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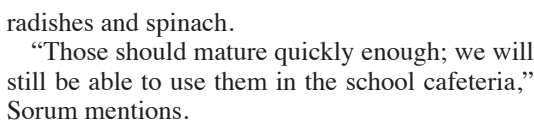
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Geneva pool to stay closed unless manager is found

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FenceLines

by Mark Bernard

How’s the garden?

Another week without snow, the scurs and Weather Eye are holding their breath. Are we out of the woods yet or are those breadcrumbs actually more snowflakes? Starting Thursday, partly sunny with a good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60’s with lows in the upper 40’s. Partly sunny on Friday with a fair chance of forenoon showers. Highs in the low 60’s with lows in the upper 30’s. Sunny on Saturday, with highs in the upper 50’s and lows in the upper 30’s. Sunday, mostly sunny with a slight chance of a shower or thunderstorm. Highs in the low 60’s with lows in the low 40’s. Cloudy on Monday with highs in the upper 50’s and lows in the low 40’s. Tuesday, partly sunny with highs in the upper 50’s and lows in the low 40’s. Mostly Sunny on Wednesday with highs in the low 60’s with lows in the upper 30’s. On April 17th the sun will set at 8 p.m. CDT. On the 23rd, our daily increase in daylight slows to two minutes and forty-six seconds per day. The normal high for the 23rd is 59 and the normal low is 38. The scurs will be forced to nap more during daylight hours.

If April has been anything so far, it’s been stubborn about consistently warm temperatures. Sure, we reached 70 degrees twice in the past week, but the thermometer measured it for only a brief period before the temperature began to fall again. It’s nothing unusual, but has made some edgy as field conditions are relatively fit many places. As of this writing, some corn has been planted with some soybeans planted or to be planted soon. There is a move afoot towards earlier soybean planting again, and I get it. The ag media, social media, and coffee shops are chock full of “evidence” proclaiming its virtues. I also get it if/when the soybeans freeze off in mid-May. It’s a mess to determine what’s alive and what’s not, and ultimately how much to replant. Jack Frost doesn’t kill plants in nice straight lines. In fact, frequently the patterns make no sense at all. And just because the soybeans are alive after regrowing from the cotyledonary nodes, there’s no guarantee they will be contributors. Snakeheads were common the last time around. When was that you ask? 2016. All I need do is look back at 23 years’ worth of columns.

We’ve been dealt a unique hand this spring. With the exception of March and November, we’ve had below normal precipitation for the last five months, actually seven if you want to go back to September. The winter was relatively open, so little snowfall to melt off. Unless you’re farming thousands of acres with horses, maybe time to take a breath, exhale and come back to reality. We have huge equipment vs. what we had 40 years ago. Most fields are tiled very well compared to 40 years ago. Sprayers and application equipment are also huge in comparison. Many of the floaters in 1985 sported 60’ booms. Now? 120’ is the norm. Soil temps remain cool, and the calendar date says it’s still early. Some are fond of using this shopworn saying, “Well, someone has to be first.” Yep, that’s exactly what the lead sheep says as the Judas goat leads them down the alley to slaughter. Being a gardener all these years, it’d be unwise to plant a lot of string beans, sweet corn, squash or pumpkins just yet.

So how’s the garden coming?

More subtle hints about what’s happening in area fields. The radishes and mesclun blend planted March 29th, the day after it was 80 degrees, were just starting to emerge as of last Sunday. It takes average soil temperatures of 40 – 45 degrees F to get them to germinate. The soil froze several mornings. The rhu-barb benefitted from a recent watering, but nothing beats a warm rain. While coming along, it appears unlikely to offer up an Easter pie. The crocuses that I’ve babied and promised to replant for many moons are just making a solid start, but haven’t bloomed yet. They’re in a spot that has become more shaded as time has passed. Last Saturday, I was weeding around the two surviving lupines, crawling on my hands and knees. That bed is on the south side of the house roughly 4’ from the foundation. There are weeds coming, but they are the cool season weeds such as wild buckwheat, dandelions and prostrate knotweed. After propping my torso up with one hand and weeding with the other, I couldn’t get over how cold the soil still was. As a wise sage once said, that’s a clue.

It has been an almost near perfect winter and spring so far with some exceptions to be raising sheep and lambs. The cool and relatively dry weather has been ideal. The idea that livestock was meant to be outside still rings true. Both ewes and lambs can get exercise and with no crowding, plenty of fresh air. When they do spend time inside to get out of the wind, they aren’t using up a lot of bedding. Not that there weren’t some bumps in the road weather-wise as we alluded to last week. There were a handful of lambs that spent time in the heated garage and others that didn’t where the bitter cold left its mark. Oddly enough, the majority of our ewes found a way to lamb on days with subzero temps. Looking at the weather records there were more of those days than I thought. There are three lambs with ears partially frozen off that stick out like a sore thumb. They may not make it as show stock, but genetically they’re still sound. Best of all, if they don’t make it as breeding stock they’ll still taste pretty good.

Poppy has become our resident sleeping beauty. Not only is she tough to pry out of bed in the morning for chores, she doesn’t stir when we return home during the day. I understand the morning thing. I’m not a true morning person either. Getting out of a warm bed, especially if you just got there a few hours prior, when it’s still dark and bitter cold out ain’t exactly my idea of a good time. I follow the sun. If it’s up, I’m up. If it’s not, a lot of time I’d rather be sleeping or thinking about it. Naps are fine too, but they can’t consume entire afternoons. About the only way to get Poppy into gear in the daytime is to yell “Squirrel!” Then she’s awake and rearing to go out the back door. Not a big deal perhaps and I’m probably somewhat envious. It was announced that we’re getting some new furniture for the living room. No doubt we’re due, but I have to wonder how Poppy will cope without the dog hole that Ruby made in the old couch. I know my back will certainly welcome the change, until Poppy makes a new one that is.

See you next week...real good then.

asked the city for specifications regarding setbacks, sewer, water connection fees, and elevation requirements for new builds in the Lakeshore development. The city clerk provided him with the ordinances as well as an application for any necessary permits. Council members voted to grant Farr’s request that every house he builds in town be gifted with a seven- to 10-foot-tall tree, at a likely cost of between \$200 and \$300 each. His request gave the city flexibility regarding what type of tree and what nursery supplied it.

The heater at the community center heater was fixed; it needed a new motor. The fire department building has the same model heater, so now both have extra parts.

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pipe. About a yard of concrete will be needed to repair the sidewalk; black dirt and seed or sod will be needed for the lawn.

After a recent inventory regarding the possibility of any lead water pipes connected to the city system, there are 35 city residences which are not yet confirmed as to whether they have lead pipes or not. The city system has only plastic or copper lines; the city requests that any residents who know of lead pipe in their homes contact the city.

John Farr, developer, recently

Meals I don’t make anymore



Whatever Flips Your Waffle

by Mark Domeier
Contributing Writer

“meals” makes me shake my head no.

We used to buy a lot of Lunchables for those evenings where we had to leave early for a game somewhere and would be on the road around supper time or early enough that the kids needed something to nosh on prior to the game. I happily saunter by those in the grocery store now; no need for those packages!

Sometimes it’s not that I don’t make a meal anymore, but how I do it. The kids used to enjoy having a pancake made in the shape of their first initial. So a J and an A would appear on the griddle! I guess I could just make M pancakes now.

Another thought that has to go into meal planning is how much of something to make. So many meals would get gobbled up in their entirety with two kids at home, especially as teenagers. Make a hotdish? Gone. The aforementioned homemade mac and cheese? We needed to divide the container into four equal parts so we all got some. Spaghetti and meatballs? Rarely any left.

That last one has been one of those

adjustments. I still make spaghetti plenty, but now I usually leave out the meatballs. We’ve grown to like the chunky garden vegetable variety. But without the meatballs, we might eat a bit more of the spaghetti. And, of course, I only need to make two slices of garlic toast instead of four.

On the rare weeks that I’m home often enough to cook for both of us a lot, we tend to have plenty of leftovers. This has to be planned as well. If we build up too many leftovers and I can’t keep up by using it for my lunch the next day, we’ll have a leftover supper, which is nothing to sneer at.

We discovered this recently. On consecutive days, I made sauerkraut hotdish, pork chops with a blackberry sauce, and scalloped potatoes with ham. I had plenty for my lunches the next few days!

The sauerkraut hotdish is a different example of how things have changed. Michelle and I absolutely love the dish, but our kids would rather eat plain white bread than dip a fork in anything with sauerkraut. Clearly, we’ve failed as parents. With

neither child at home, though, we can have meals we really enjoy but which got the blech factor from our offspring.

And gone are the days where I would wander the cafeteria on lunch supervision and subconsciously note what the students were eating, only to let that seep into my planning that night. Of course, the kids would exclaim, “We had that for lunch today!” Now I don’t need to be concerned about that, as recently, when I saw the students munching on pulled pork, which sounded like a grand idea!

Of all the things that I was worried about when we became empty nesters, food planning was actually one I thought about a lot. But it turns out that it’s been an easy adjustment, a matter of counting and planning a bit more, but it’s not as if our menus have changed drastically.

Except for more sauerkraut!

Word of the Week: This week’s word is spanghew, which means to throw violently into the air, as in, “The child hated potato salad so much that, when his parents’ backs were turned, he proceeded to spanghew the container as high as he could to get rid of it.” (This has become one of my new favorite words, right alongside defenestrate, to throw someone or something out a window. Hmm, a violent connection?) Impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

Outdoor News weekly features area youth



FACT OR FICTION

...you decide

by Bob Hanson, Emeritus

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

Earth, Minnesota. I wondered if the gold concrete would be preserved in the future. Now I know that a freeway improvement project included rebuilding the “golden Stairs.”

Outdoor News weekly paper featured a picture of the following area youth in the April 4th paper: Nash Roeker of New Richland, Logan Field of Minnesota Lake, Hadley Roeker of New Richland, Nicklaus Groskreutz of Wells, Jace Bammert of Mapleton, Presley Roeker of New Richland.

All six were proudly displaying a wood duck box built and placed near their home, towards the end of February 2025.

I am a deer hunter having hunted on the shore of Lake Winnie by Bena, Minnesota just about every year with the 1st time when I was 21 years old of age. One of the years when we lived six months of the year in cabin

#64 at Beaver Lake, I didn’t shoot a deer. I found a wood duck house by a tree that had fallen down with the wood duck house in the tree. I decided to use my deer tag and tagged the wood duck house and brought it home and put it in an oak tree where we could see the hole in the wood duck house while sitting at the kitchen table.

Every year a pair of wood ducks nested in the wood duck house. The female would fly into the hole on top of the house and do her thing of laying eggs, hatching the eggs and feeding the babies. The male would sit in a tree and wait for her to come out and join him early each morning as she bathed, ate and flew around Beaver Lake. He would do this until the babies hatched. The female would sit on the ground by the deck while making a peep-like sound, calling the newly hatched babies to join her. The babies would crawl to the

hole, drop out onto the ground and stay by mom until they all were on the ground by her and then follow mom to a nearby pond. At this point dad wood duck was no longer part of the family.

An interesting thing Genie and I learned was: Mama wood ducks can count. How did we learn this?? We knew it was time for her eggs to hatch as we had seen her going in and out of the wood duck house for at least three weeks.

We were both home when we saw mama land on the ground below the wood duck house (about 9ft) and start calling her babies to come to her. One by one eight babies jumped out, bounced and came to her. She kept calling for three to four minutes, but nothing came. Genie and I both thought all the babies were out - suddenly one more jumped out and went to mom and the other eight. Immediately off to the nearby pond. Yes mama can count.

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.

■ Fish

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There were 16 Ellendale firefighters volunteering at the fish fry, a few brought their kids to help. Five members began preparing at around 7 a.m. and stayed through cleanup at

8 p.m. In the dining hall, a dozen or more rows of tables spanned the width of the large room, yet it could be a challenge to find a seat with some waiting for others to finish before they could sit.

Beverages—lemonade and water—were available at a side table staffed by Charlie Spinler and Frank Altrichter; no one went thirsty. Firefighters also circulated through the dining

space, offering seconds using hot pads and tongs. Those who asked, “Can I have just one more piece of fish?” were likely to get the response: “Go ahead and take two.”

“Everyone had their own role and worked together well,” commented Spinler. “It’s a good cause.”

According to Johnson, money raised by the event will be used to acquire updated confined space extraction equipment, and to support other

department initiatives like training. Persistent needs are boots, more masks and more tanks. “We are always in need; those guys have to have that equipment.”

Johnson expressed gratitude for the extra residents who supported the event. “We gotta keep the fire department funded. The kids are paying attention; we gotta set the example.”

OBITUARIES

Todd Goskeson

Todd from Albert Lea (formerly Farmington and Barrett) Minnesota, was called home by his Lord and Savior on Monday April 7, at age 54 to rest. Todd fought the valiant fight of a mental/ emotional health soldier for the Lord. Todd enjoyed many things in life. Fishing, hunting, sports, family, dogs, and smoking weed filled his good days. He was an environmentalist, like his father. He had a special bond with his mother, grandmothers, and aunts. His life changed forever meeting Billie Clark in 1994.

They faced life’s challenges together, bonding in their beliefs and love for Jesus.

Todd is survived by his wife Billie Jo, their adopted niece Cheyenne (children), adopted nephew Bryce, sister Lisa (children), sister Tina (children) and sister-in-laws Dawn(children) and Tiffani(children). The family is very thankful to the neighbors and friends around Shady Oaks for the love and support over the years. Thank you Scott and Patty for feeding him everyday, and he could eat. And the most special thanks to his next door neighbor and final fishing companion

Jamie Marks.

Many dear family members and friends preceded Todd in death, but losing his mother Paula Gray on his birthday last year left a hole only God could fix. Todd’s with his first beloved pitbull Rocco and many other wagging tails in heaven.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30pm on Good Friday, April 18, 2025 at the Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home in Albert Lea, MN. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 11:00-12:30am. Pastor Mary Iverson will be officiating.



Todd Goskeson

Straight Talk with Sheriff Jay Dulas at the Waseca Chamber of Commerce office Friday, May 2

Join Sheriff Dulas for Straight Talk from noon till 1 p.m. on Friday, May 2, at the Waseca Area Chamber office to ask questions or address concerns. There will be additional chances every first Friday of the month. Presented by the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

City Wide Garage Sale in Geneva Friday May 2 and Saturday May 3

There will be a City Wide Garage Sale in Geneva Friday May 2 and Saturday May 3. Visit the Geneva Facebook page for more information.

NR garden Club taking orders

The New Richland Garden Club is taking orders for Super-tunia white and pink petunias and Tidal Wave cherry petunias. These are the same petunias used in the city garden on Hwy 30 because they are heat and drought tolerant with continuous blooming through Fall. Call Barb at 507-463-3306 by Thursday, April 17 to place your order or with questions. These will be available for pickup at our annual Plant Sale on May 18.

NRHEG Grand March 3:30 p.m. in the high school gym Sat., May 2

NRHEG grand march will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3 in the high school gym. Participants are scheduled to stop by the New Richland Care Center between 2 and 2:30 prior to grand march. Afterwards, prom participants will travel to Stillwater for a meal and dance on a chartered boat followed by After Prom games and fun at Whirly-Ball in Bloomington.

Wingstock 2025 at the Geneva Bar and Grill Saturday, May 3

Backyard Wing Cook-Off and Wing Eating Contest, Wingstock 2025 is happening again at the Geneva Bar and Grill starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Tickets \$15 presale, \$20 at the door, limited availability. Purchase tickets at Geneva Bar and Grill or through Smokin Barrel Barbecue.

NRHEG Greenhouse Plant Sale May 9&10

The NRHEG agricultural education program will have its spring plant sale the afternoon of Friday, May 9 and the morning of Saturday, May 10. Available to purchase will be flowers in hanging pots, flowers for repotting, and a small assortment of vegetables. The greenhouse is located to the west of the NRHEG Secondary school in New Richland.

Waldorf Petal Pushers plant sale Waldorf Community Center Sat. May 10

The Waldorf Petal Pushers plant sale will be held from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Waldorf Community Center. Available will be bedding plants, house plants, succulents, perennials and much more.

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Waseca County Sheriff Jay Dulas has begun offering sessions during which area residents can meet with him in person and get answers to some of their questions. Among those present at the first session held Friday, April 4 at the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce office were (from left): Katie Gonzales, Mikhail Rostislavovich, Robin Dulas, Sheriff Jay Dulas, Landi Dulas, Bernie Gaytko, Larry Johnson, Brian Harguth and Brad Milbrath.

Photo by Ben Revermann

Straight Talk with Sheriff Jay Dulas

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Straight Talk with Jay Dulas took place on Friday, April 4 at the offices of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce. This was presented by the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce and was a chance to ask Sheriff Dulas questions face to face; about 25 people visited.

In answer to one question, Dulas responded, "We try to stay ahead of

the criminals; they try to stay ahead of us. Drugs change names and hands and, depending on the combination of who's taking them, that can change behaviors." He alludes to users having drop areas where they can leave bags of substances for "customers" to find; buyers then make electronic payments to Venmo or other cash apps. He went on to say common names of drugs change from year to year, making it difficult

to stay current on "What the kids are calling it these days." "However," said Dulas, "people will try to avoid highway 35 from the Cities and drive through Waseca, stay on smaller roads. But Waseca is a safe town, it's a friendly town, no worse than other communities this size.

"Fraud," Sheriff Dulas said, "A lot of the time fraud is happening, and people don't say anything because they are embarrassed." He tells of in-

cidents where older people get calls claiming they must send money or they are in danger of losing their home. Callers have also claimed the person's grandchild has been either kidnapped or arrested and demanded money to have them released. "These calls" said Dulas, "are always time sensitive, telling victims you must act quickly, or your utilities will be

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Doug Christopherson, chair of the Waseca County Board of Commissioners, signs a proclamation naming April as County Child Abuse Prevention month and suggesting people can wear blue ribbons to show their support. Looking on are (back row, from left) fellow county commissioners Brad Krause, Brad Milbrath, Brian Harguth and De Malterer, and Waseca Exchange Club members Mikhail Rostislavovich, "Time-Out Teddy," and Robin Dulas.

Time-Out Teddy is part of a National Exchange Club campaign to help prevent child abuse; toys are donated to first responder organizations to be given to children undergoing frightening or stressful experiences.

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of child abuse eventually attempt suicide. Stating the hope that the proclamation would help "encourage awareness, compassion, and ultimately action," Rostislavovich declared, "It shouldn't hurt to be a child."

County facilities management director Brian Tomford reported regarding the sale of a 10-acre parcel of "landlocked" property southeast of Waseca sometimes referred to as "St. Mary's Park." Owners of adjoining property had been provided with

information regarding the parcel and invited to submit a bid to purchase it; the high bid was \$30,010.

The county gave official acceptance of a \$500 donation from Sweet-Sommers V.F.W. Post 1642 toward the purchase of equipment for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Five matters of business during the April 1 work session and meeting surrounded the county highway system.

Commissioners stated their support for an agreement with the City of Janesville to turn over a one-block long section of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 44 labeled as "Front Street" on city maps, to the jurisdiction and control of the city.

County Highway Engineer Jim

Kollar shared that the city wishes to see new infrastructure installed below the street and the street itself improved. By revoking CSAH status and removing the section of road from county ownership, Kollar stated, the city will be given full control of its project. Commissioners stated support for the plan and encouraged Kollar to move forward with all steps needed to complete it, including applying with the state to have the section of road removed from the CSAH system.

Board members also gave official approval to issuing contracts for four summer road construction projects, including paving the shoulders on part of CSAH 5 northwest of Waseca, reconstruction and paving on CSAH 3 between Waldorf and Ja-

nesville, rehabilitation work on CSAH 4 southwest of Waseca, and reconstruction of a Woodville Township road, which is under shared jurisdiction with the county.

A general discussion regarding the bids centered around them being "aggressive," that is, in some cases nearly 25 percent below the engineer's estimated cost. Commissioners observed that contractors were clearly serious about ensuring they have projects to fill their upcoming construction season.



Dakota Bogue not only won a ham, he purchased a cherry cheesecake pie during the "ham bingo" fundraiser held by the Geneva Fire Department on Saturday evening. Proceeds from the auctioning of pies and other treats were designated to go toward the Geneva Cancer Group's efforts.

Ham Bingo supports Geneva Fire department

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

About 75 people gathered in the Geneva Community Center the evening of Saturday, April 12 for "Ham Bingo," a chance to win one of 40 games and take home a Geneva Meats ham for Easter while also raising funds for the city fire department: proceeds were slated toward the purchase of a new fire truck and equipment.

Caller Marty Johnson kept up a brisk pace while players watched their cards and enjoyed complimentary popcorn and coffee, or bought themselves a water or soda for a beverage. Firefighters circulated, ready to verify calls of "Bingo" and generally provide assistance.

Game play was paused briefly three times for the sake of auctioning off homemade pies and treats baked by Geneva residents; high bids ranged from \$20 to \$40. Among the culinary treasures were blueberry and cherry pies, cookies, apple crisp, and other tempting treats.

Greg Bartsch served as auctioneer, announcing that money from the sale of baked goods would be going to the Geneva Cancer Group. He also mentioned that, thanks to a recent change in its by-laws, the group now has the flexibility to give some of its funds as direct financial assistance to help individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer. The evening's sales would go toward that fund.

As game play continued, 97-year-old Geneva resident Zola Wayne won four games, despite her claim as the even-

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DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. When I was a boy, the only sea I'd ever seen was the "We'll Sea." Like many families, mine lived the slogan, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without," but we had an addendum. If I asked for something I didn't need in a store, but thought I had to have, my mother put a stop to my request with a "We'll Sea."

I'd ridden in an ambulance years before. I played a fellow on a gurney in a film. I've also portrayed a dead guy in the back of a hearse. My recent ambulance ride had a lot more gravity. I talked to an attendant during the ride. Nice fellow. I knew his family. He apologized for every bump in the road.

My mother's friend mailed in a sweepstakes entry for every Publishers Clearing House magazine subscription offer she received in her mailbox. Each mailing had a photo of a winner receiving a gigantic check, balloons and flowers. I knew if she won, she wouldn't be able to cash that check because it was too big to get through the bank's door.

We'd won another sweepstakes. We had five puppies. I named them. The last one was called Blackie. There was no black on the little, all-brown dog. I couldn't call it Brownie because I'd already named another brown pup that. I had a terrific imagination.

I bought assortments of many breeds of chicks from Murray McMurray Hatchery in Webster City, Iowa. Why? Because they went cheep. As a small boy, I found something that was cheap in a small store/cafe. It was chewing gum. Mother asked where I'd gotten the gum. I'd found it stuck under a table. It was ABC gum (Already Been Chewed). The brand was Black Jack chewing gum, supposedly the first gum distributed in sticks. It had a black licorice flavor, rounded out by anise and ginger. ABC gum! Was I goofy? I like to think I was adventurous.

I'VE LEARNED
The best tree for woodworking is carpentree.

A friend attained a degree in forestry because he needed to take only tree classes.

I'm a conscientious parker. I park between the lines in an empty

parking lot.
I do little online shopping because I'd miss using a shopping cart with a wobbly wheel.

I wish all billboards were replaced with newspaper ads.
Shouldn't napkins be lapkins?

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

My wife called me last night and said, "If you're not home in 10 minutes, I'm giving your dinner to the dog." I was home in 5 minutes. I'd hate for anything to happen to my dog.

A man knocked on my door today, asking for donations for the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

My grandmother's desserts always bring down the house. The roof is in the pudding.

NATURE NOTES

"Is the bigger eagle I'm seeing a golden or a bald?" The two species are about the same size, with the females being larger. The legs of golden eagles are feathered to the foot; the bald eagle has featherless, yellow ankles. Golden's frequent forested and grassland landscapes, often away from lakes, rivers and coastlines. Bald eagles prefer open, fish-filled waters. Both species are fond of carrion. Juvenile bald eagles are larger than adults due to their longer wing and tail feathers.

"How can I stop a robin fighting with my window?" After choosing a nest site, a pair of robins claim the area as their own and defend it from other birds of their kind. When a male spots another male, a chasing fight ensues. The dominant male gets a mate, the nesting location, the territory and the area's food. A window acts as a mirror. A robin is territorial and instinctively attacks rivals in its breeding territory, making an enemy of its image. A real robin would flee, but the reflection remains. Being persistent and stubborn, the robin continues the attack. To stop the robin's assault, block its image. Put a piece of cardboard, black nylon screen, painter's cloth or plastic cling on the outside of the window where the bird is attacking. Soaping the window works. This may cause Martha Stewart to shudder, but, in most cases, you'll need it only until the shadowboxing robin thinks its worthy adversary has departed. Covering the inside of the window enhances the reflection. Plastic owls and fake snakes are ignored.

MEETING ADJOURNED
Robert Ingersoll said, "We rise by lifting others." A kind word could do that.

Blood Drive



American Red Cross phlebotomist Josephine Herbson was among the workers at the New Richland blood drive the afternoon of August 9. She, husband Bryan, and son Jordan, 12, live in Minnesota Lake. Bryan made the decision to donate blood in New Richland because it is relatively near to their home and because Josephine would be able to serve as his phlebotomist. The August 9 drive collected 30 units of blood. The next drive will be at the New Richland Community Room on August 6. Those willing to donate can either make an appointment online or walk in.

Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

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shut off. This involves cash, bitcoin in amounts like \$19,000, \$27,000, and once that money is gone, it's gone." There is an investigator in the Waseca office, who can work with other departments all over Minnesota. The department works with banks to try to track down accounts, but some of those accounts close quickly. There are ways to help, but sometimes money disappears. Before the Secret Service or the FBI will get involved, the amount has to be \$100,000 or higher. Sometimes criminals use shipping companies like FedEx or UPS; there are some cases where someone shows up at the house to get the money because, "We don't want it to get lost in the mail."

Dulas said, "It's not all a loss; we are getting some money back. Please, if this happens to you, even

if you are embarrassed, getting that information out there and talking to others does help inform the police about the different scams. Don't stay quiet. One thing to keep in mind about insurance and fraud: insurance can't cover something you gave away willingly."

In response to questions regarding the cormorants on Loon Lake Island, the Waseca city council has issued a permit allowing the use of firearms for this specific purpose. Cormorants are not technically a protected bird, but a permit from the DNR is needed before the birds can be controlled. According to Dulas, much of the ground-level vegetation on the island has been killed off by the acidic content of the birds' fecal matter.

The Waseca County jail was inspected by the state department of corrections last week; the sheriff's office has not yet received the results. Dulas mentioned he and a few of the county commissioners were present for the inspection. He says it is his hope the county can continue to maintain a jail within its borders.

The county has taken numerous steps toward a construction project which would include remodeling and upgrades on the jail and law enforcement center, as well as a new justice center. The Waseca County Sheriff's jail is a 22-bed facility, housing all males. On average there are around 10 inmates at any given time. Any females who are arrested are transferred to the custody of the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office. Dulas said his officers arrest far fewer women than men, anywhere from none to about four per week on average. Juveniles are sent to appropriate accommodations located in Anoka County.

Built in 1970, the Waseca County Sheriff's Office is the oldest operating jail structure in Minnesota. When a person is arrested, jail personnel are required to go through a medical checklist regarding whether any medical care is needed and what care is appropriate. All Waseca County Sheriff deputies are EMT trained. From bloody noses to cardiac arrest, they provide assistance until the am-

balance gets there.

Dulas reported his officers will be getting more equipment soon. Body cameras and tasers expected by the end of February have yet to be delivered. Dash-mounted cameras have been in use for the past 20 years in Waseca County and they have been a big help. New ones are due to be installed which will align with equipment used in Mankato and the Minnesota DNR, which will help when the agencies work together.

According to Sheriff Dulas, as of Friday, April 4, no decision has been reached as to the fate of the apartment building at 115 South State Street, the back of which collapsed. Fortunately, no one was injured, but up to 10 building residents were suddenly rendered homeless. Those residents have been in contact with Red Cross and Waseca County Emergency Management.

There will be additional chances to conduct some Straight Talk with Jay Dulas every first Friday of the month. Next talk will be May 2 at noon.

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IT WAS COLD – Above, Brooklyn Sommer delivers a pitch against United South Central on a cold, blustery day at New Richland’s Legion Field last week. Below, Camryn VanMaldeghem lays down a bunt. The Panthers were no-hit by USC pitcher Mariah Anderson.

Star Eagle photos by Jim Lutgens



Softball Panthers held hitless by USC pitcher

It was a cold, windy and overall miserable day to play softball. The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Panthers performed accordingly.

The Panthers could not muster a hit against United South Central pitcher Mariah Anderson and lost 13-0 to the visiting Rebels at Legion Field in New Richland Thursday, April 10.

“We lost to a very good USC team,” said Panthers head coach Wendy Schultz. “Their pitcher is phenomenal. Even though we lost 13-0 in six innings, I thought the girls’ defense improved from our game against Triton, which we won. We’ll keep plugging away.”

The Panthers managed one baserunner, who reached on a walk. Anderson finished with 15 strikeouts.

Brooklyn Sommer went the route in the circle for NRHEG, giving up 10 earned runs on 14 hits in six innings. She struck out four and walked eight.

Two days earlier, the Panthers prevailed 3-2 over Dodge Center at Triton.

The big bats were swung by CamVanMaldeghem and Chloe Stork. VanMaldeghem was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, Stork 2-for-3 with a stolen base and an RBI.

Addy Stadheim, Kyra Eustice and Sommer added one hit apiece.

Sommer was the winning pitcher, not allowing a hit while striking out nine and walking three.

“This was a good team win,” said Coach Schultz. “Brooklyn pitched a great game, allowing no hits and striking out nine,

Leading the charge offensively was Camryn and Chloe having two hits apiece and both driving in a run. Defensively, we struggled some, which is to be expected as we’ve practiced only one time on our field. I was proud of the way the girls kept their composure when the game got tight. Hats off to Triton as they committed no errors on defense and were aggressive on the base paths.”

The Panthers lost 8-3 Monday at Waseca.

VanMaldeghem was 2-for-4 with two stolen bases. Sommer, Eustice and Ezra Boerner had one hit apiece. Both teams had four errors.

“Wind, rain and cold temperatures made it tough tonight,” said Schultz. “The girls played six great innings of ball. We had one inning with four errors that was the difference in the game. Defensively, the girls made some tough plays with the wind and the rain. We made some mental errors on the base paths, but will learn from our mistakes. Brooklyn continues to work hard in the pitching circle and Addy (Stadheim) is solid behind the plate. She doesn’t let much get past her.”

Sommer pitched all seven innings for the Panthers, allowing three earned runs on six hits. She fanned three and walked five.

NRHEG, 1-1 in the Gopher Conference, fell to 1-3 for the season.

The Panthers travel to Faribault to face Bethlehem Academy today at 4:30. They host Blooming Prairie Monday at 4:30.

NRHEG golfers open season

The NRHEG High School golf teams opened the season Monday, April 7 at Kenyon.

The Panther boys took second as a team. Scores: Reid Sandry 46,

Shan Hanson 52, Tyler Kress 57, Braydon Rollag 56, Chase Hanson 60, Matthew Williams 65.

For the girls, Olivia Wilkenson scored 65 for nine holes.



INFIELD ACTION — At left, the Panthers’ Aidan Schlaak is looking to make the tag at third base and Alden Dobberstein (4) backs him up against GHECMLT. At right, Dominic Olson slides head first into third base.

Star Eagle photos by Jim Lutgens



Panthers drop slugfest to Triton

It was one of those days for the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School baseball team. The Panthers plated enough runs to win.

But they gave up way too many, falling 19-15 to Triton Monday at Jeff and Carol Reese Field in New Richland.

“As a coach, these types of games are frustrating,” said NRHEG head coach Shawn Larson. “On one hand we scored 15 runs against two, decent pitchers, and that is fantastic. The problem comes right after that when we discuss the hits Triton had combined with several errors and even a few bad bounces, that led to them having 19 runs.”

It’s something the Panthers, according to Coach Larson, need to correct.

“This will be a very long season, both figuratively and literally, if we do not find a way to play cleaner than this game defensively,” he stated.

The Panthers did have a great

night offensively, led by senior Seth Staloch who went 3-for-5 and delivered a crucial triple late in the game.”

“Although Staloch was trying to spark the team for a rally, the offense came to a halt there,” said Larson.

Aiden Schlaak was 2-for-4 with four runs scored, Ryan Schlaak 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run, Carter Martens 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Contributing one hit apiece were Owen Wayne, Alden Dobberstein and Jordan Brouwers.

The Cobras’ big inning was the fifth, when they put nine runs on the board. The Panthers scored two in the fifth, three in the sixth and two in the seventh.

The teams combined for 11 errors, six by Triton.

Martens started on the mound for the Panthers and took the loss, allowing eight earned runs on 11 hits through 4 1/3 innings. Ryan Schlaak, Calvin Nissen and Jace Ihrke pitched in relief. The four

combined for 14 walks and four strikeouts.

The Panthers hosted Mankato Loyola Tuesday, April 8 and lost 5-1.

It was a clean game, according to Coach Larson, with a total of four errors, three by the Panthers.

Five NRHEG hitters had one hit apiece: Wayne, Aiden Schlaak, Martens, Wyatt Larson and Ryan Schlaak.

Martens was the starter on the mound and took the loss, giving up four earned runs in four innings. Ryan Schlaak threw three innings in relief.

“Today’s game was an example of how clean error-free baseball gives you a chance to win,” said Coach Larson. “We played almost the entire game clean and error free, but we were unable to stay clean long enough to compete with a good team like the Crusaders. We are playing well for the beginning of the season. After the first two games we lost to two good teams. If we are

ready to stay focused and disciplined in the field and on the base-paths, and aggressive at the plate, we will be a tough out. Today was a loss in the record book, but this team is not going away any time soon.”

Larson also had praise for the pitching of Martens.

“If we were able to limit or eliminate unearned runs today, we may have been able to give Carter a chance at a win,” said Larson.

The Panthers prevailed 10-7 over Granada-Huntley-East Chain/Martin Luther/Truman last Friday at Reese Field.

Ryan Schlaak was 4-for-4 with three runs, Deen 2-for-3 with two runs. Adding one hit each were Dobberstein, Ihrke, Larson, Staloch, Aiden Schlaak and Brouwers.

Wayne was the winning pitcher, with Larson throwing in relief.

The Panthers play today at 5 p.m. at Blue Earth and Monday at 4:30 at Blooming Prairie.



FIRST-PLACE RACE – The Panthers’ Gabby Schlaak, center, on her way to first in the 100-meter hurdles at Wells last Tuesday. She was one of two first-place finishers for NRHEG.

Photos by Larry Nydegger

NRHEG track teams perform well at USC

Panthers’ Schlaak, Ladlie finish first

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School track and field teams traveled to Wells last Tuesday for the Viesselman True Team Invitational.

The NRHEG girls had a strong showing, led by the duo of Gabby Schlaak and Anika Ladlie.

Schlaak won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.11 seconds while Ladlie was first in the high jump at 4-10.

“It was a cold night, but the athletes gave their all,” said Panthers co-head coach Larry Nydegger. “There were some good performances that we can build on as the season goes along.”

Julieann Wobbrock was runner-up in the 3200, clocking 12:42.87. Kylie Olson was second in the shot put at 33-4.5. Sierra Misgen, Holly Bartness, Ella Jen0 and Wobbrock combined for second in the 4x800 relay in 11:34.71.

Placing third for the girls: Elle Jen0, 1600, 6:28.36; Olson, discus,

“There were some good performances that we can build on as the season goes along.”

— NRHEG co-coach Larry Nydegger

80-1.5; Chloe Riewer, long jump, 15-11; 4x800 relay, 2:04.14 - Misgen, Clara Buendorf, Gia Cazares, Payton Frye; 4x800 - Misgen, Morgan Studier, Buendorf, Frye.

The NRHEG boys finished sixth as a team.

Jacob Karl led the Panthers, taking second in the 1600 in 5:14.11 and second in the 800 in 2:19.93. Lavan Jewison cleared 5-8 for third



OUTSTANDING OPENING – Juliann Wobbrock was one of several with a strong showing for the NRHEG track and field teams, finishing second in the 3200 meters.

in the high jump.

Other squads competing were Blue Earth Area, LCWM, USC/AC, WEM and JWP.

The meet is named after longtime USC and Wells-Easton track and cross country coach Kent Viesselman.

After a Tuesday meet at Maple River, the Panther girls compete Tuesday, April 22 at Blooming Prairie. Both squads are at JWP April 29.



Shown here are Dick Herfindahl's grandson, Trevor, with a couple of real Hawg walleye that he caught on the Rainy River last weekend. He is also holding a 60-inch sturgeon that he also caught that weekend. He released all of these fish that he caught.

Opener is fast approaching but why wait?

The fishing opener is fast approaching, and, as I no longer have to plan around it, I may just pass on the opener and wait until the following weekend to wet a line. For years, I was invited to the opener, but, like many things, my getting invited to attend the Governor's opener ended a couple of years ago. Print media has taken a backseat to podcasts, radio, and other means of communication, so I am kind of a relic. I was more disappointed when the local Tribune no longer wanted my columns than when the Opener dumped me. I am still writing for my friend Jim Lutgens and his son, Eli, in the New Richland paper, and I take pride in contributing to a paper that knows what living in a local community means.

Enough whining for one day: I want to keep writing for as long as I can, God willing. I enjoy sharing my love for the outdoors with and about my friends and family.

This is the time of year when there is a certain downtime between now and the opener. If a person wants to, you can buy an Iowa license and begin fishing now. You can also go to the Mississippi River and fish with a Minnesota license. My oldest grandson, Trevor, has done both. He



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

connected with his friend from New Ulm, Collins, and they went to the Rainey River. According to pictures Trevor sent, the fishing was fantastic.

When Trevor and his friend were in Linesman school over in Jackson, they decided to go to the Rainy River and try their luck. They caught and released some huge sturgeon, a 65-inch, and a 73-inch. They both had fish on at the same time while fishing out of Trevor's 14-foot boat. Luckily, a guy and his wife were fishing nearby and the guy offered to help them land the fish. It turned out, the guy worked for Midwest Outdoors magazine. Later on, they went out on Lake of the Woods and caught walleye and sauger. Trevor said that by the time they headed home, he was actually fished out. He said that they caught and released about a dozen sturgeon and many walleye.

They kept some walleye and sauger to bring to the table.

Last weekend those two went back to the same area of the Rainy River fishing for Walleye and sturgeon. Trevor caught and released a 60-inch sturgeon while they were there. They caught many lunker walleye, most of which they released to fight another day. Just looking at those pictures made me feel like a kid again, at least in spirit.

Trevor has taken me to Iowa a couple of times to fish walleye, and I wasn't disappointed. The kid knows how to find fish and, better yet, how to catch them.

Until next time: If you want to fish now, I have heard that the crappie are biting on Fountain Lake. I hope to get in on some of that this spring. We have a great resource right here in our own backyard and we need to take advantage of it.

I have always preferred to fish in a secluded area whenever possible. Not being a crowd type of fisherman is hard these days. I can remember as a kid when there were times that I would be the only one fishing on the shores of Fountain Lake. Back then there were mainly bullheads, sunfish, and crappie to be found. If I wanted big bluegills, I would ride my bike out to the "mink farm" which sat where Bancroft Bay Park is today. We would buy a package of horse meat for a quarter and we caught big bluegills and huge yellow-bellied bullheads. We were amateur adventurers, climbing on the trees that leaned over the lake to find a good fishing hole. We could spend a whole summer day there fishing and exploring. Some fishing line, a sinker and a hook was all you needed. If you had an actual fishing rod & reel, you were a rich kid. You got accepted anyway, but most of us got by just fine with simple tackle. We made our own fun, and, in many ways, that made us who we are today.

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LOOKING BACK

25 Years Back



- Jenne (Jennifer) Herbst, formerly of New Richland, has pursued a career in character casting in Hollywood. It has been very interesting and a lot of fun for her. She particularly enjoys the year around climate of California. Heavy traffic was what she dreaded the most, but is dealing with it fine too.

- Cully's Depot opened on New Richland's North Broadway, last Monday. Chris and Tammy Olson, who purchased Shirley's Restaurant the first part of January, have completely remodeled the interior of the place. The Olsons named the dining establishment for their son, 13 month old Cullin. Here the Olsons hold Cullin in front of the serving window of the caboose that houses the kitchen.

- Cheerleading awards were presented by Kari Buendorf. Cheerleaders and their awards from the left are: Michelle Dobberstein, Spirit award, All Conference Academic and Gold award; Alison Groth, Captain award and most valuable cheerleader; Amber Simonson, captain award, and All Conference Academic awards; Sarah Motl, captain award, gold and All Conference Academic awards; Missy Farr, academic certificate; Sarah Motl, and Amy Balfe, silver academic award. Not present to accept a most improved cheerleader award and a silver academic certificate was Stacy Lura.

- A daughter was born to Adam and Annie Morstad on Thursday, March 30, 2000. Leah Brittan, as she has been named, weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and is a fifth generation baby. Grandparents are David and Lynne Kofstad, Alvin and Cindy Morstad, all of Hartland.

50 Years Back

- The Waldorf-Pemberton High school band under the direction of James Kopetzki will be wrapping up a successful year with numerous musical events in the next month and a half. This year has been without a doubt the most eventful and memorable year the group has ever had. New Concert Band uniforms were purchased, which include formal tuxedos for the boys and long formals for the girls. These are the first uniforms the Band has ever had. The highlight of the year was the performance of the band at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Convention held at the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis, February 21. The W-P Band received a standing ovation from the delegates of the convention, and after returning home received many letters from directors throughout the state of Minnesota congratulating the students for their performance.

- About 170 people enjoyed the Waldorf-Pemberton FFA chapters annual Parent-Student banquet Thursday evening at the high school gymnasium. Awarded Honorary Chapter farmer awards were Mrs. Lyle Ewald and Orland Drager. Chris Floden was named Star Greenhand and Lynn Ewald Chapter Star Farmer. Lynn also received the DeKalb award.

- Rachel Susan Brey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brey, was baptized Sunday afternoon, April 6 at All Saints Catholic Church by Reverend S.P. Wier. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rathmann of New Ulm. Dinner and afternoon guests at the Brey home were the sponsors and children; Ricky, Lori, Lisa and Patty; grandmothers, Mrs. Norbert Brey and Mrs. Ray Long of Lafayette and Father Weir, and Rachel's sister and Brother, Rebecca and Matthew.

75 Years Back

- Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fischer announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Mae Fischer to Darwin H. Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Reese. The marriage took place February 16, 1950 in Albert Lea with Rev. J.C. Walledom performing the ceremony. They will make their home in Albert Lea where both are employed.

- Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Nelson (Pearl Wildman) of Albert Lea became the parents of their third son, Dennis Jay, at the Naevie hospital, Albert Lea, May 3. The two older brothers are Gary and Gene. Dennis Jay weighed eight pounds.

- At the spring convention of the South Central Women's Missionary Federation of the Minnesota District of the American Lutheran Church, two local members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church were elected to serve as officers this year. Mrs. Frank Root will head the Women's Thank Offering Department and Mrs. Reginald Saur will head the India Lace school department. Fourteen members of the local Women's Missionary society attended the sessions. Delegates and members of thirteen south-central-congregations were in attendance. The meeting was held at St. John's Church, Owatonna.

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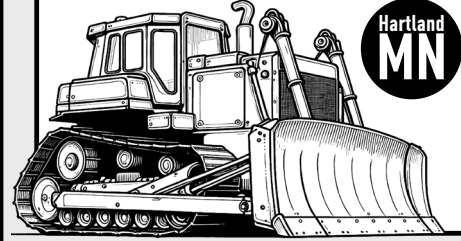
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The Hartland City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the contract in the best interest of the City. Bids arriving after the designated time will be returned unopened.

Immediately following expiration for the time for receiving bids, the City Clerk will open the bids at the Hartland City Hall office. The City Council will consider such bids in the Council Chambers at a special meeting held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 14th, 2025.

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DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

Mill Bituminous Pavement (2.0")	6,485	SQ YD	12"-18" RC Pipe Sewer	725	LIN FT
Aggregate Base, Class 5	1,765	CU YD	4"-6" Concrete Walk	21,864	SQ FT
Bituminous Patch Special	2,150	SQ YD	Concrete Curb & Gutter	3,171	LIN FT
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Traffic Control	1	LS	1.5"-2" Non-Metallic Conduit	1,934	LIN FT
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together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates, Truck Rentals, Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions, and Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by June 1, 2026.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.questcdn.com or www.bolton-menk.com.

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BID SECURITY: A Proposal Bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Geneva shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: March 28, 2025 /S/ Jannell Tuft
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PHB's Lawyer Emily Loomis

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

Emily Loomis, a lawyer with Patton, Hoversten and Berg (PHB) in Waseca, changed the course of her college training from criminology to law after learning a shortage of quality lawyers in the U.S. reduces people's access to justice.

When she finished an undergraduate degree at the University of Northern Iowa in 2021, she began attending law school at Texas A & M University in Fort Worth. "I thought I was going to stay in Texas," she remembers, mentioning that, after having grown up in a small Iowa town, she had become accustomed to the pace of life and range of opportunities that come with living in a metroplex like Dallas and Fort Worth. Her thinking changed, though, as her siblings began to become parents. "Then I realized I want to be closer to family," she says.

When she learned of an opening at PHB, she applied, was hired, and even began working remotely as a researcher for the firm as she finished up her degree in Texas. She moved to Minnesota last fall and resides in Owatonna. Now 26, she comments she has come to be in a better position to recognize the value of small-town roots.

"The town rallies for each other," she observes. "People show up."

Currently a coach for a community education third-grade girls' basketball team, Loomis says, "If you know anything about those early levels, you know it's not high-level, fast-action excitement."

"But people come. They fill the gym. They support the team and they encourage all players to do their best. "And that's exciting."

From what she has seen at the Art Center and the county historical society, she says that same level of support and caring infuses the Waseca



Lawyer Emily Loomis has rediscovered her appreciation for the small-town lifestyle since joining local law firm Patton, Hoversten and Berg.

Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

wishes are, research how those can be accomplished, and create a document or a set of circumstances that will make that possible.

"Businesses change hands. Family dynamics shift," she remarks.

"One or two consultations in advance can prevent a lot of tension or uncertainty later on."

All in all, Emily says she is grateful for the shift which occurred when she decided to apply to a law firm located in a small town.

"I like that I get to know my clients one on one," she says. "I feel like I am able to genuinely understand what they want, and can use the resources PHB has put in place to meet their needs."

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Firefighters who helped with the "Ham Bingo" fundraiser the evening of Saturday, April 12 were (front, from left) Jim Beenken, Greg Bartsch, Alex Beenken, Curt Boswell, Tyler Peterson (back, from left) Taff Worrell, Lonnie Bartsch, Justin Stieglbauer, Gary Gordinier, and Mike Johnson.

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Above, Geneva resident Marty Johnson served as the caller for 40 rounds of bingo during the city fire department's "ham bingo" fundraiser Saturday evening.

Left, Zola Wayne, 97, won four out of the 40 games of bingo during the fire department fundraiser on Saturday evening. She plans to give one ham to each of her four grandchildren.

■ Bingo

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ing began that she "never" wins

at bingo. A firefighter teased her that there was a limit on the number of wins allowed before admitting that wasn't the case. He went on to point out another player that evening had won three.

As the evening ended, Bartsch thanked everyone for their participation and invited them to support future fundraising efforts, including its annual break-fast and turkey bingo next holiday season.

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