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At left, Geneva Cancer Run treasurer Jordan Carroll and Secretary Kristi Peterson. At center: Bikers prepare to ride. At right: Jake Jensen, DeeAnn Randall, Andy Jensen.



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Geneva Cancer Run board members Buck Thompson and Sara Harty.

\$1/4 million raised

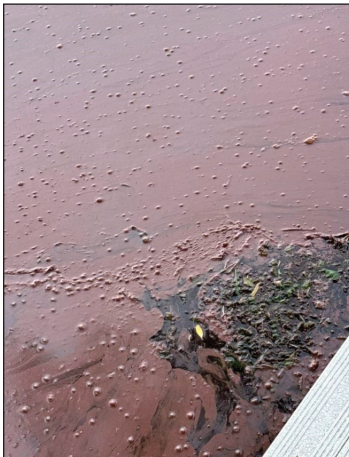
By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

Beautiful weather accompanied nearly 100 riders at the thirteenth annual Geneva Cancer Run Saturday, June 8. The ride began around 11 a.m. at the Geneva Bar and Grill. Riders left east on Highway 35 on their way to Kensett, Iowa. Awaiting them was a pulled pork lunch in the city park. Their return route included stops in Carpenter, Iowa and Myrtle before returning to Geneva around 4 p.m. Leading the ride was Captain Jake Jensen, who, with the help of his mother DeeAnn and brother Jake, started this annual ride in 2011 in honor of his best friend Matt Felt. Matt lost his battle with cancer at the age of 26 in 2007. Son of Doug and Sandy Felt, Matt was a Geneva native like many of those present on Saturday. "Matt was a good friend to Jake," DeeAnn said. "And all the kids in Geneva for that matter." The non-profit group, Geneva Cancer Run, began with the Matt Felt Memorial Ride in 2010 and organized a year later

in 2011. DeeAnn Randall serves as president with her sons Jake as the vice president and Andy as one of the nine board members. Since the ride's inception, more than a quarter of a million dollars has been raised and given back to local persons battling cancer. This year's event was expected to raise about \$20,000. The cost to ride Saturday was \$10. "We're a cheap date at \$10 a rider," DeeAnn said before the departure. "Stay for the auction, that's where we raise our money." "We're glad to do this for a long time," DeeAnn concluded. "We want to help people in need, locally. If there's a need, you try to fill it." Before their initial departure Jessica Tomshin, formerly Arndt, sang the national anthem. "Then it's kickstands up," DeeAnn said over a loudspeaker. For those wanting to attend next year, preparations are already underway DeeAnn assured.



President of the Geneva Cancer Run, DeeAnn Randall



St. Olaf Lake

Harmful bloom reported at St. Olaf

By CRAIG SOUPIR
MNA DNR

Have you ever observed what appeared to be pink lemonade colored water under the ice in your local lake? Have you observed a brown/pink layer of 'scum' on the surface of a lake? This may indicate a harmful bloom of Cyanobacterium Planktothrix rubescens. A couple reports of this have been documented in the past couple winters around Waterville and Windom, so it is worth discussion, albeit I am admittedly by no means an expert on this topic!

An example is shown in the included photos in winter 2024. One photo was taken at St. Olaf Lake (Waseca County). The Waterville Fisheries Office had reports of a reddish color/hue to

St. Olaf continued on 4

A word from The Word

Since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:16

Last days at the 'place to start'

Kormann retires after more than two decades

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

Teri Kormann's last day as "the place to start" at NRHEG Secondary School was Wednesday, June 5. Since 2012, Kormann has been the face at the office service window where people would come with questions, drop off forms, or simply stop by in search of a sympathetic ear.

"If they didn't know where else to go, this was the place to start," observes Kormann. "If I couldn't help them, I would find the person who could." Kormann's history with the school actually begins with her second-grade year, when her family moved to the area. She graduated from New Richland-Hartland High School in 1977. Also graduating that year was classmate and sweetheart Lonnie Kormann; the two married in 1978 and moved away for a time, but returned as they began having children. Their three sons are all NRHEG alumni: Bryan graduated in 2004, Justin in 2007 and Jonathan in 2009.

Kormann had been a stay-at-home mom, but when her youngest began attending kindergarten, she learned the school was looking for help supervising the playground. She volunteered on the days Jonathan was in school. "They needed help, I lived close by. It seemed like a good fit," she recalls, saying she enjoyed playing kickball and watching kids entertain themselves on the playground equipment.

The next year she joined the staff as a paraprofessional, someone who attends class with students who have special needs and also works one-on-one with them to help them study and learn. She remembers being one of six paras working under teachers Beth Knudson and Stacy Stork, and all of them based out of a single classroom. The close quarters and the many demands of the job, she said, helped them become a tightly-knit group. "We all had each other's backs," she remembers. "Those ladies were definitely my work 'family.'"

In 2012 when the position for the administrative assistant to the principal became open, Kormann applied. "Paul Cyr took a chance on me; I will be forever grateful," she says of that first year. "I absolutely loved working in the office and with Paul," she recalls.

Kormann has been in the office ever since. "I have absolutely loved this job," Kormann says. She mentions the variety of duties the job en-



NRHEG's longtime secondary school secretary, Teri Kormann.

Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

tails—everything from attendance and lunch count to working closely with the sports programs. But mostly, "It's the people."

"I will miss the entire, wonderful staff," she says. "It takes very special people to want to work with kids every day."

Among the things she will not miss, she mentions, are having to be at school by 7 a.m., even when there was a snowstorm. She is deeply grateful the pandemic is over, and of course hopes there will not be another. "Those years were awful for everybody," she remembers. "For the teachers, the parents, and most of all, the students."

Kormann takes special pleasure in having been able to be there and help in sometimes subtle ways. Thanks to her position, first as a paraprofessional and then in the office, she holds a warm place in her heart for the members of the class of 2018, whose company she kept from the time they were kindergarteners until their graduation.

She says she always enjoyed the fun and variety of dress-up days and special events such as homecoming, snow week and prom.

She will always remember some of the tradi-

"It takes very special people to want to work with kids every day."

— Teri Kormann

tions that popped up across the year—for example when military recruiters would come to the school, they would challenge students to do pull-ups in the hallway next to the cafeteria.

She says she has been continually grateful for the community's engagement with the school—attendance at games, concerts and performances. During years when the wrestling team and the girls' basketball team went to state, she remembers the school needed six or seven buses for all the people interested in being there.

Her favorite day of the year "was always the first day of school," she says emphatically. "I

Kormann continued on 4

Farm and City Days Medallion Hunt begins

It is that time of year again when we must all sit and read the signs or clues to try to find the Farm and City Days Medallion. A couple signs that make my board might be: "Welcome to New Richland, home of all the champions." Don't head any farther south than all the brush, sticks, and piles of dirt and no farther north than a frozen pond. This year is the 102nd year of Farm and City Days... I wonder if where I sit was here when this all began? 4 is an important number to finding me. To be technical I would say the 4 is heading in a southwest/ northeast direction.

Clarks Grove Area Historical Society meeting June 13 at 6 p.m.

The Clarks Grove Area Historical Society welcomes all to the Thursday, June 13 meeting at an earlier than regular time of 6 p.m. that night.

Julie Bronson will be entertaining us with her photographs of old barns and cars. Her works have been published and she is a local artist and we are looking forward to seeing her books. Snacks will also be served.

NR Summer Burst Concert Series returns June 23, July 21 and Aug. 11

The concerts in the park series will continue for a third season of music for the New Richland area communities. Concerts are held at the New Richland City Park (114 1st St. SE) on Sunday afternoons with free admission. (Free will offerings are accepted.) An additional concert is held prior to each park performance at the New Richland Care Center for its residents.

June 23rd: The Whiteside-walls - The upper Midwest's premier doo-wop, rockabilly and rock and roll band, known for 50's and 60's music, will perform the songs we all remember!

July 21st: Just Friends Gospel

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FenceLines

by Mark Bernard

In several instances, things just wanted to fight

After the visit to the Nash Rambler dealer, the scurs got the Weather Eye back on track with some drier days. Will our improved conditions continue or are we set up for more disappointment? Starting Thursday, mostly sunny with a modest chance of forenoon rain. Highs in the low 80's with lows in the upper 50's. Sunny on Friday with a modest chance of an overnight shower. Highs in the upper 70's with lows in the upper 50's. Mostly cloudy on Saturday with a good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70's with lows in the upper 60's. Sunday, partly sunny with a fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-80's with lows in the upper 60's. Can you say steam, boys and girls? I knew you could. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the upper 80's and lows in the mid-60's. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with highs in the upper 70's and lows in the mid-60's. Cloudy on Wednesday with a good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80's with lows in the mid-60's. On the 16th, sunrise is one minute later at 5:31 a.m. than it was a few days earlier. On the 17th, the sun sets at 8:59 p.m. We'll only gain another 20 seconds of daylight prior to the summer solstice on the 20th. The normal high for June 17th is 79 and the normal low is 59. The scurs will count on more fan mail if these drier conditions continue.

Farmers wasted little time before getting back into spraying mode once again. Between nuisance rains that camouflaged the wet spots and windspeeds clocked at over 40 mph, it was tough to make much headway. On Monday though, sprayer operators had their ears pinned back and were giving it their all. It was a near perfect day for it and one could see progress being made with few interruptions or machines falling victim to the quagmire. Much of the corn was about at the limit in height, but with weeds actively growing and rain in the forecast, applications were made. When wind was an issue, some had their side dressing rigs rolling. Perfect timing for that.

Some replanting in both corn and soybeans still going on as well. Some are seeing reminders of the areas they left last year resulting in plenty of weeds this year. Corn has been going through the ugly duckling stage where it changes over from the initial seminal root system to the nodal root system. Many fields looked good out of the chute and within a few weeks after lots of precip and cloudy days, such was not the case. Many fields suddenly looked ratty and uneven. Every field is different and the variables in each one are different. Can't necessarily use a one size fits all reason for their less than thrifty appearance. Some fields still look great, although as several of us discussed, performance one year is no guarantee of that same performance the next. Mother Nature doesn't play fair and always holds the trump card.

Gardening at the ranch remains on hold, although it's like many projects. Once there's time, it can happen in a hurry. Making time is usually the issue and this time is no exception. Looking at and concerning myself with everyone else's problems first and many things become a "doctor heal thyself" issue. I did make another burndown application Monday night ahead of what potentially could be another rainy spell. The crabgrass was like a carpet and trying to kill it all with the tiller would be unrewarding. There was plenty of purslane and redroot pigweed as well so once there's a window to plant, at least we won't be battling the entire Russian

army.

In the meantime, we managed to finish the fencing project at the kindly neighbors' with his help. It was a battle and in several instances, things just wanted to fight. Stringing three new strands of wire up and down the hills took some doing, but we kept at it. There's still one area down in the northeast corner of the pasture where some erosion has caused potential concern. An additional post or panel needs to be put in place, although it's far from being an emergency. It could be a month or two before the sheep get there, given the amount of grass there is. Once satisfied the fence was sheep-worthy, I plugged it in to charge it. Something didn't sound right. The "click" wasn't sharp enough. I walked around the side of the building and sure enough, the hot wire was touching the steel building. Once remedied, it sounded and worked perfectly. It blew all five bars on the fence tester too. Everything was a "go."

We were extremely fortunate to have friends who offered to help us wean the next day. Without them we couldn't have pulled it off or at very least, it would've taken a lot longer. The sheep were ornery and stubborn as Cheviots always are, but they were out-matched. Thanks to our enlisted help, we managed to get 40 plus lambs weaned and put the brood ewes at home out to pasture. As part of the process, we also sorted the group to go to the kindly neighbors' pasture into the trailer. It took just over an hour and a half. Even the sheep couldn't believe how quickly it all happened. Afterwards there were some celebratory refreshments. Once our help left, we had to contend with a day of belling. The next day, silence, our favorite sound.

There was one fly in the ointment: One of this spring's ewe lambs developed a talent for jumping over the creep panel once she became too wide to squeeze between the rollers. Apparently she transferred that ability into jumping over a couple panels to get back in with her mother again. As they say, they may get loose, but they never get away. She's also a show lamb candidate. Once back where she belongs, she'll be a roomie with the 4-H market wether ewe residing there. She'll have to contend with Avary, who doesn't take any guff from show animals. The panels in that pen are also 4' tall. If the lamb clears that, she should try out for the Olympic high jumping team. We've only had one ram make it over the top of those. His stay at the ranch was cut short following that stunt. He received an all-expenses paid trip to Zumbrotta shortly afterwards.

Poppy had another week of toy losing. While she's an active little Corgi, those stubby little legs make it difficult to fish things out sometimes. Her favorite toy, the blue Chuck It ball with the squeaker in it went missing for days. We looked high and low in all the usual places, but to no avail. Finally, during one noon hour trip home, I spied it in behind some stuff stashed in a hallway. She seldom goes in there, but no happier dog could've been found after it was retrieved. A few days later, the ball went missing again. Thinking that she'd probably lost it in the normal spots, we looked there first. No go. Went back to the hallway hiding spot. Nothing there either. I did make another burndown application Monday night ahead of what potentially could be another rainy spell. The crabgrass was like a carpet and trying to kill it all with the tiller would be unrewarding. There was plenty of purslane and redroot pigweed as well so once there's a window to plant, at least we won't be battling the entire Russian

army. See you next week...real good then.

Inspiring star stories, week 1



Whatever Flips Your Waffle

by Mark Domeier
Contributing Writer

Summer break is here, which means it's also time for a break from pontificating, so I'll look to my creative writing pen for a time. Some of my students gave me the first and last lines of a potential story; my job is to fill in the middle! This week's inspiration comes from Makenna Reeder.

It was the start of the year for the Class of 2028. At last, their senior year had arrived! As the elders of the school lined up outside their first-hour classes, the air buzzed with excitement. I waited outside my new-to-me classroom. After years of teaching middle schoolers, I had been reassigned to teach some high school classes.

My first-hour class was a creative writing venture, a class I had always been envious of when others taught it. I loved working with kids to tap into their creative minds and create something exciting. A mixture of juniors and seniors were in my class, though it was senior-heavy.

As I called roll, my head jerked up at the devious snickers I heard from two of the seniors, Kinley and Makenda. They had always been good students, though they had a touch of mischievousness to them. In fact, Makenda had spent two prior years in my classroom writing about how her English teacher would die in new and horrible ways. At the end of 8th grade, she and Kinley had created a comic book all about me dying.

It had all been in good fun, I kept telling myself. But now I wondered how many more ways they could create for me to die.

Shaking off the glint of nervousness that overtook me, I went over

the syllabus and focused on the copious amounts of writing we would be doing that semester. It was the usual first-day routine, and the kids filed out of my room as I welcomed the next group of stars.

One of the first projects I had the creative writers work on was writing the ending of a story before anything else. This was along the lines of what J.K. Rowling did with the Harry Potter series. We would then go back and write the rest of the story, allowing us to seed some foreshadowing in the work, since everyone would know how their stories ended.

As I looked over the submissions, I couldn't help but notice that Makenda was back to her old tricks. The end of her story was about the solution to the murder of an English teacher. I just shook my head and kept going through the rest of the stories.

The next day, another student asked me if I had seen Makenda's post on TikTok. Even though the social media machine had been sold to interests in the United States, I still hadn't felt the urge to join the sensation. The student showed me a video of Makenda stabbing a yearbook picture of me with an old-style quill one might have used for writing centuries ago.

She certainly was anonymous about her mock killing of me. I assumed this would be part of her larger story for my class. Still, I was a bit unsettled by it all.

After working with Makenda through some of her opening chapters to the story of the death of her English teacher, I grew a little more worried. The daily routine of the teacher in the story matched my own a little too perfectly. The part that bothered me the most was that the routine included what I did after school: when I picked up my mail, when I made supper, etc.

I started closing the shades when I was at home. When my wife asked about it, I told her about Makenda's creepy story. My wife suggested I talk to Makenda's parents. I sent an email that night but didn't hear back before heading to school the next day.

Makenda wasn't in class that day. When I asked Kinley if she knew anything, she just mumbled something incoherent. I shrugged and went about my day. At the end of the day, I happened to look back at my attendance on the computer. The secretary always went in and marked the reasons for absences. However, nothing was next to Makenda's name. Strange.

I sat at my desk, which was across from my classroom door. I was immersed in papers and didn't notice as a hand reached around the corner and turned off the lights. The glow of my computer illuminated my startled face as I heard the door shut. I stood up and walked around to the front of my desk.

Suddenly, I felt a sharp stab in my chest. I gasped and fell to the ground, pulling out a stick with feathers on it. Wait, a quill?

"You just couldn't leave well enough alone, could you?" came a demented voice.

"Makenda?" I asked weakly.

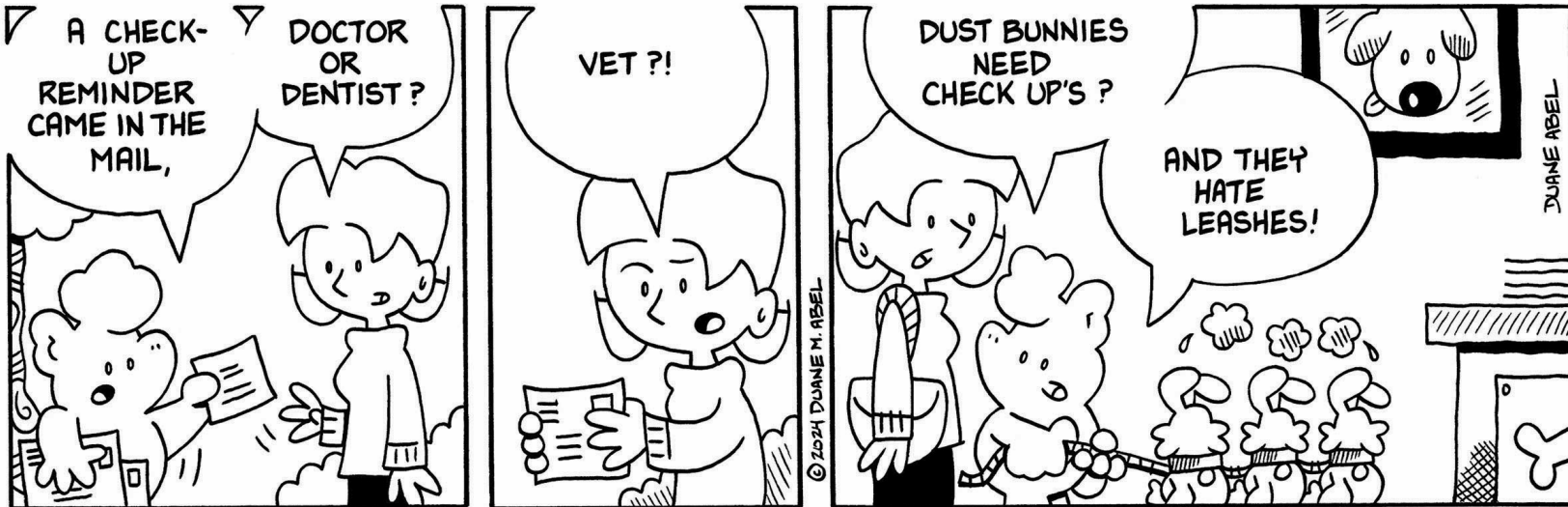
"You had to email my parents. You had to rat me out. I was just writing a good story and needed more information to make it realistic." I felt another stab, this time in my back. I grunted and slumped to the floor.

"Well, this will make the rest of my story even better," she said. "I'll know exactly how the killer feels when she takes out that English teacher. Plus, I got to practice at home." Another stab. "My parents were 'worried' about me." Another stab. "They won't be worrying anymore."

One last cackle penetrated my eardrums as Makenda finally finished what she'd been writing about for over five years, killing her English teacher.

Word of the Week: This week's word is *onymous*, which means not anonymous, or out in the open, as in, "The new form of social media forced you to be *onymous* and not hide behind a pseudonym." Impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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Briefs

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-The well-known group of singers from the surrounding areas of New Richland, Owatonna, Wells, and Austin.

August 11th: Gold Star - Come and listen to this local band from Mankato who plays a variety of music including classic country, 50's/60's music, and classic rock!

A food truck will also be available at each concert for your eating pleasure!

Please bring a chair &/or blankets to sit.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a Legislation appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

Thank you to the State Bank of New Richland, KEEN Bank, and Arcadia bank for their generous donations to the Summer Burst Concert Series, and a special thanks to the City of New Richland for the utilization of their park and services for our events!

Thirty-fourth annual FCA Sports Camp set for July 30 - Aug. 1

The thirty-fourth annual Waseca Fellowship of Christian Athletes Jr. Sports Camp is set for July 30 - Aug. 1 for athletes entering grades 3-8. Registration online at www.minnesotafca.org/waseca-jsc.

Lutheran night at teh Twins Aug. 12 at 6:40 p.m.

It's Lutheran Night at the Twins Monday August 12, 2024 at 6:40

p.m.

The cost is \$60 per person paid in advance - no refunds.

The price includes a coach bus leaving from behind Hy-Vee in Albert Lea at 4 p.m.

Home plate view tickets with eight bus people who want to go out to center field to help lead in singing the national anthem.

Deal or no deal prizes on the way to the game plus coupons for all.

Your name on the score board if your birthday is August 12th.

The bus is parked nearby.

Cash back of \$10.00 per bus person after 57 tickets are sold (a full bus)

For reservations call: Bob and Genie Hanson at 507-373-8655 or Wayne and Bev Indrelie at 507-286-3267

Ashton Johnson of New Richland honored during UNL Teacher Education Convocation

Ashton Johnson of New Richland was among 234 University of Nebraska-Lincoln undergraduate students officially admitted to teacher education programs during the 2023-24 academic year who were recognized at the inaugural Teacher Education Convocation April 5 at Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall. Johnson is a junior in the elementary education program.

Kendall Johnson among 168 students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa

On April 13, 168 University of Wisconsin-Madison Letters & Science undergraduates were inducted to the Phi Beta Kappa (ΦBK) academic society, including Kendall Johnson of Ellendale.

Waldorf Veterans Memorial Fund Drive

Donations are requested to support the construction of the Waldorf Veterans Memorial. Checks written to WVMP Fund Drive can be mailed to WVMP Fund Drive; Judy Joecks, treasurer; P.O. Box 55; Waldorf, MN 56091. Questions can be directed to

Charlie Barnes at (763) 286-2246.

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Even the little ones count for something

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
I was named after my father. Your father's first name was Al? No, his last name was Batt.
DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

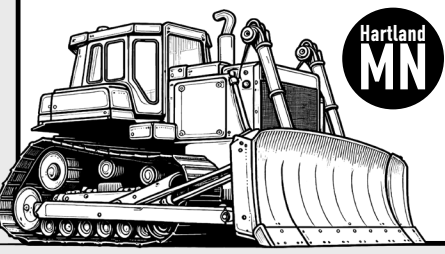
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. I led a bus tour. A member of the group showed me her ring. She introduced it to me because it came with a story. Her marriage had ended. She liked her wedding ring more than she liked her ex-husband, so she had her wedding ring repurposed into a lovely and tasteful piece of jewelry called a divorce ring. She would have done the same to her ex-husband if she could have.

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES
You've all been there. You're in the car with your significant other at chow time.
"Where do you want to eat?"
"Anywhere is fine with me."
"What do you feel like eating?"
"I don't care. What are you hungry for?"
"It doesn't make any difference to me. You pick."
"I picked the last time. It's your turn."
"What did you pick the last time?"
"I don't remember, but I know I picked something."
"Well, what don't you feel like eating?"

We try to whittle it down until the hunger subsides or Dr. Phil chimes in.
After being diagnosed with terminal pleural mesothelioma, singer-songwriter Warren Zevon appeared on David Letterman's TV show. Letterman asked him what he had learned about life. Zevon said, "Enjoy every sandwich."
That is wonderful advice, but even that wisdom doesn't make it any easier to find a place to take nourishment.

I'VE LEARNED
If you've never had a car accident, you're a wreckless driver.
An ohnosecond is that fraction of a second it takes us to realize we just made a big mistake. It often occurs right after we hit the "send" button.
It's not true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away. That's a Granny's myth.
Genetic testing has found that 41.12% of the chronic speeders on the road today have Bigfoot in their DNA.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
How can three elephants stay dry under one tiny umbrella? They use it on a sunny day.
Did you hear about the glitter factory blowing up? It's all over town.
What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.
What is the end of everything? The letter G.
I called the Tinnitus Hotline, but it just kept ringing.
NATURE NOTES
Roger Truax of Albert Lea wondered what the most common hawk is in Minnesota and Iowa. The red-tailed hawk is the most commonly seen raptor here and the most common hawk in North America. They're the large highway hawks that find our roads to be excellent hunting grounds.
Chimney swifts are sooty gray and often called "flying cigars." Their narrow and curved wings move with quick, shallow wingbeats. Their bodies are tube-shaped, and their tails are short and squared at the tip. Swifts can be confused with swallows. If you see flashes of blue or orange, that's probably a swallow. If the bird has long, skinny wings that look like they're fluttering, that's a swift; if it has thick wings tapering near the ends, that's a swallow. Swifts tend to hunt high above, over buildings or trees, while swallows are likely to swoop low.
Samaras, more commonly referred to as helicopters, whirlers, twisters, spinners or whirligigs, are the winged seeds produced by maple trees. Red, silver and Norway maples produce the largest quantities. Silver maples drop theirs in late spring, and red maples in late spring or early summer and fall. Sugar maple samaras ripen from early summer into fall. Red maple samaras are red, in contrast to those of sugar maple, which are green in spring. Box elder samaras are V-shaped pairs that are winged and similar to those of a sugar maple but smaller and ripen in late summer or early fall. They often stay on trees all winter. Squirrels, chipmunks and other animals eat most of the seeds. Every few years, maples produce a glut of seeds, which gives the trees a better chance of producing viable seedlings and the seed eaters more than enough food. The theory is this overwhelms the animals that eat the seeds.



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Tara Reich is executive director at MNPrairie

By DEB BENTLY
Staff writer
Tara Reich, appointed executive director of MNPrairie this past March, has a number of goals she is working toward in her new position.
One of them, she says, is to reduce the number of people who ask her what "MNPrairie" is. With offices in Steele, Dodge, and Waseca counties, the Minnesota Prairie County Alliance (commonly shortened to MNPrairie) is a human services agency that provides a wide array of programs for the 77,000 or so residents living in their combined borders.

According to information from the agency, it results from a 2015 merging of three human services departments, as agreed upon by the leadership of the three counties. The philosophy behind the merger is that, faced with increasing needs and decreasing state and federal funding, all three counties could deliver services more cost effectively by centralizing some of the tasks, especially administrative ones.

There are still offices in each of the three counties where residents can go for guidance and assistance. In Waseca's case, the office is at 1000 West Elm Avenue, where about 40 people work to deliver services.

MNPrairie is governed by a joint powers board which consists of two commissioners from each county, with Waseca's Doug Christopherson as the current chair.

Reich's office is in the Dodge County location. As executive director, it is her job to oversee all the departments in all three locations, looking for ways to keep the necessary balance between the types and numbers of services people need and the staff and funding needed to provide them.

At its simplest, Reich says her job as executive director is to run MNPrairie as the six county commissioners on the agency's joint powers board direct her to. She describes this as "a combination of keeping us moving forward internally while also expanding our paths into the communities."

She mentions that her two highest personal values are integrity and humility.

Reich says that, working in the human services field, she has learned "You aren't going to please everybody, but there are those times when you are part of something so rewarding, it makes up for those other times."

Reich began her career as a case worker in the area of adult and disability social services, joining Steele County's staff in 2006. She received consistent promotions, so that in 2023, when former executive director Jane Hardwick left to take a state-level position, she was appointed to serve as interim director and then, recently, executive director.



Tara Reich has been leading the MNPrairie human services agency, which includes offices in Dodge, Steele, and Waseca counties, since 2023, and was named its executive director in March. She describes her job as "a combination of keeping us moving forward internally while also expanding our paths into the communities."

Photo by Deb Bently
She remembers that, when she began college the year after high school, she signed up to major in elementary education. Over the summer, though, she got a job working with disabled adults. "I loved the job so much, I even went home on weekends to work," she said. "Gradually I began to realize I wanted to make a career of that kind of work, so I changed my major."

As a case worker, she recalls being impressed with many of her clients. "It is amazing to see how the brain can repair itself," she observes, elaborating that she saw people achieve amazing levels of recovery even after catastrophic injuries.

Although Reich no longer works directly with clients, she says her work keeping the agency cost effective is still ensuring such people receive the help they need.

Reich is responsible for overseeing four departments, three of which involve direct delivery of services.

"Income and Health Care Assistance" manages program areas including child support, emergency health care assistance, and the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP).

"Child and Family Social Services" oversees child protection, child welfare, adoption and truancy, and licensing of child care and foster care providers.

"Adult and Disability Social Services" has program areas including adult mental health, substance use, services for individuals who are elderly or have disabilities, licensing of adult foster care facilities, and more.

Another type of "balance" she must work toward is between mandates imposed on human services departments and what it takes to comply with those mandates. As a member of the Minnesota Association of County Social Services Administrators (MACSSA) she stays up to date with discussions within the legislature; the organization often rallies to help inform legislators about needs and trends within the human services field.

Another goal Reich has had in mind is doing what she can to reduce any stigma attached to working with human services departments.

"Sometimes the general public has a negative perception about people who come to agencies like MNPrairie," Reich observes.
"Occasionally people hesitate to come to us because they don't want to be 'one of those people' who need our help."
"I hope everyone can recognize that sometimes just one unfortunate experience—an accident, a medical emergency, a fall—can change the whole trajectory of our lives."
"Any of us could be 'one of those people' at almost any time."
"I want people to begin thinking about our agency in terms of what they hope will be available for their loved ones if they should encounter a life-changing incident beyond their control," says Reich.
In keeping with the idea of working cost effectively, Reich says she sees it as her job to find ways to "streamline" people's experience as they seek assistance. She points out, for example, that many private agencies provide programs similar to those managed through MNPrairie. Local food shelves and emergency housing shelters are examples. Reich says it would be beneficial if there were a "one-stop" venue where people could learn about all the services available to them in their time of need, rather than having to search for them individually.
Since she is relatively new to her position, and since needs and trends in the public are always shifting, Reich says she sees it as a goal to remain responsive, to do what she can to guide MNPrairie, so that it not only meets current needs, but it is in place to support needs in the future.
Fortunately, she does not feel alone in this endeavor.
"We have a wonderful staff," she says. "We have compassionate people who also have the knowledge and experience they need to do their jobs well."
"I feel honored to work with them."

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- Wednesday, April 10, 22:09 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Wednesday, April 10, 22:37 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 10, 23:00 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Highway 13, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 10, 23:06 – Bar Checks, Broadway Ave N, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 12:04 – Escort (all types), 1st St SW, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 17:31 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Thursday, April 11, 19:26 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 5th St NW, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 19:40 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 20:57 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Thursday, April 11, 21:13 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 21:27 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 22:14 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 22:22 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 22:58 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Highway 13, Cleared
- Thursday, April 11, 23:02 – Bar Checks, Broadway Ave N, Cleared
- Friday, April 12, 08:19 – Traffic (hazard, not driving), Highway 13/Highway 30, Gone on Arrival
- Friday, April 12, 16:22 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Friday, April 12, 17:59 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Friday, April 12, 18:12 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Friday, April 12, 21:20 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Friday, April 12, 22:20 – Civil, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Friday, April 12, 23:03 – Domestic, 2nd St NW, Cleared
- Friday, April 12, 23:38 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/250th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Saturday, April 13, 14:32 – Burn Permit, 4th St NW, Cleared
- Saturday, April 13, 14:33 – Fire Call, 4th St NW, Cleared
- Saturday, April 13, 15:09 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Saturday, April 13, 15:18 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Saturday, April 13, 15:31 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/3rd St NE, Traffic Citation
- Saturday, April 13, 15:59 – Traffic Stop, Elm Ave/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Saturday, April 13, 17:53 – Traffic Stop, Elm Ave/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Saturday, April 13, 21:19 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Sunday, April 14, 15:36 – Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Elm Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Sunday, April 14, 15:42 – Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Broadway Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Sunday, April 14, 17:33 – Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Elm Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Sunday, April 14, 17:42 – Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Ash Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Sunday, April 14, 17:56 – Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Elm Ave S, Warning – Verbal
- Sunday, April 14, 22:19 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Sunday, April 14, 22:26 – Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Elm Ave S, Warning – Verbal
- Sunday, April 14, 22:57 – Suspicious Vehicle, Highway 13, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 11:12 – Criminal Damage to Property, 4th St NW, Written Report
- Monday, April 15, 14:33 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Highway 13, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 14:56 – Directed Patrol, Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 15:53 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 18:15 – Traffic Stop, 160th St/240th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Monday, April 15, 19:27 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 21:36 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 5th St NW, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 21:42 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 21:59 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 22:03 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Monday, April 15, 22:11 – Bar

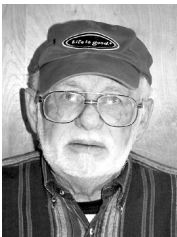
Checks, Broadway Ave N, Cleared

- Monday, April 15, 23:05 – Traffic Stop, 130th St/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Tuesday, April 16, 14:54 – Traffic Stop, 130th St/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Tuesday, April 16, 14:58 – Civil, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 16, 15:01 – Directed Patrol, Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 16, 20:40 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 5th St NW, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 16, 20:46 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 16, 21:08 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 16, 22:02 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 16, 22:06 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 16, 22:20 – Traffic Stop, 90th St/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Tuesday, April 16, 22:42 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Highway 13, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 16, 22:44 – Bar Checks, Broadway Ave N, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 17, 01:08 – Suspected Child Abuse – Physical, 1st St NE, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 17, 08:44 – Assist, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 17, 15:31 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Wednesday, April 17, 19:49 – Traffic Stop, 240th Ave/180th St, Traffic Citation
- Wednesday, April 17, 20:27 – Traffic Stop, 240th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Wednesday, April 17, 20:47 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Wednesday, April 17, 20:57 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Thursday, April 18, 10:11 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Thursday, April 18, 10:46 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Thursday, April 18, 12:33 – Ordinance Violation, Ash Ave S, Written Report
- Thursday, April 18, 15:12 – Information Call Only, Broadway Ave N, Cleared
- Thursday, April 18, 19:08 – Animal Complaint/Bite, 1st St NW, Cleared
- Friday, April 19, 08:47 – Driving Complaint, Birch Ave N, Cleared
- Friday, April 19, 10:04 – Traffic Stop, 170th St/240th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Friday, April 19, 11:48 – Nuisance Complaint, City of New Richland, Call Canceled
- Friday, April 19, 12:09 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Friday, April 19, 19:05 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Friday, April 19, 19:23 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 5th St NW, Cleared
- Friday, April 19, 20:36 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Friday, April 19, 20:40 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Friday, April 19, 21:06 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13, Warning – Verbal
- Friday, April 19, 22:25 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Friday, April 19, 23:13 – Assist Other Agency (law), 60th St, Assistance Rendered
- Saturday, April 20, 01:19 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), Highway 13, Cleared
- Saturday, April 20, 01:21 – Bar Checks, Broadway Ave N, Cleared
- Saturday, April 20, 01:34 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
- Saturday, April 20, 18:15 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), 240th Ave, Cleared
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- Saturday, April 20, 18:30 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
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- Saturday, April 20, 21:10 – Domestic, 2nd St SE, Written Report
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Broadway Avenue then, versus today

This column is of a busy week ahead:

- June 14: Please show your respect for Old Glory on Flag Day. Be happy for your flag as a sign of a great country you're living in.
 - June 16: Whether living or deceased, remember your Dad on his day Sunday, June 16th.
 - June 17: Daughter Deb's birthday. Wishing you a great day in North Carolina.
 - June 20: The first day of summer. Great!!
- Please support your home town activities this summer. Remember how your home town supported you in your growing to those adult years and being out in the world on your own.
- It hurts when your home town church community declines - I'm referring to Congregational church in New Richland closing.
- The number of NRHEG High School graduates in 2024 was 57. When Ellendale and New Richland had separate graduating classes, the total for the two schools was more



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

FACT OR FICTION

...you decide

by Bob Hanson, Emeritus

than 57 many years.

I decided to drive slowly thru the main drag of Ellendale and New Richland while noticing the store fronts. It was very interesting to compare how these two town look now, versus how they looked in the late '50s and early '60s.

- Previously - Now
- 3 Hardware Stores 0
- 4 Restaurants 2
- 2 Barber Shops 0
- 1 Movie Theater 0
- 1 American Legion 0
- 1 Gas Station 0
- 2 Post Office 2
- 1 Drug Store 0
- 2 Bank 2

2 Liquor Store 2

2 Newspaper 1

I know I missed a few, but the comparison is valid: The main drags have fewer business stores.

What I have noticed is definitely more sports in the combination of the schools to become NRHEG.

Girls are participating in more sports. For example: Trap Shooting. When a girl or a boy makes a hit 25 in a row, that is shooting! (I remember one time I hit 10 rooster pheasants in 10 shots with my 16 gauge shotgun and I thought I was good!!)

It's Lutheran Night at the Twins Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:40

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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.

■ St. Olaf

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the water under the ice. Upon inspection it was confirmed to be Planktothrix rubescens. These Cynobacteria, which are likely present in all lakes naturally, but only proliferate under favorable environmental conditions, seem to thrive in cold water and with limited snow cover, and in 2024 really took off. Typically, when the ice comes out the signs of P. rubescens disappear from the upper water column. But remnants of a large bloom can persist!

This weekend I was sent the following photos taken by a 'rightfully' concerned lakeshore owner on St. Olaf Lake. Pictured is apparently the remnants of this winter's P. rubescens bloom.

The following statement was from a knowledgeable staff at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

"WOW! That looks horrific." It is clearly the end product of a Planktothrix bloom that has persisted into spring and is now breaking down.

That's the smell, that's the gunky look of the water, and it also is probably a huge oxygen demand on the lake (=sad fish). We had an unprecedented winter that was characterized by thin ice, low snow, and short ice-on. All of this contributed to perfect conditions for the Planktothrix bloom. Algae are like people; they love light and food (nutrients). Planktothrix is a winter form and this winter hit all its buttons just right. Thin ice=good light. No snow=good light. Short ice on=got the lake kicking in spring very early. Perfect Planktothrix storm. I'm not sure what the prognosis of this lake will be this season. A big concern is that with such low light levels [due to the turbid water now], the macrophytes will not come in as before and open up the lake to increased internal nutrient cycling and/or sediment resuspension. Welcome to climate change, folks. And St Olaf Lake is definitely

a nutrient-rich lake already poised to kick it given the right conditions."

In looking into this more, I have found the dynamics that allow Planktothrix rubescens to proliferate are very complex, but that it most commonly occurs in what are typically 'better quality lakes' that are moderately deep and mesotrophic to oligotrophic lakes (clearer water with stratification), but in watersheds with high nutrient history. Large blooms of Planktothrix rubescens are not as common in most eutrophic to hyper-eutrophic lakes of Southern MN lakes that are dominated by other forms of algal blooms., or that do not stratify. No lake is immune. We have even documented this on Fish Lake (LeSueur County), which is one of our best water quality lakes in the entire nine County management area.

The bottom line is there is little that can be done to prevent this type of situation, or to treat it. We need to clean up our watersheds and stop nutrients from entering our waters. This is yet another natural cycle we will have to deal with in the meantime.

Importantly, since Planktothrix rubescens can contain toxins, here are some tips to reduce your risk of illness from ingesting toxins:

-Don't drink the lake water, and if you brought your dog out to the lake with you, don't let your dog drink the water either. Always bring clean, fresh drinking water.

-Clean off your hands after handling fish or wetting hands with lake water, and before eating. Use clean, fresh water that you brought with you, or wipes.

-Toxins are more likely to accumulate in organs, so only eat fillets.

-Rinse fillets well with clean water before cooking or freezing.

-Blue-green algae can produce "taste and odor" compounds that may give earthy or musty off flavors to fish living in waters with high blue-green algae levels. These off flavors are not toxins.

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■ Kormann

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loved the fresh energy, the excitement, the anticipation, the new students moving wide-eyed from place to place.

"Everybody's in a good mood," she says, smiling.

Her second-most favorite has been the last day of school when, yet again, the mood is positive and the

air is filled with anticipation--this time for the summer ahead.

Of NRHEG's students, Kormann says, "Most of them have woven themselves right into my heart." She tells the story of being at a post-season basketball game taking place in another community. "There was a gentleman supporting the opposing team sitting kitty-corner behind us," she recalls. "He asked whether one of the kids on the floor was mine.

"I told him they all were, and I meant it."

In fact, seeing the students every day is what she says she will miss

most. "It was such a privilege to watch them grow, mature, and learn," she says. "It will be hard not being a part of that anymore."

She says she hopes she is remembered as having been a good listener, someone to rely on, and a calming influence. "I didn't want to be the scary office lady," she jokes. "I wanted kids to always know they could trust me."

Kormann has already spent a few days mentoring Nikki Cromwell, who has been hired to be next year's administrative assistant to the principal. She also expects to be in the

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Uhlenkamp family remembers family on Memorial Day

By RACHAEL JAEGER
Staff Writer

Alivia Uhlenkamp, 15, and a member of the V.F.W.'s Junior Veterans of Foreign Wars in Waldorf, traveled with her family from Green Isle to attend the Memorial Day service at the Community Center. Following the program, she laid a wreath she made at the grave of her great-grandfather Gerald Kipp, who is buried at the First Lutheran Cemetery.

Every year, the Legion arranges to lay a wreath at one grave in the community cemetery and one in First Lutheran's; the two cemeteries are next to each other with only a road between them. The wreath at the grave is symbolic of laying one at all veterans' graves.

This year Gerald, buried in First Lutheran, and Jerry Treynor, buried at Waldorf Community Cemetery, were selected as recipients for the wreaths; last year Robert Kipp, Alivia's grandfather, and Jerry Stencil were the recipients. Since Alivia is a junior auxiliary member at the Legion, she's been able to participate in laying these wreaths for the last two years.

Three years ago, Alivia designed ceremonial wreaths for a 4-H project to honor grandfather Robert and his service after the second world

war with the fifty-sixth armored infantry battalion.

Pam Uhlenkamp, Robert's daughter and Alivia's mother, once lived just south of Waldorf, and faithfully attended the community's Memorial Day service for many years. She moved away in 2000 when she went to the University of Minnesota to study agricultural education. Since her job took her to Sibley County following her graduation, she has lived elsewhere ever since.

Gerald died when Pam was a senior in high school. She described, however, that he stressed the importance of Memorial Day all through her childhood. In observance of his feelings, she played Taps during his funeral.

During the 2021 Memorial Day program, Pam and her cousin Julie Tesch noted how tattered and worn the memorial wreaths looked; the two speculated they were probably around fifty years old. Together they came up with the idea that replacing the wreaths would be a good 4-H project for Alivia.

"She talked to my mom, who is an auxiliary member, about what should be in [the wreaths]," Pam continued. Artificial blue roses and red poppies were selected as decoration.

"My dad had a big personality and knew everybody. He was a social butterfly and he was kind of a goofball. We miss him."

— Pam Uhlenkamp

Robert was drafted at the tail end of World War II and never served in battle. Instead he was sent to Giessen, Germany, where he was part of the communications team and also trained as an artillery specialist. He spent most of his time rebuilding the community electrical infrastructure, including tasks like putting up telephone poles.

Pam remembered that during her childhood, her father seldom took any days off from his job as a milkman delivery driver, but was always sure to have Memorial Day set aside to remember, honor, and give back to the veterans who sacrificed for their families.

Growing up with that example never left Pam, so, although she never served in the military herself, her children participated in the Memorial Day program with their grandfather until he died on January 1, 2023. The family has continued their Memorial Day program tradition. This year her son Oliver read the tribute dedi-

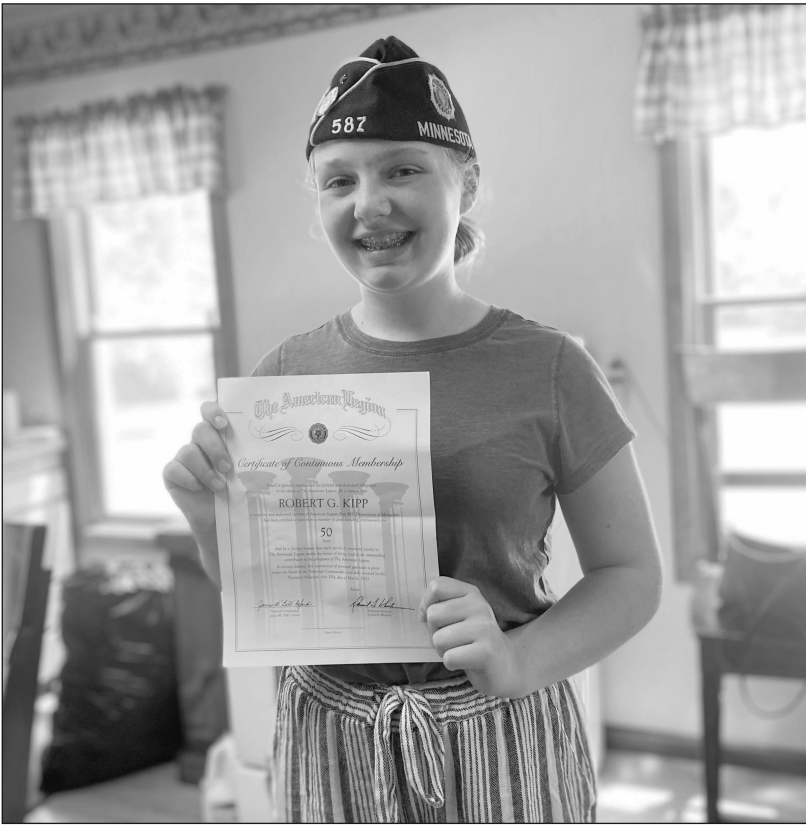
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Just in the last three courses of her recent history in school, Alivia learned about wars and their significance. Knowing that she had great-uncles and grandfathers who served in these wars prompted her interest in her own history. Based on information she was able to gather from official scanned documents which described Gerald and Robert's services, Alivia was able to put together a short memory book about them.

Although Gerald died before Alivia was born, Alivia became interested in her history when Robert shared his military experience with her.

"He was only in training and reserves, so he never had to serve in action as the war ended," Pam said, speaking of Gerald's service and adding that he played a part in the cleanup of the war efforts at the military base in Texas.

When Alivia created the memo-



Alivia Uhlenkamp proudly shows off the American Legion membership certificate which acknowledges Robert Kipp, her grandfather, as a member for fifty years.

doing their best to keep his memory alive. Robert had one-liners he liked to use that now they sometimes take turns surprising each other with. Robert also had some plastic pink flamingos in his yard that he moved around the yard whenever he mowed.

"My dad had a big personality and knew everybody," Pam said. "He was a social butterfly and he was kind of a goofball. We miss him."

Pam and her children fondly recall what a character Robert was,



Elected to the SWCE board of directors, June 4, were (left to right): PJ Duchene, District 1; Neil Schlaak, District 3; and Rodney Krell, District 5.

SWCE's 88th annual meeting

First-ever mail-in ballot results announced

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric members in attendance for the co-op's 88th annual meeting Tuesday, June 4, learned the results of the co-op's first-ever mail-in ballot for three director seats.

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Attorney Tricia Lancaster announced to the 461 registered members in attendance that a total of 1,408 mail-in ballots were received by Survey & Ballot Systems to track the results. Incumbent District 1 Director PJ Duchene of Faribault and incumbent District 5 Director Rodney D. Krell of Blooming Prairie were unopposed and re-elected to three-year terms. In District 3, Interim District 3 Director Neil R. Schlaak of New Richland was elected with 487 votes. The other candidates in District 3 included Anton H. Seykora of Ellendale, 391 votes; Dan M. Hansen of Ellendale, 321 votes and Ralph F. Miller of Owatonna with 164 votes.

With guests, the co-op's annual meeting had 972 in attendance.

Steele-Waseca's 2023 Youth Tour Delegate Fred Klokonos of Lonsdale had a PowerPoint presentation on his experience last year in Washington, D.C. The co-op also recognized their 2024 Youth Tour Delegate Langston Richter of Faribault, who will be joining Minnesota's delegates to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 18-23.

Following the conclusion of the annual meeting, the co-op's board of directors met for their reorganizational meeting. The following officers were elected: Rodney Krell, president; PJ Duchene, vice president; Ronald D. Sommers, Northfield, secretary/treasurer; and Scott J. Carlson, Faribault, assistant secretary/treasurer.

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric has just over 11,900 service locations in a nine-county area including: Blue Earth, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Rice, Steele, and Waseca counties.

Heinemann promoted to CEO at Arcadian Bank

Arcadian Bank announces the promotion of Mark Heinemann to the position of CEO of Arcadian Bank, formerly known as Farmers State Bank of Hartland. Daniel Otten, the Bank's current CEO and Chairman, commented, "With 20 years of experience, all at Arcadian Bank, Mark has earned the position of CEO to go along with his current title of President, which he has held since the bank was purchased 10 years ago." Otten went on, "Mark and I have worked closely together over the last 20 years with the ultimate goal of purchasing the bank through a community funding effort. That came to fruition in 2014 with the formation of Minnesota Community Bancshares and the purchase of the bank from the Skophammer family. Since then, the bank has exceeded all growth and earnings expectations and is now the largest bank in Freeborn County."

Though retiring from the CEO role, Otten will continue to interact with clients as a commercial lender and retain his role as Board Chairman for both the bank and holding company. To assist



Arcadian Bank's Mark Heinemann, Daniel Otten and Michael Yocom.

Heinemann with administrative duties, Michael Yocom, the bank's current Vice President of Ag Lending and Chief Credit Officer, will take on a new role as Executive Vice President. Otten comments, "We are very excited to have Michael step up and take on this new role and essentially continue the dual management structure that Mark and I have enjoyed over the last 10 years. Both Mark and Michael are well suited for taking the bank to the next level, whether it be through organic growth or acquisition." Otten will continue to have office hours, but fewer of them. Yocom, who pri-

marily works out of the bank's Freeborn branch, will also continue his existing lending responsibilities in addition to the EVP role.

Arcadian Bank is an FDIC insured institution chartered out of Hartland, MN, with total assets of \$220 million. The bank employs 32 people with branches in Albert Lea, Hartland, and Freeborn. They specialize in agriculture, commercial, and home lending, plus offer a full array of digital deposit services.

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Here is a picture of a hummingbird that my son, Brad, captured on our last trip to the cabin. The other picture is one that he took of a sunset on our little lake.

Spending time playing lumberjack at the cabin

I spent most of last week at the cabin doing yard work and relaxing. When I arrived, I was greeted by a large pine tree that had fallen across the driveway. After driving for 5 1/2 hours, I wasn't all that excited about spending time playing lumberjack. Although the weather cooperated; it was windy, which helped keep the mosquitoes at bay. I slept in on Sunday morning and was surprised to see that the sun was hiding behind the clouds and the wind was still going strong. It cooled down, so it seemed like a good day to relax, sip some coffee and write my column.

When people ask who went with me, I say that I was up there with my friends. (That would be me.) I do enjoy some alone time at the cabin. It gives me time to relax and get some things done around there. It gets harder and harder for me to mow, so I have to take a few more breaks these days, but I still manage to get the job done.

My sons and some of the grandkids still come up here with me, but



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

not like when they were younger. I enjoyed it when the grandsons came up here with me. I am glad that the lake held enough fish for them to enjoy their time here. There are times when I can almost hear them yelling excitedly for Grandpa to see the fish that they caught. I occasionally come across a picture of the boys learning how to clean fish. Those are some of the many memories of spending time with them that I will always cherish. It makes me feel good to know that all of my grandkids have an appreciation of nature in one form or another.

The birds are at the feeders, and it did not take the hummingbirds long to realize that I had filled their feeder.

I always like to watch the birds, whether they are at the feeder or in the trees chirping away. My hummingbird feeder is falling apart, but I was able to McGuyer it, so that it will work for now. Another item for the cabin-to-buy list. When I finish this column, I hope to find time to a little fishing.

I did spot various road-killed deer on the drive up. Luckily, I was not involved in any of those encounters. The deer are plentiful this year, which may be attributed to the mild winter. On my way to Bigfork, I came upon a grouse feeding on what I assume was grain spilled alongside the road. I found it odd to see a grouse out in the open like that.

For many years, I was obsessed with fishing. I guess that I still am, in a more laid-back way. When we would go camping, I always made sure that there were fishing poles along just in case there was water nearby. Now when I go to the cabin, fishing is always on my mind, but just being "up north" enjoying my time in the woods is what really matters most.

Until next time: It sounds like the Take a Kid Fishing event was a success again this year. The Fountain Lake Sportsman Club, Albert Lea Anglers and the DNR did another good job of putting this on. Getting kids involved in fishing and the outdoors is important in preserving our outdoors heritage for future generations. Thank you to all who made this possible.

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

NR POLICE

- Monday, April 22, 17:42 – Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Elm St, Warning – Verbal
- Monday, April 22, 19:28 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Monday, April 22, 21:31 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 23, 00:30 – Suspicious Vehicle, 3rd St NE, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 23, 14:27 – Miscellaneous All Other, Ash Ave S, Written Report
- Tuesday, April 23, 14:30 – Ordinance Violation, Broadway Ave S, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 23, 16:54 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Tuesday, April 23, 21:56 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 24, 00:50 – Suspicious Vehicle, 2nd St SE, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 24, 12:52 – Assist Other Agency (law), Highway 13/Highway 30, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 24, 15:41 – Suspicious Person, 1st St NW, Written Report
- Wednesday, April 24, 16:41 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 24, 16:42 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), City of New Richland, Cleared
- Wednesday, April 24, 17:02 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Wednesday, April 24, 21:12 – Suspicious Person, Broadway Ave N, Written Report
- Thursday, April 25, 13:48 – Warrant Service, Broadway Ave N, Written Report
- Thursday, April 25, 15:53 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Thursday, April 25, 15:54 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), City of New Richland, Cleared
- Thursday, April 25, 23:29 – Traffic Stop, 130th St/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Thursday, April 25, 23:45 – Traffic

Stop, Highway 13/S of Highway 30, Warning – Verbal

- Friday, April 26, 18:20 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/260th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Friday, April 26, 19:22 – Attempt to Locate, 2nd St SE, Cleared
- Friday, April 26, 22:23 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Saturday, April 27, 15:11 – Miscellaneous All Other, 1st St SE, Cleared
- Saturday, April 27, 16:46 – Traffic Stop, 240th Ave/Golf Course, Warning – Verbal
- Saturday, April 27, 21:59 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Saturday, April 27, 23:55 – Assist Other Agency (law), 295th Ave, Cleared
- Sunday, April 28, 22:04 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Monday, April 29, 09:41 – Parking (compliance/violation), Birch Ave S, Cleared
- Monday, April 29, 10:09 – Suspicious Circumstance, 3rd St NE/Highway 13, Investigation Continues
- Monday, April 29, 17:34 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Monday, April 29, 17:35 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), City of New Richland, Cleared
- Monday, April 29, 22:10 – Suspicious Vehicle, 3rd St NE/Highway 13, Information Only
- Tuesday, April 30, 12:00 – Escort (all types), 1st St SW, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 30, 16:18 – Directed Patrol, City of New Richland, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 30, 16:18 – Lock Check (building, park entrance), City of New Richland, Cleared
- Tuesday, April 30, 17:49 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning – Verbal
- Tuesday, April 30, 19:50 – Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning – Verbal
- Tuesday, April 30, 21:17 – Assist Other Agency (law), Highway 13, Cleared

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

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tor
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Free airplane rides for youth

Albert Lea, MN-- On Saturday, June 15, 2024, youth ages 8 to 17 can take to the skies in a general aviation airplane. Members of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Vintage Chapter #13 will host a Young Eagles Flight Rally from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Albert Lea Municipal Airport, Albert Lea, MN. Volunteer pilots will give free airplane rides to youth ages 8 to 17. A parent or legal guardian must be present to sign the permission form.

Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 30 years to giving youth ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane. It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. Today, over 2.3 million

youth people have enjoyed free introductory flights through the Young Eagles program. The pilots participating in the Young Eagles program are local members of EAA who are volunteering their time and aircraft to make your youth's flight possible. Each pilot is certificated by the FAA and all aircraft are licensed by the government.

Following the flight each youth will receive a certificate and logbook making them an official Young Eagle. In addition each Young Eagle is eligible for an EAA student membership.

Parents can register their children for the Albert Lea Young Eagles Rally at the website www.yeday.org or at www.young-eaglesday.org?10220.

LOOKING BACK

25 Years Ago - Thursday, June 3, 1999

- The City of Ellendale and cities across Minnesota have worked hard to improve employee safety. The payoff has come not only in the wellness of city employees, but also in the form of a dividend check. This dividend is the city's share of a \$5 million dividend returned to members of the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT). 85 percent of Minnesota cities participate in the LMCIT workers' compensation program, including the City of Ellendale. LMCIT is a cooperative, self-insurance risk pool through which cities combine their funds in a joint pool and use those pooled funds to cover their losses. If the funds aren't needed to cover losses, the excess funds are returned to cities as a dividend.

37 Years Ago - Wednesday, June 3, 1987

- Twenty-six members of the Ellendale-Geneva High School Class of 1987 will receive diplomas at the traditional commencement program to be held in the high school gym at Ellendale Thursday evening June 4. The program will get underway at 8 p.m. with the processional played by the Ellendale-Geneva High School Band under the direction of Mark Skroch. The Rev. James Arends, pastor of Geneva Community Lutheran Church, will give the invocation and benediction. Martin Avelsgaard, Superintendent, will present the class of 1987 and Board Chairman John Hanson will present the diplomas. Ten of the twenty-six students are honor students.

- The Big Red baseball team took the District 2A Championship title the second time in three years. They won the championship May 26 at Hayek Field with a 3-0 triumph over Emmons. Scoring for Big Red were Fox in the second inning, Mike Roesler stealing second and scoring on Peterson's single up the middle in the third inning, and Travis Massey scoring on a single by Rugroden in the sixth. The winning pitchers were Tomm Richards, giving good, strong defense until the top of the seventh, and Massey, who finished out the seventh inning.

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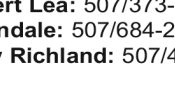
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 28, 2009

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$132,560.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Christopher W. Nelson and Melissa Nelson, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 2, 2009 as Document Number 280110 in the Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: East 55 feet of the S 1/2 of Lot 11, Block 9, First Addition to the Village, now City of Waseca, Minnesota, according to

the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for said County and State.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 605 3RD AVENUE SE, WASECA, MN 56093

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Waseca County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$116,897.43

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17.276.1120

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 13, 2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A

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

Dated: May 16, 2024

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Clarks Grove 2023 Drinking Water Report

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Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: two wells that are 350 feet deep, that draw water from the Dubuque-Galena aquifer.

Clarks Grove works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Kathy Jensen, Clerk/Treasurer, at (507) 256-8011 or clarksgrovecity@gofast.am if you have questions about Clarks Grove’s drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Clarks Grove Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health’s webpage [Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency’s limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

Definitions

- AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency
- MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- N/A (Not applicable):** Does not apply.
- ppt (parts per trillion):** One part per trillion is like one drop in one trillion drops of water, or about one drop in an Olympic sized swimming pool. ppt is the same as nanograms per liter (ng/l).
- ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).
- ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).
- PWSID:** Public water system identification.

Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA’s Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA’s Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0.63 ppb	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	1.23 ppm	2 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA’s Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA’s Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Barium (07/21/21)	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.25 ppm	N/A	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposit.

CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.						
Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA’s Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA’s Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N/A	80 ppb	2.1 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	N/A	60 ppb	3.7 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.78 ppm	1.36 - 1.99 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.						
Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA’s Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA’s Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.71 ppm	0.22 - 1.20 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources

Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota’s drinking water, and found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota’s drinking water, and is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land..

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people’s daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.
- Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.
- Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Clarks Grove is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at [Source Water Assessments](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa>) or call 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Clarks Grove is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

- Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
 - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>
 - The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.
- Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
- Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.
 - Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample: [Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program](https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam) (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>) The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.
- Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.
 - Read about water treatment units: [Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html>)

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	Jackson Chrz	\$1,000	
Eddie Cochran Memorial	Addison Loken	1,000	Kraig Schuhmacker
Darrol & Pauline Sponberg	Kyra Cain	\$750	Karla Christopherson
	Madison Murray	\$750	
E.F. Johnson Foundation	Levin Kitzer	\$3,000	Karla Christopherson
NR Sportsman Club	Reese Routh	\$500	Dan Sorum
N. R. Lions Club	Payton Bunn	\$500	Gary Lust
Ellendale Lions Club	Kia Buendorf	\$500	Alice Larson
VFW – Waseca	Brenna Sommer	\$500	Liz Stiernagle
Open Arms Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention	Parker Bunn	\$1,500	Robert Sikel
	Madison Murray	\$1,000	
	Julia Churchill	\$1,000	
	Brenna Sommer	\$1,000	
	Tayler Schmidt	\$1,000	
	Payton Bunn	\$500	
	Erin Peterson	\$500	
	Kyra Cain	\$500	
	Addison Loken	\$500	
	Kia Buendorf	\$500	
Waseca Sherriff's Posse	Sydney Lewer	\$250	Ken Borgmann
Waseca Sleigh and Cutter	Sydney Lewer	\$1,000	Ken Borgmann
	Brenna Sommer	\$1,000	
Federated Insurance	Madison Murray	\$1,000	Cheryl Deason
S.W.C.E.		\$500	Neil Schlaak
Zola Mae Reese Memorial	Madison Murray	\$500	Curt Reese
	Kiyah Mikesell	\$500	
Basketball Boosters	Hallie Schultz	\$500	Onika Peterson
	Levin Kitzer	\$500	
Lyle & Helen Wayne Memorial	Sydney Lewer	\$3,800	Owen Wayne
Ag Education	Kiyah Mikesell	\$500	Mr. Sorum
	Sydney Lewer	\$500	
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	McKenzie Mueller	\$1,000	
	Kia Buendorf	\$1,000	
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	Julia Churchill	\$1,000	
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	Madison Murray	\$200	
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Community Foundation of Ellendale-Health/Education/ Human Services	Payton Bunn	\$500	Alice Larson
Harold & Bonita/Myron & Caryn Wendt	Elsie Schultz	\$500	Caryn Wendt
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	Taylor Schmidt	\$1,000	
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	Elsie Schultz	\$1,000	



SCENES FROM STATE — At left, NRHEG High School's Quinn VanMaldeghem wears a look of determination during the 400-meter dash preliminaries during last week's state track and field meet at St. Michael-Albertville High School. In the middle, the Panthers' Malonna Wilson competes in the shot put. At right, folks got a scare as NRHEG's Evelyn Nydegger collapsed at the end of her 300 intermediate hurdles race. The Panthers did not bring home a medal. Star Eagle photos by Jim Lutgens

Panthers finish season among the state's elite

Ferber's coaching career concludes

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Too often, an athlete's lackluster performance at the state level takes away from an already stellar season. "It is a great accomplishment to be able to compete at the highest level in high school sports," said NRHEG track and field coach Duey Ferber.

He would know.

For 34 seasons, he's been the head track coach in New Richland, and is the school's longest-tenured employee.

That coaching career came to an end last week as the Panthers' three entrants came home from St. Michael-Albertville without a medal.

But, it's not lost on Ferber that simply getting to state is a fantastic feat, and he praised the Panthers' effort.

"The girls tried their best against amazing competition!" said Ferber.

Evelyn Nydegger, a recent NRHEG graduate, finished 18th in the Class A 300-meter intermediate hurdles preliminary, and caused some

genuine concern when she had trouble with the final hurdle and collapsed at the finish line.

Ferber said that Nydegger, who suffers from Tourette Syndrome, sustained an attack late in the race, dashing any hopes of making the finals.

Quinn VanMaldeghem, who just completed her sophomore year, was the next Panther to see her season end as she finished 15th in the 400 preliminaries with a time of 1:00.11.

The Panthers' final performer - and Ferber's final track and field athlete, was recent graduate Malonna Wilson, who a week earlier was the Section 2A champion in the shot put. She took 15th at state with a toss of 35 feet, 6 inches.

A week earlier, the Panther girls had an exceptional showing in the section meet, finishing third as a team.

"To send three girls to state is quite a feat," said Ferber. "This is a tough section!"

For Ferber, it's been a long and distinguished coaching career.



Retiring NRHEG High School track and field coach Duey Ferber, left, with his final-ever competitor at the state meet, Malonna Wilson. Star Eagle photo by Jim Lutgens



Seniors on the 2024 NRHEG High School track and field teams. Front from left: Annabelle Petsinger, Evelyn Nydegger, Keira Lenort, Makenzie Mueller, Malonna Wilson. Back: Parker Bunn, William Tuttle, Jalen Raab, Levin Kitzer.

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