

Doc removed a piece of rib and inserted a tube to drain the infected lungs. To keep the tube from slipping inside, a large safety pin was attached to the exposed end. Despite the treatments given, Harold's fever wouldn't go down and he hovered between life and death for four weeks. During this time, patients were being treated in the adjoining room and Doc studied his textbooks to see if there was something else he could do for his young patient. Harold's mother stayed with him and worked at Johannes next door restaurant to earn meals for herself and her son. Finally, Doc told his father there was only one thing left to try. He mixed up a solution, put it into a hot water bottle and, turning the patient over, removed the tube and poured in the solution. Holding his hand over the hole, Harold



FenceLines

by Mark Bernard

Harvest moon to arrive Sept. 17

Scant September precipitation and October-like temps from the scurs and the Weather Eye last week. Is this an omen for the rest of September or are changes on the horizon? Starting on Thursday, mostly sunny with highs in the mid-80's and lows in the low 60's. Mostly sunny on Friday with highs in the low 80's and lows in the low 60's. Partly sunny on Saturday with highs in the upper 70's and lows in the upper 50's. Sunday, mostly sunny with a fair chance of rain. Highs in the upper 70's with lows in the upper 50's. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the low 80's and lows in the low 60's. Tuesday, partly sunny with highs in the upper 70's and lows in the low 60's. Mostly sunny on Wednesday with possible showers and thunderstorms developing. Highs in the upper 70's with lows in the low 60's. We'll slip under 12 hours and 30 minutes of daylight on September 15th. The Full Moon is on September 17th. The normal high for September 17th is 73 and the normal low is 50. The scurs haven't forgotten how to adjust the AC just yet.

Full Moon falls on September 17th and this one not surprisingly is the Full Harvest Moon, the Full Moon closest to the autumnal equinox. About one-third of the time, the Harvest Moon arrives in October. It was under this moon before the days of electricity and lights on harvesting equipment, whether it be horse-drawn or by internal combustion that farmers could work far into the evening hours to gather the crops for the long winter ahead. It is also known as the Full Rice Moon for the tribes of the northern areas harvesting wild rice. The Ojibwe were one of those tribes. The Sioux were fond of their fruit and called it the Moon when Plums are Scarlet. At the ranch, it is the Full Apple or Pear Moon depending on what day it is. Sometimes it's the Sliced Cucumber or BLT Moon.

The cooler weather slowed crop development somewhat, although not to worry. In true September fashion, the warmer weather forecast should help put things back in proper perspective. At least we didn't see any frost as they did in points north towards the Canadian border. The milk line on the early planted corn was on the move as much of it was about halfway down. That would mean physiological maturity about the third week in September. Much of the crop though will still be looking forward to the end of the month to achieve that. Soybeans are operating similarly. The few fields that were planted in the April 13th - 15th time frame are moving through R7 growth stage, where one normal pod on the main stem has reached its mature color. Other fields are following along with many of the soybean plants starting to turn.

At the ranch we're starting to gather some apples or at least do some taste testing to see which varieties are ripe. Our trees suffered some damage from the weight of the apples breaking the limbs in places. Hopefully the trees can be salvaged and live to fight another day. There is a lot of scab this year on the apples as well. Even though they're not pretty to look at, those that are scabby should be edible. One could see that coming, especially on the crabapple trees early on. After all the rain, there was a lot of spotting on the leaves and premature leaf drop. Sanitation is the solution. It's one of the reasons

that some orchards keep goats or sheep in order to keep those leaves from accumulating and providing inoculum for scab infection the following year. Running them through a rumen should take care of that problem, not to mention keeping the ground fall apples picked up.

Speaking of the sheep, we hauled a large group of lambs to market recently, most likely just in time for some of the lowest prices of the season. Time to get rid of them, however, as keeping them much longer could result in ewe lambs getting bred. We have too many brood ewes to begin with, let alone needing to breed ewe lambs that would likely be later and more frequently have issues at lambing time. There are some indications that we may see lambs on the earlier side this time around. There were some cooler temps in July and August that could translate into December and January lambs, the same as it did back in 2021. Those early lambs can help fill age brackets for the show circuit classes. And even if they don't, they frequently are ready for the market or locker plant when necessary.

Looks like we bid adieu to the last oriole of the season at the ranch on September 8th. Jelly consumption had increased for a while as relatively large numbers of orioles came and apparently went. As rapidly as the consumption increased, it suddenly came to a halt with only the house sparrows and red-bellied woodpecker frequenting the feeder. The hummingbirds are still very active, however. Mrs. Cheviot's planters are getting a workout, and keeping the nectar feeders filled and cleaned is added to the task list. Had to laugh the other day when a couple hummingbirds found a male cardinal sitting in a tree. They must've been drawn to his bright red color as they kept pestering him, thinking it was a flower of some kind. He took exception each time they got close. They finally gave up and decided he wasn't something good to eat.

Hadn't had the chance to get the Studebaker out as frequently as I would've liked in August, but did manage to take it to Whispering Oaks in Ellendale for one evening outing. Also drove it to Faribault for our anniversary lunch at The Depot. Drop it down into third gear overdrive traveling a new stretch of road with the radial tires on it and it's as smooth as glass. There are more opportunities on the horizon, so when Mother Nature cooperates we'll take advantage of them as they arise. There have been a few too many weddings and other social events getting in the way, but once we put them to rest, we can focus on making more trips back in time.

Poppy continues to find new places to dawdle and hide around the yard when she's called. There are enough trees she gets behind when checking out her squirrels that, given her diminutive size, it's easy to lose sight of her. In addition to the string bean patch, the apple trees have presented her with what are likely a bunch of new smells. I'm sure there are several woodland creatures frequenting them, so that's probably a large part of it. She may be eating some of the Honeycrisp apples too. Between that and the string beans, she has little need for stool softener.

See you next week...real good then.

Hold your cards. We may have a bingo

"B! I! N! G! O! And Bingo was his name-o!" That little ditty from our elementary school days will probably stick with us forever, whether we want it to or not.

If you have never played Bingo in your life, I don't even know what to say to you. It's such an ingrained game for so many people. I grew up with it being played one Sunday night every month in our church basement. St. Mary's in New Ulm is a pretty big parish, and the turnout was always tremendous. My dad called numbers, and I tagged along to retrieve Bingo cards when someone thought they had attained whatever the goal was for that game.

We introduced our kids to Bingo at the Litomysl church festival many years ago. I don't recall if they won or not, but they enjoyed it. Just walk by the Bingo tent at the Steele County Free Fair at any given time, and it's usually full of competitors.

Many years ago, when the Legion was still open in New Richland, a group of us went up on a weeknight to play Bingo. When one member of our group happened to win, the glares of death that descended on us from all the "regulars" were intense. How dare these young whippersnappers come in here and dare to win a game!

My grandma used to head over on a bus to Jackpot Junction Casino just to play bingo. One summer she hit



Whatever Flips Your Waffle

by Mark Domeier
Contributing Writer

two different jackpots, winning \$500 one time and \$1,000 another. I can only imagine the groans when she called out, "Bingo!" each time.

According to the National Bingo Game Association, Bingo originated in Italy. It has its origins in a lotto game from the 1500s, though cards and calling out numbers came about in the 1700s. Hugh J. Ward brought it to America in the 1920s, using it in carnivals in Pennsylvania and copy-righting it.

Edwin Lowe, who worked with toys, saw a version being played called Beano. People used dried beans as part of the game action. Using his toy connection, he mass-produced cards for sale. It's said that it went from Beano to Bingo when a woman who won was so excited that she said the name we know it by instead of Beano when she won.

There are a lot of different ways to play Bingo. The usual way is to get five in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. The middle space is a free space, so it's a little easier to

work through there. You can also play four corners; a postage stamp is all four squares in a particular corner. I also learned in my research that some play to win with a small plus sign or a small letter x.

There is always a blackout game, too. You must fill every square on your board to win, and that's often for a big jackpot. In England, they play with a 90-square board instead of the 75 we Americans use. That would be a long blackout game!

When I used to help Dad with Bingo night, I was always amazed at the folks who would get there as soon as the doors opened to find "their" cards. They had to have certain numbers in certain columns or they didn't want the card. Hey, it's no different than always dribbling the basketball two times before shooting a free throw!

Why do I care so much about Bingo right now? Well, I happen to be calling games for the All Saints Church Fall Festival on September 22 in New Richland! We have mass

at 8:00, and then I need to eat my share of Dad's Belgian Waffles before setting up our Bingo stand outside.

You're invited to join me and my lovely assistant, Michelle, for a fun morning of Bingo games! I'm sure I'll have my share of corny Bingo humor. ("I21. I better be 21 if I'm going to have a beer over at the drink stand. I21.") Plus, who doesn't enjoy a good festival at a church?

I grew up with a big festival in September in New Ulm, so it's fun to be part of that again. When St. Aidan's was open in Ellendale, we had our famous ham dinner in October, though the meal was about all we had, in addition to a raffle. At All Saints, we've moved to the Dad's Belgian Waffles since we once again have a Sunday morning mass instead of Saturday evening.

And last year, we also had chicken poop squares! Hopefully, we'll have that again. After all, it's just another form of Bingo! Come join us on September 22 in New Richland. I'll save a Bingo card for you.

Word of the Week: This week's word is logodaedalus, which means one skilled with words, as in, "The logodaedalus impressed the crowd as he called Bingo games with his non-stop use of funny language related to the game, while his wife rolled her eyes." Impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

Baseball memories shared during football game

I ran into Jack Schultz near the end of Thursday night's NRHEG home opening football game for the Panthers. He and I had been in a number of high school classes together. In my head, he had stayed a high-schooler-until I was confronted last week by the obvious fact he had become an adult.

Such was my level of surprise, I stated numerous times during our conversation, "You're an adult now." Seeing Jack from that perspective forced me to recognize I am also an adult. Such is life.

As I was walking into a recent volleyball match, some high-schoolers were getting out of their car at the same time.

"Good evening sir, how are you doing?" they asked.

My first reaction was to be impressed with the young fellows' excellent manners. My next thought was to think, "I'm a 'sir' now."

I will be turning 27 in November. Back to "Mr." Schultz.

We had a rich conversation, the kind that feels like a genuine human-to-human connection has been reached. As we spoke, I was reminded Jack graduated only one year later than I did. We parted ways after about 10 minutes of chatting; as I moved away, a wave of additional memories flooded my mind.

One fond recollection was that Jack was the pitcher for my final high school baseball game. He threw a complete-game no-hitter. We lost 2-1 to St. James in that third round game of the section tournament.

Jack threw me the ball at first base in the fourth inning when they sacrificed home what would be their eventual winning run. We had runners on base every inning, including two in the final inning.

I remember going 0-2 from the plate with a walk in that game. In my final at bat, I remember Ryan Tri talking to me beforehand. He suggested the pitcher would throw me a first pitch strike in the heart of the plate. I almost never swung at the first pitch, but that day I did. It was low and on the corner. I connected hard, a ground ball to deep third.

After that clean hit, I believe I ran my fastest speed ever to first base. The jump, my speed-I don't believe I could have been one step



Just a Thought...

by Eli Lutgens

faster.

I was called out as my foot came down on the bag. The run from third didn't count and I was out number three.

Dempsey Tucker made the final out of that game as I watched from the on-deck circle.

I'll never forget the way Coach Drew Paukert reacted when he learned and subsequently informed us Jack threw a no-hitter.

I think Ryan Tri walked up to him, Paukert turned to us, scoffed and said, "And Jack Schultz threw a no-hitter."

That was part way through his speech. It made me cry even harder. I was saddened by the fact we lost, but mostly I was struck by the realization my final high school baseball season had ended.

And then coach Tri said something I'll never forget, something I try to tell young athletes to this day: "If this is the saddest moment in your life, think about how blessed your life must be."

And that helped. Truly, I cannot think of a better way my baseball career and high school career could have ended. It became truly story-book-esque.

While I'm here I must share one more Jack Schultz story.

Jack almost lost me my first high school win as a pitcher for the Panthers.

We were losing to Tri-City United, ranked third in the state at the time, with a score of 4-1. Dempsey had started on the mound and pitched the first three innings. He was pulled from the game after he came off the mound and chucked his glove, in frustration, in the dugout.

I pitched the next three innings. I didn't allow a run and the most exciting part of the three innings, for TCU, was a bunt single.

Then the bottom of the sixth inning came around.

I'm pretty sure Paukert figured we were toast because he brought in a pinch hitter for the batter in

front of me—one who had had zero hits and was a bench player. Well, he got on base. And then so did I.

Suddenly we had a rally.

Paukert brought in alternate runners for the both of us and my day was done.

Well, nine batters later, we were up 7-4 going into the last inning.

In comes Wild Thang Jack Schultz.

Wild Thang goes on to walk the bases full, allowing two runners to score.

Somehow, by prayers and the raw talent of "Wild Thang," we somehow recorded two outs.

I'm pretty sure my pacing in the dugout had something to do with what happened next.

With the count full, bases full and the score 7-6 (thank all that is good) the TCU hitter swings at what surely would have been ball four and bashes the ball right in the dirt to good old Mr. Jack Schultz, who calmly, doesn't step on home plate, but instead tosses the ball to first base for the third out.

Win secured.

My high school varsity career

began in tenth grade when coach Paukert surprised me by asking me to start a noon game on a Saturday.

It gave me a great moment. When I went home from practice that Friday I asked my dad whether he was going to come to the game on Saturday. "No, why would I," he asked. "You're not playing."

You can imagine how I felt telling him I was starting on the mound.

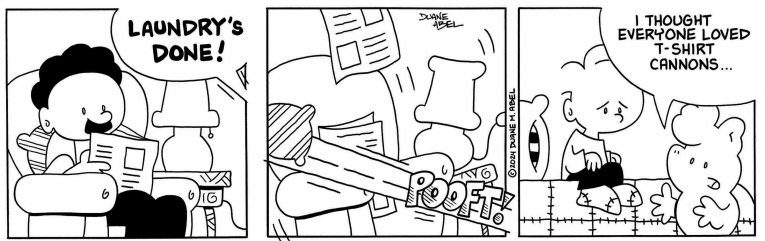
I always had to get through my first inning of work and I would be fine. My first start would have been no different. With two outs, one run in and two on, I induced a lazy fly ball. I exhaled, relief. I made it through. I watched our center fielder, Carson Field, put his glove up and do the old "major league" catch. But instead of staying in the glove, the ball popped out right onto the ground.

I will not describe the rest of the inning, other than to say 8 runs total were scored. Including a homerun from the next hitter. (The only home run I allowed in my career.)

I find myself saying often, lately, that I would not choose another time to be alive. Another profession to be in. Or even a different part of the world to call home. I consider myself incredibly blessed, fortunate.

I'm glad I ran into Jack. And I'm glad whenever I have the opportunity to entertain good conversation and even better company.

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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Ertel

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was instructed to cough many times. Then the tube was replaced and he was allowed to roll onto his back again, so it could drain out. Three days later the fever was gone.

Another ten days and he was allowed to return home.

Harold fully recovered from this bout, but remains susceptible to pneumonia. Now, in 1997, at 84 years of age, he receives the pneumonia vaccine each fall, but without Dr. Ertel's faithful and knowledgeable ministrations, he wouldn't have lived long enough to benefit from this medical advancement.

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Dashing to Kiester

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
If I won \$1 million, I'd give a quarter of it to charity.
That's mighty generous of you.
It's no big deal. I'd still have \$999,999.75 left.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. It's shorts and hoodie weather. It surprised me to receive the Pole-to-Pole badge from Fitbit for reaching 12,430 lifetime miles, not counting the miles I'd put on a broken watch. I wish I'd gotten a Fitbit earlier as I enjoyed dashing through the snow from the North Pole to the South Pole. Instead of making another trip between the Poles, I dashed to Farming of Yesterday (FOY) in Kiester. FOY is a place that remembers. I told stories on stage, bought a few books, visited with friends and wondered how those tractors had become so old.

I REMEMBERED
I'd been a lucky hitter all tournament and expected that to continue when I stepped into the batter's box. The opposing pitcher, Bernie Waldhauser, delivered the pitch. I closed my eyes, swung and hit a grapefruit Bernie had substituted for the softball. Everybody found it funny except the umpire, who got squirted by the grapefruit.
How to ruin a knock-knock joke
Knock, knock.
I'll get it.

I'VE LEARNED
Neither John Wayne nor Clint Eastwood was from Texas.
Stonehenge was the first Lego set
I enjoy hot showers more than hot weather.
Procrastinators are the leaders of tomorrow.
A birthday cake is a participation trophy.
If someone tells you how intelligent he is, he isn't.
We complain more about road construction than we do about bad roads.

ASK AL
"When you milked cows, how did you make sure you got all of a cow's milk?" We tilted the cow by lifting her front end.
"Where's the best place to find perch?" Under a parakeet.
"Where can I find the best beef stomach?" Try Tripe Advisor.
"How does a skunk smell?" With its nose.
"If crows are so smart, why can't I understand what they're saying?" It's because they are so smart.
"How can I stop a coyote from coming onto my deck?" Stop ordering things from Acme.

"Why don't they teach kids curse?" It's because the kids learn to curse online.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
Sarah left her Pepsi 60 miles south of Tampa. That's where Sarah's soda is.
My wife told me I've grown as a person. She said, "You've gotten fat," but I know what she meant.
I have four legs, eight arms and three heads. What am I? A liar.
Where do you find an ocean without water? On a map.

NATURE NOTES
What will the winter bring? I predict cold and snow every year and, if I say so myself, I've nailed the forecast each year. Mild and dry. That's the winter forecast for Minnesota from the Old Farmer's Almanac. The Farmers' Almanac's prediction is for a cold winter with average snowfall in Minnesota, which I think is the same thing they predicted last year. The Old Farmer's Almanac thinks the winter of 2024-25 will be kind and resemble last winter, which it had predicted would have average to colder-than-normal temperatures in areas that typically receive snow.
When northern cardinals and blue jays finish nesting, it's time for them to molt and replace their old feathers. Some lose all their head feathers at once in a normal molt.
Not all gulls are eating pilfered pizza in a parking lot. The Bomgaars store in Albert Lea had a large flock of ring-billed gulls on its roof. The Latin word "arena" means sand, and the stage where the gladiators and exotic animals engaged in mortal combat was covered in a thin layer of sand. The store's roof might be a gull arena. Now, the gulls are molting. Feathers are flying, and the sidewalk in front of the store appears to have hosted the state's largest pillow fight. Like many birds with brilliant white feathers, the gulls were hunted for the millinery trade and their eggs were stolen from nests for use in restaurants. Many farmers, wrongly believing the gulls were pests, shot them in large numbers, causing gull populations to plummet. Ring-bills are omnivores that go where they can find food—eating fish, worms, insects, grains, small rodents like mice and voles, human garbage and enjoy french fries spilled outside fast-food restaurants. They frequent landfills, farm fields, shopping malls, parking lots and beaches. A black band around a yellow bill identifies the adults.

MEETING ADJOURNED
"It's not the load that breaks you down. It's the way you carry it."—Lena Horne. Be kind.

911 Center offers cutting-edge reporting technology

By RICK BUSSLER
Steele County Times

As technology continues to change, so, too, does the way to report non-emergency crimes to local law enforcement.
Last week the Rice Steele 911 Center based in Owatonna rolled out Spark, a cutting-edge online reporting tool designed to streamline the process of reporting non-emergency incidents. It will replace citizens having to pick up the phone to call 911 or the local non-emergency number for police and fire.
"This tool will enable citizens to easily and securely report issues such as thefts, vandalism, parking complaints and other non-urgent matters directly through our website," said Brian Becker, administrator of the 911 Center. He noted that the change enhances the center's efficiency and effectiveness in addressing community concerns and creating a better experience for both citizens and 911 telecommunicators.
Some other examples of what can be reported through Spark are noise complaints, fireworks, burn permits, traffic complaints, suspicious activity, repossession, abandoned property, identity theft and minor fraud.
The process, Becker said, ensures immediate action by dispatch, enabling timely provision of information and deployment of first responders as necessary.
"This service is intended solely for non-emergency incidents," Becker stressed.
There are several key features of Spark, according to Becker. Among them is when requests are entered into the center's CAD system, Spark eliminates the need to log into a separate application to view the information that telecommunicators need to make decisions.
Spark uses industry standard shapefile lookups to determine jurisdiction and can accept other available GIS files for experience customization.
Becker said Spark leverages the user's settings to dynamically translate and render in their native language. Submissions are then translated to the Center's primary language prior to entry in the CAD system.
The new technology is built in the cloud and is available from any device, including desktop, tablet or



smartphone. Feature updates and bug fixes are provided regularly.
The online reporting tool through Spark is easy to use as it will ask users to acknowledge that there is no life-or-death emergency. It will also request location, name, phone number and a brief narrative of what's going on.
To explore the new platform, go to <https://spark.backingfire.com/rices-teele>.
"As technology evolves, we must improve and adapt our processes to help residents and visitors report situations to the public safety agencies we serve," said Becker. "We are excited about the benefits this new technology brings to our telecommunicators and citizens."
The center, which has been serving the area for 24 years, handles calls for police, fire and EMS in Steele and Rice counties. In 2023, the Center had a total of 116,237 emergency and non-emergency phone calls. Owatonna Police generates the most calls for the center.

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wearing a seat belt: he was ejected from the car during a collision and died. A 21-year-old was feeling ill as he left work, fell asleep at the wheel and collided with another vehicle at an intersection, leading to the death

of the other driver. A final teen was a passenger in a vehicle with an unlicensed friend who was looking at social media while driving. She died on her sixteenth birthday. The video featured tearful family members and friends, not only saddened by the incidents, but wondering what they might have done to prevent them.
Thongvivong, who spent six and a half years as a Minnesota trooper and has also worked with the state's department of transportation, observed

that highway deaths could be reduced by half if everyone always wore their seat belts.
The TZD program was started in Sweden in 1997 and is now in several states including Minnesota. This program includes efforts and data from America, Sweden and Australia. Troopers like Moon and Walton are given 4-hour training sessions, so they can be fully prepared to speak to young drivers. As the school year progresses, Larson

said, "We have 30 different presentations to give yet until the end of December. There will also be an online course students and teachers can pick come spring."
There are three websites attributed to this program, www.impactteen-driver.org/Minnesota, www.whatslethal.com or www.createrealimpact.com. Impact Teen Drivers is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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Joyce Wakefield

Joyce Eileen Wakefield, 81, of Hartland, Minnesota passed away on September 6, 2024, after a brave battle against an infection. She was born in Mankato in 1943 to loving parents Benedict and Margaret Eustice. She was raised on the family farm near Janesville and grew up having all kinds of adventures with her 4 brothers and sisters. She often recalled idyllic stories of her childhood to her granddaughters like how she'd dress up her kittens and take them for rides in a wagon. A love for kittens is one of many things she passed on to her children and her grandchildren.



Joyce Wakefield

Joyce attended Janesville school until 8th grade and later graduated from Sacred Heart in Waseca in 1961. Prior to getting married, Joyce worked for several doctors in Minneapolis and Rochester. She was united in marriage to Larry Wakefield on January 20, 1968. She was then a dedicated stay-at-home mom to her 3 boys as they raised them on the Wakefield family cattle farm. She later balanced farm and family life with jobs at the New Richland Care Center and at E.F. Johnson/Itron of Waseca.

Joyce loved all things esthetic but in an intentional, cozy way that brought comfort to her family. She was always trying out new recipes and decorating for each new season and holiday. She had a knack for gardening and loved being amongst her flowers and vegetables. Her home was a warm and loving environment where she was frequently lending an ear to family and friends alike. She was gentle and patient and had a quiet but very deep faith.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband Larry, her sons Kyle (Emily), Travis (Laurie), and Dan,

her granddaughters Lauren, Naomi and Abby, her sister Pat, sisters-in-law Monica Priebe (Charlie) and Ruth Eustice, brothers-in-law Lowell (Darlene) and John, extra special cousin friends Beth Knudson and Margaret Stewart, and many loving nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Richard and Dennis and sister Jan. Her grandchildren picture her dancing in heaven's gardens with her loved ones as they are serenaded by her favorite performers, Elvis and Johnny Cash.

The family would like to thank the ICU and palliative care staff at Saint Mary's of Rochester for their thorough and compassionate care. A special thank you goes to nurse Wade who was by her side providing exceptional care most of the time she was hospitalized.

Service will be at Cross of Glory church in Hartland at 11am on Saturday September 14th with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Marcia Pedersen will be officiating. Interment at Saint Peter's cemetery in New Richland will follow the service.

Jean McGuire

Jean Marie (Miller) McGuire of Plainview, MN passed away peacefully on September 9, 2024, at Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Care Center in Wabasha, MN after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. Jean was surrounded by her loved ones at her time of passing. Jean was born in Waseca, MN on July 4, 1944, to Francis and Harriet (Erwin) Miller. Jean graduated from New Richland, MN high school in 1962. She then went on to attend Mankato St. University, Mankato, MN.



Jean McGuire

Jean fell in love with the love of her life, Jerry McGuire. They were married on September 12, 1964, at All Saints Catholic Church in New Richland, MN. They lived in various states and had four wonderful children. They eventually settled in the Plainview-Elgin area where they raised their children and spent the last 50 plus years in the area.

Jean was very proud of being a hard worker. She held various jobs such as a secretary in Minneapolis, MN, a waitress at Michaels Restaurant in Rochester, MN for 20 years, and drove school bus for the Plainview school.

Jean had an exceptional creativity and artistic ability. She exhibited her craft making abilities at numerous craft fairs. They spent many winters in South Padre Island and Harlingen, Texas creating and selling their many amazing crafts, and formed a number of wonderful and long-lasting friendships. She enjoyed making crafts, gardening, baking, and spending time with her family. Jean also enjoyed hunting and fishing with her family.

Above all, Jean had a very strong catholic faith and was a member of St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Plainview. She shared her faith with her family and friends. Jean especially loved spending time with her family. She cherished the various family gatherings and loved to watch the children play. Her hugs would melt your heart and remove all worries. Jean enjoyed attending her grandchildren's various activities, such as sports, plays, and music concerts. She loved to keep up with all the grandkids and great grandkids

growing up and seeing how their lives are changing over time. Jean loved to watch the birds and hummingbirds that came to her feeders and also the frequent pesky rabbits and squirrels.

Jean will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Jerry of 60 years; four children, Dan (Cindy Porter) of Mazeppa, Tim (Laura) of Zumbro Falls, Jerelyn (Todd) Ness of Kasson, and Chris (Josh Thompson) of Plainview; 16 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; four siblings, Marianne (Tom) Strom of Ham Lake, MN, Maureen (Ken) Graber of Jordan, MN, Joe (Francine) Miller of Louisville, CO, and Rita Miller of Minneapolis; sister-in-law, Diane Miller of New Richland, MN. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Peter Miller and Paul Miller, one sister, Judy Miller; and one infant great-grandchild, Ellie Branchfield.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, at St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Plainview with Father Tojy Jose officiating. The burial will follow the service in St. Joachim's Catholic Cemetery at Plainview. Friends and family may visit from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, at the Schleicher Funeral Homes, Plainview Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements entrusted to Schleicher Funeral Homes, Plainview Chapel, the guest register may be signed at www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

Love at first sight

As you read this, I will have returned (and recovered?) from one wild weekend.

I am currently in Illinois, specifically the far north suburbs of the Chicago area. I have some connections here because, decades back when I was a college student at Winona State, a good friend informed me she was traveling home for a few days and was going to have some wisdom teeth pulled. She wondered whether I would come along and be available as a back-up driver for the return journey, just in case she didn't feel well.

We arrived at the house owned by her fiancée and, apparently wanting some alone time, she called up her brother and proclaimed, "I've got a woman here who is as tall as you are."

Her brother—John Bently—apparently had no other plans that evening and complied with her request to come by and pick me up. He says he decided that evening I was the woman he wanted to marry.

In the forty-some years since, I have come and gone to this area often for all the reasons family members travel to be together. In all

that time, I have never once regretted that my husband and I decided to plant our roots in rural Minnesota rather than here. Naturally, it's a case of strengths and weaknesses; neither place is perfect and neither is unbearable.

For instance, I'm here now because I love to ride rollercoasters, and Six Flags Great America has some doozies. I'm also here because my granddaughter likes to ride rollercoasters, so we are riding them together—one last fling before the school year begins.

On the other side of the coin are the traffic and the crowds. The parking lot at Six Flags must be at least a few hundred acres in size. As the day at the park went on, the lot was so full that a car actually followed my granddaughter and me back to our parked vehicle in hope of getting our parking spot.

I also admit that it's only thanks to modern GPS capabilities that I feel any sense of independence on the roads down here. It's a bad time to be uncertain of your direction of travel when eight lanes of traffic all converge at a single stoplight. And, while Minnesota certainly has its



Deb Bently's granddaughter Anwyn, in front of one of the rides at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois.

share of speedy drivers, our family joke is that drivers in suburban Illinois regard the posted limit as a speed to be exceeded within 30 seconds of touching the accelerator.

I heartily prefer the occasional piece of farm equipment to the speed-or-be-spiced-over feel of these suburban streets.

But before I brag too much, let me share the observation of my suburban sister-in-law. Unbelievably to this country gal, my sister-in-law is intimidated by driving conditions out in the wide open country. The problem for her, she says, is the roads all

look alike and she's never sure where she's at. Funny, I could say the same about the suburbs, but for a whole lot of different reasons.

Anyway, I guess I'm lucky to have two such different and distinct places where I can be among family. It means I get to "escape" to an urban area every once in a while, then "escape" the madness and activity to go home again. Fortunately for me, the roads in between—in my case, the whole state of Wisconsin—also have many charms.

'Don't feel bad; she has me confused all the time'

It is time for another running of the words column.

A. Something to think about: "Where you live-live." In other words, get involved in your area. Don't just bitch about what you don't like.

B. A good description of the rainy spring early summer of 2024. "It rained in between showers."

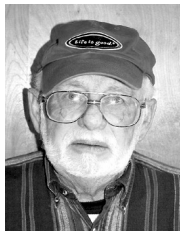
C. When Central Freeborn Lutheran Church burned to the ground November 2, 1996, the church bell was saved and can be seen just west of the church. An interesting thing is the bell was struck in 1888 without a crack in it. Just like the Liberty Bell. The bell at Central now has a crack in it!!!

D. We have a nuthatch bird as a regular at our bird feeder. An unusual thing is the bird is almost a true albino, especially the head, neck and back are all white.

E. Bullets can be bought in grocery stores in Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas from vending machines.

F. A dryer sheet put in your mailbox will reduce the number of earwigs in your mailbox.

G. A male bunny rabbit arrives about 7:30 a.m., crawls inside our hedge, cleans and falls asleep until about 4 p.m. At that time, he starts the night shift and plays and prowls till his return about 7:30 a.m. He then rests til about 4 p.m. I have labeled



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

FACT OR FICTION

...you decide

by Bob Hanson, Emeritus

him a "Carouser."

H. Think about all the dealings as a customer you've had with employers of some business. Many times you've walked away with the feeling they don't want customers.

Two sisters at Taco Johns in Albert Lea were just the opposite. They gave you the feeling that you as a customer were most appreciated.

I'm referring to them as the S and S sisters as I had trouble knowing which one was treating me as a valued customer. They even trick or treat us at our house on Halloween. After about four years of their great customer service, I feel some emotion as they have moved on to different employers.

I. Karen, our Church Secretary, is a lady of many talents. Confusing old Norwegians is one of them. For example when she said of herself, "I'm back to normal." I mentioned to hubby Wayne my being confused. His reply, "Don't feel bad; she has me confused all the time!!"

J. Albert Lea Lake and Fountain

Lake in Albert Lea were in the Minnesota weekly outdoor news on 08-2-24. The article was interesting, but not a guy's fishing destination.

K. True or false:

1. If you know where to look, you can see a moose in the grocery store in New Richland.

2. There is a Salt Lake in Minnesota.

3. Avenues in Ellendale city limits run North and South.

4. Avenues in New Richland run North to South.

5. The City of Faribault is in Faribault County.

6. The person who set this column up before going to press is the newest employee of The Star Eagle newspaper.

7. The sun in New Richland rises seven minutes later than in Ellendale.

8. Hartland, Minnesota has a Senior Center.

9. Hope, Minnesota was named after Bob Hope.

10. Star Eagle newspaper is the name of the two newspapers merging.

Reader, if you said the odd numbers were false and even numbers were true, you were right!!

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.

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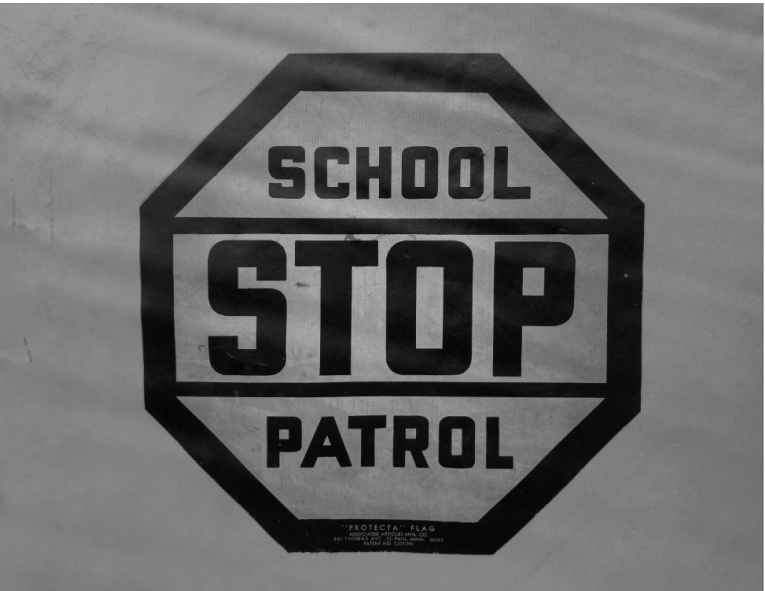
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State Fair



Jordan Brouwers received a purple ribbon and community impact recognition on his pets - dog related project at the 2024 MN State Fair. He made dog agility jumps in honor of a long-time state 4-H dog volunteer who had passed in May due to cancer and dedicated them to be used at the MN State 4-H Dog Show on September 21st and 22nd. Jordan is a member of the Hartland 4-H Club in Freeborn County.



School patrol safety

“ASK A TROOPER” by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: With back to school starting, can you talk about school patrol safety?

Answer: When you see a student safety patrol helping children cross a street or highway, you must come to a complete stop. You must also stop for adult crossing guards displaying a stop sign or flag. It is illegal to drive through a line of children crossing the road, even if a school safety patrol is not present. Violating this law is a misdemeanor. A second violation within a year is a gross misdemeanor.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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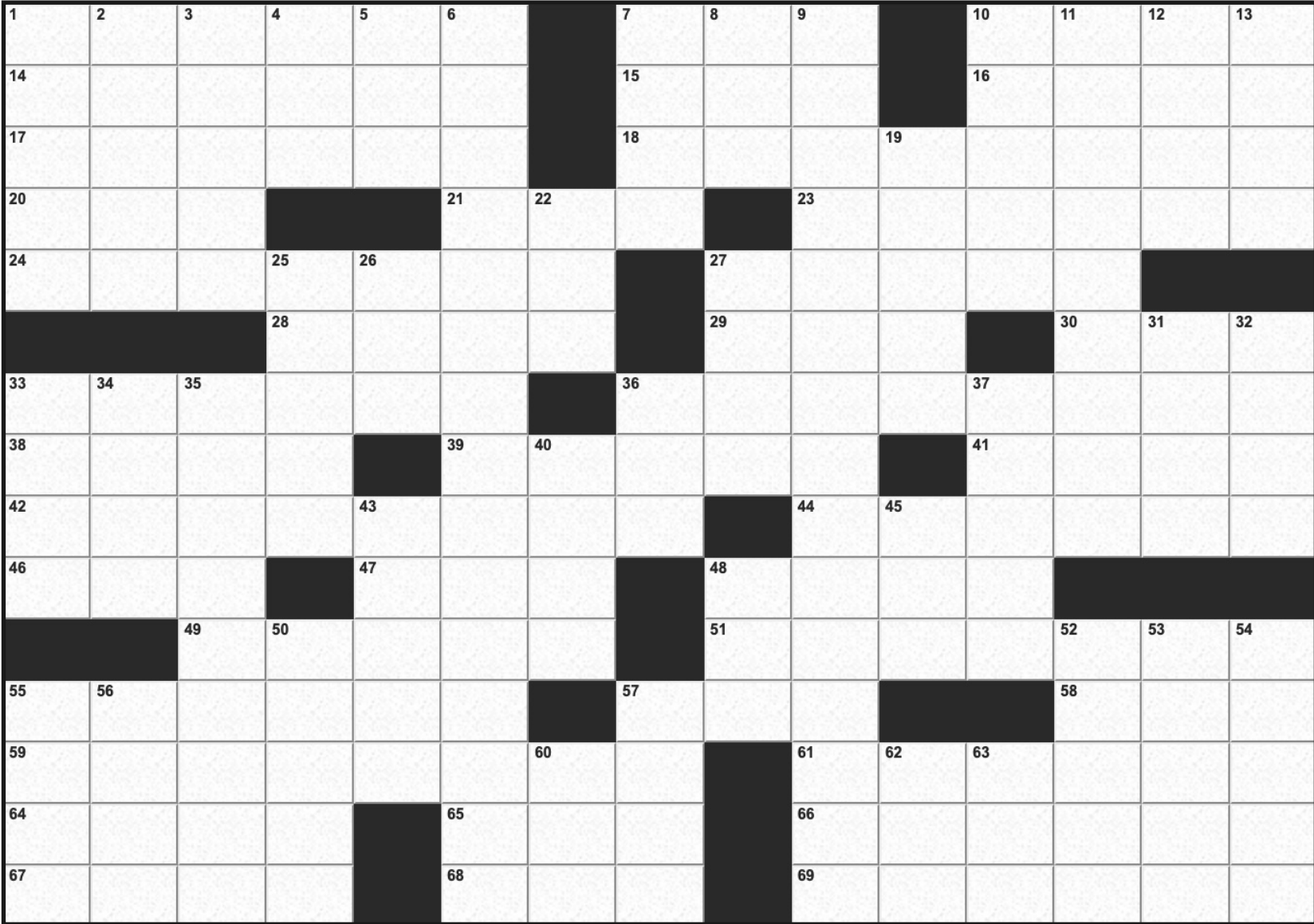
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- ACROSS ➡**

 - 1 Watch TV on a computer, say
 - 7 Spill protector
 - 10 Hairstyle for Macy Gray
 - 14 "Street Fighter" character with a Fortnite skin
 - 15 Early gardener?
 - 16 Lose your footing
 - 17 Didn't own outright
 - 18 Examination taken by an E-reader?
 - 20 Friend, in France
 - 21 Plays music from a booth
 - 23 Dissertation
 - 24 NYC fundraiser with some out-there outfits
 - 27 Band with a 2024 residency at the Sphere
 - 28 Bank claim
 - 29 Geological age
 - 30 Ghost's cry
 - 33 Suzuki of the Mariners
 - 36 Wax-filled light
 - 38 This and ____
 - 39 Slushy wine cocktail
 - 41 Skin condition
 - 42 Pizza alternatives loved by Ben Wyatt
 - 44 Diner's cloth
 - 46 Successful song
 - 47 Agree silently
 - 48 Skye, for one
 - 49 Pop culture show since 1991
 - 51 Not connected to the internet
 - 55 Social outcast
 - 57 Fashion designer Anna
 - 58 "Contra" game console, for short
 - 59 Like the runt
 - 61 Pictures of Kirk and Spock kissing, e.g.
- ACROSS ➡**

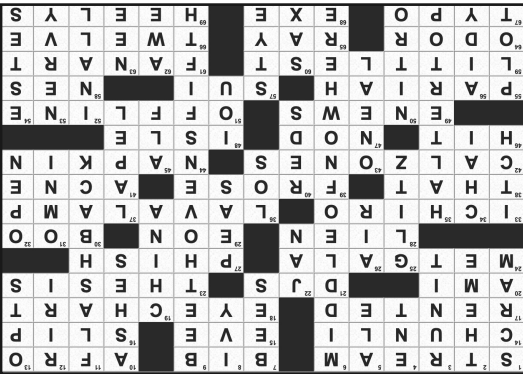
 - 61 Pictures of Kirk and Spock kissing, e.g.
 - 64 Bad smell
 - 65 Beam of sun
 - 66 A dozen
 - 67 Printed mistake
 - 68 PC file extension
 - 69 Shoes for students on a roll?

DOWN ⬇

 - 1 "Get out!"
 - 2 Feature of many a crossword
 - 3 Rehearse the whole thing
 - 4 Sinus specialist, for short
 - 5 Pub offering
 - 6 H, in the boonies?
 - 7 Hive builders
 - 8 Brown, e.g ... or a green vine
 - 9 H, in a Classical symphony?
 - 10 Fire remnants
 - 11 H, in a dream sequence?
 - 12 Fenty Beauty founder, informally
 - 13 Makes a choice
 - 19 Beijing's country
 - 22 "The Office" character played by Melora
 - 25 Flashiness
 - 26 Breathe it in!
 - 27 Samosa veggies
 - 31 Prefix with "potent"
 - 32 Not shut
 - 33 React to a mosquito bite, say
 - 34 Dirty ____ (tea drink with espresso)
 - 35 H, in a sleeveless garment?
 - 36 ____ Alamos
 - 37 A suit might have a "peak" one
 - 40 Elly De La Cruz's Ohio team
- DOWN ⬇**

 - 43 Shaquille of "Kazaam"
 - 45 Cat-eating sitcom extraterrestrial
 - 48 Promise of payment
 - 50 Style of cold brew or beer
 - 52 Counting everything
 - 53 Shamelessly bold
 - 54 ____ Park, Colorado
 - 55 Story line
 - 56 "SNL" alum Bryant
 - 57 Eyelid concern
 - 60 You can wait on it
 - 62 Slack-jawed feeling
 - 63 Formerly called

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Shown here are some pictures taken while at the cabin in the fall over the years. One was taken looking up the driveway. Also pictured is one of the area lakes.

Enjoy the outdoors and play by the rules

I have been enjoying the fall-like weather that we have been experiencing these past few days. We have started to swing back into warmer days, but the nights are still cooling down nicely. This is typical for late summer and early fall. When I was at the cabin a couple of weeks ago, I noticed some of the softwoods had started turning colors. And it seems a little early, but, by the time I get back up to the cabin, the colors should be pretty spectacular. I will say it again, "Fall is my favorite time of the year."

When I am at the cabin in the fall, I like to take a drive on some of the scenic roads that are in the area. It is like having your own personal tour of fall. Being on a lake this time of year is always an adventure in color. Fishing is fun, but the experience of enjoying being one with nature is even better. Never thought that I would say that there is anything better than catching fish, but, as I have grown older, I have learned that there is more to nature than fishing. Don't get me wrong, the kid in me



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

always feels that excitement whenever I drive past a lake, but the overall picture has become more important.

In my love for savoring the beauty of fall, I have realized that being up north is only the first part of enjoying the fall colors. After spending time at the cabin and closing it up for the year, I can go home and enjoy the second phase in our area. We are blessed to have an abundance of public land right here in Freeborn County and in the surrounding area. Taking some time to go for a leisurely drive in the country can be rewarding. You can go on the DNR website to find public lands to investigate. We have 11 Wildlife Manage-

ment Areas in our county alone. Deer are plentiful this year, so spotting one can be a bonus.

As we progress into fall, I hope to take a trip to the Waterville area to see the colors and visit some of the lakes that I have fished over the years. I will have to stop in at Best Point and visit the place that I had my camper for eight years. It was a great place to have a camper and I enjoyed many fun times there. The owners, Jerry and Linda, always made a person feel more like family than a customer. There are parts of those times which I still miss, but having a cabin was always my dream, and I have been enjoying that dream to the fullest.

There many benefits to public land. Many publicly owned lands are open to hunting, as are private lands enrolled in the state's Walk-in-Access program. Go to mndnr.gov/wmas and mndnr.gov/maps/compass.html to locate both state hunting grounds and private lands enrolled in the Walk-In Access program, including updates on the condition of specific properties.

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LOOKING BACK

25 Years Back

• Stan Nelson of Clarks Grove saved 10 year old Matt Hacker from drowning in Albert Lea Lake. On Tuesday, July 22, Stan Nelson of Clarks Grove was standing along the shoreline by the channel near Albert Lea Lake, and was about to put the bait on his fishing line, when there was a splash! Stan's friend, Jon, shouted that a kid was in the water. Upon hearing this, Stan threw his fishing pole, got his car keys out of his pocket and threw them onto the ground. Nelson was about 30-40 feet from the young boy. "I dove into the water right away and swam as hard as I could against the fast moving current," he said. "I got to him as he was starting to go down for the third time, and I grabbed him and pulled him up and held him up with all the strength I had, so he could get some air," Nelson said.

• Francis Panos and Deann of Medford are the proud first time parents of triplets born on Saturday, August 14, 1999 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis. Dominic Daniel was born at 9:01 a.m. and weighed 3 pounds, 3 ounces. Dakota Lee was born at 9:02 a.m. and weighed 3 pounds, 14 ounces. Jasmine Jade was born at 9:03 a.m. and weighed 3 pounds, 4 ounces.

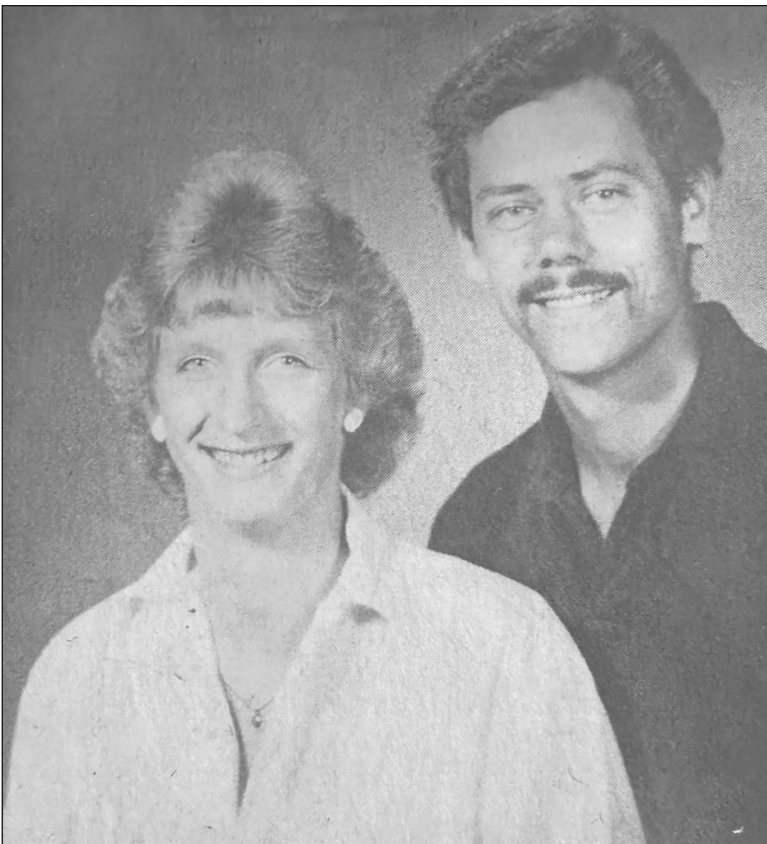
• Shane Berg, who attends the Advanced Technology Computer School in Tempe, Arizona, made the Dean's List with honor last semester. He had a 4.0 average. Sahne is the son of Rodney and Barb Berg.

• Helen Johnson was selected as "the most versatile player on the floor." Scoring records show that she scored 63 points in the three games, 23 points more than her nearest scoring rival, Jacobson of Kenyon. Violet Jensen was picked as a guard on the all tournament team. Her selection was based largely on her work in the final game when she was pitted against Evjan, the best Hayfield forward.

50 Years back



• Underlands Meet Son In Hawaii - On Tuesday, August 5, Paul and Kathy Underland of Ellendale flew to Hawaii to meet their son, David, who is stationed on the U.S.S. Arkansas. The fleet had just returned from a seven month tour in the Pacific, visiting such ports of call as France, Italy, the Philippines, Pakistan, Monaco, Australia and Hawaii.



• Debra Clausen and Michael Singelstad. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Clausen, Blooming Prairie, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Jean of Geneva, to Michael John Singelstad of Northwood, IA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Singelstad of Northwood. Debra is a 1979 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School. She is employed at Federated Insurance, Owatonna. Michael is a 1978 graduate of Lake Mills High School. He is employed at Farmstead Foods, Inc., Albert Lea. A September 20 wedding is being planned.

• Helen Weller and Rose Norby took in the horse races at the Steele County Free Fair on Wednesday of last week.

• Kathy Lunder spent the August 16-17 weekend participating in the Northfield Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament. She carded a 36 hole score of 208- good enough for the third place in the Fifth Flight.



• The North Freeborn Church marked 125 years last month. The history of the North Freeborn Lutheran Church began back in 1861. It was the first Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran congregation organized in Freeborn County. On March 5, 1874, the motion was made to build a church, and the site chosen was the Endre Stadheim farm in the Southwest of Bath Township. It was on September 3, 1877. The contract for the construction was given to Jackivitz Contractors of Decorah, IA, at the cost of \$2,100. Nora Egge was the first baby baptized and the first marriage was that of Endre Stadheim and Gertrude Olson Laaven.

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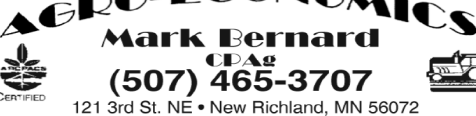
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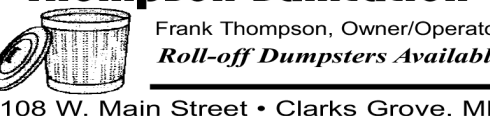
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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 81-PR-24-586

In Re: Richard E. Sorenson aka
Richard Sorenson
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEAR-
ING ON
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF
WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 6, 2024, at 9:15 PM, a hearing will be held via Zoom, see notice of remote hearing, in this Court at 307 North State Street Waseca, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, April 2, 2014, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Linda C. Sorenson, 525 SW 6th St., Waseca, MN 56093 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED ☐ SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised,

the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 09/03/2024, 03:49:11 p.m.
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LONG NIGHT— After trailing 21-6 at halftime, things fell apart in the second half for the NRHEG High School football team at Norwood last Friday. At left, the Panthers' Alden Dobberstein goes back for an interception. Also pictured: Aidan Hanna (9). In the middle, Aidan Schlaak makes a pass reception. At right, Jase Knudson pressures the quarterback. Star Eagle photos by Eli Lutgens

Panthers run into powerhouse at Norwood-YA

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

A humbling experience awaited Panther fans and players who made the long, winding drive to Norwood-Young America Friday night.

"We battled a loaded squad from Norwood-Young America," NRHEG head coach Marc Kruger said. "I imagine the Central Raiders will have another great season, likely undefeated throughout."

The Panthers were defeated 42-6. Falling behind early 21-0, the Panthers had one successful drive of the night. Taking almost as much time as the bus ride, the Panthers traveled 96 yards, on 24 plays on

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— NRHEG coach Marc Kruger

their lone scoring drive of the game.

"We had a fantastic 96-yard drive to end the first half where we saw how good of a team we can be," Kruger said.

The possession ate up 8 minutes and 26 seconds of the second quarter, included multiple third and fourth-down conversions and con-

cluded with a touchdown connection of 14 yards from senior Alden Dobberstein to senior Jase Knudson. The drive was highlighted by on-target passes and timely scrambles from Dobberstein.

The score at halftime was 21-6.

"I am extremely proud of our boys," Kruger added. "They (NYA)

have talent all over the place with many players who will go on to play at the next level. We really battled, and truthfully the score does not show how close the game actually was. We played really well, were able to move the ball and had some nice defensive stops. Their passing game ultimately did us in."

With the loss the Panthers fall to 0-2 on the season. They play next on Friday, Sept. 13 at home against Mayer-Lutheran at 7 p.m.

Norwood-Young America 42, NRHEG 6					
NRHEG	0	6	0	0	6
NYA	21	0	14	7	42
First Quarter					

NYA — 13 pass (kick successful)	
NYA — 26 run (kick successful)	
NYA — 47 pass (kick successful)	
Second Quarter	
NRHEG — 14 pass (two-point conversion failed)	
Third Quarter	
NYA — 16 pass (kick successful)	
NYA — 20 pass (kick successful)	
Fourth Quarter	
NYA — 31 pass (kick successful)	
	NRHEG
Total plays	49
First downs	9
Rushing	110
Passing	5-17-2
Passing Yds.	56
Total Yds.	166
Third Down	3-10
Fourth Down	1-3
Fumbles lost	0
Turnovers	2

Penalties	6-48	4-27
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
Rushing — NRHEG: S.Lassahn 5-36; Dobberstein 3-32; Cromwell 10-32; R.Schlaak 4-5; Bartlett 2-5; S.Staloch 1-0		
Passing — NRHEG: Dobberstein 5-17-2, 56		
Receiving — NRHEG: A.Schlaak 1-23; Knudson 1-14; R.Schlaak 1-9; A.Hanna 1-9		
NRHEG Defense — Brouwers 6 tackles, 2 assists, 1 sack; R.Schlaak 5 tackles, 3 assists; Hanna 5 tackles, 1 assist; Bartlett 4 tackles, 3 assists; A.Schlaak 3 tackles, 2 assists; Knudson 3 tackles; Cromwell 3 tackles, 2 assists; Lassahn 2 tackles; Larson 2 tackles, 1 assist; Ihrke 2 tackles, 2 assists; Johannsen 1 tackle; Staloch 1 tackle, 1 assist; Hudson 1 tackle; Conroy 1 tackle, 1 assist; Gilliland 1 tackle; Dobberstein 1 interception; Fleming 2 assists; Meyering 1 assist;		

NRHEG spikers take down Triton

Stadheim registers 31 set assists

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

The Panther volleyball team quadrupled its total number of game wins en route to their first match victory of the season last Thursday night over Triton.

After winning game one 25-23 the Panthers stormed back in game two, scoring the final six points to win 26-24. After dropping game three 25-15, the Panthers won the deciding fourth game 25-22.

"Panther volleyball got a win they needed tonight," NRHEG head coach Bethany Tennis said after the game. "The girls did a great job keeping energy throughout the sets. They were able to come back together after a tough third-set loss to win the last."

Unforced errors have been the struggle early in the season for the young group. Tennis said the passing and defensive coverage continues to improve.

"I hope to see more growth in these areas," Tennis said. "We had some great hustle plays today and the girls played with a don't-quit attitude. Libero Chloe Riewer led

the way in defensive digs and while outside Gabby Schlaak put down 14 kills on offense."

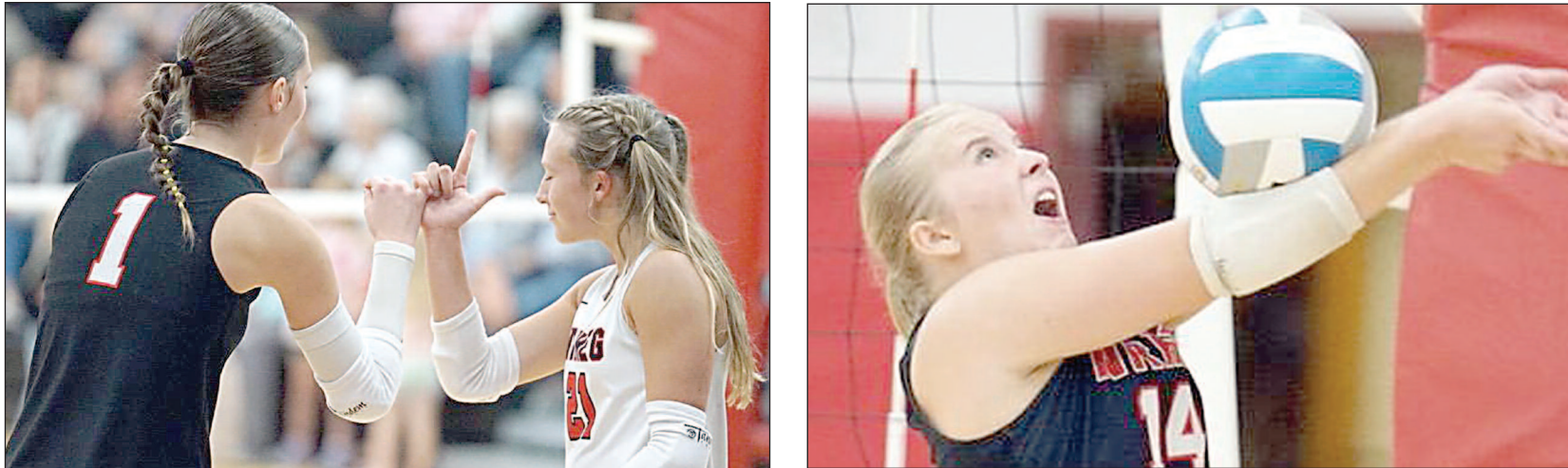
Total statistics: Schlaak 22 kills, 16 digs, 2 set assists; Chloe Stork 5K, 3D; Camryn VanMaldeghem 4K, 8D, 3 ace serves; Anika Ladlie 6K, 1D, 2A; Aryanna Howe 5K, 1D, 5S; Izley Boerner 9D, 2A; Riewer 13D, 3A; Mallory Schlinger 3D, 2S; Addy Stadheim 2K, 10D, 31S.

"We came out with high energy and a quick offence firing on all cylinders," said Tennis. "As a team, keeping the energy high throughout all sets is important and something we are continuing to work on. We had a lot of good things happening tonight and it's as simple as putting everything together on the court come game time. Addy Stadheim's 31 assists utilized a lot of our offensive players and is something we look to diversify further by taking advantage of our on target passes."

After a Tuesday clash at USC, the Panthers are home Thursday against WEM and at Medford Tuesday, Sept. 17.



THE THRILL OF VICTORY — Above, members of the NRHEG High School volleyball team enjoy a victory over Triton last Thursday. Middle left, the Panthers' Gabrielle Schlaak and Chloe Riewer. Middle right, Adalyn Stadheim. Lower left: Camryn VanMaldeghem and Riewer make a diving attempt. Lower right, the Panthers celebrate. Star Eagle photos by Eli Lutgens



Sierra Misgen

Panthers' Karl, Wobbrock continue to shine

NRHEG girls' cross country team takes ninth at Hayfield Invitational

The NRHEG High School cross country teams competed in the Hayfield Invitational Thursday, Sept. 5.

The boys' lone representative in the field, Jacob Karl, performed admirably, placing eighth overall with a time of 18:08.9.

For the girls, Julieann Wobbrock once again lead the team, finishing fifth overall with a time of 21:35.

Teammates Elle Jenno (4:30),

"It was nice to see Jacob and Julieann finish in the top 10 today."

— NRHEG coach Larry Nydegger

Sierra Misgen (28.05), Amelia Duryee (30.36) and Holly Bartness (30.44) rounded out the scoring for a ninth-place finish out of 11 scoring teams.

"It was nice to see our Jacob and Julieann finish in the top 10 today," said Panthers coach Larry

Nydegger. "It is also encouraging to see the girls' team working well together to score and improve their times. I am extremely happy for the team's only senior, Sierra Misgen! She set a challenging goal time for herself today, and she achieved it!"

The Panthers on Tuesday at Blooming Prairie. They host the NRHEG Invitational Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 4:30 at Riverview Golf Course east of New Richland.