

County continued on 3



Fence Lines

by Mark Bernard

A good time of the year for a draught

The scurs and Weather Eye are back to receiving letters of scorn and derision. Is Old Man Winter coming in the back door or is he on the front porch? Starting Thursday, sunny with a modest chance of overnight snow. Highs in the mid-30's with lows in the low 20's. Partly sunny on Friday with a slight chance of forenoon snow. Highs in the mid-30's with lows in the upper teens. Mostly sunny Saturday, with highs in the upper 30's and lows in the low 20's. Sunday, mostly sunny with highs in the mid-40's and lows in the upper 20's. Sunny on Monday with highs in the upper 50's and lows in the upper 30's. Tuesday, mostly sunny with highs in the low 60's and lows in the upper 30's. Cloudy on Wednesday with a good chance of rain. Highs in the low 50's with lows in the low 30's. On the 7th we'll see 11 hours and 30 minutes of daylight as our daylight starts increasing at 3 minutes per day. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on March 9th. On March 12th the sun will rise at 7:30 a.m. CDT. The normal high for March 4th is 33 and the normal low is 17. The scurs will dial Jackie Chiles if they fall off the chair changing clocks Sunday at 2 a.m.

Hearing more people fretting about dry soils. As Mark Seeley liked to put it, for the most part this is a good time of the year to have a drought. I certainly haven't missed moving snow. I know some livelihoods rely on income from it and more power to them. This has been two years back to back and I feel for them. I've also heard nonsense like it'll never snow again only to see those folks eat their words. It's true, the topsoil isn't saturated, but it doesn't need to be. We received ample precip in November and December that added to the moisture content in the upper foot of soil locally. It allowed fall tillage and anhydrous ammonia to be applied under near perfect conditions. Like last year, January and February were both well below normal in both snowfall and liquid equivalent precipitation. The vast majority of the March precip fell as rain and the soil thawed, allowing it to soak in. In April, we greased the skids as we garnered over 4" of rain, the majority of which fell after the 15th. May amounted to over 8" of rain and June was over the top. It doesn't take long to saturate the soil profile so careful what you wish for.

Bird watching after the snow left has been hit and miss, mostly miss lately. All the possible food sources are exposed and while there are occasional visitors, they're not consuming sunflower, thistle and suet like when it was bitter cold with snow on the ground. This open winter should also be a positive for the pheasant population. There was a lot of corn left in the fields, particularly around the drowned-out spots where corn heads chewed the low placement ears up, shattering and scattering the kernels on top of the ground. Even though most of those areas were worked, it didn't bury all of it, especially given the amount there was. Recent mornings, one can hear rooster pheasants crowing across the landscape on our way to do chores. A sure sign of spring. Another was our first robin of the season back on the 2nd, followed by a few more. There were some swans spotted flying over the ranch on the 2nd as well. We're seeing glimpses and it's getting closer with each passing day.

We got the last group of sheep shorn on Saturday with our expert shearer, the Garden Gnome, Mis-

ael & Avary all kicking it into high gear. Even though it was a challenge getting the mishmash of groups positioned to be shorn, we managed to get through them all and make better time than we could've imagined. We were able to devour another wonderful meal made by Mrs. Cheviot in a timely fashion. With all the sheep now shorn, we can focus our attention on getting all the ewes with lambs to the loafing area after we get through the snowfall event. It's been nice to get as many moved out of the lambing barn as we have. The amount of climbing over panels has decreased dramatically as has the number of feed pans and small water buckets. The warmer temps have made the process more tolerable. While we're not out of the woods entirely, we're over 80% done lambing. Sure, another cold snap isn't out of the question but the likelihood of one as long and deep as the one in mid-February is unlikely. If we lived through that, we can certainly deal with a shorter one.

Sometimes after the bottle lamb feeding and lamb checks before 10 p.m., I like to watch some TV before falling asleep. In the lead-up to the Academy Awards there were numerous movies with Oscar winning performances. One night I caught the tail end of The Last Picture Show and had forgotten how many Hank Williams tunes were part of the soundtrack. I found it interesting that the movie was set from November 1951 to October 1952 and great care was taken to only include popular songs fitting that timeframe. I wondered why one of Hank's all-time hits, Your Cheatin' Heart was not included. Oddly enough, the song was recorded in September of 1952 but not released until late January in 1953, after Williams untimely death. I thought that was perhaps why. When I did some digging however, I discovered that Your Cheatin' Heart was the "B" side to Kaw-Liga on the "A" side of the 78 rpm. Both were recorded and released at the same time. Kaw-Liga was included in the movie. Unless the song was the demo version recorded in 1951 where Williams curses when he misplays a chord and starts over again. Otherwise, I can't tell you why.

Poppy had another good week to frolic outside and strew her toys all over inside the house. One needs to constantly be aware of their location or it could result in a fall, broken appendages or both. Luckily she doesn't play with Legos or worse yet, jacks. As she's gotten older, she's definitely more predictable. She threw us a curveball this past week though. We've been religious about giving her chewables for heartworm prevention as well as one for flea and tick protection. This has come off without a hitch once a month for over two years. She seemed to really like them. For some reason, she ate her heartworm medicine fine but balked on the flea and tick medication. I tried coating it in butter. She spit it out and licked the butter off. I cut it in four small pieces and embedded them in pieces of breakfast sausage. She promptly spit several of those out too, ate the sausage and left the chewable. After numerous attempts, she finally downed the last of her medicine. There's only one more dose of each med left so it will be interesting to see what she does next time. She forgets that I've had dogs most of my life. I may not have seen all the herding dog tricks but this ain't my first rodeo.

See you next week...real good then.

Shuffle up and deal



Whatever Flips Your Waffle

by Mark Domeier
Contributing Writer

but there's something about moving those cards around myself. And if you find that rare win, it's gratifying to place every single card on its respective pile of diamonds, hearts, clubs, and spades.

My parents were part of a card club when I was growing up. Four or five couples would get together and play Sheephead or 500 all evening. They had some way of keeping track of scores and determining who was the big winner at the end of the night. It was hours of card playing that Mom and Dad looked forward to each month.

I inherited that ability to sit and play cards for a long time. When I moved to New Richland, there was a group of teachers who would get together and play different games, including Hearts. Trying to find the trump cards and working with a partner without communicating was a lot of fun. We'd find ourselves hours into playing on any given weekend or when we anticipated a snow day coming.

I had gained a lot of knowledge playing cards on the bus. (I guess this can be an addendum to my recent column about riding the bus!) When

I was of an age that I sat near the back - because seating was based on age - a group of us played cards each day on the ride home. On occasion, we'd drop cards on that nasty floor, but they were easily wiped off and play would continue.

In college, a couple of friends introduced me to Hand and Foot. I don't remember all the rules, but you needed one more deck of cards than there were people playing. That made for lots of decks in play sometimes! Shuffling happened in shifts or with many hands contributing. It was also a game that would take at least an hour to finish. Cleaning up the decks afterward took some time too!

Speaking of mixed decks, Michelle introduced me to Spite and Malice, a game for, usually, two people, though more can play. You need two decks of cards, and the name implies what you do - try to disrupt your opponent's plans while finishing off stacks of Ace to Queen. Kings and Jokers are wild. We played often enough that we just have a Spite and Malice deck, rather than sort the cards when we're done.

When the kids were young and we'd play Uno or other like games,

they would find it tough to hold all the cards in their little hands. So my grandma made a crocheted card holder for each of us! It was really very neat and served a purpose so the kids' cards wouldn't fall all over the place.

I really got into poker for a time after Chris MoneyMaker won the World Series of Poker, and it became a television sensation on ESPN. It was so much fun playing with 30-40 people in a tournament style. Sometimes I'd be done in under an hour, and other times I'd be sitting at a table for much longer. And it never felt like time lost.

That's the beauty of playing cards. You can pick any game you enjoy and find yourself immersed in it. The next thing you know, time has flown by. Many games are easy to play again immediately when someone wins. All you need to do is shuffle up and deal!

I'm sure there are plenty of card games you play that I didn't mention here. And if any of these are ones you hadn't heard of, it's easy enough to Google rules and start a new game. Deal me in!

Word of the Week: This week's word is quetch, which means to break the silence, as in, "The only thing to quetch during the card game was the sound of shuffling, since the players were intent on their cards." Impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

Talent wins games; teamwork wins championships

This past Friday morning I made the 1.5-hour drive to the Xcel Energy Center for the annual Minnesota state high school wrestling tournament.

Waseca County sent 13 wrestlers, all of whom I worked to keep track of for two days.

In the end I had the privilege of photographing three medalists: two state champions from WEM/JWP and one fifth-place finisher from Waseca. NRHEG wrestlers registered one victory in their matches.

State tournament time during the winter seasons is one of my favorites of the year. Wrestling, in particular, is likely my favorite sport to cover at this high a level. The energy from individual matches is unlike other sports. It's one-on-one, cut-throat. Matches can be won or lost in an instant. The panic as wrestlers narrowly avoid a pin or the excitement as they realize they've conquered their foe—it's truly exciting.

I really enjoy capturing the moments through my camera lens. Wrestling is a very good sport for photography. The excitement comes not only from the competitors, but from the deeply engaged fans sitting nearby.

Back to Friday. After my drive to the Cities, it took me nearly 45 minutes to find a parking spot, make the walk to the arena, get through security, and finally get matside. Thankfully, I didn't miss any wrestlers I needed to photograph. This year the Wells school yearbook reached out and asked me to take some photos of their kids. So, really, I was chasing 16 wrestlers altogether. I didn't get a break until intermission, which came between sessions 1 and 2, at about 2:30 p.m.

Johnnie Phillips, the Steele County sports editor and myself, got lunch together on West Seventh Street at an Irish pub. We enjoyed a good conversation that lasted more than an hour. (Intermission was two hours.)

I've tried hard to grow relationships with others in the news world.



Just a Thought...

by Eli Lutgens

I genuinely believe we small town newspaper people are "all in this together." As a result, I share photos with about a dozen news outlets across southern Minnesota. I've shared photos or stories both because they've been requested or, sometimes, because I know the piece would be useful to the other publication—a friendly partnership.

Johnnie, the Steele County Times, and of course my mother's paper, the Janesville Journal are the newspapers I work most closely with. With section wrestling happening two weeks ago, we (Johnnie and I) called each other to divide and conquer. NRHEG and JWP were wrestling in Blue Earth. Many Steele County schools and Waseca were in Rochester. So, he took photos in Rochester of his and my wrestlers, and my newspapers covered Blue Earth.

Back to Friday. Following intermission, I don't recall getting much of a break again until I was in my hotel room later that night. And boy, was that a process.

I arrived at the hotel in Mounds View, about 14 minutes from the center, and everything seemed to be sour. It took almost 10 minutes before I could find a clerk to check me in. Once I was checked in and walked to my room on the third floor, I discovered someone else was already staying in "my" room.

Back to the front desk I went. After a moment, the lady behind the counter said she had a room with a smaller bed available or a larger suite, "but that would cost more money," she said.

I was reminded of something I

read a while back and instead of complaining, I said, "You would be the best night clerk attendant there is if you just let me have the bigger room."

The lady smiled and gave me the suite.

After a night's rest, breakfast the next morning, although it looked questionable, was really good. And I was back at the Xcel bright and early at 9 a.m.

After finding the best parking spot I've found in the last three years of state wrestling tournaments, I headed in to discover the first round was girls' wrestling, which I had none to cover.

So, I headed upstairs to the Pet-singer suite.

My good friend Matt Petsinger, former National Champion wrestler, rents a suite each and every year for the state tournament and allows me to come up and visit with him and also spend time taking care of work during tournament downtimes. I would like to take this moment to ex-

tend my thanks not only for the invitation, but the friendship and companionship of the Petsingers. The day was full of good conversation because I had much more downtime than the day before.

After the second round of consolation wrestling, I only had three wrestlers to cover over the course of the next several hours, up until about 9:30 p.m. During that time, I photographed numerous matches, and also had good conversations with the Waseca wrestling staff. They were incredibly nice. After I talked with them, they essentially ushered me back to thank me for the photos I took. More than the thanks, they gave heartfelt, thoughtful answers to my questions. Truly, a great group of coaches and wrestlers.

I did not chat with NRHEG wrestling on this day, unfortunately, but I did send coach Larson a thank you for all he does for the program.

I arrived home Saturday evening at about 11 p.m.

After two days of other types of work, Monday night took me to Mankato for the girls' basketball section semifinals. I witnessed two very good games and would like to wish the NRHEG girls luck Friday night as they try to earn a trip to the state tournament.

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." - Michael Jordan.

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BRIEFS

Waldorf Fire Department St. Patrick's Day fundraiser, March 16

The Waldorf Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day from 8 a.m. till noon on Sunday, Mar. 16 at the Waldorf Community Center.

NRHEG Music Boosters Flower Fundraiser through April 4

Members of the NRHEG Music Boosters are selling \$20 gift cards to Souba Greenhouse of Owatonna and Albert Lea. The music program receives a portion of the sale. Gift

cards can be used at either Souba Greenhouse location, never expire, and can be used to purchase any type of products sold by the business.

New Richland Red Hatters to meet April 8

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

New Richland Blood Drive 1 to 6 p.m. April 9

Donors are encouraged to sign up for an appointment or to walk in during a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at the New Richland City Hall community room on Wednesday, April 9.

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OBITUARIES

Nancy Ver Hey

Nancy Elaine (Nielsen) Ver Hey passed in her home surrounded by loved ones on February 26, 2025. She was 87 years old. Nancy was born on June 12, 1937 on her grandparent's farm in Freeborn County to Niels and Dennise (Petersen) Nielsen. She was born, raised, went to school and lived in Freeborn County her whole life. She attended country school in District #35 through eighth grade when the family bought their own farm near Geneva. She graduated from Ellendale High School in 1955. She met Eddie Ver Hey at the outdoor free show in Geneva, and they later married on July 21, 1956. They lived in Albert Lea, then Hayward until 1961, when they moved to Hollandale on the east shore of Geneva Lake, where they currently reside. They were married 68 years.

Nancy worked at Wilson & Co. as a secretary until 1958 when the family started to grow. She then went to work as a banker for about 40 years. She was active at Community Lutheran Church in Geneva, in Altar Guild, Church Council, Tones Choir, Ladies Group and sewed many quilt tops for the Quilters group.

In 1999 Nancy retired from the bank and immediately got back to work as a farm hand. She was a farmer at heart and enjoyed 20 years of driving her tractor "Snoopy" and loving harvest time.

Nancy is survived by her husband Eddie of Hollandale; daughter Joni (Scott) Groth of Ellendale and their children: Allison (Chad) Muilenburg (Cloe, Oliver), Benjamin Groth (Wyatt, Baylor), and Abraham Groth (Aidyn, Adam); daughter Judi Ver Hey of Clarks Grove; son Mark (Joanna) Ver Hey



Nancy Ver Hey

of Hollandale and their children Bennett (Tiffany) Ver Hey (Cameron, Sophia, Toby), Grant (Kristine) Ver Hey (Jack) and Nate (Whitney) Ver Hey (Wesley); daughter Jill (Shannon) Jensen of Clarks Grove and their children Taylor Jensen, Ahnika Jensen and John Jensen. Also surviving sister-in-law Darlene Nielsen, sister Joan (Marion) Mast, brother Doug (Pat) Nielsen, brother Steve (Jinny) Nielsen and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Larry Nielsen, parents-in-law Edward and Anna Ver Hey; brothers/sisters-in-law Lillian (Ray) Thompson, Skin (De-lores) Ver Hey, Shirley (Gordy) Stanley, Gus (Mary) Davidson, Orlin (Evelyn) Thomas.

The family will host a funeral service on Saturday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m., Community Lutheran Church in Geneva, Minnesota. Visitation will be held one hour prior to service at 10:00 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared by visiting www.Bonnerup-FuneralService.com

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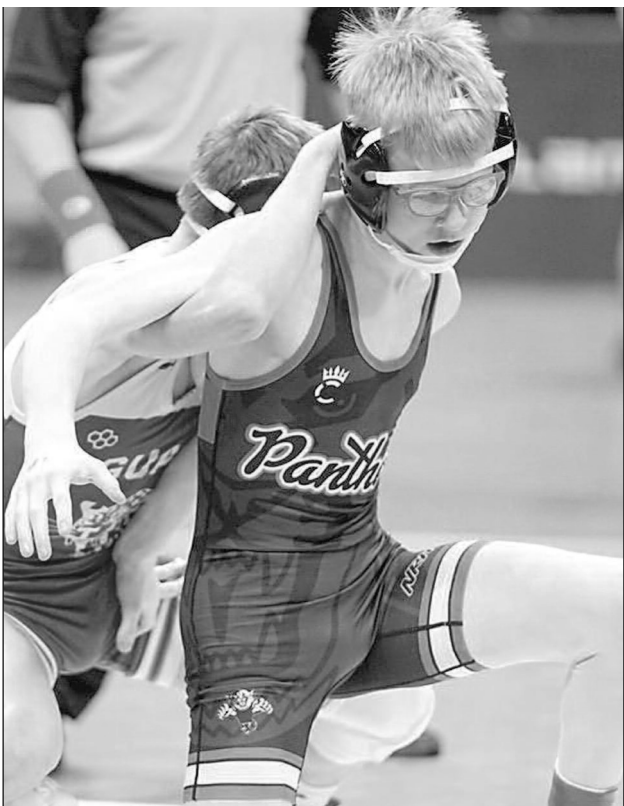
Calls received and/or action taken by the New Richland Police Department in January 2025:

- Wednesday, January 1, 00:25 - Traffic Stop, 155th St/State Highway 30, Warning-verbal
- Wednesday, January 1, 15:45 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Wednesday, January 1, 15:46 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Wednesday, January 1, 21:11 - Noise Complaint(Not Music), 2nd St. SE, Cleared
- Wednesday, January 1, 21:34 - Assist Ambulance (law), 1st St. NE, Assist Rendered
- Thursday, January 2, 18:04 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Thursday, January 2, 18:04 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Thursday, January 2, 21:56 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning-verbal
- Friday, January 3, 03:43 - Assist Ambulance (law), Broadway Ave S, Assist Rendered
- Friday, January 3, 09:46 - Suspected Vulnerable Adult Abuse, 1st St. NE, Cleared
- Friday, January 3, 14:53 - Assist other Agency (law), Highway 13/210th Ave, Not able to Locate
- Friday, January 3, 18:11 - Assist Ambulance (Law), 1st St. NE, Assist Rendered
- Saturday, January 4, 00:06 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Saturday, January 4, 10:56 - Parking(Complaint/violation), S Broadway Ave, Cleared
- Saturday, January 4, 12:29 - Assist Ambulance(Law), Broadway Ave S, Cleared
- Saturday, January 4, 15:55 - suspicious Vehicle, 3rd St. NE, Cleared
- Saturday, January 4, 16:08 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Saturday, January 4, 22:00 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Saturday, January 4, 22:02 - Traffic Stop, 160th St./240th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Sunday, January 5, 01:03 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/250th Ave, Warning-verbal
- Sunday, January 5, 17:20 - Assist Ambulance (law), 1st St. SE, Assist Rendered
- Monday, January 6, 13:44 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Monday, January 6, 13:44 - Lock Check(building, park entrance), New Richland City Of,

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- Monday, January 6, 15:08 - Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Monday, January 6, 20:27 - traffic Stop, Highway 13/3rd St. NE, Traffic Citation
- Tuesday, January 7, 10:16 - Escort (all types), 2nd St. NW, Cleared
- Tuesday, January 7, 13:46 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Tuesday, January 7, 13:46 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Tuesday, January 7, 14:17 - Driving Complaint, Highway 13/315th Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Tuesday, January 7, 15:02 - Directed Patrol, Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Tuesday, January 7, 16:45 - Traffic Stop, 2nd St. SW/Elm Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Tuesday, January 7, 20:42 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/250th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Tuesday, January 7, 21:18 - Traffic Stop, 2nd St. SE, Warning-Verbal
- Tuesday, January 7, 21:54 - Welfare Check, 2nd St. SW, Cleared
- Wednesday, January 8, 13:30 - Assist Other Agency (law), Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Wednesday, January 8, 22:19 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Thursday, January 9, 13:24 - Misc All Other, Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Friday, January 10, 00:06 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Friday, January 10, 11:40 - Suspicious Person, N Broadway Ave/Division St., Log Report
- Friday, January 10, 15:40 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Friday, January 10, 15:40 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Friday, January 10, 21:31 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Saturday, January 11, 15:44 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Saturday, January 11, 15:45 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Saturday, January 11, 16:13 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Saturday, January 11, 21:34 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Saturday, January 11, 22:58 - Animal Complaint/Bite, Highway 30/Broadway Ave S, Cleared

MNSHSL State Wrestling Tournament



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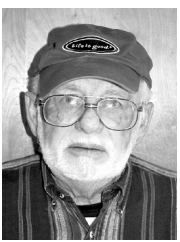
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- Sunday, January 12, 15:36 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Sunday, January 12, 15:36 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Monday, January 13, 22:42 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Wednesday, January 15, 14:37 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Wednesday, January 15, 14:37 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Wednesday, January 15, 15:03 - Directed Patrol, Ash Ave S, Cleared
 - Wednesday, January 15, 16:05 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Ash Ave S, Warning-Verbal
 - Wednesday, January 15, 18:46 - Traffic Sop, Broadway N/Division St., Traffic Citation
 - Thursday, January 16, 15:39 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Thursday, January 16, 15:40 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Thursday, January 16, 22:55 - Assist Ambulance (law), 1st St. NE, Assist Rendered
 - Friday, January 17, 01:20 - Alarm, State Highway 13, Cleared
 - Friday, January 17, 17:30 - Traffic Stop, 3rd St. NE/Highway 13, Warning-Verbal
 - Saturday, January 18, 01:23 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Saturday, January 18, 23:47 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Sunday, January 19, 22:56 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Sunday, January 19, 23:10 - Suspicious Circumstance, 240th Ave, Cleared
 - Monday, January 20, 15:50 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Monday, January 20, 15:50 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Monday, January 20, 16:18 - Assist Ambulance (law), State Highway 83/State Highway 30, Assist Rendered
 - Tuesday, January 21, 11:54 - Misc All Other, New Richland City Of, Written Report

- Tuesday, January 21, 15:44 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Tuesday, January 21, 15:44 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Tuesday, January 21, 19:38 - Suspicious Circumstance, 3rd St. NE, Cleared
 - Tuesday, January 21, 22:08 - Alarm, State Highway 13, Cleared
 - Tuesday, January 21, 2:33 - Traffic Stop, Aspen Ave N/3rd St. NE, Warning-Verbal
 - Wednesday, January 22, 20:33 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning-Verbal
 - Wednesday, January 22, 21:59 - Assist Ambulance (law), 1st St. NE, Cleared
 - Wednesday, January 22, 22:29 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Wednesday, January 22, 23:09 - Traffic Stop, 160th St./State Highway 30, Cleared
 - Wednesday, January 22, 23:16 - Noise Complaint (Not Music), Cedar Ave N/1st St. NW, Cleared
 - Thursday, January 23, 08:04 - Assist Other Agency (law), Main St., Assist Rendered
 - Thursday, January 23, 08:46 - Assist Ambulance (law), State Highway 13, Log Report
 - Thursday, January 23, 22:36 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Thursday, January 23, 22:46 - Ordinance Violation, 240th Ave, Cleared
 - Thursday, January 23, 23:13 - Suspicious Vehicle, 5th St. NW, Cleared
 - Friday, January 24, 15:47 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Friday, January 24, 15:47 - Lock Check (building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
 - Friday, January 24, 16:48 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Birch Ave S, Traffic Citation
 - Friday, January 24, 17:47 - Warrant Service, Highway 30/Birch Ave S, No Contact
 - Friday, January 24, 20:52 - Information Call Only, Balsam Ave S, Cleared
 - Friday, January 24, 21:00 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning-Verbal
 - Saturday, January 25, 15:39 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

Time for Punxsutawney Phil Jr. to take over



FACT OR FICTION

...you decide

by Bob Hanson, Emeritus

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

of where your fish house was on the lake, so they just might know the guilty party by the license in the picture of the house.

Should friends be given permission to use your fish house and leave trash on the ice, two things might happen: 1. You now have former friends. 2. You will pay the fine for the trash the former friends left on the ice.

There is a time when son steps into dad's shoes and takes over to the best of son's ability. Such was the case this year in the Pennsylvania family of Phil the groundhog. Phil Jr. wasn't quite ready to step into Phil Sr. shoes. Phil Jr. just got a little mixed up in

his forecast. The prediction should have been bye-bye winter starting Sunday, February 23, 2025.

The Punxsutawney's Phil family knows all good parents will forgive like their parents did!!

March is one busy month in many of our lives, for example:

The entire month is getting ready for the Twins baseball 2025 season.

March 3: Fat Tuesday at Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana.

March 4: The 1st day of Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana.

March 5: Ash Wednesday the 1st day of Lent.

March 9: Daylight savings begins.

March 14: Full Moon.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day.

March 20: 1st day of Spring.

March 33: Ole thinks about only 33 more days til he doesn't wear long Johns under his bib overalls.

Worldly things that worldly people like you should know.

1. There are "Dog blood banks" in parts of the U.S.A. Your dog may donate and receive blood if eligible.

2. Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) is in the process of moving their corporate headquarters to Texas. Will they then become Texas Fried Chicken (TFC)??

3. An altar guild at a Lutheran Church can host a fabulous Valentine's brunch. How do I know? Because Genie and I attended the fabulous brunch on Sunday, February 23 at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Hartland, Minnesota.

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.

Area college students honored

(January 16, 2025) - Riverland Community College is pleased to announce the students whose academic achievement placed them on the 2024 Fall president's and dean's lists. Riverland congratulates these individuals for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

President's List

To be eligible for the president's list students must have completed 6 credits per semester and have earned a grade-point average of at least 3.75 on a 4.00 scale.

Dean's List

To be eligible for the dean's list students must have completed 6

credits per semester and have earned a grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.74 on a 4.00 scale.

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Mallory Schlinger, President's List

Grace Starman, President's List

Waldorf, MN

Tayla Sandry, President's List

Streets

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good experience [for users]," Martens concluded.

Fourth Street SW: The street will be resurfaced and remain 31 feet wide. New sidewalk connecting Ash and Broadway Ave. will be installed on the south side.

Third St. SE: The most controversial street in this project will see the street narrowed to 36 feet wide and moved about three feet south in some portions to straighten the road. A cul-de-sac will be installed on the east end to help improve water drainage.

"You have to think about the people who live there," resident James Stringfield told Bolton and Menk. "You're not looking at my property. No one utilizes that part of

the sidewalk... I'm losing shade trees... bird feeders. I sure would like to save those."

"We're here today to take feedback and understand," Bienfang answered. "The intent of the project is to be mindful of all the improvements... We're trying to do it in the most thoughtful way."

"I'm assessed \$27,000 and I'm not getting any value out of it," Stringfield responded. "[That] \$27,000 isn't going to increase the value of my property. If no one is listening, what can I do?" Stringfield asked.

Bienfang offered to meet with Stringfield and discuss the possibility of saving one of the trees. It was also shared that sewer lines run right under the trees in question.

Stringfield, along with any others with concerns, were also encouraged to direct their opinions to the city council.

Street Assessments

In order to pay for this \$3.2 mil-

lion improvement, the city is bonding for approximately \$2.7 million and assessing \$467,000 from property owners.

The city has not used special assessments to collect funds for construction in more than a decade; local residents have stated the additional taxes will be a burden.

Asked why the city can't bond for the entire \$3.2 million, administrator Martens said assessment is "a 'normal' part of an improvement process. "We would love to not charge [individual street assessments]," said Martens. "But these types of projects can't be done without them."

He also said the cost of the bonds and the burden to the taxpayers would be too great.

Martens said no grants could be obtained for this project because it is categorized as normal improvement and regular maintenance.

Many residents came to the Feb. 27 open house with concerns; many

left satisfied.

Sharon Eckart, who met with Bolton and Menk in her home to talk about her concerns, said she is now feeling confident about the project.

"I still have questions that I'll ask later on, but I know they will get answered," Eckart stated. "I'm impressed with this engineering firm."

"Corey Bienfang is honest, down to earth," Eckart praised. "And he listened to me and Norm."

Administrator Martens said Bienfang "deserves some praise. He's done a great job."

Going forward, the council will have to approve the final plans for this project and authorize bids. Their next regular meeting is scheduled for March 10.

Approximately a month after that approval, the city will call for an assessment hearing for assessed property owners. Construction is likely to start in June with completion projected in May of 2026.

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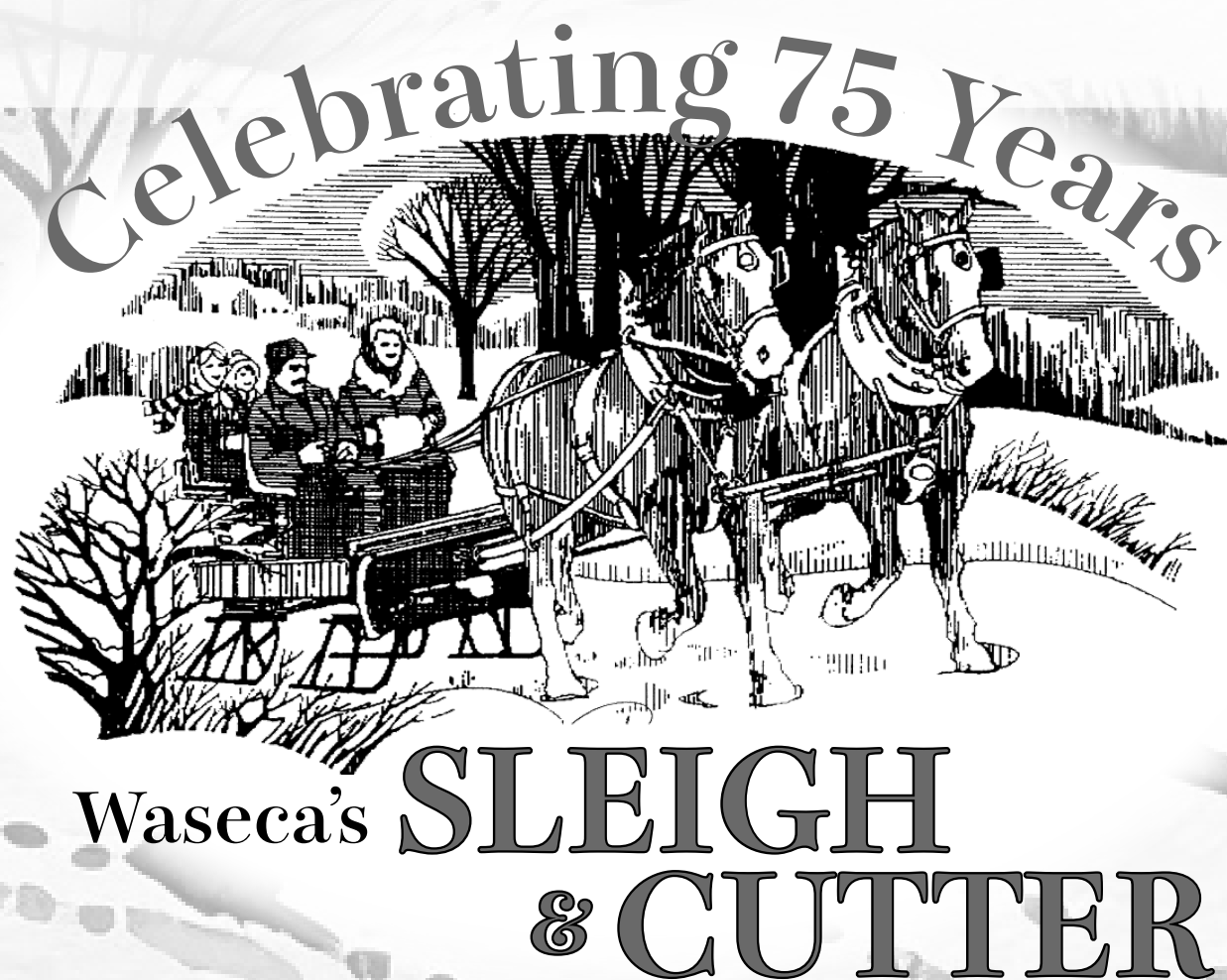
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Brandon Wayne

Brandon Wayne achieves circle of success: recognition at Ameriprise Financial

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To earn this achievement, Wayne established himself as one of the company’s top advisors. Only a select number of high-performing advisors earn this distinction.

He has 24 years of experience with Ameriprise Financial.

As a Private Wealth Advisor, Wayne provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations and provided in one-on-one relationships with his clients. For more information, please contact Brandon Wayne at (507)444-0901, visit the Ameriprise office at 1850 Austin Rd, Ste 104, Owatonna, MN 55060 or visit his website

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NRHEG 81, TCU 55



NRHEG Junior Camryn VanMaldeghem goes to the basket against TCU defender Ella Schmiesing.



NRHEG sophomore Kylie Olson



NRHEG sophomore Clara Buendorf



NRHEG Junior Chloe Stork drives to the hoop after a steal against TCU Monday night at the Taylor Center.



Junior Gabrielle Schlaak attempts a corner three-point shot in the second half of Monday night's game.

Lady Panthers headed to section championship game

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

After a dominant 81-55 win over Tri-City United (TCU) at the Taylor Center in Mankato Monday night, the Lady Panthers basketball team will try to earn its first trip to the state tournament since the 2016-'17 season.

The Panthers improved to 22-5 overall and will take on Glencoe Silver Lake for the Section 2AA Championship Friday night at 8 p.m. in the Taylor Center.

“We are very excited for the privilege and the opportunity to play in the section championship game on Friday,” NRHEG head coach Onika Peterson said. “I am so proud of this group of girls.”

Peterson called the night a ‘program win.’ All night long the Panthers forced the Titans into errors as the defense collapsed and trapped whenever the ball was passed into the corners. This led to the Panthers forcing more than 20 turnovers in the game.

“We have talked all year about how it takes a program to do

“I am so proud of this group of girls.”
— Head coach Onika Peterson

well,” Peterson said. “It takes every single person, whether they are running our scout team, rebounding, making the extra pass, diving on the loose ball, or scoring points.”

The Panthers did not trail in this game, and led by as many as ten in the first half. However, the Titans cut into the lead, making it 37-31 at halftime.

Within two minutes of the second half, buckets from both VanMaldeghem sisters pushed the Panther lead to ten. Over the final eleven minutes of the game, the Panthers extended their lead and never looked back.

The VanMaldeghem twins were a force Monday night, scoring 53 combined points. Quinn registered an impressive triple



NRHEG Junior Quinn VanMaldeghem scores two of her 19 points after a steal and score against TCU. In the game she registered a triple-double, with 10 rebounds and 12 steals.

double with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 12 steals. Camryn led the Panthers in scoring with 34 points. Dominant in the paint was Kylie Olson who was third in scoring with 17 points. She added seven boards with numerous offensive put-backs.

“This group has been improving every game and we can't wait to make a run on Friday,” Peterson concluded.

Individually for the Panthers:

1 G. SCHLAAK- 3 pts, 4 rebounds, 1 steal
2 E. BOERNER- 1 rebound
4 Q. VANMALDEGHEM- 19 pts, 10 rebounds, 2 assists, 12 steals, 2 blocked shots
10 C. BUENDORF- 2 pts, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
12 C. VANMALDEGHEM- 34 pts, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 1 blocked shot
15 C. STORK- 2 pts, 1 rebound, 2 steals
23 A. GROSKREUTZ 1 rebound
24 E. STADHEIM- 4 pts
32 K. OLSON- 17 pts, 7 rebounds, 1 steal

A few glimpses of nature at its best

As we, as true Minnesotans, work our way towards the next season (spring), the older generation still keeps a lookout over their shoulder for that one big snowstorm that will most certainly come our way before the next season appears. For years it was an unwritten rule that there would be a blizzard on the same weekend as the state basketball tournament. That oldism has pretty much disappeared, along with many of our fellow soothsayers. I am amazed that that furry rodent named Phil is still going strong in the folklore world.

I look at this time of year as a time to reflect on what was and what is yet to come. I like to reminisce about my younger years and look forward to the days to come. I have mentioned many times that I enjoy watching the birds at the feeders, but I know that it will not be long before those annoying blackbirds appear to empty my feeders. For some reason, I just do not like those birds. I love the call of red winged blackbirds, but they are almost like a different species to me. As a kid hanging out at the bridge on North Bridge Ave, I welcomed the call of those birds. That is



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

a sound that I would recognize anywhere. On a rare occasion, a yellow headed blackbird would appear and set up housekeeping in a nest built among the cattails of the slough. When I spotted one of them it was always a special time.

Yes, spring not only brought birds, but tadpoles would soon appear, which in turn would eventually evolve into frogs. That's probably where Newton got his theories.

I love watching the cardinals, finches, nuthatches, chickadees, and woodpeckers as they appear at our feeders at home. When I am at the cabin, we have a larger variety of birds that visit, along with some four-legged critters. Over the years we have seen a variety of critters both large and small. We have seen many

up close and personal and some have appeared on the trail camera.

We once had a badger walk out from under our deck and meander ever so slowly over to the cabin next door. One year we had a martin in a tree outside of the cabin watching my wife do dishes. Another time, we had a bear come up on the deck and look through the sliding glass door. It started to go after our bird feeders, so I went out on the deck and yelled at it. It stopped as if it understood the meaning of the word "No" when I yelled at it.

Last year, while none of us were there, our trail cameras captured two large black bears visiting our feeders. These bears were huge. I really hope that they survived the hunting season. We have also had a bobcat, coy-

ote, numerous deer, raccoons, fox and a skunk captured on camera.

I can't wait to get back up there to start watching the numerous birds and critters that visit our cabin each year. Spring and early summer are mosquito feeding time and I have fed my share. Last year I had to cut my visit short because those pesky insects invaded the cabin and I had to spend the nights sleeping with a sheet over my head. I eventually got tired of scratching myself and headed for home. I know that at least twenty-five of those little vampires rode home with me. I can usually tolerate them, but when you are in a confined space with them, it gets old. I always know what lies ahead, but I still enjoy being there. I will not let an annoying little insect get the best of me! I'm scratching already, and it is still winter.

Until next time: There is still ice on the lakes, but please proceed with caution if you must venture out.

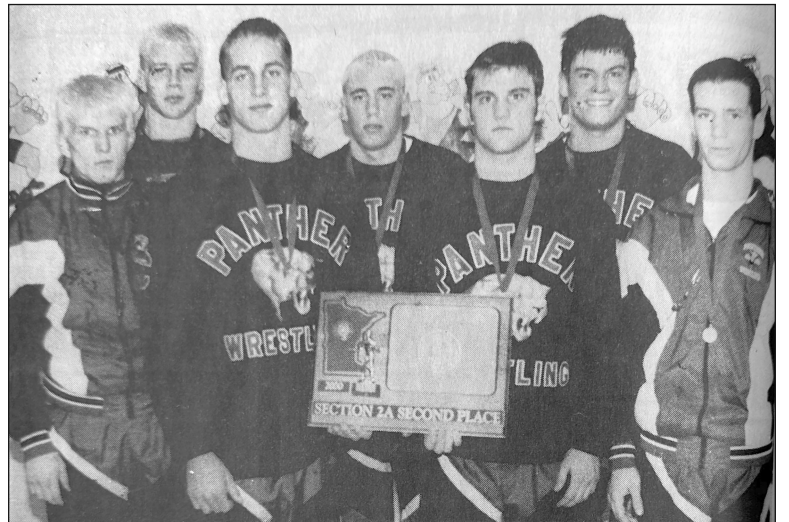
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LOOKING BACK

25 Years Back

- The New Richland- Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Future Farmers of America is celebrating National FFA week. Taking place February 20 through 26 with lots of activities for members of the chapter, the elementary students, the high school students, faculty and members of the community. Officers are: Tom Schultz: Nate Wayne, president; Nick Budach, vice president; Scott Demmer, treasurer, standing, Nick Kamplan, historian: Cody Yard historian and Eric Andereson, reporter. In front of each member is the emblem which stands for his office and organization. Joe Moon, who serves the chapter as secretary, was not present when the photo was taken.

- Engagement Announcement. Jennifer McDonough, daughter of Mike and Susan McDonough of New Richland, and Micheal Vetsch, son of Larry and Shirley Vetsch of Ham Lake, Minnesota, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Jennifer is a 1993 graduate of New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School and a 1997 graduate of Mankato State University. Micheal is a 1994 graduate of Blaine High School and a 1998 graduate of St. Cloud State University. The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 6, 2000.



- Senior members of the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva wrestling team paused after the game against Medford, Saturday. Here they hold the section 2A second place trophy they brought home later that day. They are from left: Andrew Routh, Eric Anderson, Joe Moon, John Rathai, Nathan Schlaak, Nate Wayne and Dan Petsinger. Members of the Panther team will enter the individual championship tournament in Blooming Prairie Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26.

50 Years Back

- Members of the Lemond Coop Shipping Association board of directors. Members are pictured here following their annual meeting Thursday evening at the city hall. Here they are pictured from the left: Ole Loken, trucker-manager; Jim Jessen, vice president; Russell Herbst, president; Eugene Larson, director; John Wilkenson, director; Orin Lower, secretary-treasurer; Merle Shurson, trucker-manager; and Eldor Schoenrock, director. Ole Loken, whose term expired, refused to run again, since he no longer raises livestock and Lloyd Brandvold, who was not present, was elected in his place. He is not pictured. According to Don Schultz, the Central Livestock Shipping Association is now the largest in the United States.



- Wedding Anniversary. About 250 friends and relatives gathered at Trinity Lutheran Church parlors Sunday afternoon to honor Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Strand on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Strand were married January 21, 1925. Attendees Mrs. Evelyn Hagen and Carl Strand were present for the reception. Also attending and hosting the affair were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Strand of Albert Lea, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Strand of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Casper Munson of Albert Lea, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Strand of Albert Lea and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Hagen of Ellendale.

75 Years Back

- Mr. and Mrs. Milton Swenson of Vista community are the parents of a daughter, born at the Waseca Memorial hospital, Monday, March 27. The baby, weighing 7 pounds and 6 ounces, is the first child of the Swensons.

- A notice from J. O. Christanson, superintendent of the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture, announces that Roger Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson and Paul Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Miller of New Richland, were graduated from the school Thursday, March 16.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE	Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.	RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC	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.	ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.	LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Mortgagee
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.	ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on December 24, 2024 as Document Number A338873 in the Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.	TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17.276.0060	TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 22, 2025.		TROTT LAW, P.C.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:	LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, Block 1, First Addition to City of Waseca, Waseca County, Minnesota.	TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100032412225875530	THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR	MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None	By: _____/s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Alexa Marsh, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (24-1479-FC01)
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 4, 2022	STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 525 3RD AVE NE, WASECA, MN 56093	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:		Dated: January 22, 2025	THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. Published in the Star Eagle January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 2025
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$198,341.00	COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Waseca County, Minnesota.	PLACE OF SALE: Waseca County Sheriff's Office, 122 3rd Ave. NW, Waseca, MN 56093.			
MORTGAGOR(S): Eric Chambers, a single person	THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$161,467.05	to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any			
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC	TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.				
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on November 18, 2022 as Document Number A332149; as modified of record by document recorded on April 1, 2024 as Document Number A336478 in the	NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC				

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NEW RICHLAND TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF CANVAS MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of New Richland Township, County of Waseca, State of Minnesota that the annual election of officers and annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third tuesday of March.

The election poll hours will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:
One Supervisor for a three year term
- Eric Hendrickson - incumbent
One Treasurer for a two year term
- Neil Schlaak - incumbent
The Board of Canvas will meet at 8:05 p.m. to certify the official results.

The annual business meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m.

Rob Hutchens, Clerk
New Richland Township

BYRON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF CANVAS MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Byron Township, County of Waseca, State of Minnesota that the annual election of officers and annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at Byron Town Hall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third tuesday of March.

The election poll hours will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:
One Supervisor for a one year term
- Larry Chicos
One Supervisor for a three year term
- Scott Routh
One Treasurer for a two year term
- Ralph Dobberstein
The Board of Canvas will meet at 8:05 p.m. to certify the official results.

The annual business meeting will begin at 8:10 p.m.
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STATE TOURNAMENT ACTION – NRHEG High School wrestlers Harbor Cromwell, left, Cole Hutchens, middle, and Grahm Jacobson, compete in the state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.



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AMONG THE ELITE – NRHEG'S Ryan Schlaak wrestles in the state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

Star Eagle photo by Eli Lutgens

No medals, but lots of experience

Panthers' Jacobson, Cromwell, Schlaak, Hutchens end season at state

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Panthers did not bring home any medals from the 2025 Minnesota state wrestling tournament.

They did pick up some valuable experience.

The Panthers had four wrestlers in the three-day state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul: Grahm Jacobson, 107 pounds; Harbor Cromwell, 160; Ryan Schlaak, 172; and Cole Hutchens, 215.

Jacobson, a seventh-grader who became NRHEG's youngest wrestler ever to reach the state tourney, was eliminated in the wrestlebacks after losing by fall to Paynesville's Tyson Meagher in the

opening round. He lost his wrestleback match by fall to Noah Jensen of BBE, finishing the season with a record of 21-22.

"Grahm competed well in his two matches," said Panthers coach Shawn Larson. "This was a great experience for a seventh-grader. There is a lot to manage for a young athlete and hopefully this will be an experience that he can use to his advantage in the future. Also, we hope that the other young kids on the team see that they can be competitive too."

Cromwell also saw his season end in the wrestlebacks. He fell 13-4 to Ayden Miller of Chatfield in the opening round and 12-0 to BOLD's Simon Boeckman in his wrestleback

bout. Cromwell finished 23-15.

Hutchens lost a 12-1 major decision to Jeremy Blascyk of WCAA and did not reach the wrestlebacks because Blascyk lost his next match. Hutchens finished 8-25.

"Harbor and Cole finished their careers with great dignity," said Larson. "Both of these young men showed that hard work gets you opportunities. Even though their opportunities did not end in hardware from the tournament, these two showed that being disciplined and dedicated can lead to so much improvement. Both of these guys went out on maximum effort and should be happy with the effort they each gave."

Schlaak prevailed 7-4 in his open-

ing match over Isaiah Wolski of FMCC, but lost 15-2 to Cameron Halverson of Barnesville in the wrestlebacks. His season ended with an 8-5 decision to Brady Yourczek of ROUP. He posted a 23-8 record this season.

"Ryan was able to get a win in his first match of the tournament, and after that lost matches that he was very competitive in," said Larson. "Ryan has shown strength and dominance all year and if he can continue to make gains, it would not be hard to believe he will have success in this tournament for the next two seasons."



DRIVE TIME — The Panthers' Ezra Borner drives the baseline in the Panthers' 75-42 victory over WEM Thursday night.

Star Eagle photo by Jim Lutgens

NRHEG girls defeat WEM in Section 2AA tournament

The No. 2 seed NRHEG High School girls' basketball team advanced to the Section 2AA semi-finals with a 75-42 victory over WEM at New Richland Thursday.

The Panthers started fast, building a 43-15 halftime lead and never looking back.

"We came out strong in the first half," said Panthers head coach Onika Peterson. "Our defense was aggressive, which caused WEM a lot of havoc."

For the Panthers: Quinn VanMaldeghem 25 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 1 blocked shot; Camryn VanMaldeghem 17P, 14R, 1A, 4S,

"During playoffs it is always exciting to see who will step up to have a big game." — NRHEG coach Onika Peterson

1B; Kylie Olson 14P, 4R, 1S; Gabby Schlaak 10P, 6R, 1A, 2S, 1B; Ezra Boerner 6P, 4R, 1S; Clara Buendorf 3P, 2R, 3S; Savannah Farr 2R; Chloe Stork 3R, 1A.

"During playoffs it is always exciting to see who will step up to have a big game," said Coach Peterson. "It was fun to see the girls have confidence and hit some big

shots. With having numerous shooters hitting, it allowed us to have a tough lead for WEM to fight back from."

The Panthers, 21-5, advanced to Monday's semifinal round at Minnesota State-Mankato.

The section title game — with a state tournament berth on the line, is Friday at 8 p.m. at Mankato.

NRHEG boys drop regular-season finale to Waseca

Panthers draw No. 14 seed in Section 2AA tournament

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School boys' basketball team finished the regular season Friday night hosting Waseca, the No. 2 ranked team in the state in Class AA.

After the first few minutes of play, it went pretty much as expected as the Bluejays improved to 26-0 for the season with a 97-45 decision. "We knew what kind of force they'd be, and they certainly lived up to it!" said NRHEG head coach Dan Schmidt.

The Panthers did match the Bluejays basket-for-basket for a few minutes, and then the Bluejays unleashed their press and NRHEG had no counter for it as they opened up a big lead in the first half and never looked back.

"We talked about staying up and leaving it all on the court ahead of the game, and I feel the guys did that," said Schmidt. "Overall, I don't

"That's a team that has state championship potential, and they showed why last night." — Coach Dan Schmidt

feel that we played all that poorly. We had good looks at the basket that we just didn't hit. Defensively, we knew we would have a hard time matching up with them man-to-man, so we tried to sit in a zone to minimize their ability to attack the basket."

It worked for a while. "And then they started hitting from the outside, stretching that lead," said Schmidt. "Waseca is such a nightmare matchup because of their speed, shooting, and defensive pressure. They're deeper than a person realizes, as well. That's a team that has state championship

potential, and they showed why last night."

For the Panthers: Owen Wayne 12 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals; Aaden Hanna 8P, 3R, 1A; Greyson Schaefer 7P, 5R, 1A, 1S; Calvin Nissen 7P, 1R; Brendan Schmidt 5P, 2R, 1S; Hudson Chrz 2P, 1R, 1A; Jase Knudson 2P, 1R; Mack Gilliland 1R; Dom Olson 1R; Jordan Brouwers 1R, 2A.

The Panthers, seeded No. 14 in Section 2AA, opened the postseason Tuesday at No. 3 seed Belle Plaine.



UP AND IN — The Panthers' Calvin Nissen drives the baseline for a basket against Waseca in the final game of the regular season Friday in New Richland.

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