'It's limiting what we can do with tax funds. It's a burden. It's going to end up on everyone in town that pays taxes. Something has to happen and I'm not sure what.

"Petsinger has a right to have a camera up to surveil his property," Berg continued. "If it's more than his property, that's a violation of everyone else's privacy in that area. It's hard. The only one who can see what he's watching is him. Nobody else gets to see what he's seeing.

"That's one of the issues. I have no issue with surveilling his property."

Berg questioned the new ordinances that came out in 2021-22 and said the tower may be in violation of that. Petsinger has raised concerns with council member Jon Asplund's tower.

"I've lived in that neighborhood since the spring of 2020 and that tower(owned by Asplund) has been up since I've lived there," Berg continued. "Whatever his(Petsinger's) issue is with (Asplund's) tower should be dropped. That was before the council changed the ordinance."

The council later stated that, because the council member's tower was up before the new ordinance, it was not in violation.

Berg also talked about the case between Petsinger and Metronet. "That's a civil process…" Berg said. "The city is right by not commenting on that civil issue. It's not a city issue."

A public hearing with Petsinger to discuss a fine for the tower will occur August 28 at 6:30 p.m.

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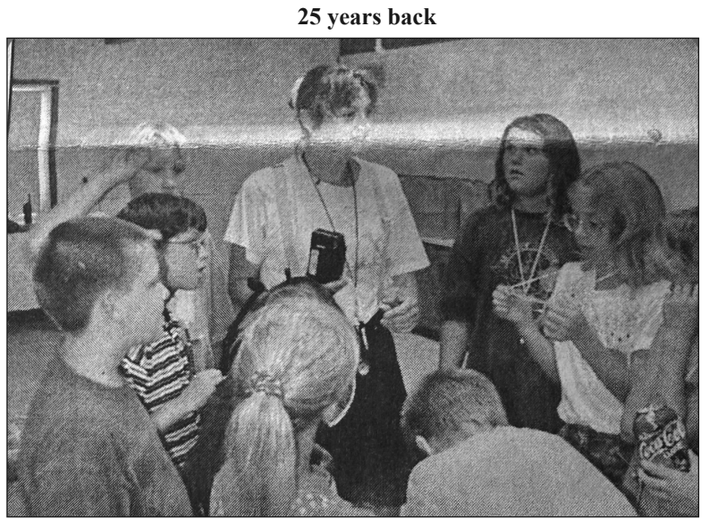
LOOKING BACK

25 years back



● **Deb Hemingway was one of the main organizers of last week's Community Bible School.** The Ellendale/Geneva Community Vacation Bible School was a SIZZLING SUCCESS because of the community of obedient servants that the Holy Spirit called. Many people from the biblical past joined us there and delighted us with their stories of jesus. Omar (Camel Driver) PasterJoel Xavier, Mary and Martha (friends of Jesus) Margie Borys and Carlene Kuglin, Visitor (to the Temple) Dean Reiter, Priscilla (the Jewish housewife) Marge Rossing, and Cleopas (follower of Jesus) John Nechanicky. We were amazed by the talents of the Artisans: Miller (Beth Wallin), Herb/Spice (Marge Rossing), Wood Carving (Winefred Burgdale, and Potter (Ken Borys).

● Carol Christensen moved from the Prairie Manor Nursing Home to the New Richland Care Center on Friday morning of this past week. Carol will be able to renew past friendships with Nan Locke, Wanda Vangen, Eva Langlie and Howard Langlie, who are all residents at the Care Center from the Ellendale/Geneva area. Iris Jensen of Lakeville and Ronald and Joanne Christensen helped Carol move and got things settled into her new home.

● Brent Nelson, a student from Cotter High School and athlete from Winona Senior High School, has been selected to represent Minnesota and the United States in an international ice hockey tournament to be held in the Czech Republic in August. The U.S. team will play a minimum of 10 games and take some time to tour some of the historical attractions. Selections for the team were made by Sports Challenge Internationals scouting research team or by recommendation from one of the international reference lists.

50 years back

● **Don Buss was on hand to watch Greg Bartsch (center) receive an award presented by a representative of the Owatonna Red Cross for applying CPR techniques that possibly saved Buss' life a year ago.**

● It was almost a year ago that Don Buss' life was literally in the hands of Greg Bartsch. On July 10, 1985, Buss collapsed from a heart attack in the front yard of his home at 513 NE Owatonna. Bartsch performed CPR on Buss and kept his heart working until the ambulance arrived.

● For the second straight year, a bit of glory shone in Geneva as their junior boys fastpitch softball team took four consecutive games Sunday to become two-time state champions. The 12-15 year old boys came up with three wins over area foes and a revenge victory over Vernon Center to collect the Minnesota Sports Federation trophy for another year. Brett Richards, Geneva's pitcher, scored the winning run in Sunday's third game. This is the third year Geneva has had a junior boys fastpitch team and the second year in a row they've taken the title.

● Garlyn Bergdale of Phoenix, AZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bergdale of rural Ellendale, is the lead consultant for Dames and Moore. They are the firm of engineering and environmental consultants which has been retained to prepare a third-party Environmental Assessment covering a proposed California-to-Texas fiber optic line as directed by the Bureau of Land Management. U.S. Telecom intends to construct a segment of its nationwide fiber optic communication line from Rialto in Contra Costa County to El Paso, TX.

● The first council of administration meeting of the 1886-87 year will be held for the veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 19 in the Burlington Northern Room at the Sunwood Inn in Bandana Boulevard West, St. Paul. This will be the first official meeting that Ione Carlsen, department president of the ladies auxiliary will be chairing. Eleanor Anne Worke, department publicity chairman auxiliary 3723, member of Owatonna, will give her report. The Veterans of Foreign Wars will also meet with Larry Ziebarth, commander of the department of Minnesota.

● The Geneva Fastpitch younger softball teams participated in the State Softball Tournament in Lake Crystal Saturday and Sunday. Included on the 16 and under team were Brett Richards, Brian Brekke, Mark Misgen, Shaun Hearn, Travis Johnson, Merlin Kath, Mike Kath, Matt Kath, Brent Wiersma, Troy Johnson, Jim Peterson, David West Gregg Nelson and Jim Johnson. Their coach is Bill Johnson. Participating in the 18 and under fastpitch (Da Boys) were Tony Phillips, Jeff Kasper, David Thompson, Rick Tollefson, Ross Johnson, Troy Janka, Tomm Richards, Chad Peterson, Tracy Utpadel, Rob Knudson, David Kilian and David Deml. They are coached by Dan Richards.

● The Bath-Geneva 4-H Club finished their community pride project last week. It has been a project in the making for two years. This past week they did the west end of the building. But even with only half the project done for last year's fair, there were many favorable comments made concerning the little amount of dust and mud, and that it was easily accessible for the handicapped.

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A sincere thank you to Pastor David Modder and the Vibrant Life Church Community, for the comfort, guidance and beautiful service. Thanks also to the Ellendale Fire and Rescue for your help.

We are very grateful. God Bless you all.

The Family of Ryan "Juner" Johnson

City of New Richland seeking bids

The City of New Richland is taking bids for Single Hauler waste and Recycling services. For RFP information and to bid, please contact Anthony Martens, City Administrator at 203 Broadway Ave N. New Richland, MN 56072 or at 507-465-3514. Bids must be received by no later than Friday November 15th, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

City of New Richland looking to fill open council set

The New Richland City Council is accepting letters of interest for an open council seat. This council appointment will last until December 31st, 2024. Letters of interest can be sent to Anthony Martens, City Administrator at 203 Broadway Ave N PO Box 57 New Richland, MN 56072 or at amartens@newrichlandmn.gov. Letters of interest must be received by Friday August 23, at noon

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OBITUARIES

Kay Adams

Our beloved wife, sister, daughter, mother, aunt, Godmother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and friend.

Kay LaVonne Adams passed away in her home Saturday, August 10, 2024. She lived a full and beautiful life in spite of having Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. She was a lover of flowers and member of a Garden Club, a member of a Red Hatters group. She enjoyed spending time with friends and family, was part of The woman's church guild for many years, taught CCD classes, was a Girl Scout Leader, worked with good friends at the Care Center and retired after many years at the New Richland Drug Store.

Kay and her husband Patrick (Pat) loved their trips to Florida to escape the Minnesota cold, visit friends and meet up with golf partners. She was a devoted wife throughout their 50 years of business. She was kind and patient. Through her thoughtfulness, she knew just how to make everyone feel special. Saying the rosary became an everyday event, strengthening her faith in Christ.

She was well loved by her family and got to enjoy a beautiful marriage of 63 years with her partner in crime. She was elated for grandchildren and so blessed to meet great grandchildren in her lifetime. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Kay was preceded in death by her mother Leah Berg, father Harlan Berg, mother-in-law Eva Adams, father-in-law CR (Bon) Adams, grandson Steven Adams-Batt, brother-in-law Jay Adams, sister-in-law Jean Adams, brother-in-law Mark Adams, brother-in-law Chris Adams.

In addition to her husband of 63 years, Patrick (Pat) Adams is left to Cherish Kay's memory along with their children Suzanne (Sue) Adams, Cheryl Peterson, Sheila Adams (Harvey) and Cindy Fussy (Timothy) and grandchildren Kristi Peterson (Jake), Alison Peterson, Jill Peterson, Jade Peterson (Carter), Brynn Fussy, Eli Fussy, Corbin Fussy and Great grandchildren Rylee Jensen and Raylah Peterson.

A memorial mass will be held Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 12 noon at All Saints Catholic Church, New Richland, with family receiving friends from 10 a.m. until mass time.

Burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery, New Richland.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Calvary Cemetery Perpetual Fund. Michaelson Funeral Home, 1930 Austin Road, Owatonna, entrusted with arrangements.

Kay Adams

HERITAGE BITS

Compiled by BRENDA DOKKEN (8/15/24)
Main Street 1907

The view in this picture is looking east on main Street. The first building on the right is believed to be owned by Nels Norby, later replaced in 1915 by the larger brick theater building. This building was the site of many businesses on its ground floor and much entertainment on the upper level, including dances, movies, plays, etc. The streets were quiet and it rained and lots of mud was tracked into homes and stores. You will note utility poles on the south side of this street, but on the north side are two poles with kerosene clamps. We know from news articles that electricity was installed in Ellendale on March 2, 1916. Notice that the street going through town stopped at School Street, turned south past the school and then east again at what is now 8th Ave. Any corrections, please call Barb Mrotz or Brenda Dokken. (8/15/24)

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2024 Steele County Free Fair Schedule of Events

THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2024
SENIOR DAY

8:00 a.m.	Light Horse Show (Horse Arena)
8:30 a.m.	4-H Dairy Show (Cattle Arena)
11:30 a.m.	Recognition of Outstanding Seniors (Wenger Stage)
12:00 p.m.	Alan O'Malley-Laursen (Village of Yesteryear Stage)
12:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
12:00 p.m.	Midway Rides & Ticket Booths Open
12:00 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
12:00 p.m.	Charlie Sticha Band (Wenger Stage)
12:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
1:00 p.m.	U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)
2:00 p.m.	Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)
2:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
2:00 p.m.	Smokey the Bear (Four Seasons – DNR Booth)
2:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)
2:30 p.m.	iPolka Band (Wenger Stage)
3:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
3:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
3:00 p.m.	Dan Stursa Band (Village Stage)
3:00 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
3:00 p.m.	U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)
3:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Hans Hohrman – accordion (Four Seasons Centre)
4:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
4:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)
4:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy Goat Show (Foundation Building)
4:00 p.m.	Smokey the Bear (Four Seasons – DNR Booth)
4:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
4:30 p.m.	Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)
4:30 p.m.	Grandstand Ticket Booth Opens
5:00 p.m.	U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)
5:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
5:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Culver's Midway Moonlight Madness - $30.00 ($27.00 with coupon from Culver's – Owatonna)
5:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
5:00 p.m.	LP and the 45's (Wenger Stage)
5:30 p.m.	Grandstand Doors Open
6:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
6:00 p.m.	Deal or No Deal (Reseland Stage)
6:00 p.m.	Just Kidding – Sweet Adelines (Village Stage)
6:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
6:00 p.m.	4-H Goat Show (Foundation Building)
6:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)
6:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
7:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
7:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
7:30 p.m.	Snake Oil (Grandstand)
8:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
8:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
8:00 p.m.	The Whitesidewalls (Wenger Stage)
8:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom
8:30 p.m.	Smokescreen (Beer Garden, 21+)

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*First Aid & Family Quiet Zone are available in the Community Center on the N end of the grounds.
*Smoking in designated areas only on the Steele County Free Fair grounds.
*For your safety, pets, bikes, scooters, and skateboards are not allowed on the grounds.

SENIOR DAY SPECIALS (ages 62 and over)

8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Seniors Park for FREE – 18th St. lots
11:30 a.m. Recognition of Outstanding Seniors (Wenger Fair Square Stage)
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Senior Spotlight Specials at participating vendors – look for the red & white signs
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Senior Day Ride Special– Carousel & Ferris Wheel rides - one ride coupon each

OTHER EVENTS TODAY

* Be sure to visit the Muckle Museum featuring history of Ye Olde Beer Garden and the NEW Steele Saloon Project.
* Check out the activities and attractions in the Great Outdoors Center.
* Visit Gandy's Old Iron Show located outside the Village of Yesteryear.
* Camel and pony rides next to the Thorni Ridge Exotics Petting Zoo.
* Hot Glass Academy glass blowing demonstration – across from Hobbies.
*Enjoy the new seating and entertainment at the Federated Pavilion on the North end.

Today's Building Hours

FFA Barnyard:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Four Seasons Centre:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Great Outdoors Center:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Muckle Fair Museum:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Information Stations:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Exhibit Buildings:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Village of Yesteryear:	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bingo Tent:	11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Outdoor Vendors:	11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
House Auto Group Auto Museum: featuring Thunderbirds	11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Food Vendors:	11:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Midway:	12:00 noon – 11:00 p.m.
Steele Saloon:	2:00 pm – 10:30 p.m.
VistaMobility:	Open at 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY AUGUST 16, 2024

9:00 a.m.	Open Class Cattle Show (Cattle Show Arena)
11:00 a.m.	RAD Zoo (Wenger Stage)
11:45 a.m.	Midway Ticket Booths Open
12:00 p.m.	Midway Rides Open
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Midway Family Fun Day Ride Special $25.00
12:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Paul Bunyan (Great Outdoors Center)
12:00 p.m.	Dan Stursa Band (Wenger Stage)
12:00 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
12:00 p.m.	Curt Koplen (Village of Yesteryear Stage)
12:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
12:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
1:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)
1:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
2:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
2:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
2:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
2:00 p.m.	Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)
2:00 p.m.	Smokey the Bear's 80th Birthday Celebration! Free cake until gone! (Four Seasons – DNR Booth)
2:45 p.m.	Mark Cameron (Wenger Stage)
3:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
3:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)
3:00 p.m.	Connie Wolfe (Village Stage)
3:00 p.m.	Swerve (Beer Garden Stage)
3:00 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
3:30 p.m.	4-H Ag Olympics (Swine Show Arena)
3:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Hans Hohrman – accordion (Four Seasons Centre)
4:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
4:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
4:00 p.m.	Kid's Pedal Pull (Leisure Lane)
4:00 p.m.	Smokey the Bear (Four Seasons – DNR Booth)
4:30 p.m.	Youth General Livestock Judging Contest (Foundation Building)
4:30 p.m.	Grandstand Ticket Booth Opens
5:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
5:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)
5:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
5:00 p.m.	Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)
5:30 p.m.	Grandstand Doors Open
5:30 p.m.	Youth Dairy Judging Contest (Cattle Show Arena)
5:30 p.m.	Just Friends (Wenger Stage)
6:00 p.m.	Deal or No Deal (Reseland Stage)
6:00 p.m.	Steve Bamhart (Village Stage)
6:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
6:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
6:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
7:00 p.m.	Chris Janson w/special guest Mason Dixon Line (Grandstand)
7:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)
7:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
8:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
8:00 p.m.	Chad Johnson and the MN Transplants (Wenger Stage)
8:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
8:30 p.m.	Good For Gary (Beer Garden, 21+)

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OTHER EVENTS TODAY

* See the projects of Steele County 4-Hers in the 4-H Building.
* Check out the activities and attractions in the Great Outdoors Center.
* Gandy's Old Iron Show located outside the Village of Yesteryear.
* Camel and pony rides next to the Thorni Ridge Exotics Petting Zoo.
* Safety Zone display North End on Elm Street.
* Enjoy the Open Class Exhibits underneath the grandstand.
* Hot Glass Academy glass blowing demonstration – across from Hobbies.
*Celebrate Smokey the Bear's 80th Birthday at 2:00 PM in the Four Seasons – DNR Booth. Free birthday cake will be served until gone!

CHRIS JANSON

Tonight on the Daikin Grandstand Stage at 7:00 PM with special guest Mason Dixon Line

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Four Seasons Centre:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Great Outdoors Center:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Muckle Fair Museum:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Information Stations:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Exhibit Buildings:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Village of Yesteryear:	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bingo Tent:	11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
House Auto Group Auto Museum: featuring Thunderbirds	11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Outdoor Vendors:	11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Food Vendors:	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Midway:	12:00 noon – 11:30 p.m.
Steele Saloon:	11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
VistaMobility	Open at 10:30 a.m.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024

8:30 a.m.	4-H Market Sale "Buyers' Breakfast & Orientation" (Show Arena)
9:00 a.m.	4-H Market Livestock Sale (Show Arena)
9:00 a.m.	Open Class Horse Show - Draft Halter (Horse Arena)
11:00 a.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
11:00 a.m.	Corn Hole Tournament (Steele Saloon)
11:30 a.m.	Curt Copeland (Wenger Stage)
11:45 a.m.	Midway Ticket Office Opens; Rides Open at Noon
12:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)
12:00 p.m.	Tim Penny (Village Stage)
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Midway Ride Special & Bike Give Away $30.00 Drawing for 8 bikes at 5:15 p.m.
12:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.	Paul Bunyan – (Great Outdoors Center)
12:00 p.m.	All-Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
12:30 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
12:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
1:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
1:00 p.m.	National Eagle Center (Great Outdoors Center)
1:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
1:00 p.m.	4-H Premier Showmanship
1:15 p.m.	Jeremy Poland & Lantz Dale (Wenger Stage)
2:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
2:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)
2:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
2:00 p.m.	Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)
3:00 p.m.	Led Penny (Beer Garden Stage)
3:00 p.m.	Joel Kopp (Village Stage)
3:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
3:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
3:00 p.m.	National Eagle Center (Great Outdoors Center)
3:00 p.m.	JoJo Green (Wenger Stage)
3:30 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
3:30 p.m.	Grandstand Ticket Booth Open
3:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Hans Hohrman – accordion (Four Seasons Centre)
4:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
4:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)
4:00 p.m.	Grandstand Doors Open
5:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
5:00 p.m.	Open Class Horse Show - Draft Performance (Horse Arena)
5:00 p.m.	Open Class Meat Goat Show (Foundation Building)
5:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
5:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
5:00 p.m.	Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)
5:00 p.m.	National Eagle Center (Great Outdoors Center)
5:00 p.m.	Charity Auction (Wenger Stage)
5:30 p.m.	Harrison Street Band (Wenger Stage)
5:30 p.m.	MN District II Open Class Holstein Showmanship (Cattle Show Arena)
6:00 p.m.	Dunnell Lenort (Village Stage)
6:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)
6:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)
6:00 p.m.	Deal or No Deal (Reseland Stage)
6:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
6:30 p.m.	MN District II Holstein Show (Cattle Show Arena)
7:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
7:30 p.m.	CBRA Bulls N Barrels w/Mutton Bustin' (Grandstand)
8:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)
8:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
8:00 p.m.	Little Chicago (Wenger Stage)
8:30 p.m.	Rough House Rox (Beer Garden, 21+)

OTHER EVENTS TODAY

* Steele Saloon Bloody Mary Bar (21+) 9 AM – 1 PM
* Check out the activities and attractions in the Great Outdoors Center.
* Gandy's Old Iron Show located outside the Village of Yesteryear.
* Camel and pony rides next to the Thorni Ridge Exotic Petting Zoo.
* Safety Zone display North End on Elm Street.
* Visit the 4-H Building to enjoy the Ag. Learning Lab.
* Hot Glass Academy glass blowing demonstration – across from Hobbies.

Today's Building Hours:

FFA Barnyard:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Four Seasons Centre:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Great Outdoors Center:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Muckle Fair Museum:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Information Stations:	11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Exhibit Buildings:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Village of Yesteryear:	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bingo Tent:	11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Outdoor Vendors:	11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
House Auto Group Auto Museum: featuring Thunderbirds	11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Food Vendors:	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Midway:	12:00 noon – 11:30 p.m.
Steele Saloon:	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
VistaMobility:	Open at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2024

9:30 a.m.	Traditional Church Service (Village Stage)
10:00 a.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)
11:00 a.m.	Community Church Service (Wenger Stage)
11:00 a.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
11:00 a.m.	Steele Saloon – Blood Mary Bar
11:30 a.m.	Grandstand Ticket Booth Opens
11:45 a.m.	Midway Ticket Office Opens
12:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)
12:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dogs Show (North End)
12:00 p.m.	Midway Rides Open
12:00 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
12:00 p.m.	Grandstand Doors Open
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Paul Bunyan (Great Outdoors Center)
12:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Hy-Vee Family Day Ride Special – Midway - $30
12:15 p.m.	Tai Kwon Do Demo (Wenger Stage)
12:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
12:30 p.m.	Dave Sanders Band (Village of Yesteryear Stage)
1:00 p.m.	U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)
1:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
1:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
1:00 p.m.	Dan Stursa Band (Beer Garden Stage)
1:15 p.m.	Eclipse (Wenger Stage)
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Hans Hohrman – accordion (Four Seasons Centre)
1:30 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (Reseland Stage)
2:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
2:00 p.m.	Demo Derby (Grandstand)
2:00 p.m.	4-H Parade of Champions (Cattle Show Arena)
2:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)
2:00 p.m.	Smokey the Bear (Four Seasons Centre – DNR booth)
3:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
3:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dogs Show (North End)
3:00 p.m.	Paul Profit (Village Stage)
3:00 p.m.	U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)
3:00 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
3:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
4:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
4:00 p.m.	Generation Gap (Wenger Stage)
4:00 p.m.	SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane
4:30 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (Reseland Stage)
5:00 p.m.	Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)
5:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
5:00 p.m.	U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)
6:00 p.m.	Moogician (Reseland Stage)
6:00 p.m.	All - Star Stunt Dogs Show (North End)
6:30 p.m.	United Way Presentation (Wenger Stage)
6:30 p.m.	Bryce Leppert (Beer Garden, 21+)
6:30 p.m.	Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)
7:00 p.m.	Dangerous Feats of Comedy (Reseland Stage)
7:00 p.m.	High Flying Pages (North End)
7:00 p.m.	O.H.S. Football/Cheerleader Rally (Wenger Stage)
8:00 p.m.	Jurassic Kingdom (North End)
8:00 p.m.	Deadline to join Steele County Ag. Society for 2024 – 2025; $5.00 per person 18 & older (Fair Bank – Muckle Bldg.)

OTHER EVENTS TODAY

* Kenny Ahern performing at the Federated Pavilion.
* Check out the activities and attractions in the Great Outdoors Center.
* Gandy's Old Iron Show located outside the Village of Yesteryear.
* Camel and pony rides next to the Thorni Ridge Exotics Petting Zoo.
* Safety Zone display North End on Elm Street.
* Visit the Ag. Learning Lab in the 4-H building.
* Hot Glass Academy glass blowing demonstration – across from Hobbies.

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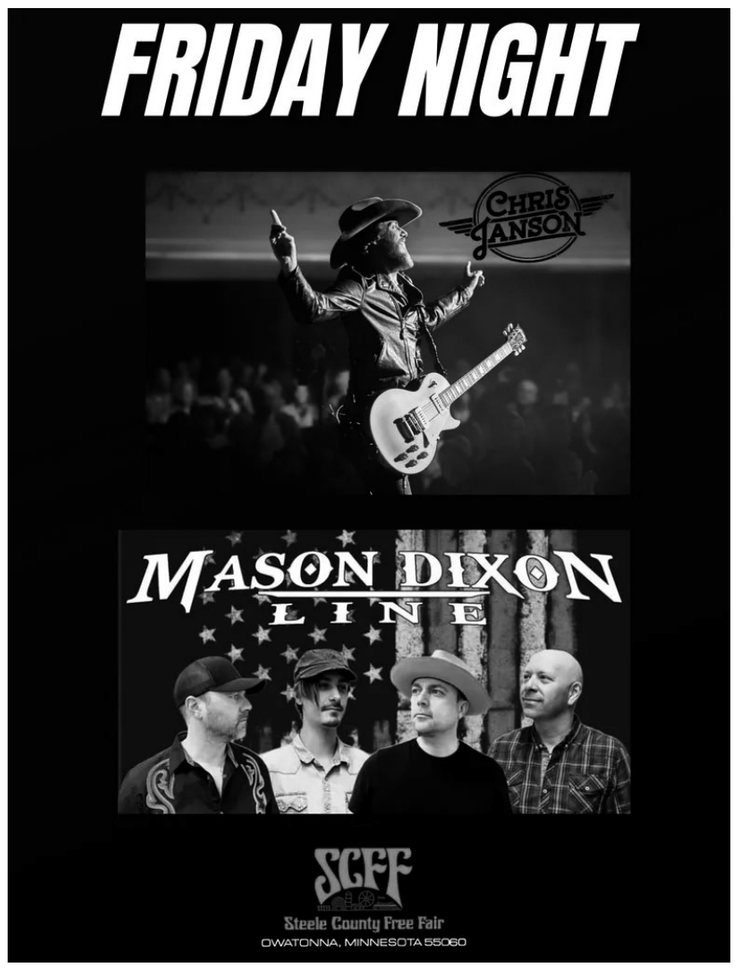
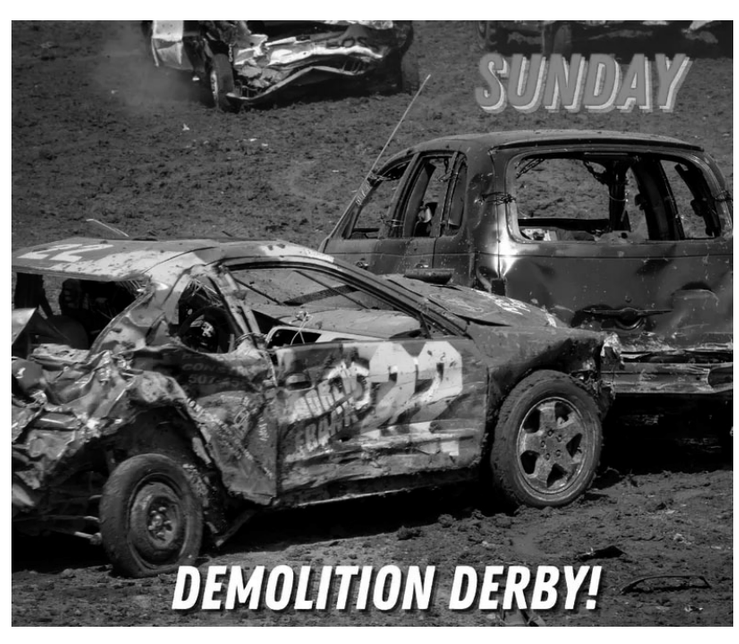
Information Stations:	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Exhibit Buildings:	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bingo Tent:	11:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Food Vendors:	11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Outdoor Vendors:	11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Village of Yesteryear:	12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.
House Auto Group Auto Museum: featuring Thunderbirds	12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
Midway:	12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.
Steele Saloon:	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
VistaMobility:	Open at 10:30 a.m.





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2023 CITY OF GENEVA BUDGET
Expense

Mayor And Council	18,250
Clerk/Treasurer	26,500
Deputy Treasurer	26,500
Maintenance Salary	51,500
Maintenance Vehicle & Phone	3,750
Josh Otto - Sewer/Water License	6,000
Janitor Salary	10,000
Pool Wages	4,000
Pool Expenses	1,000
Ellendale Ambulance – Annual Contract	4,500
Street Repairs	31,500
PERA	8,500
Payroll Taxes	11,000
Real Estate Taxes	1,500
Office Supplies	1,250
Maintenance Supplies	3,000
Freight & Postage	750
Fuel	3,000
Property & Casualty Insurance	13,500
Work Comp Insurance	8,500
Snow Removal	2,350
Freeborn Mower	17,000
MN Energy	7,500
Telephone/Internet	3,200
Garbage Hauling	30,000
Dues (League of Cities/CenterPoint, etc.)	2,750
Professional Fees (Audit)	8,250
Attorney Fee	7,500
Water Tower Maintenace Contract	35,000
Engineer Fees - (All Funds)	50,000
Repairs & Maintenance (All Funds)	50,000
Equipment Rental	2,500
Donations	1,000
Water (Samples/Testing/Connection & Use Fee)	10,000
Water Permit Fee - Maintenance	350
Sales Tax (Hall Rent)	250
Mobile Radio	1,500
Equipment Purchase - Fire	5,000
Total Expenses	468,650

2023 CITY OF GENEVA BUDGET
Income

Utilities (Water/Sewer/Garbage)	135,000
Pool Revenue	2,000
Interest Revenue	1,500
Hall Rent	3,500
Land Rent	500
Midco – Franchise Fee	3,000
Radio Link – Franchise Fee	1,200
Maple Island Pull Tab Youth	750
Sewer Dump Revenue	10,000
Water & Sewer Hookups	500
State of MN	125,000
Freeborn County LGA	165,000
Liquor Licenses	500
Building Permits	750
Township Fire Contract	21,000
Berkley Risk – Claim Refunds	4,000
	474,200

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CITY OF GENEVA, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGE IN CASH FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
RECEIPTS				
Taxes:				
General Property Tax				
Current, Delinquent, Penalties, and Interest	$ 135,300	$ 135,300	$ 135,123	$ (177)
Licenses and Permits:				
Building Permits	750	750	235	(515)
Liquor Licenses	500	500	400	(100)
Total Licenses and Permits	1,250	1,250	635	(615)
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
Local Government Aid	125,000	125,000	64,197	(60,803)
Charges for Services:				
Cable TV Franchise Fee	4,200	4,200	4,237	37
Miscellaneous Receipts:				
Hall and Land Rent	4,000	4,000	3,150	(850)
Investment Earnings	1,500	1,500	6,126	4,626
Refunds and Reimbursements	4,000	4,000	5,575	1,575
Pool Revenue	2,000	2,000	-	(2,000)
Other Receipts	750	750	140	(610)
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	12,250	12,250	14,991	2,741
Total Receipts	278,000	278,000	219,183	(58,817)

CITY OF GENEVA, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGE IN CASH FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government:				
Mayor and Council:				
Wages and Salaries	$ 18,250	$ 18,250	$ 18,125	$ (125)
Finance - Municipal Clerk/Treasurer:				
Wages and Salaries	53,000	53,000	54,625	1,625
Legal and Accounting:				
Current Disbursements	15,750	15,750	10,885	(4,865)
Other General Government:				
Salary and Wages	30,300	30,300	39,537	9,237
Telephone and Internet	3,200	3,200	2,892	(308)
Insurance	22,000	22,000	25,787	3,787
Repairs and Maintenance	15,000	15,000	24,565	9,565
Vehicle Expenses	6,750	6,750	5,199	(1,551)
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	872	(628)
FICA	11,000	11,000	10,738	(262)
PERA	8,500	8,500	8,410	(90)
Other Disbursements	16,500	16,500	20,052	3,552
Total General Government	201,750	201,750	221,687	19,937
Public Safety:				
Street Lights	17,000	17,000	15,781	(1,219)
First Responders	4,500	4,500	4,554	54
Other Disbursements	-	-	300	300
Total Public Safety	21,500	21,500	20,635	(865)

CITY OF GENEVA, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGE IN CASH FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
DISBURSEMENTS (CONTINUED)				
Streets and Highways:				
Streets and Highways:				
Street Repairs and Maintenance	$ 56,500	$ 56,500	$ 68,173	$ 11,673
Capital Outlay	-	-	58,913	58,913
Snow Removal:				
Current Disbursements	2,350	2,350	2,550	200
Total Streets and Highways	58,850	58,850	129,636	70,786
Culture and Recreation:				
Summer Recreation	2,500	2,500	1,040	(1,460)
Pool Expenditures	5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
Total Culture and Recreation	7,500	7,500	1,040	(6,460)
Total Disbursements	289,600	289,600	372,998	83,398
NET CHANGE IN CASH FUND BALANCE	$ (11,600)	$ (11,600)	(153,815)	$ (142,215)
Cash Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			601,980	
CASH FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR			$ 448,165	

NOTICE OF ALLEYWAYS AND ROAD VACATION HEARING

BYRON TOWNSHIP

WASECA COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the town board of Byron Township, Waseca County, Minnesota will conduct a public hearing on the _____day of _____, 2024 at _____ p.m. at the Byron Town Hall located at _____ for the purpose of considering and acting upon a petition it received calling for the vacation of the following described alleyways and roads:

Division Street, Oak Street, alley of Lots 13-18, Block 5, and Lots 13-18, Block 6, Lots 12-22, Block 12, and West of Lots 1-11, Block 12, Lots 1-12, Block 6 and Lots 1-12, Block 5, 4th Street from Division Street to the West Edge of County State Highway 11 (Main Street); 4th Street from the East edge of Walnut street to West edge of Oak Street; Third Street from Division Street to the West edge of County State Highway 11 and from the East edege of Third Street to the now abandon Duluth, St. Cloud, Glencoe and Mankato Railway; Second Street from Division Street to C.S.A.H 11 (Main Street) and from the East edge of C.S.A.H 11 to the West edge of Walnut Street

All persons interested in this matter are encouraged to attend the hearing.

The tracts of land through which said alleyways and roads pass and the owners and occupants thereof, as nearly as we can determine are as follows:

Owners	Description of Land
Brandon and Paulina Guse	Lots 1 to 22 inclusive, in Block 12, Lots 1 to 15 inclusive, in Block 9, Lots 1 to 22 inclusive, in Block 10, Lots 1 to 22 inclusive, in Block 11, all in the Village of Matawan, being in the W ½ of NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 105 North, Range 23 West, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Waseca and State of Minnesota
Nicholas S. Pitan	Lots 5 to 15 inclusive, in Block 5, and Lots 1 to 18 inclusive in Block 6, all in the Village of Matawan, being in the W ½ of NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 105 North, Range 23 West, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Waseca and State of Minnesota
Clinton M. Gouge	Lot 6, Block 13, in the Village of Matawan, being in the W ½ of NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 105 North, Range 23 West, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Waseca and State of Minnesota
John Linnihan III	Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, in the Village of Matawan, being in the W ½ of NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 105 North, Range 23 West, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Waseca and State of Minnesota
Gerard Wilmes	Lots 1 to 17 inclusive, Block 2, in the Village of Matawan, being in the W ½ of NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 105 North, Range 23 West, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for County of Waseca and State of Minnesota
Tyler Mcdermott Bauman	Lots 3 to 6 inclusive, Block 3, in the Village of Matawan, being in the W ½ of NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 105 North, Range 23 West, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for County of Waseca and State of Minnesota
James O. and Jennifer L. Bye	Lots 5 to 15 inclusive, Block 4, in the Village of Matawan, being in the W ½ NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 105 North, Range 23 West, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for County of Waseca and State of Minnesota
Brenda Graff	Lots 1 and 2, Block 13, in the Village of Matawan, being in the W ½ of NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 105 North, Range 23 West, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Waseca and State of Minnesota

Dated: 8-8-2024

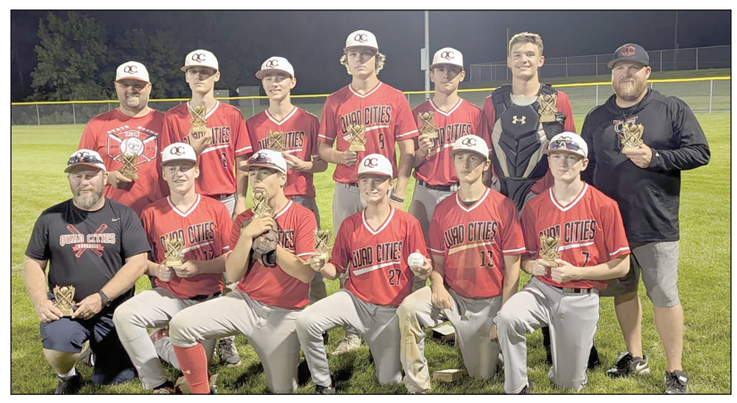
Loren Schoenrock

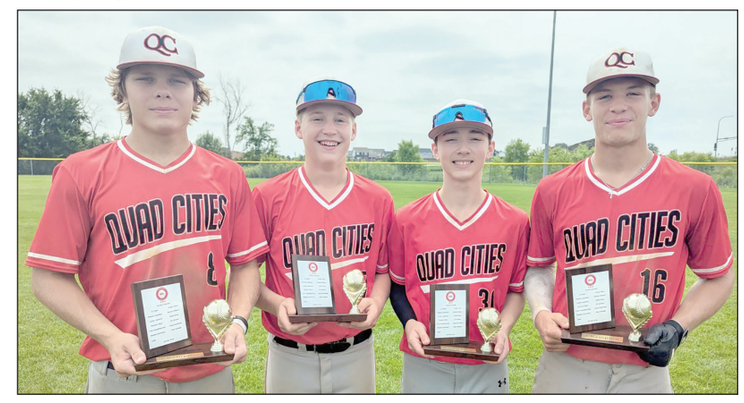
Township Clerk

Annual Picnic

The annual resident, family and staff picnic was held at the New Richland Care Center Friday, August 2, 2024. Todd Utpdal provided music as residents enjoyed games and social time.

Above is the all-star team including kids from Rochester, Byron, and Blooming Prairie. Bottom left is the 15U QUAD City's team. Front row: Coach Walt Deen, Brooks Gilliland, Shane Service, Braylon Carlson, Khaiden Madson, Fynn Baumann Back row: Coach Dusty Olson, Cameron Christopher, Dom Olson, AJ Deen, Chase Johannsen, Ryan Schlaak, Coach Aaron Gilliland. Bottom right are AJ Deen, Brooks Gilliland, Dom Olson, and Ryan Schlaak with their plaques from the all-star series.





15U baseball finishes with honors

By MARK DOMEIER
Staff writer

The Quad Cities Baseball Association (QCBA) entered their 15U team in a different league this year, the MBL. This gave the boys a chance to play some different teams and see a different level of talent.

At the end of the regular season, all the teams were sifted into five tiers, based on records. Playoffs would then be out of the tiers. QCBA was in the third tier and started with a forfeit win in what would have been a home game against Rochester.

They then traveled to Bloomington on July 17 and beat their opponents 17-6. AJ Deen had four hits and five RBI to pace QCBA. The score was 6-5 in favor of Bloomington after the third inning before QCBA scored five runs in the fourth. They tacked on seven more runs in the fifth for the final tally.

That set up a showdown with Minneapolis for the championship on July 25. The small-town boys took care of business against the big city team, winning 5-1. Shane Service drove in the first run in the second inning. Cameron Christopher also drove in a run, and Ryan Schlaak had two hits for the champs. Dom Olson and Brooks Gilliland spun the win from the mound.

As if that wasn't enough, four members of the 15U team were named to the all-star series of games for the league. AJ Deen, Brooks Gilliland, Dom Olson, and Ryan Schlaak participated with a team that included kids from Rochester, Byron, and Blooming Prairie. That team walked through the opposition, going 4-0, including a 23-6 win in the final game for the all-start championship.

That brought the summer baseball season for all QCBA teams to a close. 91 young men played baseball through QCBA this year. There was a lot of success along with tons of effort and improvement seen through the different levels, providing a solid foundation for the future of NRHEG Panther baseball.

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