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Scouts

Ride for Heroes at the Clark's Grove Pour House on June 21

There will be a Ride for Heroes at the Pour House in Clarks Grove on June 21. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., kickstands go up at 10:30 a.m. Following the motorcycle run, enjoy food, live and silent auctions and music. Help us raise money for local veterans.

Brandon Wallace Geneva Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner Saturday, June 21

There will be a Brandon Wallace Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner at the Geneva Community Center from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21. There will also be a silent auction and raffle.

Mahjongg at the New Richland Public Library Mon. June 23

Learn to play Mahjongg at the New Richland Public Library at 3 p.m. Monday, June 23. Like Rummikub, Mahjongg is a 200 year old Asian tile game. Call Kathy for more information at 507-465-3708.

Create Your Own Shrinky Dinks at New Richland Public Library Tues., June 24

Design a bracelet, necklace, or keychain charm to fit your personal style at New Richland Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 24. This free event is geared for ages 7-18.

Mahjongg at the NR Public Library Wed., June 25

Learn to play Mahjongg at the New Richland Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 25. Like Rummikub, Mahjongg is a 200 year old Asian tile game. Call Kathy for more information at 507-465-3708.

Detroit Tigers vs. MN Twins Lutheran Night at the Twins Thursday, August 14

The 32nd Annual Lutheran Night at the Twins will be leaving at 3:45 p.m. from behind Hy-Vee in Albert Lea on Thursday, August 14. Cost is \$65 per person and is paid in advance. For reservations, call Bob or Genie Hanson at 507-373-8655 or Wayne or Bev Indrelie at 507-402-8228.

Hartland University's Biker Bug Run Saturday, August 16

The Third Annual Hartland University's Biker Bug Run will take place at noon, Saturday, August 16, with kickstands up at 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$10 per person, all proceeds donated to American Bikers for Awareness and the training and education of Minnesota Young Rider Program. There will be six stops in total with a door prize at each location for closest bug to the bullseye.

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.

A word from The Word

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. Psalm 145:5

Riders gather for good cause Geneva Cancer Run sees nearly 200 participants Saturday

Nearly \$300,000 donated since '10

By BEN REVERMANN Staff writer

Beautiful weather accompanied nearly 100 riders at the fourteenth annual Geneva Cancer Run on Saturday, June 14. The emcee for the day was DeeAnn Randall and brother Jake Jensen, who started this annual ride in honor of his best friend Matt Felt, who lost his battle with cancer at the age of 26 in 2007. Jake Jensen said, "We raised 15k for the run on the fourteenth."

Just prior to the 11 a.m. start time in front of the Geneva Bar and Grill, Dan and Maggie Willert, husband and wife, were among the crowd of people and motorcycles preparing to leave. The Willerts said they were taking part, "To support the cause; we have had family and friends affected by cancer and we fully support this. We're locals and we've noticed that every year this gets bigger and bigger." As the ride was about to begin, DeeAnn from the back of the bar announced over a sound system, "We're going to Minnesota Lake, to Freeborn, to Hartland to their University Bar, then to the Pour House in Clarks Grove. Please drive safely, everyone. We are here to help people with cancer, and we'd much rather help them than scrape one of you out of the ditch."

The nonprofit group 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. Geneva Cancer Run is a nonprofit organization which has given about \$300,000 to area residents battling cancer and struggling to pay for the many costs associated with treatment.

Registration began at 9 a.m., the ride departed at 11 a.m. Before departure, Ariel Anhalt and Faith Phillips sang the National Anthem. Randall revealed past rides have included as many as 170



From left: Josh, Jazz, C.J. and Allie Touchton were at the Geneva Cancer Run on Saturday, June 14, 2025, in support of Allie's mother, who passed away in 2016 from cancer.



Close to a hundred motorcycles took off from the Geneva Bar and Grill during the Geneva Cancer Run on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

The Pour House in Clarks Grove holds Bean Bag Tournament

By BEN REVERMANN Staff writer

A small crowd gathered the morning of June 14 outside the Pour House in Clarks Grove. Teams took part in informal bean bag competition, bounce houses were set up for children; raffles, door prizes and free popcorn were offered.

Bennett Schlaak organized the event on behalf of Farm Bureau Financial Services and the organization's county federation. Schlaak explained members of the Bureau can acquire their insurance through the organization. Regarding the June 14 gathering, he said, "For this event,

Bruce Nielsen, owner of the bar, who I've known for some time, let us set up here at the Pour House. The Bureau provided the bean bag boards and the prizes." There were Farm Bureau shirts and hats. Schlaak's brother, Alex Schlaak of Legend Woodcrafts, provided a custom American flag themed bean bag toss set. There were also numerous door prizes valued at over \$250 and a raffle contest. There were blow-up bounce houses for children and a mountain of popcorn. Adults were encouraged to acquire their own beverages inside at the bar.

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Elizabeth Magyer proudly left her dad, Shaun's, high-five hanging, so she could pose for the camera at the Pour House's Bean Bag Tournament in Clarks Grove on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Clarks Grove Historical Society welcome's Sorenson's Appliance

By BEN REVERMANN Staff writer

The Clarks Grove Historical Society met on the evening of June 12. Karter Sletten, guest speaker and employee for Sorenson's Appliance & TV, was also there to discuss Sorenson's history. Kathy Carlsen too was present with an authentic television tube repair kit from the 1960s and 70s used by her father Larry Carlsen, and untouched since 1973.

Since Warren Sorenson began his business in 1951, Sorenson's Appliance & TV has been providing Geneva Minnesota and the surrounding area with quality and service, which makes them one of the oldest businesses around. There was a Sorenson's in Albert Lea from 1982-1986, but that was unsuccessful. Although Karter Sletten hasn't been

with the company that long, just over a year, he has been with them long enough to vouch for them: "It's a great company, great people to work for." Sorenson's is currently led by the third generation of the family, the grandsons of "Old Man Sorenson," as they call him on their website. With eight delivery guys out every day and 4-5 service techs and two sales reps, plus the owners out selling, Sletten said, "We're constantly staying busy, constantly on the road doing deliveries. Hopefully they're going to be around for a long time."

Also present to speak was Denise Carlsen McGowan, daughter of Mr. Larry Carlsen. And who is Larry Carlsen? He was a television repairman from 1960 till 1973. When

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Denise Carlson McGowan and Sorenson's Appliance and TV employee Karter Sletten were at the Clarks Grove Historical Society's monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

WASECA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

'Sentenced to serve' cuts lead to questions

By DEB BENTLY News Editor

Despite an unusually light agenda, the members of the Waseca County Board of Commissioners faced a heavy issue during their June 3 regular meeting. County Court Services director Jon Schiro informed board members that, due to state-level budget cuts, the state department of corrections (DOC) has decided to stop its practice of coordinating and supervising "sentence to serve" projects.

The sentence to serve (STS) program has allowed nonviolent offenders who have been convicted of a crime to be sentenced to provide community service labor in lieu of either spending time behind bars or paying a fine.

Schiro explained that LeSueur and Waseca counties have operated a shared STS program under which crews frequently consisted of STS individuals from both counties. Costs of operating the crews, including supplies, safety gear and equipment, have been shared by the two counties and the state, with each county covering about 38 percent while the state paid 25 percent and supplied an individual to supervise. The state also kept an array of equipment, for example trailers, tools, rakes, shovels, and even power equipment such as log splitters or mowers. That equipment was shared among STS projects across the region, making it possible for crews to be sent to work on an array of different types of projects.

DOC officers also coordinated details among the different agencies which might be involved, for example, communicating with park personnel about when a crew might work on removing buckthorn, then arranging for the necessary equipment and supervision.

Schiro informed commissioners LeSueur County has stated that, without the DOC's participation, it does not intend to continue its STS program, leaving Waseca County with a decision about whether it wishes to bear all costs of continuing or to end its program as well.

In response to commissioner questions, Schiro shared STS crews or individuals have performed tasks such as mowing

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FenceLines

by Mark Bernard

Worrisome vine crop emergence

The scurs were holding the Weather Eye owner's manual upside down! Once they got it right side up, temperatures followed suit. Do we continue this warmer trend or are we in for more sweat-shirt weather? Starting Thursday, sunny with a good chance of evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-80's with lows in the low 60's. Mostly sunny on Friday with a fair chance of evening rain. Highs in the low 80's with lows in the upper 60's. Sunny on Saturday with highs in the low 90's and lows in the low 70's. Sunday, sunny with a fair chance of thunderstorms developing. Highs in the upper 80's with lows in the low 70's. Partly sunny on Monday with a good chance of rain developing. Highs in the low 80's with lows in the upper 50's. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a good chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the low 70's with lows in the low 60's. Partly sunny on Wednesday with highs in the upper 70's and lows in the low 60's. A big week in store astronomically as we are blessed with the summer solstice. The north pole has reached its maximum angle tilted towards the sun and produces the longest daylight period of the year in the northern hemisphere. Enjoy it while we can. We lose less than a second of daylight on the 21st although our sunset reaches 9 p.m. CDT. On the 22nd we lose 4 seconds of daylight. It's all downhill from there. The normal high for June 20th is 80 and the normal low is 60. The scurs are set to spend the afternoons lounging by the cement pond.

Crops have taken note of the recent warmer temperatures. Unfortunately so have the weeds, so it'll be a mad dash to get soybean acres covered once conditions allow ground rigs to venture forth. This upcoming week should really make things pop. If forecasts are correct, there should be some days with GDU accumulations in the upper 20 range. The best part, as alluded to in previous columns, is the plants don't have to wait for temperatures to warm as long and can get down to business producing biomass, building the factory producing what are hopefully good yields. Heavy rainfall in areas may have blunted that somewhat as nitrogen in ponded areas is subject to leaching where nitrate nitrogen is moved deeper in the soil profile or denitrification, where under anaerobic conditions in waterlogged soils, nitrate nitrogen is converted to molecular nitrogen or nitrous oxide and rises back into the atmosphere. Fortunately, the areas impacted are rather small, but still leave a mark for those affected.

My interest in the weather continues on a daily basis. Sometimes it involves how it relates to plants and animals. Sometimes it's an intangible like the discovery of a radiosonde in an area field. A radiosonde is a small instrument attached to a weather balloon. Somewhere around 76,000 weather balloons are released annually by NOAA in the United States. They can rise to over 115,000 feet and drift over 180 miles from the release point. They can be exposed to temperatures as cold as -90°F and air pressure less than one percent of that on the earth's surface. If a unit encounters the Jetstream, it can travel at speeds over 250 mph. Temperature, pressure, humidity, winds and altitude data are only transmitted while the balloon and attached radiosonde are rising.

Due to the low pressure at high

altitudes, the hydrogen-filled balloon eventually bursts, and a small orange parachute allows it to harmlessly float back to earth. By the time a radiosonde is found, its mission is long since over. This radiosonde was a 2" x 4" Styrofoam unit with a wire antenna, a shiny circuit strip, a data port, a small button and cotton cord where it attached to the weather balloon. The words "Harmless Weather Instrument" are printed on the side. One can dispose of it properly or keep it as a conversation piece. It's been the latter.

www.weather.gov/upperair/radiosonde.

Garden woes at the ranch as spotty vine crop emergence became worrisome. Too many cool, damp, cloudy days have taken their toll. It's difficult to put a finger on a single factor. If it's like most things involving plant establishment and growth, there are usually several factors that are intertwined. Anytime the temperatures are reduced, the speed of germination and emergence are slowed. This allows more time for exposure to pathogens and insect pests. I suspect both are involved. Seed corn maggots feed not only on corn but many other seeds. It's not unusual to find very little evidence anything was ever planted, which has been the case in this year's garden. They're also drawn to heavily manured areas or areas where green, live vegetation has been worked into the soil. That was also part of the equation just prior to planting. Not to fear. There was still some time on the clock and the threat from soil-borne insect pests should be lessened considerably. Plenty of leftover seed to replant. Not my first rodeo. See 2024.

Getting closer to weaning ewes and lambs. The late lambs confound the process as they don't compete well against the larger lambs and can use some TLC for several weeks longer. Yes, they can be separated from the rest of the group, but that means having the space to do it and extra work providing room service to a small group of animals. While not on a par with beef, lambs are worth some decent money again after some leaner times in the recent years. It's definitely worth the effort to try to keep them not only alive, but thriving if possible. Eventually they do get weaned, ewes culled, and those kept put out to pasture for the summer. That's something else weather-related. The strange spring and early summer have meant slower pasture growth, the same as many observed on their lawns and first cutting hay.

Poppy had another busy week, some of it hiding and cowering from the numerous loud thunderstorms passing through. As she's maturing she's become more sensitive to them for whatever reason. That doesn't keep her from enjoying herself in between, however. There were little windrows of dog hair starting to appear along the baseboards, so she had a brushing session on Sunday. It's a little like brushing a worm at times but she does seem to enjoy it for the most part. The best part aside from her getting a treat is the removal of that fine, insulating undercoat. With warmer days predicted, there's no reason for it to be part of the dog. Much more comfortable napping for Poppy wherever she happens to land.

See you next week...real good then.

Hold on just a minute

I'm going to break up my fun, frivolous summer writing for a week, sorry.

I've got some feelings that need writing about. A lot might change between me submitting this column and you reading it, but the events that saw two of our state legislators and their spouses shot last weekend really got me stirred up. Perhaps you, like me, looked at every news update that came across your phone, hoping the suspect would be caught or checking on the status of Senator John Hoffman and his wife.

This is going to be both political and not political in one fell swoop.

Both Representative Melissa Hortman and Hoffman were Democrats. Hortman and her husband both lost their lives. Hoffman and his wife look like they'll come through, and the fact that Yvette Hoffman used her body to shield their daughter means we'll have three survivors of yet another politically-fueled tragedy.

Other names were allegedly on the manifesto found by law enforcement in the vehicle of the suspect. All of them supposedly belong to Democrats, and the news says they are all people who supported abortion rights. But to confuse matters, the vehicle also had many "No Kings" signs, relating to protests that were held last weekend, denouncing President Trump's activities.

You should not go into public service and have to worry about your safety. You are elected at the whim of those who vote, and even if your choices don't win, it's time to let them get to work after an election. (Really, aren't most of us about 50% on who we vote for winning?)

Angie Craig and Amy Klobuchar



Whatever Flips Your Waffle

by Mark Domeier
Contributing Writer

have talked about extra security as a matter of course. Despite extra security for a presidential candidate, Donald Trump came within an inch of losing his life while on the campaign trail. There are probably many threats that are snuffed out long before anything happens and that we never hear about.

I have a solution. Stop saying mean things. Stop exaggerating. Stop believing everything you see in your algorithm. And this goes to all our politicians and all our social media mavens.

Governor Tim Walz should be embarrassed by his recent string of using profanity to refer to Republicans. He rips Trump and blames everything wrong with this country on the man who won the 2024 election. This fires up left-wing people.

President Donald Trump should be embarrassed by the things he has been proven to have lied about. He does it to fire people up and prod them to follow his lead, no matter what.

Both men say (or tweet) things without thinking. And this has led us to where we are today. We can go back to 2011 when U.S. Representative Gabby Giffords survived an assassination attempt. House leader Steve Scalise was shot in 2017. Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer avoided a kidnapping plot in

2020. The events of January 6, 2021. And the list goes on and on. What's the connecting thread here?

Social media. Political figures say things to get hits and likes online. People create memes and GIFs to spread these words and often take them out of context. This spreads worse than the flu in a school that's run out of soap in the bathrooms.

You don't get likes if you just talk about yourself. You don't get shares if you shake the hand of your opponent.

I talked to someone recently about the fact that 80% of us are probably somewhere in the middle politically. For instance, I consider myself a Democrat, but I do not believe in everything the party stands for. I don't think every kid needs free meals at school. I don't think people who are in our country illegally should get free health care when most of us are paying a lot for our own.

But the person with whom I was having the conversation said that politicians who don't bow to the far side of their party can't get nominated and eventually elected. They need that 10% on each side that are way off the beaten path that most of us trod.

So that's where we head as a country. I could never get elected because I think Republicans are right on some things, and I'd be willing to ne-

gotiate and come up with solutions, similar to what our state legislature had to do this year. But I'd want to do it no matter who was in power. After all, I would represent people on both sides of the aisle. If I made everybody mad, that would probably mean I was doing something right.

Melissa Hortman was the lone Democrat to vote for taking away the aforementioned health care. That's admirable. Get the work done and give a little to get a little.

Want to stop political violence? Stop saying mean things. Stop exaggerating. Stop believing everything you see in your algorithm. Again, this is for both our politicians and all of us regular folks.

A world where Tim Walz says that maybe we need to do some cutting of government spending and where Donald Trump says that those teachers are right and we should have an educator leading the Department of Education. Too much to hope for?

Through all this mess, we should be grateful for our law enforcement officials who know they put their lives on the line every day. They understand that going in, just like the police who were fired upon by the suspect. Politicians, and most other professions, should not have to worry about that.

Be kind. Stop being angry. We can change the world one social media post at a time.

Word of the Week: This week's word is Podsnap, which means a smug, self-satisfied person, as in, "The political Podsnap was excited to see his inflammatory speech had gone viral." Impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

Former officer charged with felony

Gabriel Crombie, former Northfield police officer, has been charged* with one count of felony Aiding an Offender and one count of gross misdemeanor misconduct of a public officer/employee. The charges stem from a now-former Northfield teacher, Katie Hanson, sending explicit photographs to high school students. The alleged conduct was reported to Crombie, who failed to

follow through with his duty to investigate, says Waseca County Attorney Rachel Cornelius.

The Waseca County Attorney's Office is handling the matter involving Crombie on behalf of the Rice County Attorney's Office to avoid any conflicts of interest. Likewise, the Steele County Attorney's Office is handling the matter involving Hanson. The Steele County Attorney's

Office has charged Hanson with two counts of felony engaging in electronic communication relating or describing sexual conduct with child.

As stated in the criminal complaint, the Northfield Police Department was alerted to the conduct of Ms. Hanson in December 2024. Investigation revealed the conduct was initially reported to Crombie in the spring of 2024, but was not thor-

oughly investigated by him.

A subsequent investigation, which included the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), revealed the alleged criminal conduct.

Crombie's first court appearance will be scheduled by Rice County District Court.

A fabulously festive birthday occasion

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

I've got big news for you. Well, I'm glad I'm sitting down. I just painted that chair you're sitting in.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The sky was as black as blue and as blue as black. Then, a beautiful day shouldered its way in. I stood beside my father's grave on what some might call a windswept prairie, regretting those things I had left unsaid, and my questions that went unasked. I thought there'd be more time. Then, I heard a western meadowlark call from a pastureland near the cemetery. It brought precious memories of my wonderful father, the farmer, and of our many talks. I know the bird was proclaiming territory, but sometimes, a bird sings when I need to hear it.

THE CAFE CHRONICLES

"Close the door before you let the flies out," said the friendly waitress at the Eat Around It Cafe. A place to find common ground. I closed the door and sat down next to a friend who wears suspenders because he claims to have worked his rear end off and is fond of saying, "If you can't find the needle, buy the haystack." "How's the special today?" I asked the waitress. "How nice of you to ask. It's feeling much better, thank you," she said with a smile.

I'VE LEARNED

Traditions are often peer pressure from people you don't know. I visited Big Tom in Frazee, Minnesota. The 20- to 22-foot-tall, 5,000-pound symbol of the "Turkey Capital of the World" is a monument to the world's largest turkey. Maybe they shouldn't put "Wet floor" signs in a men's restroom.



Compostings

by Al Batt

You're getting old if you write the wrong century on a check.

I saw a guy in Starbucks who wasn't using a phone, tablet or computer. He was just drinking coffee. It takes all kinds.

It should be against the law for a pedestrian to cross a street while looking at a cellphone.

I visited the Congress Avenue Bridge spanning the Lady Bird Lake in Austin, Texas. Austin is home to 979,882 people, 53,082 University of Texas students and 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats that hang out at that bridge in the summer and fall, forming billowing clouds at dusk when they head out to feed.

I ran a jackhammer for a step company one summer. It broke new ground for me.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

A snake walked into a bar. "How did you do that?" said the bartender. Barbers can't cut hair any longer. If you have three cats, two dogs, a pet chicken and a hamster, how many legs do you have? Two.

My neighbor is doing lunges to stay in shape. That's a big step forward.

My cousin got fired from his job at the ice cream shop because he refused to work on sundaes.

IN LOCAL NEWS

Happy 100th birthday to Doris Beckmann of New Richland. Her party was a fabulously festive occasion.

NATURE NOTES

There are three lagomorph species in the state. One rabbit and two hares. Hares are born well-furred

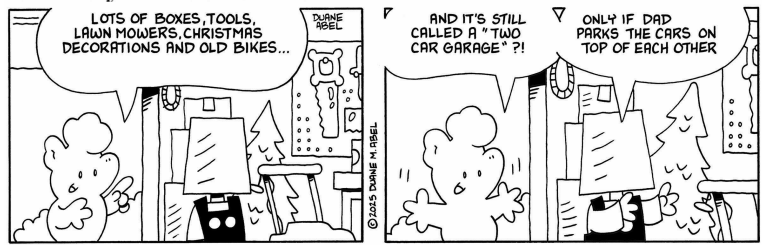
the upper half of the state, where they're typically found in young forests, dense woodlands, thickets, and forest bogs and swamps. They're about 20 inches long and weigh 3 pounds. The snowshoe hare's food changes with the seasons. In summer, it feeds on grasses, berries, wildflowers, clover and other green vegetation. In winter, it eats bark, twigs and evergreen needles. The snowshoe hare roams a 7- to 17-acre home range. An acre is slightly smaller than a football field.

Black flies, also called buffalo gnats, are encountered around the running water of streams and rivers. The black fly season in Minnesota typically runs from late May through October, with peak activity in late May and June. I've endured their painful bites from the North Shore to the BWCA to the Minnesota River Valley and along the Mississippi River.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The world abounds with kind people. If you can't find one, be one.

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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ELLENDALE
CITY COUNCIL

Chickens are allowed in Ellendale

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

During their regular meeting on June 12, members of the Ellendale city council reviewed and refused a permit to place a 150-foot utility pole on property owned by Daniel Petsinger of Radio Link Internet. Council members voiced concerns about the safety of having such a tall pole in a residential area. Petsinger was allowed to speak, voicing a claim that previous, similar projects had been granted approval after receiving much less scrutiny. He said the proposed pole would not be a danger because no homes or structures are close enough to be at risk.

Council members reached a consensus that it is legal to keep chickens within city limits. Up to six hens are allowed, but no roosters.

A number of concerned citizens talked during the public comment period at the regular Ellendale city council meeting Thursday, June 12. One attendee voiced concerns about the new apartment complex and whether it was “going to get started anytime in my lifetime.” He also offered the opinion that, if the apartments did not have garages available, very few people would be interested in leasing them.

Another attendee claimed the council lied to the public about previous correspondence with Jaguar and that the council did not handle the violation complaint appropriately. He criticized the council for a lack of transparency.

A different citizen asked whether more should be done in enforcing ordinances. She suggested possible changes, including a citizen committee, someone assigned to the ordinances and increased penalties.

During administrative reports, Fire Chief Logan Busho gave an update on the tanker being supplied by the company Osco; he stated work is progressing, but it will be a month before the tanker is ready. Busho also reported the department’s funding is under control right now with a good balance. A temporary liquor license was granted to the fire department for Ellendale Days in two weeks.

Maintenance department updates included repairs in service line leaks at 4th Avenue, although Maintenance Supervisor Josh Otto informed the council that a driveway apron was damaged in the process and gave a new quote to the council to approve.

Council members brought up concerns about funding street improvements, including for the Crown Ridge subdivision. The council discussed budgeting more next year for roads in order to carry out some of the projects.

As for updates from the City Trails and Parks Committee, picnic tables were received, assembled and placed. Vibrant Youth Group completed their work in the city park painting the pavilion. Tree removal went well, according to council member Joel Meyer. The fire department donated \$2,600 for the park to take half the trees down this year at \$400 a tree, most of them being walnut.

Ash Borer treatment remains a discussion as 20 trees in the park were ash. While Meyer said some aren’t worth treating, the parks department will seek quotes for treating infected trees through injection.

Codification was also discussed at the meeting, with updates about certain properties, violations and administrative citations.

Unfinished business discussed included the need of repair for the Ellendale Welcome Sign, which is sinking on the south side. The council will wait a year and put the repair in next year’s budget.

In new business, the council approved the payment of \$400 for a DJ for the Ellendale Days Youth Dance.

The Steele Heights groundbreaking ceremony is set for Thursday, June 26 at 11 a.m.

The council also reminded the public that fall cleanup is Sept. 13 from 9 to 12 p.m.



ONLY A NUMBER - Doris Beckmann (front) was surrounded by friends and family to celebrate her birthday. In the back, from left to right are Beckmann’s five daughters, Charlene Chevalier, Valerie Giles, Kayla Root, Eileen Borchert and Joleen Oterson.

Pioneer photo by Amelia Roessler

Beckmann celebrates century mark

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

Doris Beckmann of New Richland marked birthday number 100 on Saturday during a celebration with family and friends.

Born June 12, 1925, Beckmann grew up in Waseca County and went to school in Freeborn, graduating in 1942. Although she is now 100, Beckmann said she still feels 99.

The trick to living so long? “The kids would say I eat ice cream a lot.”

Despite her five daughters believing ice cream is the trick to staying young, Beckmann claims her love for plain vanilla ice cream and its frequent consumption only started the last couple of years.

Sitting in front of her birthday banner in a packed garage of family

and friends, Beckmann was the light of the party, laughing and smiling as the line of people moved through to wish her happy birthday and talk as old friends.

“They said I can’t move from here,” Beckmann laughed.

Beckmann’s five daughters, Charlene Chevalier, Valerie Giles, Kayla Root, Eileen Borchert and Joleen Oterson and their families were all present to celebrate.

“It’s a blessing,” Giles said, “that she still remembers.”

After high school, Beckmann said she babysat and did other things before being married in 1945 to Herbert Beckmann when she was 19. Two weeks after their marriage, Herbert left to fight in World War II.

When he returned, the couple spent a lot of time farming and help-

ing to build and manage the American Legion in New Richland. Doris and Herbert were together 65 years before he died in 2010 of Alzheimer’s Disease.

“She always worked so hard for us five girls. Out on the farm and gardens, she worked hard all her life,” Giles said.

Beckmann now has 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

A few of her grandkids compiled a list for her birthday party titled, “What has Grandma Doris lived through?” Some things on that list include the Great Migration, mass automobile manufacturing, the adoption of the National Anthem, the first federal minimum wage of 25 cents and the creation of the United Nations. She has lived through five

British monarchs, nine popes and 17 presidents.

Beckmann’s grandson Ryan Giles named two prominent aspects of Grandma Doris’s character: she will always speak her mind and never forgets a family member’s birthday, no matter who it is.

“She doesn’t forget a birthday. A \$5 bill in the card. I don’t remember my cousins’ birthdays, but she’s got all those down. She never forgets,” Ryan Giles said.

Beckmann now lives in Royal Villa in New Richland; she continues to cook for herself and bake.

“Could never go to her house without treats. She still does her baking,” Ryan Giles said.

Happy Birthday, Doris Beckmann.

Measles in our area: what parents need to know to protect

Local public health is urging parents and caregivers to stay informed and act as measles cases continue to rise across the United States with 14 outbreaks and over 1,000 cases reported in 2025. Awareness and prevention are more important than ever, especially for families with young children.

Measles is a serious and highly contagious disease caused by a virus that spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus can linger in the air for up to two hours, making it extremely easy to catch. In fact, 9 out of 10 unvaccinated people exposed to measles will be infected.

Why Measles Is a Concern
Measles can be dangerous, espe-



cially for babies and young children. Complications include pneumonia, brain swelling (encephalitis), and even death.

The disease begins with high fever (up to 104°F), cough, runny nose, and red or watery eyes, followed by a rash that typically appears 3 to 5 days after initial symptoms.

“Prevention and early care are key,” said Leah Frederick, Le Sueur Family Health Supervisor. “Vaccination remains the best defense, and parents should know the symptoms and act quickly if their child is ill,” said Sam Holicky, Waseca Public Health Supervisor.

How to Protect Your Family

Get vaccinated: The MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine is safe and highly effective.

Check vaccination status: Speak with your healthcare provider if unvaccinated or unsure.

Seek care quickly: Get immediate medical attention. Do not wait.

When to Go to the Emergency Department

Difficulty breathing
Seizures
Unresponsiveness or severe confusion
Severe rash or persistent high fever

Early treatment can prevent life-threatening complications and help stop the spread to others. For more information about measles and the MMR vaccine, visit the CDC website.

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McGowan was asked what year he was done repairing televisions, she replied, “You know, I don’t know.” The year was learned by going through Mr. Carlsen’s repair kit. Ev-

erything in the kit stopped at the year 1973, his instruction manual, the manufacture dates on the tubes, the boxes holding the tubes. All signs pointed to 1973, “When,” said McGowan, “my dad told me, ‘That’s when they started with those throw-away TV’s.’ He said no one wanted their TV’s fixed after that because it was cheaper to buy a new one.” Which led Mr. Carlsen to find other work and put his repair kit on a back

shelf long enough for his daughter to find it, completely untouched, over 50 years later. It opened up like an old tackle box, the man was very organized.

After the talk, Margaret and Ray provided strawberries and shortcake. In addition to the museum, the Clarks Grove Area Heritage Society hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including historical tours, lectures, and workshops. The society

also publishes a quarterly newsletter that shares information about upcoming events and provides updates on the society’s activities. Next month is the Museum’s 10th Anniversary, where there will be a performance by the “Singing Cowgirl” at 6 p.m. July 10. There will be free cookies and drawings for memberships and a copy of the book, “History of Clarks Grove.” Remember to bring your own chair for the show.

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NEW RICHLAND
CITY COUNCIL

Council member criticizes police department

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

An audit presentation and a discussion about golf carts were the hot button topics at the regular New Richland city council meeting June 9.

Tom Olinger of the accounting firm Abdo, Eick & Meyers presented an overview of the 2024 audit to the council. His presentation included showing similarities to past budget years; he also reported that an issue discovered from last year regarding sales tax remittance was resolved in this year’s finances.

Olinger said the overall general fund budget, which is usually 50%, has increased to 62% this year. “Good to have that continue to grow,” he said.

For revenues, Olinger said the general fund had a net increase of \$173,000. The revenues were over budget, but the expenditures were under budget.

The overall trend in taxes decreased slightly from the previous year and the general fund expenditures were flat from previous years.

The capital improvement fund did have an increase related to contribution and property tax. The net service fund stands at \$225,000.

The water fund saw cash flow in, while the sewer fund saw a negative. Nursing home operations stayed the same and cash has been flowing in Cedar Point, with \$86,000 in that fund.

Olinger said there was an overall increase in cash funds of about \$300,000 in the last year.

Tax rates kept pretty flat, with not a lot of change in market value. Olinger said this is in line with Waseca County. He also said to keep in mind capital needs and to keep investing back into the city.

Citizen Gail Schmidt presented questions and concerns regarding the use of golf carts in town. She said the space along the south side of the waterway has long been used by drivers of small vehicles as a path to Casey’s or The Willows. She went on to say she is confused by a recent announcement from the police department that the space is private property and should not be used by public traffic. Schmidt said she has been using the trail for 20 years and sees no reason why the practice should be changed.

Schmidt presented a document with signatures from all property owners but one, saying they agree to let the path be used. Liability concerns and whether an ordinance or easement would help the situation were raised by council members.

Councilmember Josh Warke circled back to the golf cart conversation at the end of the meeting, saying, “It’s starting to make me think that our police force gets to do whatever the hell they want.” That conversation was continued during the closed session of the meeting.

During the meeting, Shannon Sweeney also presented the resolution providing for the issuance and sale of general obligation improvement and utility bonds. He said five bids were received, with Northland Security being the low and desirable bid. The resolution was moved and approved.

Reports were given by Sarah Sundve for the ambulance, Shell Johnson for the people service report, the fire department, and Chief of Police Tanyce Bruegger.

Bruegger said there were 137 calls, 32 traffic stops, 29 ordinance violations, 39 directed patrols and lock checks and 16 assists of other agencies during May. She also reminded the council and public that grass should be no more than six inches tall and not to blow clippings into the roadway.

Council continued on 10

OBITUARIES

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Ann Howell, age 75, passed away peacefully in her home on June 9, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. A funeral service will be held at the Ellendale Methodist Church in Ellendale, MN on Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m. Reverend Randy Cirksena will be officiating. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service at the church.

Cheryl was born on January 27, 1950 in Owatonna, MN to Forrest and Elvira (Werner) Howell. She grew up in rural Ellendale and graduated from Ellendale High School. After high school, she attended Albert Lea Community College and graduated with a Nursing degree. She worked at Owatonna Hospital as an RN until she retired.

She was a generous supporter of numerous local charities. In her free time, she enjoyed all types of fishing, especially ice fishing, along with motorcycling, gardening, woodworking, and birdwatching. Above all, she cherished



Cheryl Howell

spending time with her family. Cheryl is survived by her son, Eric (LeAnn) Knudson; daughter, Kiersten (Joshua) Cornelius; grandchildren, Dustin (Tiara) Esplan, Alyssa (Carson) Field, Paige Knudson, Madison Knudson; great granddaughter, Adaline Esplan; great grandson, Julian Field; brother, Larry (Elaine) Howell.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Forrest and Elvira Howell; grandparents, Cellie and Wava Howell.

Shirley Sibilrud

Shirley Ann Farrow Sibilrud
February 25, 1930 – April 16, 2025

Shirley Ann Farrow Sibilrud, 95, of Hartland, Minnesota and Tavares, Florida passed away on April 16, 2025. Though her passing was unexpected, her life was a long, vibrant journey marked by love, laughter, and quiet strength.

Born in Elmore, Minnesota on February 25, 1930, Shirley was raised in the greater Hartland area and made it her lifelong home, aside from extensive winter retreats to Texas and Florida.

She attended 1st grade at Kiester Country School, later Hartland Elementary, and graduated from Freeborn High School. She treasured her lifelong friendships, especially her cherished "Birthday Club," a group of school friends who remained close for nearly a century.

At just six years old, Shirley met Kenneth Sibilrud in grade school—he was ten. Their childhood friendship turned into a love story. They married on January 23, 1949 at Hartland Lutheran Church and shared a partnership filled with devotion, ballroom dancing, community engagement, Bible studies, and Entrepreneurship.

After Kenny's return from serving in World War II, they became operators/owners of the family grocery store Sibilrud Cardinal in Hartland, which became a beloved local gathering place for more than three decades. Shirley was the steady and selfless backbone of the business, all while raising three rowdy sons.

Shirley saw the good in everyone and lived with unwavering compassion and quiet courage, even after losing Kenny far too young; she became a widow at the age of 58.

In 2024 her youngest son Rob succumbed to Muscular Dystrophy. Shirley was caregiver extraordinaire to many others, including her own parents and many precious family and friends.

Before marriage Shirley attended the Minneapolis School of Business, a women's college affiliated with the University of Minnesota, and worked as a secretary for Midway Motor Company. She later went on to travel extensively, peel loads of potatoes, play many games of cards, and embrace life's



Shirley Sibilrud

adventures with a steady heart and curious spirit.

Shirley was truly an Earth Angel—gracious, wise, and endlessly kind. She had a dry sense of humor, always ready with a knowing smile or a quick laugh. She made those around her feel seen, valued, and loved.

She is survived by her sons, Tim Sibilrud and Terry Sibilrud; daughters-in-law Jean Sibilrud of Tavares, FL, and Judy Sibilrud of Hartland, MN. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Grant Sibilrud (and his children Corbin, Carlee, and Carson) of Windermere, FL; Tyra Stapleton (husband Matt, and daughters Nora and Lyla) of Wisconsin; and Anna Sibilrud-Willis (husband Mike, and children Isaac and Sienna) of Tavares, FL.

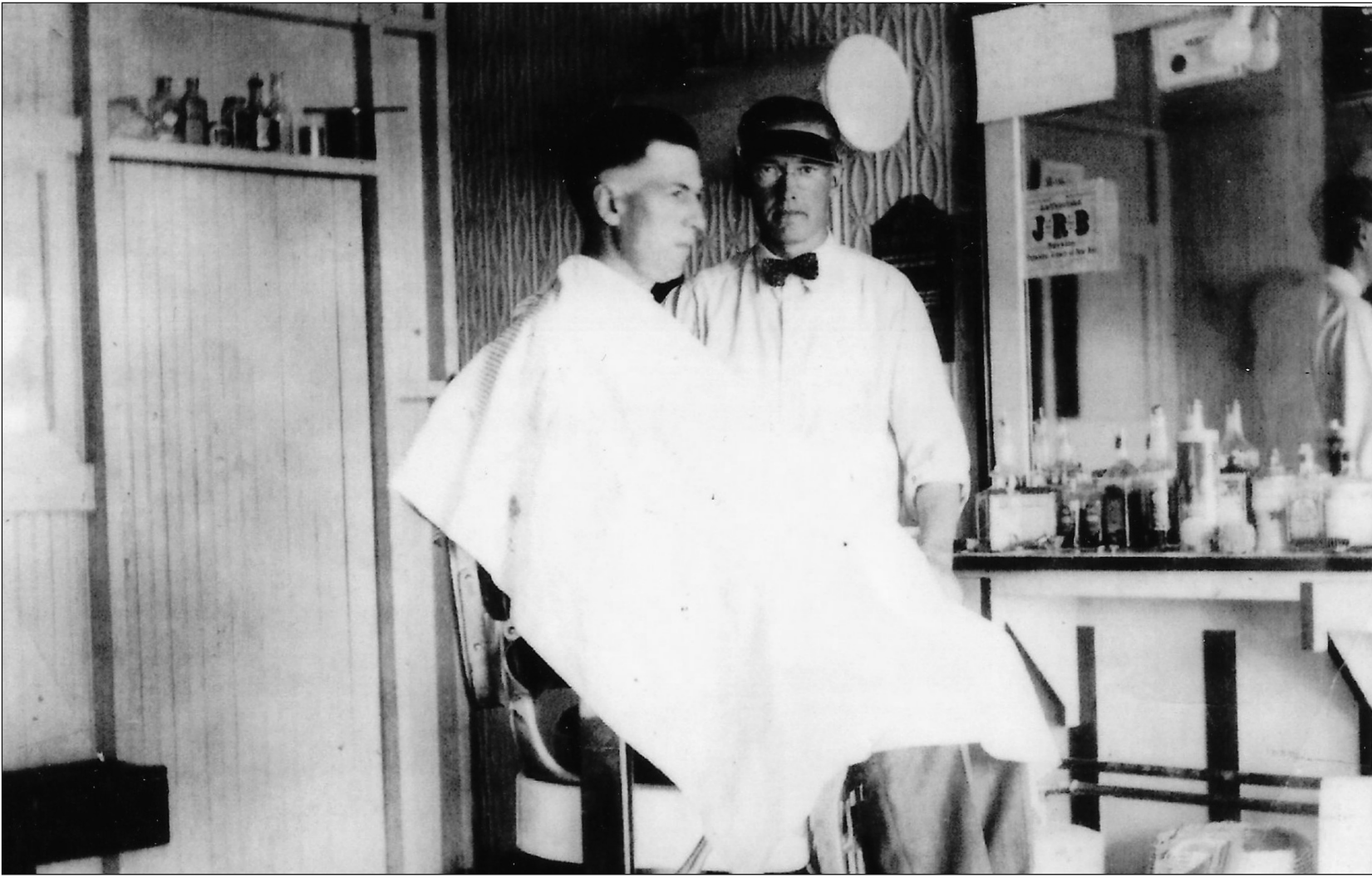
She is also lovingly remembered by nieces and nephews: Marshane Lindstrom (Erik), Cheryl Weber (Jessica and Mason), Lori Farrow (Samantha and Max), Leon Farrow (Allison), Larry Farrow (Louis Farrow), and John Mork and Ann (Kristina, Josh, and Michael).

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Kenneth; her parents, Louis and Anna Farrow; her brother Lerald Farrow; sister-in-law LaFaye Farrow, her daughter-in-law Beth Sibilrud; and her son Robert Sibilrud.

Shirley's life was a masterclass in quiet resilience, generous love, and timeless grace. Her spirit lives on in every laugh she sparked, every heart she warmed, and every life she touched.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Hartland, MN on Thursday, July 17 at 2 p.m.

HERITAGE BITS



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Barber in Geneva

This photo of Harold Benson taken in 1930 when he was 25 years old. He is pictured in his Geneva barber shop with his customer Malcom Lonigan. Hair cuts were 30 cents each. Any additions or corrections please contact, Barb Mrotz at 507-688-2257 or Brenda Dokken, 507-402-0336 (6/12/25)

State cuts to “sentenced to serve” lead to big questions for county

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

Despite an unusually light agenda, the members of the Waseca County Board of Commissioners faced a heavy issue during their June 3 regular meeting. County Court Services director Jon Schiro informed board members that, due to state-level budget cuts, the state department of corrections (DOC) has decided to stop its practice of coordinating and supervising “sentence to serve” projects.

The sentence to serve (STS) program has allowed non-violent offenders who have been convicted of a crime to be sentenced to provide community service labor in lieu of either spending time behind bars or paying a fine.

Schiro explained LeSueur and Waseca counties have operated a shared STS program under which crews frequently consisted of STS individuals from both counties. Costs of operating the crews—including supplies, safety gear and equipment—have been shared by the two counties and the state, with each county covering about 38 percent while the state paid 25 percent and supplied an individual to supervise. The state also kept an array of equipment—for example trailers, tools, rakes, shovels, and even power equipment such as log splitters or mowers. That equipment was shared among STS projects across the region, making it possible for crews to be sent to work on an array of different types of projects.

DOC officers also coordinated details among the different agencies which might be involved—for example, communicating with park personnel about when a crew might come work on removing buckthorn, then arranging for the necessary equipment and supervision.

Schiro informed commissioners LeSueur County has stated that, without the DOC's participation, it does not intend to continue its STS program, leaving Waseca County with a decision about whether it wishes to bear all costs of continuing or to end its program as well.

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The sky will come alive with color, movement, and awe as “Old Glory,” the world’s largest U.S. flag kite, weighing nearly 600 pounds, takes to the air in scheduled flights at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. All flight times are weather and wind dependent. If conditions are not favorable, a full lineup of other giant show kites will continue.

Event Highlights Include:

- Children’s activities hosted by Great American Kites and Events.
- Interactive Family Kite Flying Area- Guests are invited to bring their own kites and enjoy the open sky!
- Kite Store- A mobile onsite kite retail store offering many different kite products.
- Meet the Kite Flyers- Snap a selfie and learn about the amazing kites on display.
- Food Trucks and Vendors- Grab a bite and enjoy your day outdoors.
- Entertainment- The Marv Nis-

sel Band will be playing on Farmamerica’s back patio.

After enjoying the kites, guests are encouraged to take a hands-on journey through Minnesota’s rich agricultural history. Explore the authentic 1850s homestead, ring the bell at the historic one-room schoolhouse, visit friendly farm animals, and peek into the blacksmith shop. Discover how agriculture has evolved from the 1800s to today and how it continues to shape our daily lives.

Whether you’re coming for the kites, the history, or a day of outdoor fun, this free event promises something for everyone in the family.

For more information, visit farmamerica.org/events, or check out the event on the Farmamerica Facebook page.

Farmamerica is a nonprofit agricultural interpretive center that connects people with the evolving story of agriculture through educational hands-on experiences like historic farm tours, day camps, and family-friendly events, partnerships, and community engagement. The 360-acre Farmamerica site is located right off Highway 14 on County Road 2, west of Waseca, MN.

Can you find all of the signs?

I received the following in the mail:

When the wind is from the East-the fish bite the least.

When the wind is from the West-the fish bite the best.

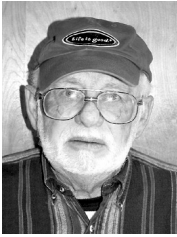
“Signed.”

Yours truly “Anon”

The nicest thing a wife can do is to tell her husband for the thousandth time where something is without sighing and rolling her eyes.

Were you confused as to what day of the week it was the 26th or 27th of May? Most people used their cell phone for verification.

Where have the pair of Mallards gone? I would see them sitting on top of the neighbor’s house or walking in the grass in front of our house just about every morning by 9 a.m. They would disappear till the next morning. I guess the eggs have hatched. (This has happened the



FACT OR FICTION

...you decide

by Bob Hanson, Emeritus

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

last 4 or 5 springs.)

We have a small, female chickadee using a wren house for her nest. (The hole in the wren house is usually too small for a female chickadee to get into.) The question now: “Is there room for her, plus 3 or 4 babies?”

On Monday, June 2, 2025 the highest temp for the day was 74 degrees. What was so unusual was it occurred at exactly midnight!!

On June 3, 2025 it rained 2 inches, followed by 3 more inches. This has caused our drought condition in this area to

be over. Our lawn is now yellowish with a lot of black ants finding my “Sugar Donuts” inside the house!!

Genie and I attended the funeral of David Warke, held at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland, Minnesota on Saturday, June 7, 2025.

It was, as I called it, “a rural celebration” of life. (What is a rural celebration?) A rural celebration is where 2 out of 3 people are related and the 3rd one knows the other two real good. For example:

Dave’s wife Karen was a cousin

of mine, his brother-in-law Robert Tollefson was best man at the wedding of Genie and me. I tried to count the last names of people at the funeral that were related. I counted 11 different last names of relatives.

Can you find the turtle sign by the road as you’re driving into Albert Lea? Can you find the turkey sign by the road as you’re driving out of Albert Lea?

Up date on the Twins bus:

There are about 10 people that I’m holding a seat for. If they haven’t paid by July 3, I’ll be contacting them. After that, if you’re on the standby list to cover vacant seats, I’ll be calling you.

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.



Carter Schlaak and Maggie Berns played Bean Bag Toss at The Pour House in Clarks Grove on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Star Eagle photo by Ben Revermann

Bags

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Two locals, Shaun and Virginia Magyer, brought their kids Elizabeth and Lilian, who were enjoying themselves energetically in the bounce house. Said Shaun, “I hope the kids are tired tonight.”

Schlaak’s hope is, “This is aimed at young farmers and ranchers; we want them to meet other like-minded

people. The bounce house is to attract kids. With TV the way it is today, it’s a magnet pulling kids away from their hometowns. If we can stop just one today, then it was worth it.”

Schlaak was hoping for a hundred people, but said he understood that, with the recent rain, “Farmers are really busy today playing catch-up in the fields, so I get it if they can’t come.”

More information about the Farm Bureau and its programs is available from Bennett Schlaak at 507-465-0170.

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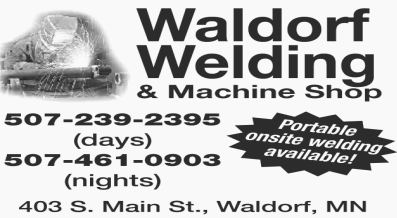
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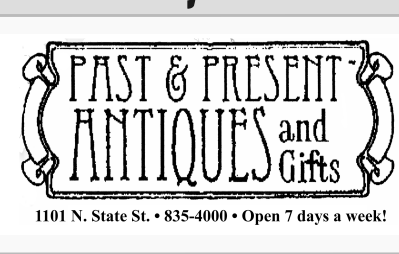
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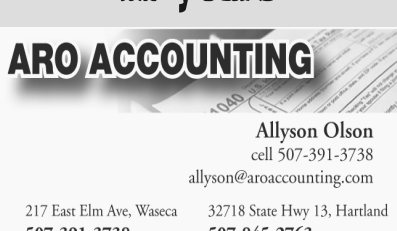
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Case No.: 81-CV-25-200

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Plaintiff,

vs. **SUMMONS BY PUBLICATIONS**

The Estate of James Ross; Charlie Ross; Thomas Ross; Audra Ryan; the Unknown Heirs of James Ross; The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Office of the United States; and John Doe and Mary Roe,

Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES ROSS.

1. **You are being sued.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Complaint is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that

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2. **You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights.** Your reply is called an Answer. Getting your reply to the Plaintiff is called service. You must serve a copy of your Answer or Answer and Counterclaim (Answer) within 21 days after three weeks of publication of this Summons.

ANSWER: You can find the Answer form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the Answer form.

3. **You must respond to each claim.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the Complaint, you must say that in your Answer.

4. **SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written Answer within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their Complaint. If you agree with the claims stated in the Complaint, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the Complaint.

To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your Answer on the person who signed this Summons in person or by mail at this address:

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7. **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an ADR process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still serve your written Answer, even if you expect to use ADR.

8. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Waseca County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot 4, in Block 5, in North Loon Lake Subdivision being parts of Lots 3, 4, and 5, of Bennett's Addition in the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 107 North, Range 22 West in the City of Waseca, State of Minnesota, according to the Plat thereof on file

and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Waseca, Minnesota.

The object of this action is to obtain a judgment in the amount due under the Note and Mortgage, an adjudication that Plaintiff's mortgage is a first-priority lien, an order directing sheriff's sale of the property, and such other relief requested in the Amended Complaint on file with the Court.

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Shown here are pictures of two lakes. One of the lakes is near our cabin up north and the other is of Albert Lea Lake. Both lakes hold fish, so if it's fish you want, they are equal. If it is beauty that you desire, then the northern lake is my choice. Both of these lakes do offer plenty of natural beauty.

My mother shared my love of nature

As a kid, I was always looking for more when it came to the outdoors. When my uncle Ben called me one evening and asked if I wanted to help him pick up nightcrawlers. I jumped at the chance and had my dad bring me over to his house. Ben and my Aunt Marcie said I could spend the night, and Ben would take me fishing in the morning. I had always looked up to Uncle Ben and Aunt Marcie because he took me under his wing when it came to fishing. When I grew a little older, he and Marcie took me up north with them on vacation, making memories that I would never forget.

Back to the nightcrawlers, Ben told me that there was a certain way to do it. You had to gently pull on the



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl

Outdoors Writer

crawler with a steady pull, not a jerk, which would cause the crawler to break in half. I learned that valuable trick, which I passed on to my sons and then my grandsons. Watering the lawn in the evening about an hour before dark was crucial. I was a kid, so spending time on my hands and knees looking for crawlers was a breeze.

In looking back, I believe that teaching me to catch nightcrawlers was a two-way deal. It taught me a valuable lesson, and it kept him from having to get on his knees to pick crawlers. I learned many things about fishing and the outdoors from Ben. My mother also taught me many things about fishing. She loved to fish and was instrumental in get-

ting me started with fishing in my early years.

My mother also taught me to appreciate nature and all of its marvelous creatures. My dad loved to be outside during an upcoming storm. He was fascinated by lightning and the beauty of the clouds as they rolled past in the sky. While the neighbors were heading to the basement, my dad would be standing out in the front yard, watching the clouds roll by.

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LOOKING BACK

25 Years Back



- Conformation services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Richland, Sunday, April 30. Two young ladies and two young men were conformed into the Christian faith by Pastor Paul Andree. Pictured here are from the left: Jennifer Harrington, Pastor Paul Andree, Mandy Bokelmann, Matt Groskruezt and Heather Berg.

- Engagement Announcement. Kimberly Paulsen and Micheal Luhring, together with their parents, announce their upcoming marriage. Kimberly is the daughter of Daryl and Kathy Paulsen of Geneva. She is a 1991 graduate of New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School and a 1993 graduate of Albert Lea Technical College. Michael is the son of Leon and Deb Luhring of Waverly, Iowa. He is a 1991 graduate of Plainfield Community High School in Plainfield, Iowa. He is also a 1993 graduate of Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa. A Saturday, June 17, 2000 wedding is planned at the Community Lutheran Church in Geneva.



- Members of the New Richland Care Center Auxiliary responded to the need of a commercial mixer in the dietary department. A KitchenAid heavy duty mixer was donated by funds provided by the Auxiliary. Employees in the dietary department are grateful for the special gift. From the left, seated, are: Shelly Smidt, dietary director; members of the auxiliary, Helen Greenwood, Luella Herbst, and Ingeborg Rudgroden; standing from the left are: Lois Olsen, auxiliary member; Lori bruedner, dietary department, auxiliary members, LeVine Paulson, Lenore Clunis and June Holmen; Pat Brey, dietary department: auxiliary members, Nadine Strange and Ona Meyer.

- Leah Schoenrock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Schoenrock of New Richland and Jarrod Robran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Robran of Hartland has been named to the Spring Semester Dean's List at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. Both are 1999 graduates of New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School.

50 Years Back

- Julie Jessen, right, accepts a check from Mrs. Herb Beckman, past president of the New Richland American Legion unit for her winning poppy poster. Not only did Julie take first in the New Richland poster contest, but also first in the first class, First District contest at Rochester. Her poster will be entered in state competition.

- Randy Kalis, a student at St. Paul Technical School, has received recognition in connection with an N.R.R.C. billboard project last month. Randy's designs and drawings were chosen from the class art by the Northside Residents Redevelopment council to be the one that would be used in their billboards in the Minneapolis area.

- Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Thompson of Shakopee are the parents of a son, Scott Michael, born June 4. He weighed in at 8 lbs, 1 oz. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thompson of Hartland and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Thompson of Shakopee. His great grandfather is Alfred Bergerson of Clarks Grove.

75 Years Back

- Rev. and Mrs. Kilburn K. Holt, whose hobby of bird-watching provides them with a recreation as inexpensive as it is fascinating, report that the total number of kinds identified in 1950 has now reached the one hundred mark. The most interesting aspect of this "bird census" to them, is that forty-three of these different species have been seen or heard from the parsonage. Quite appropriately, one of the frequent visitors at the parsonage this summer has been a red-eyed Vireo, commonly known as a "preacher-bird."

- Mr. and Mrs. John Kelleher received the pleasant news of the arrival of their fourth great grandchild, born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. E. Paul Kelleher at Superior, Wis. They have also a little girl, Mary Marie.

- Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ackman announce the engagement of their daughter, Geraldine Mae, to Martin Bernard Hoffman of New Richland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hoffman of Wadena, Minn.

Council from Page 3

Care Center administrator Bob Johannsen gave the Care Center

report and said the center is working to improve in areas related to regulatory changes and quality improvement. The facility experienced an \$18,000 profit in April; Johannsen said the census was good.

City Hall will be closed June 19 for Juneteenth and July 4.



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From left Anika Ladlie, Gabby Schlaak and Kylie Olson.

Season concludes at state meet for NRHEG’s ‘Three Amigos’

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The season came to an end for NRHEG High School’s “Three Amigos” last week. But it came on the biggest possible stage.

Three Panthers participated in the state track and field meet at St. Michael-Albertville High School and, while they did not bring home a medal, they came home with some very valuable experience.

Junior Gabby Schlaak and sophomore Anika Ladlie were entered in the high jump, with Schlaak clearing 5-2 for 11th place and Ladlie going 5-0 for 21st.

Kylie Olson, a sophomore, finished 11th in the shot put at 35-1.

“Gabby cleared a personal-best height to finish in 11th place among a field of 38 jumpers,” dsaid NRHEG co-head Larry Nydegger. “Anika Ladlie finished in a four-way tie for 21st.”

Like the other throwers, Olson dealt with difficult conditions.

“The conditions of the throwing events on Wednesday were poor, to say the least,” said Nydegger. “Heavy rain caused some slippery conditions in the thrower’s circle.”

But the coaching staff came home proud.

“We are so proud of these kids!” said Nydegger. “They showed great determination and effort under some challenging conditions. It isn’t easy getting to the state meet. I’m glad to have them coming back next season to take another shot at getting there again!”

The Panthers were coached by Nydegger and former Panther standout Kim Schlaak.

NR Police

Calls Received and/or action taken by the New Richland Police Department in May 2025:

- Thursday, May 1, 12:45 - Welfare Check, Broadway Ave S, Cleared
- Thursday, May 1, 16:38 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/3rd St NE, Warning-Verbal
- Thursday, May 1, 19:51 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Thursday, May 1, 20:07 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/3rd St Ne, Warning-Verbal
- Friday, May 2, 15:44 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Friday, May 2, 15:44 - Lock Check (Building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Friday, May 2, 17:42 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/250th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Friday, May 2, 23:35 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Traffic Citation
- Saturday, May 3, 15:07 - Misc All Other.Ash Ave S, Written Report
- Saturday, May 3, 15:19 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Saturday, May 3, 15:19 - Lock Check(Building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Saturday, May 3, 15:55 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning-Verbal
- Saturday, May 3, 16:12 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning-Verbal
- Saturday, May 3, 16:34 - Motor Vehicle Disabled/Abandoned, Highway 30/Ash Ave S, Assist Rendered
- Saturday, May 3, 16:57 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/dogwood Ave S, Warning-Verbal
- Saturday, May 3, 21:24 - Traffic Stop, 130th St/State Highway 30, Cleared
- Sunday, May 4, 15:41 - Animal Complaint/Bite, 2nd St SW, Cleared
- Sunday, May 4, 15:44 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Sunday, May 4, 15:44 - Lock Check(building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Sunday, May 4, 17:14 - Traffic Stop, 3rd St NE/Highway 13, Warning-Verbal
- Monday, May 5, 14:08 - Assist Ambulance(law), 1st St NE, Cleared
- Monday, May 5, 14:57 - Assist Ambulance(law), 1st St NE, Cleared
- Monday, May 5, 15:59 - Paper

Service, 2nd St SE, Cleared

- Monday, May 5, 20:43 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Monday, May 5, 21:05 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Ash Ave S, Warning-Verbal
- Monday, May 5, 22:36 - Directed Patrol, NewRichland City Of, Cleared
- Monday, May 5, 22:47 - Ordinance Violation, 240th Ave, Cleared
- Tuesday, May 6, 14:08 - Assist, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Tuesday, May 6, 15:46 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/3rd St Ne, Warning-Verbal
- Tuesday, May 6, 16:13 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Traffic citation
- Tuesday, May 6, 17:00 - Traffic stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Tuesday, May 6, 19:13 - ATV Complaint, Aspen Ave S, Not Able To Locate
- Tuesday, May 6, 22:20 - Directed Patrol, NewRichland City Of, Cleared
- Tuesday, May 6, 23:00 Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning-Verbal
- Wednesday, May 7, 12:49 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Wednesday, May 7, 12:49 - Lock Check(building.park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Wednesday, May 7, 14:52 - Traffic Stop, 130th St/State Highway 30, Traffic Citation
- Wednesday, May 7, 15:07 - Directed Patrol, Ash Ave S, Cleared
- Wednesday, May 7, 15:50 - Traffic Stop, 160th St/240th Ave, Traffic Citation
- Wednesday, May 7, 21:13 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, Warning-Verbal
- Thursday, May 8, 16:29 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Thursday, May 8, 16:30 - Lock Check(building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Thursday, May 8, 17:56 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Thursday, May 8, 19:11 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/235th Ave, Warning-Verbal
- Thursday, May 8, 21:31 - Property Damage(not vel), 2nd St SE, Log Report
- Thursday, May 8, 22:50 - Property Damage(not vel), 2nd St SE, Log Report

- Friday, May 9, 06:36 - Criminal History Request, City Of New Richland, Cleared
- Friday, May 9, 14:38 - House Watch, Elm Ave N, Cleared
- Friday, May 9, 17:11 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Friday, May 9, 17:11 - Lock Check(building, park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Friday, May 9, 17:12 - Traffic Stop, Aspen Ave N/Division St E, Log Report
- Friday, May 9, 17:44 - 911 Wireless Hangup, 4th St NW, Log report
- Friday, May 9, 20:05 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/3rd St NE, Warning-Verbal
- Saturday, May 10, 15:41 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Saturday, May 10, 15:41 - Lock Check(building.park entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Saturday, May 10, 22:13 - Motor Vehicle Disabled/Abandoned, Highway 13/250th Ave, Cleared
- Saturday, May 10, 22:36 - Animal Complaint/Bite, 2nd St NW, Cleared
- Sunday, May 11, 12:09 - Assist other Agency(law), Cypress Ave S, Cleared
- Monday, May 12, 11:21 - Assist Fire Department(law), 155th St, Written Report
- Tuesday, May 13, 15:03 - Crime Damage to Property, Division St W/Birch Ave S, Log Report
- Tuesday, May 13, 23:30 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Tuesday, May 13, 23:37 - Suspicious Circumstance, 2nd St SE, Cleared
- Wednesday, May 14, 00:28 - Assist Ambulance(law), 1st St NE, Cleared
- Wednesday, May 14, 07:37 - Property Damage(not vel), Ash Ave S, Log report
- Wednesday, May 14, 22:36 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Thursday, May 15, 20:28 - Assist Ambulance(law), 3rd St NE, Cleared
- Thursday, May 15, 21:09 - Fire Alarm, Ash Ave S, Call Cancelled
- Friday, May 16, 00:32 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared
- Friday, May 16, 01:22 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/3rd St NE, Warning-Verbal

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Girl Scouts



The Girl Scouts of New Richland recently returned from an educational tour of Savannah, Georgia. They toured many museums and historical homes, including the Telfair Museum, Juliette Gordon Low birthplace and the Andrew Low House. Juliette Gordon Low was the founder of Girl Scouts of America and Savannah is truly the Girl Scout center of the world.

The girls also visited Tybee Island to tour a marine science center and participate in net seining in the ocean. Also as part of the Savannah experience, they enjoyed a horse carriage ride, a trolley tour, a riverboat excursion and even a dolphin cruise. They visited the First Girl Scouts Headquarters and even experienced a militia training at Fort Jackson. The scouts visited the Savannah Bee Company and learned about the honey making business as well as bee keeping. They rounded out their experience enjoying some local favorites such as pecan pralines, ice cream, cookie shops and other local restaurants. The tour was completed with a short trip to a civil war aged cemetery to pay homage to Juliette Gordon Low herself.

The troop has been selling Girl Scout cookies for the past three years solely to fully fund this tour themselves. They successfully sold just shy of 9,000 packages and learned that hard work, budgeting and setting long term goals can pay off! They would like to thank the community for supporting their cookie sales year after year!

Pictured Violette Botten, Hazel Botten and Alexis Olson Troop 47967

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Before Ellendale, there was Cooleyville

By BARB MROTZ

Before there was an Ellendale, there was a Cooleyville, and before that there were settlers who dotted our rich farmland. This story connects a few of those pioneer names.

1st generation:
F.G. and Hennrietta Sloan were farmers who settled about one mile south of Cooleyville. Their son, Ernest, was born "1891 in Cooleyville."

2nd generation:
Ernest married Clara (Holmes) Sloan and continued farming with his father. Clara's siblings were Harry and S.A. Holmes. They, too, married and stayed in our area. Harold Ferguson's mother and Ernest Sloan's mother were sisters and lived in the neighborhood. Ernest and Clara's son was Don and their daughter was Naomi. She married Al Richards. (His siblings were Larry, Dick and Dennis.)

3rd generation:
Don married Bonnie (Albrecht). Don and his family lived at the Sloan home place and farmed with his father. In 1974 the farm was sold and the family moved to 507 8th Ave. in Ellendale.

4th Generation:
Their children are: Debbie ('73 EHS grad), Cheri ('75 grad), Cindy ('78 grad) and Gary (class of '80). Life has taken the Sloan Family in many different directions since then, and they no longer live one mile from where Cooleyville used to be, but each of them have "bloomed where they are planted" and have lives and families of their own.

The house is now empty, but still stands, straight, tall and proud at the top of the hill. It has 7 bedrooms, 4 upstairs and 3 down, with beautiful woodwork, colonnades and glass French doors and.... This house has a unique history.

As a member of the Ellendale community, I had heard that the Sloan farm home was a Sears, Roebuck mail order home, so when I ran across a history of mail order homes published in the Ag News and written by Mychal Wilmes, I wanted to learn more about the Sloan Farmhouse. The Sloan family was gracious to share some of their history with us and it says yes, indeed, the house was ordered from Sears, Roebuck catalog in 1899 at a cost of \$1,200. That was a year ago before the B., C.R., and N. railroad came through our area and caused Cooleyville to decline and Ellendale to spring up.

Following is part of Mr. Wilmes article:
..."Another do-it-yourself opportunity blossomed in the 1800's. Sears and Roebuck and Montgomery Ward catalogues, fat with advertisements for modern

conveniences, reached 20% of the U.S. households and dominated the marketplace."

Sears had a problem that needed to be solved. Its warehouses were filled with unsold lumber. Management decided to solve the problem by producing house building kits. The kits could be shipped by rail and picked up by purchasers from local lumber yards.

The build-your-own-home movement started in the mid 1800s on the east coast.

Sears and other manufacturers identified each board with a number or letter for easy assembly. Some makers also offered financing, which helped the homes gain additional popularity.

Depending on the home, kits included between 10,000 and 30,000 boards and the buyer could hire construction workers or build the homes themselves.

The cost of building-it-yourself homes that came with quality guarantees often ran 30% to 40% less, even with hired workers. The expense did not typically include foundation, brick or concrete work.

During the World War 1 era, Sears and Roebuck offered a basic kit to build a two-bedroom home with a kitchen and a front porch for \$659. Adjusted for inflation, the amount is roughly equal to \$16,000 today.

House-building kits remained popular until after World War 2, when commercial builders were eager to meet expanding consumer demand.

As you can see in this photo (to the right at the bottom), the 125 year old house has stood the test of time and then some. It sheltered the Sloan descendants for most of those years, until 1974 when Don and Bonnie and family moved into Ellendale. In more recent years, two of Lloyd and Anna Lester's sons, Eugene and Loren, lived there and are now residents of New Richland Care Center, and Jim Dobberstein owns the property. (Thanks to Joan Modell for this information.) The Sloans also shared photos of their home many years ago. Thanks to them.

This summer, June 26-29, Ellendale will be celebrating their 125th anniversary. I hope you are planning to attend its activities and that descendants of former residents will come to celebrate with us and to renew old ties. It's a privilege to live and grow in a small community where we can share the joys and sorrows of our friends and neighbors. Let's celebrate it a little extra this year. Invite your family and past neighbors to join us. 125 years of life in Ellendale is worth celebrating!



Top right: Some Sloan descendants as they celebrated Ellendale's Centennial in 2000. Bonnie Sloan and grandsons Trevor and Tyler Sloan, sons of Gary and Brook in wheelchair being pushed by Deb (Sloan) Harvey. Lindsey Krejci, the daughter of Rick and Cheri is pushing the stroller carying Allison Sloan, infant daughter of Gary and Brooke and Anna bailey, daughter of Steve and Mary Bailey.



A 125-year old 'kit house' that has stood the test of time.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Music & Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV Publishing
Adapted for Stage by Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion Picture
Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick

Everyone's favorite flying car comes to life in the musical adaptation of the beloved family film.

Take a fantastic musical adventure with an out-of-this-world car that flies through the air and sails the seas. Based on the beloved 1968 film version of Ian Fleming's children's book, and featuring an unforgettable score by the Sherman Brothers (Mary Poppins), Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is one family-friendly blockbuster that audiences will find "Truly Scrumptious."

An eccentric inventor, Caractacus Potts sets about restoring an old race car from a scrap heap with the help of his children, Jeremy and Jemima. They soon discover the car has magical properties, including the ability to float and take flight. Trouble occurs when the evil Baron Bomburst desires the magic car for himself. The family joins forces with Truly Scrumptious and batty Grandpa Potts to outwit the dastardly Baron and Baroness and their villainous henchman, the Child Catcher.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com.

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