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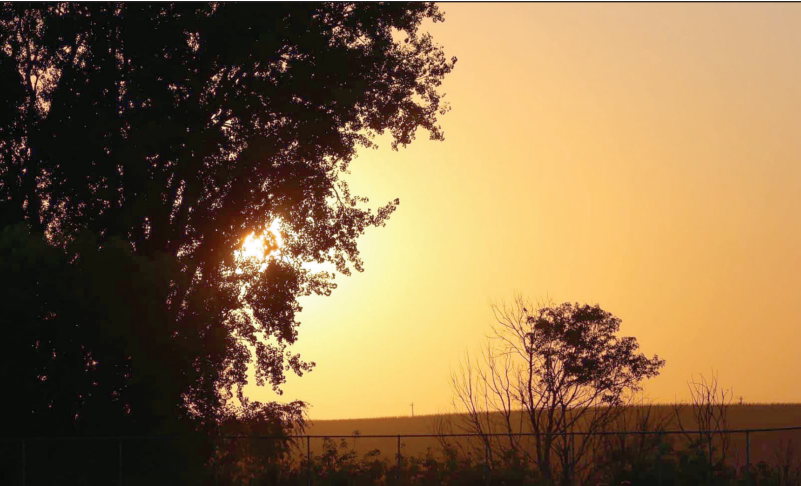
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Heartfelt harvest



The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FCA, held its Fields of Faith, FOF, nationwide night out event on Wednesday, October 9, at the New Richland High School football field. Photos by Judy Tweeten



NRHEG FCA students gathered for the third annual local Fields of Faith Event.



Third annual Fields of Faith

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) held its Fields of Faith (FOF) nationwide night out event on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the NRHEG High School football field, located near the secondary school in New Richland. The event started at 7 p.m., but high school aged kids and some of their parents were already filtering onto the field and into the bleachers at 6:30 p.m. right after the gates opened. Stadium lights lit the event, which began after sunset.

Of this student-led event, Judy Tweeten said, “During the month of October the kids meet in the school once a week. This is the only night outside for the FCA.” Rhonda Staloch, who was helping to set up speakers at the foot of the bleachers said, “Tonight, like minded students will mingle in order to reach others, who will hopefully talk to even more others and bring them over to the Word. After that, we will have hot chocolate and cookies.” Jeff Jiminez, assistant coach, was also going to attend to speak to the kids.

Student leaders for FCA were Chloe Stork and Faith Phillips. While Stork



Above, NRHEG FCA students participating in the Fields of Faith Event last Wednesday, from left: Harbor Cromwell, Owen Bartlett, Alden Dobberstein and Carter Martens.



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Halloween Decorating Contest Oct. 28 at New Richland City Hall

Enter the Halloween front yard decorating contest! We need phone number, name and address. Leave your name and address up at City Hall. Judging will begin the week of Halloween, Oct 28 and end on Halloween. Winners will be announced that night and winner will receive \$50 New Richland Bucks!!

Star Eagle to publish photos of veterans

In observance of Veterans Day November 11, the NRHEG Star Eagle will publish a section dedicated to our defenders of freedom. Area veterans or family members are encouraged to bring in photos of veterans in uniform from all branches of service for inclusion and the recognition they so justly deserve. If you have already submitted a photo, you simply need to call or e-mail the Star Eagle to have the photo included.

The deadline for photo submission is noon, Thursday, October 31. For questions or more information, please call the Star Eagle office at (507) 463-8112 or e-mail steagle@hickorytech.net.

NR Legion Auxiliary to meet at 5:30 p.m. at NR Library Oct. 24

"The New Richland Legion Auxiliary will hold their October meeting on Thursday, October 24. This meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the New Richland Public Library."

A word from
The Word



My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

James 2:1

Heart of a lion

Secondary students 'inspired' at shared event

Self-esteem, personal growth subjects of program at USC

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

"I figured we were going to sit there, listen to someone talk and be bored," recalled NRHEG ninth-grader Levi Whiteside. "But it was inspirational. It was pretty awesome."

"I was surprised when they started singing," commented classmate Justin Robel. "It was about how to be good to people, how to be nice."

NRHEG secondary students grades 7 to 12, about 300 altogether, were bused to United South Central (USC) school in Wells during the school day on Wednesday, Oct. 8, to attend sessions by "The Lion Heart Experience," a Detroit-based self-esteem program which combines music performance, personal narrative and art to send its message.

Grades 7 to 9 attended at 9 a.m.; grades 10 to 12 at 12:15. A public concert was presented in the USC auditorium Wednesday evening. According to organizers, about 200 people attended.

Prior to booking the group for its local performances, Kesley Staloch of USC said she had heard about the group and investigated whether its presentations might meet the goals of fariCares, an organization whose goals include drug abuse prevention for area youth. In addition to financial support from both school districts, Wednesday's programs received funding from a Drug-Free Community grant.

"Lion Heart is a dynamic performance," Staloch said, adding that its uplifting message addresses issues important to secondary students, including building self-esteem, addressing anxiety, and combating self harm and bullying. At its core, she said, the program's intent was to bring students face to face with the questions "Who are you?" and "Who do you want to be?"

NRHEG Secondary counselor Liz Stiernagle supervised the groups. "I loved that it was something different and unexpected for the students," she observed. "I think the music helped bring a different level of engagement from the students. They did a nice job using music to support their story of resilience, grit, and perseverance through-out high school and beyond."



Students became caught up in the combination of music, personal narrative, and art which was featured in the "Lion Heart Experience," a two-hour program attended by the student bodies of USC and NRHEG Secondary classes.

Photos by Deb Bently

Stiernagle said she believed the combination of art, music, and lively personal narrative from presenter Joe Vercellino created an interactive atmosphere that kept students engaged. She said students probably connected with varying elements of the presentation, but she believed the message of personal validation and encouragement to keep moving forward toward your personal goals was delivered effectively.

Ninth-grader Danica Boyes said her favorite part about the presentation was that "they talked about their lives" and "made us think about the way other people are feeling." She said she and her friends were glad to spend the morning together attending the program, and that all of them were surprised when the program included music and art.

Among the experiences Vercellino shared was hearing street performers "banging on buckets" as a child and thinking he would like to be a performer, too. He shared the story of being an eighth-grader and deciding to give it a try. He said

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Musician, music teacher, and artist Joe Vercellino added apparently unrelated images and words to a large canvas during the program. Audience members were surprised to see a lion appear as the additions continued.

ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL

Fire hall updated provided

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

An update on the Ellendale Fire Hall project was provided prior to the regular meeting of the Ellendale City Council on October 10, 2024.

The city of Ellendale first contacted the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2017, thinking a fire hall similar to the one in Nerstrand, population 276, could be constructed for around a quarter of a million dollars. In the time since, the project is estimated at more than that. The most amount of money the USDA can provide is \$450,000.

A new fire hall, per the current design, would be sized at 60 feet by 88 feet by 18 feet tall and would be fitted on a slab. Two possible locations were discussed, including next to the current fire hall, by the post office.

In 2017 and currently, the advantage for going through the USDA for funding was more affordable bonding – payments spread out over a longer time horizon at a lower interest rate.

From there, lots and lots of paperwork followed. The council did not move forward with any action during this informal time, but will likely move forward with more paperwork necessary for the USDA, while also looking into traditional bonding measures.

Since 2017, about \$18,000 has been spent on design work for construction layout, schematics, such as pipes, wires, out-

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FenceLines

by Mark Bernard

Hunters moon to arrive on Oct. 17

The scurs and Weather Eye provided evidence last week that Jack Frost was alive and well. Does he return to make everyone cover their tomatoes or does he skip a week or two? Starting on Thursday, sunny with highs in the upper 60's and lows in the low 50's. Sunny on Friday with a fair chance of rain in the evening hours. Highs in the low 70's with lows in the upper 40's. Partly sunny on Saturday with a fair chance of showers in the a.m. Highs in the mid-60's with lows in the mid-40's. Sunday, mostly sunny with highs in the upper 60's and lows in the upper 40's. Sunny on Monday with highs in the low 70's and lows in the mid-40's. Tuesday sunny with highs in the low 60's with lows in the upper 30's. Sunny on Wednesday with highs in the low 50's and lows in the low 40's. The Full Moon is on Thursday. The normal high for October 17th is 58 and the normal low is 36. The scurs will be warming their tootsies by the fire awaiting another knock on the door from Jack Frost.

The Full Moon as mentioned is on the 17th and is primarily known as the Full Hunters Moon. It was at this time that settlers and indigenous people were busy harvesting game for the long winter months ahead. Their prey had been fattened up well from the summer. Not only would it be at its prime, the cooler temperatures made it easier to prepare the meat without spoilage. The Ojibwe called this the Falling Leaves Moon. The Sioux knew it as the Moon when Wind Shakes off the Leaves. At the ranch we generally see it as the Moon of Draining Hoses. Hopefully it doesn't become The Moon of Hauling Water Buckets any sooner than necessary.

Harvest continues to thunder along. By most accords, it should wrap up easily before the end of the month. There has been a noticeable hesitance, causing many to hold off on primary tillage just yet. Justifiably so. While there is adequate moisture in most fields courtesy of the generous August rainfall, the signature of the fall thus far has been one of warm temperatures and scant precipitation. No reason to open that soil surface out and allow it to lose moisture any sooner than necessary. The good news is we should see some chances of rain Friday into Saturday, although not an overly abundant amount. Still, settling the dust would offer a welcome respite. The frost was definitely a blessing for those with beans still in the field. Nature's desiccant.

Finally got the suet feeders out for the backyard birds on Saturday. There weren't a lot of takers, but by Sunday morning there were customers lined up. Hairies, downies and some flickers were taking advantage of my generosity. Bird activity in the backyard has been somewhat slower than in other years. The warm, dry fall has probably had a lot to do with it. The goldfinches in particular can frequently be found in the CRP here at the ranch, feeding on things like Maximillian sunflowers and other composites as the seeds ripen. Still, the chickadees can be seen shuttling between the sunflower feeder and their favorite spruce tree shelter. The house finches like the sunflower feeder as well. Blue jays seem to eat just about anything, although they really seem to enjoy filling their pouches with corn kernels from the ear corn. The squirrels seem to

be preoccupied with hauling acorns around just yet.

We picked a fair number of tomatoes and a dozen or so bell peppers that showed up late. The peppers weren't huge, but more than I would have guessed for the first two months of their miserable existence. Pumpkins, squash and gourds were moved up the hill and piled for easier covering. Not as bountiful as last year, but then few years are when it comes to vine crops. Pretty hard for two people to eat over 100 squash anyway. The visit by Jack Frost Monday morning did a pretty good job of ending the garden growing season at the ranch. Overall we had to be pleased. When the May and June rains fell, I wouldn't have bet any amount of money that we were going to see anything near what we got. Best of all there was plenty to share, the true sign of any successful garden.

The sheep continue to reap the benefits of the garden as well. One of the ringleaders is usually nearby anytime someone is picking veggies or tossing some of the peelings and other castoffs over the fence. The pastures have held up fairly well, although it's time to start supplementing their diet with some grain. Presently their diets have included an abundance of leaves, many of which came down during Sunday's windy conditions. Since the humidity has been so low, the leaves are exceptionally dry, especially if they've been off the tree any length of time. That leads to extra water consumption, so one has to be vigilant about keeping the water tank full. Otherwise they'll knock it off its base and create more headaches than they normally do.

I got the backyard sticks picked up ahead of the major leaf drop. Figured it would be wise to do it while the leaves were only littering the lawn as opposed to burying it. It's time to put the mulching blades and attachment on the zero turn again. It's a little bit of an undertaking, but once they're on, the ash and silver maple leaves are pulverized into confetti. The bur and red oak leaves take a little more effort, but after a couple trips over them, it's hard to tell if they were ever there. Some time will need to be spent under the apple trees. So many ground falls in the longer grass that made it impossible to mow under them. It will mean a lot of raking and shoveling, then mowing with the mulching push mower. Hopefully afterwards the plan of attack will be more evident for trying to give the trees a better chance for next year. Sanitation is the first step.

Poppy will be seeing her third autumn as we got her in October two years ago. She enjoys all the scents and the crunching of leaves underfoot. There are few moths and the frogs she was chasing around the yard at night have disappeared. I need to get her corn shock built in the front yard, so she has more things to dawdle with. She's convinced there's something in the woodpile to the point of being obsessed with it. Unless it hibernates, I suspect we'll see tracks in the snow providing clues of its identity. My guess is it's deer mice, although it's possible a chipmunk has moved back in after being absent for several years. At any rate, it occupies her time and channels her energy. More nap time all around afterwards.

See you next week...real good then.

If you're bored, get a board



Whatever Flips Your Waffle

by Mark Domeier
Contributing Writer

best. I'd much rather play the original version of Life than the newer one. We have a few varieties of Sorry, including Spider-Man Sorry. There are more Uno-tabbed games than you can shake a Wild card at. And if you can dream up a Monopoly set, someone will make it for you.

Monopoly has always been one of my favorite games. The funny thing is I don't own a regular copy of it, just Star Wars versions. I like the game so much that I used to play against myself. I'd set up four playing pieces, and roll and pay and trade until one of me was the winner. In college, we had Monopoly games that lasted days!

One of our favorite games that is a recent addition to the stacks is called Ticket to Ride. You try to form train tracks across the country, though it's much more complicated than that simplistic summary. There is a lot of strategy and a bit of luck, which makes it a thrill, and every game is different. If you haven't tried it, I highly recommend it, especially if you have four or more players.

The number of players is part of it,

right? You only need two to play Battleship - and that's the limit! Other games can be played with 2-3 folks, but they are much more fun with more people. If only two people play Uno, it can be entertaining, but a Reverse card isn't quite the same. Monopoly is more fun if you have at least four people since the properties are more spread out. If you pull a Sorry card and there's only one other player, you don't have to make a tough decision.

Do you ever change the rules of a game? Many people change up some things on Monopoly. I've always played with the idea that any fines paid go on the Free Parking space. If someone lands there, they get the pile of fake money. But that's not in the official rules. As long as everyone agrees to changes ahead of time, it can add a fun twist.

As the kids are getting to a point with places of their own, they've expressed an interest in some board games. We've invited them to come and claim some from our place so those tilting shelves can get cleaned. At the very least, it's good to have games if the power goes out or the

internet doesn't work. Then you won't be so bored! (Ha ha.)

We want to make sure we keep some of our favorites, such as Ticket to Ride. We also want to keep some of the young children's games, in case grandchildren arrive at some point. I don't need to go buy another Chutes and Ladders or Candyland at that point.

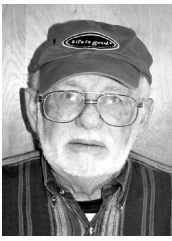
Chutes and Ladders was a favorite when I was young. There is nothing but luck to it, right? Yet, I once beat my dad something like twelve games in a row!

Sometimes we want to hang on to those good memories, even when revisiting them shows us a different picture. Jayna used to love Disney Princess Monopoly, which was a version aimed at young kids. It was a lot of fun! She sold it when she got older, and now I kind of miss having it, again for potential future grandchildren. But I wonder if it really was a lot of fun or if it was just Jayna's boisterousness when we played.

With just Michelle and me at home most of the time, we should really make a point of playing the ones that work for two people. It's been a while since I've said, "You sank my battleship!"

Word of the Week: This week's word is effervescent, which means lively and animated, as in, "She was very effervescent as the game went on and it appeared she would win." Impress your friends and confuse your enemies!

A visit to the "Chicken Therapy" cabin



FACT OR FICTION

...you decide

by Bob Hanson, Emeritus

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

ates if there were any "Chicken Therapy" places in the Albert Lea - Austin area. He replied there was only one. (It was in Freeborn County and he gave us the contact phone number.)

I contacted the owner and there was a great timing surprise; the cabin was available Friday the 27th of September at 11 a.m. til Sunday the 29th of September at 11 a.m. Our 61st Wedding Anniversary was Saturday the 28th of September, so we said ok sight unseen.

We arrived shortly after 11 a.m. and were greeted by 14 female chickens on the deck as we moved in. (The owner left a few instructions, plus how to contact him if need

be.)

We had a reservation at Applebee's in Albert Lea for lunch on our Anniversary the 28th of September at 1 p.m. There were six of us (cousin Cheryl from California, sister Barb from Owatonna, Doug and Sue Olson from Albert Lea and Genie and me). (All of us enjoyed a free brownie bite dessert through going to Lutheran Night at the Twins Baseball game on August 12 - Genie's birthday.)

Genie mentioned she and I were staying last night and tonight at a "Chicken Therapy" cabin. After explaining the new "Chicken Therapy" help with your health, they all

wanted to see the place.

Of course the chickens did a most enjoyable performance of clucking, strutting, displaying their feathers until just before dark and then returning to their chicken coop to be locked in for the night.

In discussing our two nights of "Chicken Therapy," Genie and I both agree it is therapy. The going to bed shortly after the chickens and getting up shortly after the chickens is good therapy. The chickens with us as their audience are the frosting on the "Chicken Therapy." We both enjoyed and highly recommend this as a great therapy for your mind and body!!

In checking as to how often we should do the chicken therapy, the answer was, "When you quit seeing the chickens in your dreams." (Genie and I are seeing the chickens in our dreams every night so far.)

In checking with a local CPA who does both federal and state income tax: the cost of the chicken therapy is an eligible tax reduction under medical costs.

What does a school superintendent do?

By Michael Meihak
NRHEG Superintendent

We are excited to introduce a new communication series where our school superintendent will answer questions directly from our community. This initiative is designed to foster open dialogue and provide information on critical issues surrounding public education. Whether it's about curriculum updates, school policies, or future plans for our district, the superintendent will address the topics that matter most to you. Your voices and concerns are essential, and through this platform, we aim to keep you informed and engaged in the success of our schools.

Confidential information, evaluations of staff members, and personal information on students and staff members will not be discussed. Stay tuned for insightful answers and valuable updates!

Please direct any question you would like to ask to mmeihak@nrheg.k12.mn.us.

We will start the series with two common questions that come up occasionally.

What is the role of the local school board?

Public school boards play a vital role in shaping students' educational experience by governing local school districts' operations. Composed of

elected community members, school boards set policies, approve budgets, and make decisions that impact curriculum, staffing, and facilities. The administrative teams within the district deal with the day-to-day operations and make recommendations to the board to act upon. They work closely with superintendents to ensure that schools meet the needs of students and adhere to state and federal regulations. While overseeing the operations of the district's leadership team recommendations, school boards act as a bridge between the community and the schools, ensuring that the voices and concerns of parents, teachers, and

residents are heard and addressed.

What does a school superintendent do?

A school superintendent oversees the district's daily operations and long-term strategic planning. Working closely with the school board, the superintendent implements policies, manages budgets, and ensures that schools within the district meet educational standards and goals. They oversee all key aspects of the district, including curriculum development, staff hiring, student achievement, and facility management. Their leadership ensures that the district provides a high-quality education in a safe and supportive environment.



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he had closed his eyes to perform because he was nervous about who might be watching him—but after he sang his first song and opened his eyes, he saw a stranger standing in front of him who said simply, “You’re pretty good,” and then dropped 50 cents into his open guitar case.

“I made 50 cents on my passion,” said Vercellino. “It felt like magic; I’m still riding on that feeling today.” Vercellino suggested students should think about their passions, since, “The future’s not really that far away.”

He admitted there would be obstacles, pointing out, “Middle school

is a place where people will make fun of you even if you’re good at something.”

As Vercellino and fellow performer Tae Sosa alternated on vocals, Vercellino would walk to a canvas roughly three by four feet square. It was plain white when the program began. One of the first things painted on it were the words to a song, “You Were Wrong About Me.” A bit later, “50¢” was added. Vercellino added other elements gradually, sometimes rotating the canvas, but with no apparent plan.

Near the end of the program, however, a discernible image appeared. “I didn’t expect it to be a lion,” said ninth-grader Sean Lassahn afterward. “It was pretty cool how the painting and talking about his experiences came together.

“I think it helped people relate.”



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Ulland Brothers Inc. began the work of “rehabilitating” C.R. 64 bright and early the morning of Monday, Sept. 24.
Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

‘Rehabilitation’ complete

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

A two-mile portion of Waseca County Highway 64 is a whole new road these days. The section of asphalt extends northward from State Highway 30 about 3 miles west of New Richland.

During the June 4 meeting of the Waseca County commissioners, county engineer Jim Kollar told board members he had received three bids to “rehabilitate” the stretch of road, which he described as being “in poor condition.” First paved in 1999, it was not originally on the construction schedule for this year. The most recent traffic count for the road was taken

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The “sheeps’ foot” compressor is the first machine to begin compacting the “reclaimed” asphalt after it has been lifted off of its former road bed.
Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

SCPH releases application for opioid response initiative grant

[STEELE COUNTY, MN] – [09/19/24] – Steele County Public Health (SCPH) is launching a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the 2025 Steele County Opioid Response Initiative Grant. The RFP, application form, workplan template, and budget template are available on the SCPH website. The application deadline is Friday, November 1, 2024 at 12 p.m.

The 2025 Steele County Opioid Response Initiative Grant aims to address the impact of the opioid epidemic in Steele County by funding community projects focused on prevention, treatment and recovery, harm reduction, and criminal justice. The goal of the grant is to support initiatives that equitably serve communities most affected by the opioid crisis and promote sustainable, long-term solutions.

A virtual information session was held on Thursday, October 3, from 9 - 10 a.m. to provide details about the application process. The meeting link is available on the SCPH website. This meeting will be recorded and posted on the SCPH website for those who are unable to attend.

All questions regarding the Opioid Response Initiative Grant should be directed to Steele County Public Health via email at SCPHN@SteeleCountyMN.gov no later than 12 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024. Questions and answers will be posted on the SCPH website no later than one week after their submission.

Steele County Public Health is dedicated to preventing disease, promoting wellness, and protecting the health of Steele County residents through a variety of services, such as family health programs, immunization clinics, and home health care. SCPH also provides resources for radon and water testing, health education, and emergency preparedness to realize its vision of Healthy People in Healthy Communities. Learn more: https://steelecountymn.gov/public_health.

Heartfelt Harvest

Family friends gather to help Krause’s crop

More than 180 acres of corn, beans farmed Oct. 9

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

Curt Krause and his son Nathan planted the 180 acres of corn and beans which were harvested Oct. 9. Twenty friends and neighbors brought the equipment and spent the time needed to bring it off the field.

Having been diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, on Feb. 29, Curt succumbed to it a few days after celebrating his birthday on Sept. 21; he was 79 years old.

He and his wife, Karen, were married 54 years and raised three children, Heather Quiram, Nathan, and Meghan. Curt operated a family farm in the vicinity of Matawan on an acreage which Karen’s father had farmed before him.

“ALS is a horrible disease,” commented Karen. “It strips you of everything a little at a time.”

After Curt’s diagnosis near the end of February and being told by doctors he had no more than two years to live, he, Karen, and their adult children made a point of spending quality time together. Karen and Curt went to Branson, Missouri, a place they had visited previously and always enjoyed; not for the first time, they attended a concert featuring songs by the BeeGees, a favorite for both of them. “It isn’t the BeeGees, of course,” Karen said. “But when the lights go down and the music comes up, it sure sounds like them.”

Though they had to deal with progressive health difficulties over the next few months, Karen and Curt were joined by each of their children in turn for road trips that went as far as Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and Breckenridge, Colorado.

“We just took our time,” describes Karen. “We never took the interstates. Instead we used the meandering back roads that let us see the countryside.”

When it came to Curt’s birthday, the family “decided to do it up big.” Karen says more than 100 people visited Curt at the family’s lake home near Faribault during the two hours of his party, although some had to speak with him after he grew tired and went to bed to rest.

On Sept. 22, Karen said, the family held a more intimate celebration. Part of it was a traditional “father/daughter dance” between him and Meghan, whose wedding had once been scheduled to take place on her father’s birthday, but was postponed because of his illness.



Local family friends helped gather Krause’s crop of 180 acres of corn and beans on Oct. 9, 2024.

Curt was under the care of a hospice program during the last few weeks of his life. “He wanted to die at home,” Karen explains. When the hospice caretaker said Curt’s time was drawing near, their three children gathered and were with him and Karen as he died.

The shared project of harvesting Curt’s crop for his family seems to have arisen nearly spontaneously among neighboring farmers after a conversation between Matawan Grain’s manager Brad Stenzel and farmer Scott Routh.

The Matawan elevator was closed to others from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 9 while 17 area farmers brought various needed pieces of equipment and worked together to bring in Curt’s crop.

Members of All Saints church in New Richland, Curt and Karen’s home congregation, and of St. Joseph’s and Trinity Lutheran in Waldorf prepared meals.

“It’s called being a community,” said Matawan Grain’s Brad Stenzel. “We’re glad to help each other, and glad to do this for Curt and his family.”

Among those bringing equipment and helping in the fields were Matawan and New Richland area farmers Jim Chicos, Mike Chicos, Chad Groskreutz, Matt Groskreutz, Neil Grunzke, Rob Hansen, Denny Hanson, Nat Krause, Al Miller, Bronco Mortenson, Scott Routh, Colton Schlaak, Loren Schoenrock, Rick Schultz, Clay Stenzel, Darren Stenzel, and Jerome Stenzel.

Among those who supplied food were Julie



Curt and Karen Krause

Bohlens, Mary Bohlens, Brenda Gerdt, Jeanette Groskreutz, Teri Kormann, Kris Pfeffer, Jackie Schultz, Brad Stenzel, Gretchen Supalla, and Midwest Ag Advisors.

“We’re really grateful for this,” said Karen. “It’s a giant help to us, and it feels like one last, special event in memory of Curt.”

ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL

Bartness resigns, Petsinger hearing

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

Chatter among members of the Ellendale City Council, and those in attendance of Thursday’s regular meeting, indicate the reason behind the recent resignation of Councilor Derek Bartness was due at least in part because of the city’s ongoing tussles with local property owner Daniel Petsinger.

The council cited, “personal reasons,” for the resignation of Bartness, whose last day was Sept. 30, 2024.

“I’d like to note that it’s too bad it had to happen,” councilor Scott Groth stated. “It’s an injustice.”

During the previous month’s meeting, Petsinger called for the city to officially “censure” Bartness, who allegedly left a 1-star Google review of Petsinger’s Radio Link Internet businesses, despite never having used its services. The post appears to have been removed.

The council did not discuss how to fill the empty council seat.

Through August, per the council packet provided at the meeting, the city has spent \$8,300 of its budgeted \$14,000 for attorney/legal fees. The city’s attorney was again present Thursday evening.

Prior to the regular meeting of the council, a special hearing was held on uncut grass on properties owned by Petsinger.

The fine, \$25 per lot, included five lots and the reason for the night’s hearing was Petsinger’s request for an appeal.

The meeting was rather abrupt as Petsinger and council members verbally went back and forth for only a few minutes. Petsinger insisted he could not speak about the matter because, just prior to the meeting, Steele County Sheriff Lon Thiele handed him a lawsuit from the city of Ellendale regarding a tower located on his property. At the September council meeting, the city approved for the property to be abated after approving a fine for an “accessory struc-

Council continued on 9

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Compostings

by Al Batt

An in-depth history of toilet paper

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
I don't understand the mutual funds I bought.

I know how you feel. I'm trying to make sense of my investments.

I'm just trying to make cents of my investments.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. John Foy & Associates, a personal injury law firm, analyzed data from all 50 states, evaluating them on five crucial factors: road fatalities, rural road conditions, urban road conditions, highway spending per mile and highway spending per capita to determine which states have the best and worst roads in America. Minnesota took the top spot for road quality, followed by Delaware and Utah. New Mexico had the worst roads in the nation, followed by Louisiana and Mississippi.

Preply, an online language learning platform, analyzed YouTube videos and call recordings and found Minnesota was the state with the fastest talking residents, clocking in at 5.34 syllables per second, followed by Oregon, Iowa, Kansas and North Dakota. Louisiana was the slowest-talking state at 4.78 syllables per second. The average American's talking speed is 5.09 syllables per second.

According to Cottonelle, toilet paper was invented in the 14th century for the Hongwu dynasty, but only the royal family and the imperial court had access to them. In Europe, people used rags, whatever cloth was available, including sleeves. Wealthy Europeans used wool, hemp or lace. The first mention of toilet paper appeared in Europe in the 16th century. In North America, throughout the 1700s, people were wiping with whatever they had on hand, including corncobs and seashells. Seashells? Ouch! In 1857, a New Yorker named Joseph Gayetty introduced and patented toilet paper. He called it "Medicated Paper for the Water-Closet" and printed his name on every sheet. The medicated paper contained aloe and was sold in packages of 500 sheets for 50 cents. The Sears catalog began in 1888 and people commonly used catalogs to clean up in an out-house. In the late 1800s, the British Perforated Paper Company started producing toilet paper in the UK. It was sold in individual squares with a rough texture. In 1890, toilet paper became available in perforated sheets on a roll. In Germany, the Hakle company's slogan was, "If you don't want to say toilet paper, ask for a roll of Hakle." The first splinter-free TP

was introduced in 1930.

I'VE LEARNED

Wile E. Coyote should have ordered from some place other than Acme.

With great power comes a large electric bill.

Sometimes, when I buy a bag of air, I'm surprised to find a few potato chips in it.

The clinical term is gluteus medius tendinopathy, though it's also often referred to as gluteal amnesia. Sitting for long periods without moving can cause this condition called "dead butt syndrome."

BAD JOKES

DEPARTMENT

My cousin sings in his car when he's driving in reverse. He wants to become a backup singer.

Who said, "Life is like a bouquet of flowers. You never know what you're going to get"? Florist Gump.

My neighbor Crandall just bought a sweet car online. It was previously owned by Neil Diamond.

NATURE NOTES

American white pelicans migrate to the Gulf of Mexico with October and November being the peak migration months. In "A Sand County Almanac," Aldo Leopold described migrating pelicans this way: "Let a squadron of south-bound pelicans but feel a lift of prairie breeze... and they sense at once that here is a landing in the geological past, a refuge from that most relentless of aggressors, the future. With queer antediluvian grunts they set wing, descending in majestic spirals to the welcoming wastes of a bygone age."

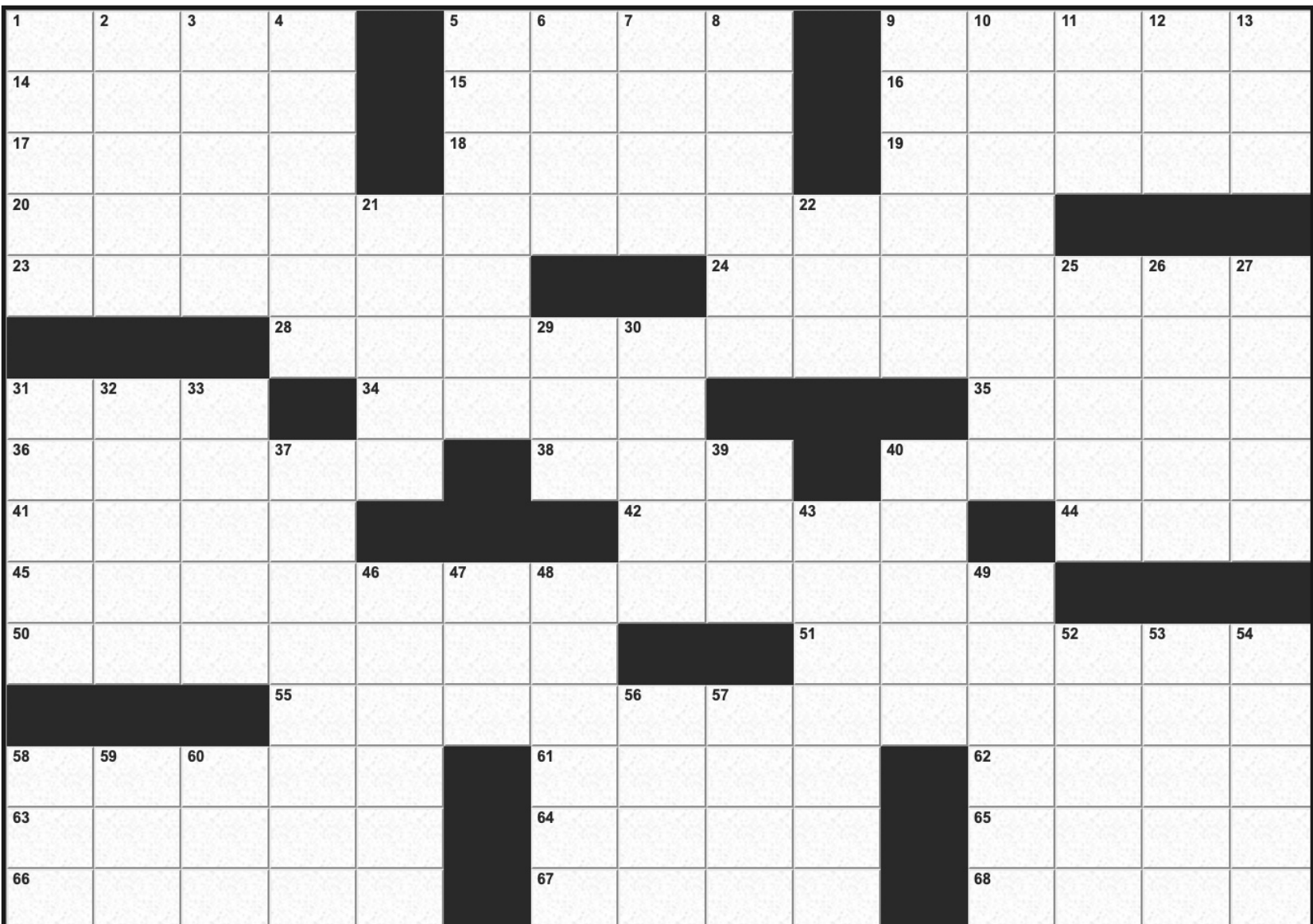
The world's most dangerous bird is the cassowary, although ostriches and emus can be dangerous, and I know a guy who nearly choked while trying to inhale a giant turkey leg. The cassowary is a flightless bird native to Australia and New Guinea and has killed humans with slashing blows of its feet, which have long dagger-like toenails. It will surprise no one to learn that a pet cassowary killed a Florida man.

Darwyn Olson of Hartland asked where multicolored Asian lady beetles lay their eggs. They're laid on the undersides of leaves of low-growing ornamentals, trees, roses, wheat, tobacco, soybeans and other plants. Common buckthorn is a woody shrub or small tree and is an overwintering host plant of the soybean aphid, which lays its eggs on buckthorn in the fall. The eggs overwinter and hatch in the spring. The lady beetles feed on those aphids.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."—Matthew 7:1. Be kind.

Crossword Theme - Music to my ears



ACROSS ➡

- 1 Deep cut
- 5 Big butte
- 9 Pretend to be
- 14 Big show
- 15 Beasts of burden
- 16 Mine passage
- 17 "Cool!"
- 18 Pirate Lafitte
- 19 Like many breath fresheners
- 20 "Heavy" music played at the opening ceremonies of biennial games?
- 23 Lend a hand
- 24 Broadcast time
- 28 Church roof features where loudspeakers blast hymns to an overflow crowd?
- 31 Spam sender
- 34 "By yesterday!"
- 35 They may shade streets
- 36 It shows the way
- 38 Bird-to-be
- 40 Parkinson's drug
- 41 Animal with a mane
- 42 Name that sounds like a car
- 44 Dog such as a Pekingese
- 45 Reality show where tribes must perform Aretha Franklin music?
- 50 Fats Domino's real first name
- 51 Cooks over boiling water
- 55 Hip-hop producer's words after a successful recording?
- 58 Out of gas
- 61 Corn Belt state
- 62 Make reference to
- 63 Blood line?
- 64 41-Across sound

ACROSS ➡

- 65 Henri's head
- 66 Canon's competitor in copiers
- 67 Midwestern ice cream brand
- 68 Go down a snowy hill

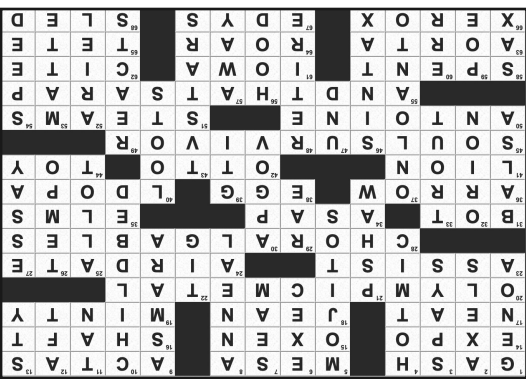
DOWN ⬇

- 1 Salami selection
- 2 Skating jumps
- 3 Fixes, as a female pet
- 4 It may pick up a scandalous comment
- 5 Cuban cocktails
- 6 Biz bigwig
- 7 Stitched line
- 8 Temper, as titanium
- 9 Capital of Eritrea
- 10 Crib successor
- 11 Sunbather's goal
- 12 Astern
- 13 Hog's home
- 21 "Don't give me that guff!"
- 22 Comedian Notaro
- 25 Apportion
- 26 Orchestra's pace
- 27 English exam finale, often
- 29 "Norma ____" (1979 film)
- 30 HS course for a future poli-sci major
- 31 Model airplane material
- 32 Betelgeuse's constellation
- 33 Rainbow, cutthroat or speckled fish
- 37 Being borrowed by
- 39 VW Golf model
- 40 Plunders
- 43 Emmy winners, often
- 46 Levy on liquor or Luckies
- 47 Sch. near Minnesota's western border
- 48 Stop working

DOWN ⬇

- 49 Flinches or frowns
- 52 Animated mermaid
- 53 Photo finish
- 54 Floor it
- 56 Top part of a certain sweatshirt
- 57 "Shoo!"
- 58 Jazz instrument, briefly
- 59 "The Fall of the House of Usher" writer
- 60 Make a mistake

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Panthers nipped 21-14 by JWP in Gold Brick game

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

As expected, it was a battle as the NRHEG High School football team hosted the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Bulldogs last Thursday.

At stake was the Gold Brick trophy and bragging rights for the area rivals.

The outcome wasn't decided until late in the fourth quarter, when the Panthers drove to the JWP 22-yard line before throwing an interception.

The Bulldogs left town with a hard-earned 21-14 victory.

"The Bulldogs beat the Panthers to take back the gold brick tonight," said NRHEG head coach Marc Kruger. "JWP came out and played a great game. It's tough to lose a game like this. JWP had some big plays through the air that really hurt us."

Some of those plays came on the game's opening drive, which saw the Bulldogs going 67 yards in four plays, ending with a 38-yard pass from Daulton Bauer to Landon Johnson. Ethan Born kicked the PAT.

The Bulldogs led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Two possessions later, NRHEG lineman Carter Martens picked off a pass in the JWP backfield, rumbling 31 yards for a touchdown. The PAT try failed.

The Bulldogs scored again with 4:03 remaining in the second quarter, on a 9-yard pass from Bauer to Johnson. Born kicked the PAT and JWP led 14-6 at halftime.

The Panthers pulled even in the third quarter as Owen Bartlett scored on a 20-yard run and Ryan Schlaak carried for the two-point conversion, making it 14-14.

JWP scored what turned out to be the game-winning touchdown late in the third quarter when Bauer threw a 65-yard scoring pass to Johnson. Born kicked the PAT.

The Panthers made it exciting on their final possession, moving the ball well on the ground before their second interception of the night stalled the drive.

Harbor Cromwell led the Panthers in rushing with 77 yards on 15 carries. Schlaak ran for 33 yards on 10 tries.

NRHEG quarterback Alden Dobberstein finished 7-for-18 for 94 yards. Schlaak was the leading receiver with three catches for 54 yards.

Bauer had a big night for JWP, completing 15 of 22 passes for 222 yards. Johnson finished with five catches for 135 yards.

"He and Landon were on the same page the whole night," said JWP coach Ryan Lutteke.



Caleb Quast caught five passes for 41 yards.

Bauer led JWP in rushing with 40 yards on five carries while Lucas Morsching carried 13 times for 23 yards.

The Bulldogs outgained the Panthers 283-242 in total yards.

NRHEG outrushed the Bulldogs 141-61. The Panthers had 17 first downs to JWP's 12, and possessed the ball almost five minutes longer than the Bulldogs.

Schlaak had seven tackles and an assist to lead the NRHEG defense.

The Panthers' record fell to 3-4 while the Bulldogs improved to 2-5.

Both teams concluded the regular season Wednesday, with NRHEG traveling to United South Central and JWP hosting Medford. Section playoffs start Oct. 22.

JWP 21, NRHEG 14				
JWP	7	7	7	0 — 21
NRHEG	0	6	8	0 — 14
First Quarter				
JWP	— Landon Johnson 38 pass from Daulton Bauer (Ethan Born kick)			
Second Quarter				
NRHEG	— Carter Martens 31 interception return (pass failed)			
JWP	— Johnson 9 pass from Bauer (Born kick)			
Third Quarter				
NRHEG	— Owen Bartlett 20 run (Ryan Schlaak run)			
JWP	— Johnson 65 pass from Bauer (Born kick)			
Fourth Quarter				
No scoring				
	JWP	NRHEG		
Total plays	47	57		
First downs	12	17		
Rushing	61	141		
Passing	15-23-2	7-18-2		
Passing Yds.	222	94		
Total Yds.	283	242		
Third Down	6-11	3-8		
Fourth Down	0-2	1-4		
Fumbles lost	0-0	0-0		
Turnovers	2	2		
Penalties	6-72	1-5		
Punts-Avg.	2-42.5	0-0		
Time of Poss.	21:56	26:04		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — **JWP:** Bauer 5-40; Lucas Morsching 13-23; Chase Gerdt 5-1; **NRHEG:** Harbor Cromwell 15-77; Ryan Schlaak 10-33; Bartlett 2-21; S.Lassahn 1-6; Alden Dobberstein 4-4

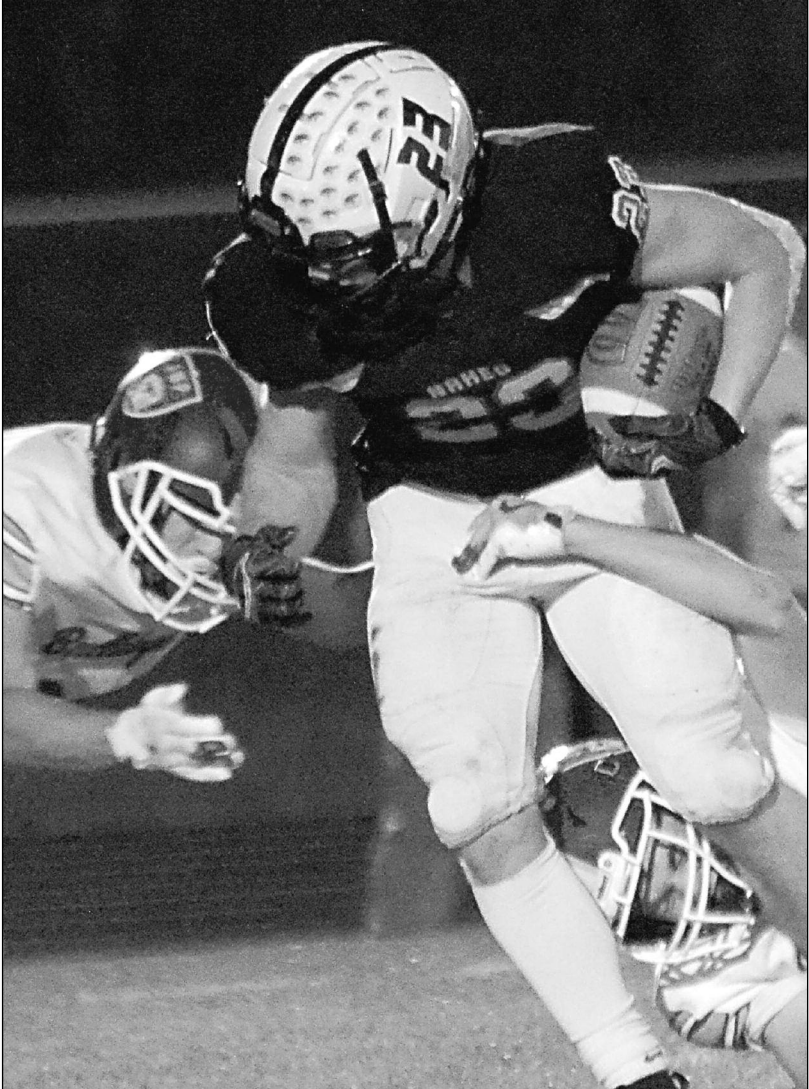
Passing — **JWP:** Bauer 15-22-1, 222; Ethan Born 0-0-1, 0; Dahlberg 0-0, 0; **NRHEG:** Dobberstein 7-18-2, 94

Receiving — **JWP:** Johnson 5-135; Caleb Quast 5-41; Morsching 3-32; Isaiah Berndt 1-14; Davien Weis 1-2; **NRHEG:** Schlaak 3-54; Jace Knudson 2-23; Bartlett 1-19; Cromwell 1 — 2

JWP Defense — Quast 1 tackle, 1 assist; Weis 1A; Gavin Marineko 1T; Michael Walker 3T, 1A; Isaac Gahlon 1T, 1A; Isaiah Berndt 4T, 2A; Born 4T, 3A, 1 int.; Gerdt 1T, 4A; Morsching 2T, 9A; Peyton O'Brien 3T, 7A, 1 int.; Jaxon Miller 5A; Luke Cahill 1T, 2A; Preston Meihak 2T, 4A; Max Davis 2A; **NRHEG** — Schlaak 7T, 1A; Cromwell 4T, 1 int.; Bartlett 4T, 1A; Jace Ihke 3T; Cole Hutchens 3T; Jordan Brouwers 1T; Seth Staloch 2T; Dobberstein 1T; Knudson 12T; Jayden Fleming 1T; Wyatt Larson 1T; Martens 1 int.



BIG PLAYS — Above, the Panthers celebrate following Carter Martens' interception return for a touchdown against JWP last Thursday. Pictured are Wyatt Larson (81), Owen Bartlett (11), Martens (51) and Quen Meyering (12). Below left, Martens races to the end zone on his way to the touchdown as a Jaxon Miller (54) gives chase. Below right, the Panthers' Ryan Schlaak (2) hauls in a catch as Isaac Gahlon (15) defends.



TOUGH LOSS — It was a tough loss in a close game for the NRHEG football team against visiting JWP last Thursday. Above left, quarterback Alden-Dobberstein (6) breaks loose for a big gain. Above right, the Panthers' Harbor Cromwell (23) is brought down by JWP defenders. Below left, Dobberstein consults with NRHEG coach Marc Kruger.

NRHEG spikers fall to first-place KW

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The NRHEG High School volleyball team hosted a strong Kenyon-Wanamingo crew for Dig Pink night last week.

It terms of money raised to fight cancer, it was a success.

The match, however, went to the visitors despite the best efforts of the Panthers.

Kenyon-Wanamingo came away

with a 3-0 victory in New Richland, with game scores of 25-12, 25-21 and 25-19.

"The girls raised a little over \$300, which will go toward making cancer care baskets for those affected by cancer in our community," said NRHEG coach Bethany Tennis. "KW is a tough opponent and our girls fought hard. We just weren't able to get our offense going at the pace it needed to be."

The Panthers saw their record slide to 4-5 in the Gopher Conference and 10-11-1 overall. KW improved to 9-1 in the conference, tied with Bethlehem Academy for first place, and 18-5 overall.

Individually for NRHEG: Gabby Schlaak 1 kill, 11 digs, 2 aces, 1 block; Camryn VanMaldeghem 6K, 7D, 2B; Anika Ladlie 3K, 1 set assist, 2B; Mallory Schlinger 1D; Izley Boerner 5D; Nora Flatness

2K; Addy Stadheim 8D, 16SA, 1B; Aspyn Stenzel 1K, 1D; Chloe Riewer 6D, 1SA; Chloe Stork 3K, 4B; Meela Budach 2K, 2D; Quinn VanMaldeghem 1K, 4D.

The Panthers finish the regular season this week, playing at Randolph Tuesday night. The section tournament starts Oct. 21.

STANDINGS

Football		Volleyball		
Mid Southeast - West		Gopher Conference		
		Conf.	Ov.	
Norwood Young America	7-0			
Randolph	6-1	Bethlehem Ac.	9-1	14-9-0
WEM	6-1	Kenyon-Wan.	9-1	18-5-0
Lester Prairie	5-2	WEM	6-3	16-12-0
Cleveland	4-3	JWP	4-3	11-8-1
Lester Prairie	5-2	United So. Cent.	4-4	12-8-1
United South Central	4-3	NRHEG	4-5	10-11-1
NRHEG	3-4	Triton	3-3	13-7-0
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	2-5	Randolph	3-6	11-15-0
JWP	2-5	Medford	2-4	9-14-0
St. Clair/Loyola	2-5	Hayfield	2-7	3-16-0
Mayer Lutheran	1-6	Bloomington Pr.	0-9	3-16-2
Medford	0-7			

Closing the cabin is always bittersweet

This week I am at the cabin for the last Hurrah of the season. The weather was nice as I left home, but as I got a ways north of the Cities it started to sprinkle, and as I drove further north it started raining harder. It rained all night the first night and today it has been windy and rainy all day. The first evening, the sun came out for about an hour before sun-down and then disappeared again.

The woodstove made the cabin nice and cozy, and when I climbed the steps to the loft, the temperature was a little too warm. I actually had to crack open the window by my bed to get some cooler air up there. It started raining hard sometime during the night and continued into the morning.

I checked the game cameras on the first day and the only things on there were pictures of some deer. There were a doe and two fawns earlier in the summer, but this time there was also a young buck.

I spent most of the next day watching the numerous birds filling up at the feeders. A chipmunk has figured out how to walk the rope holding one



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

of the feeders and has been filling up for the winter. There are quite a few Blue jays also feeding there. There are a few juncos, nuthatches and chickadees enjoying the feeders as well.

The sun has made an appearance. No matter how briefly, it is still a welcome sight. Seeing the sun in October in the north woods is always a welcome sight. The way that this wind has been blowing, I have to feel that the fall color peak is slowly dissipating.

Years ago, when I would take a trip to Spider Lake in the fall it was always an adventure. Some years the weather was perfect. Then most other years it was not quite as good.

One year, my son Brian and I rented a cabin for a few days and there was snow on the ground when we arrived. Brian had brought his bow along, so he could hunt deer. Dave, the owner of the resort, told him where to put up his tree stand. He would get up early and drive to where he had his stand. He could only sit in the tree for about two hours before he became too cold to sit in the stand. He then drove back to the cabin and warmed up with steaming hot coffee and a hot breakfast. After that, we would take the boat out and try our luck at fishing. We could only stand to sit on the lake for about two to two and a half hours before the cold got the best of us.

There is nothing like being on the lake with a stiff breeze blowing corn snow in your face. We didn't have the foul weather gear then that we have available to us today. A stocking cap, a long sleeved thermal Tee-shirt and long johns were our winter gear, and don't forget the gloves. I can still remember trying to put a minnow on a hook with fingers that were numb from the cold. I can still remember how it felt to tie a jig on with cold hands and then clip the wrong line, so I had to start all over again. That was when I would expand my vocabulary and that of the others in the boat as well.

Until next time: I won't be the last one to visit the cabin this year. My grandson Dylan and his wife Kloe will the last ones visiting this year. They are coming up next weekend to relax and do some fishing and a little sightseeing.

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Faith

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and Phillips took time out to talk to this reporter, a group of boys took to the football field and started playing a quick game of football. Said Stork, "As an FCA leader, we want kids to get in the game, get in the book, hear God's Word and change the culture." Her co-leader Phillips said, "I will be giving a testimonial tonight. We have

to let everyone know, whatever challenges you have, the Bible is a great way to get answers." When asked what part of the Bible beginning readers might want to turn to, both girls replied, "The New Testament, Psalms because there are so many different verses."

This will be New Richland's third year for the FCA. Tweeten said, "We had to take a break for Covid, but we're back now. We were averaging 30 kids a night, but there's more coming every time." Tonight, there were 58 students attending and 15 adults. Phillips added her favorite

Bible verse, "Psalm 16:8, 'I know the Lord is with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.'" Phillips went to play volleyball as Stork ran onto the football field with a few other girls to mingle with the boys. Somehow, Stork got a football thrown to her, she caught it, screamed, then took the football and threw it into the touchdown area where it landed on the ground as she began running toward the other end of the field because she didn't want to be tackled. In unison all the boys had their arms out at their sides as if to ask, "What was that?" But the

smiles on all their faces were genuine, any teasing was good-natured and there were plenty of laughs to go around.

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Monday - 7 p.m. Call to prayer
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Sunday—8:30 a.m. Worship

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Deacon Billie Jo Wicks
Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship

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Lemond Township
Pastor Dave Klawiter
Sunday—10:15 a.m. Worship

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Pastor Sandy Miller
Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship; 10:15 a.m. Youth/Adult Study

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Pastor James Cameron
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Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship

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Freedom Township
Rev. Larry Sipe
Sunday — 9:15 a.m. Worship

ZOAR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor Ava Adams-Morris
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Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
Waldorf, Minnesota
Sunday - 8 a.m. Worship

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Wilton Township
Rev. Larry Sipe, Pastor
Sunday - 10:45 a.m. Worship

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NR POLICE

●Calls received and/or action taken by the New Richland Police Department in September 2024:

●Sunday, September 1, 23:04 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Monday, September 2, 16:09 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Monday, September 2, 16:09 - Lock Check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Monday, September 2, 18:36 - Suspicious Circumstances, Hockey Rink, Cleared

●Monday, September 2, 18:56 - Traffic Stop, Aspen Ave N/3rd St NE, WArning -Verbal

●Monday, September 2, 19:29 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Broadway Ave S, WArning -Verbal

●Monday, September 2, 20:06 - Driving Complaint, Alley Behind Food Shelf, Not Able To Locate

●Monday, September 2, 20:17 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, WArning -Verbal

●Monday, September 2, 21:59 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/170th Ave, WArning -Verbal

●Monday, September 2, 22:02 - Duplicate, 30 and 170th St, WArning -Verbal

●Tuesday, September 3, 01:05 - Assist other Agency (law), 160th St, Assist Rendered

●Tuesday, September 3, 07:52 - Directed Patrol, Ash Ave S, Cleared

●Tuesday, September 3, 08:47 - Ordinance violation, 2nd St SW, Cleared

●Tuesday, September 3, 15:41 - Assist Ambulance, Ash Ave N, Cleared

●Tuesday, September 3, 16:37 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Tuesday, September 3, 16:38 - Lock Check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Tuesday, September 3, 17:27 - Traffic Stop, 150th St/State Highway 30, Traffic Citation

●Tuesday, September 3, 21:17 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/Highway 30, WArning- Verbal

●Wednesday, September 5, 12:20 - Animal Complaint/Bite, Aspen Ave N/ 3rd St NE, Not able to locate

●Wednesday, September 5, 15:49 - Motor Vehicle/ Hit and Run, Broadway Ave S, Traffic Citation

●Thursday, September 6, 00:55 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City of, Cleared

●Thursday, September 6, 06:49 - Assist Other Agency (law), Ash Ave S, Cleared

●Thursday, September 6, 16:16 - Assist Ambulance (law), 1st St NE, Cleared

●Thursday, September 6, 16:59 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Thursday, September 6, 16:59 - Lock Check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Thursday, September 6, 18:35 - Driving While Intoxicated, Highway 13/ 3rd St NE, Adult Arrest

●Thursday, September 6, 23:35 - Traffic Stop, Ash Ave S/2nd St Sw, WArning -Verbal

●Friday, September 7, 15:49 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Friday, September 7, 15:49 - Lock Check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland Of, Cleared

●Friday, September 7, 17:38 - Traffic Stop, N Broadway/3rd St NE, WArning -Verbal

●Friday, September 7, 18:30 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Birch Ave S, Traffic Citation

●Friday, September 7, 18:46 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Elm Ave S, WArning-Verbal

●Friday, September 7, 20:21 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/3rd St NE, WArning-Verbal

●Saturday, September 8, 01:27 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/250th Ave, WArning-Verbal

●Saturday, September 8, 16:46 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Saturday, September 8, 16:51 - Lock Check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Saturday, September 8, 17:50 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, WArning-Verbal

●Saturday, September 8, 17:56 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/250th Ave, Traffic Citation

●Sunday, September 9, 17:26 - 2nd St SE, WArning-Verbal

●Sunday, September 9, 17:47 -

Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Elm Ave S, WArning-Verbal

●Sunday, September 9, 18:18 - Traffic Stop, Highway 30/Elm Ave S, WArning-Verbal

●Sunday, September 9, 20:56 - Fire Investigation, Broadway Ave S, Cleared

●Sunday, September 9, 22:51 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Call Canceled

●Sunday, September 9, 23:16 - Suspicious Vehicle, 2nd St SE, Cleared

●Monday, September 10, 15:24 - Ordinance Violation, 1st St NE, Cleared

●Monday, September 10, 20:44 - Traffic stop, Highway 30/Ash Ave S, Traffic Citation

●Monday, September 10, 22:04 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Monday, September 10, 23:41 - Animal Complaint/Bite, ASpen Ave S, Cleared

●Tuesday, September 11, 15:57 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Tuesday, September 11, 15:57 - Lock Check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Tuesday, September 11, 17:18 - Traffic Stop, 155th St/240th Ave, WArning-Verbal

●Tuesday, September 11, 17:49 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, WArning-Verbal

●Tuesday, September 11, 20:10 - Suspicious Person, 2nd St SW/ Birch Ave S, Information only

●Tuesday, September 11, 23:40 - Traffic Stop, 120th St/State Highway 30, WArning-Verbal

●Wednesday, September 12, 09:05 - Misc All Other, City Of New Richland, Written Report

●Wednesday, September 12, 14:48 - New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Wednesday, September 12, 14:48 - Lock check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Wednesday, September 12, 14:49 - Directed Patrol, Ash Ave S, Cleared

●Wednesday, September 12, 15:42 - Traffic Stop, 240th Ave and 155th St, WArning-Verbal

●Wednesday, September 12, 21:13 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/240th Ave, WArning-Verbal

●Thursday, September 13, 15:07 - Suicide (Include attempt), 1st St NE, Cleared

●Thursday, September 13, 16:42 - Animal Complaint/Bite, Aspen Ave N, Cleared

●Thursday, September 13, 17:40 - Assist Other Agency (law), 130th St/State Highway 30, CLleared

●Friday, September 14, 08:25 - Assist Other Agency (law), Ash Ave N, Cleared

●Friday, September 14, 15:51 - Traffic Stop, State Highway 13/280th Ave, Traffic Citation

●Friday, September 14, 21:35 - Domestic, 3rd St NW, Adult Arrest

●Saturday, September 15, 17:36 - Juvenile Nuisance Complaint, 3rd St NE, Cleared

●Saturday, September 15, 23:38 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Sunday, September 16, 00:00 - Open Door/Window, 240th Ave, Cleared

●Sunday, September 16, 10:17 - Assist Ambulance (law), 1st St NE, Cleared

●Sunday, September 16, 16:18 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Sunday, September 16, 16:19 - Lock Check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Sunday, September 16, 20:10 - Traffic Stop, highway 13/250th Ave, WArning-Verbal

●Sunday, September 16, 20:29 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/210th Ave, Traffic Citation

●Monday, September 17, 10:58 - Assist Ambulance(law), 1st St NE, Assist Renered

●Monday, September 17, 15:50 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Monday, September 17, 15:50 - Lock Check (Building, Park Entrance), New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Monday, September 17, 22:16 - Traffic Stop, Highway 13/275th Ave, WArning-Verbal

●Tuesday, September 18, 01:12 - Suspicious Circumstances, Broadway Ave N, Investigation Continues

●Tuesday, September 18, 23:08 - Directed Patrol, New Richland City Of, Cleared

●Wednesday, September 19, 08:21 - Directed Patrol, Ash Ave S, Cleared

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NR Blood Drive



Dale Bayerkohler, above, and Pat Brey were among the donors at a Red Cross blood drive held at the New Richland Community Center Wednesday, Oct. 9. During the drive, 39 units of blood were collected, one from a first-time donor. The Red Cross has declared a national emergency when it comes to blood donations, mentioning injuries and emergency services required because of national disasters. The next blood drive at the community center will be Dec. 4. People interested in donating at that time can sign up online anytime.

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Confirmation Sunday



On Sunday, October 6, 2024 ten students confirmed their faith and affirmed their baptism during worship. Those who were confirmed are (pictured in the front row, left to right along with Pastor Mary Iverson) Quinn Wayne, Kylie Warke, Aubrey Hendrickson, Owen Schlaak, Sofie Bunn and (pictured in the back row) Wyatt Hendrickson, Eli Hendrickson, Ellie Clark, Reid Sandry, Kailin Hudson.

Trinity



On Sunday, September 22, 2024 Third Graders at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland received a Holy Bible. The following young people were gifted a Holy Bible and then attended a class that provided them an overview of the Bible: Zeke and Emmy Berg (children of Grant and Trudy Berg), Evelyn Schlaak (daughter of Tony and Cassie Schlaak), Alex VanHal (son of Kelli and Andy Van-Hal), Nolan and Faye Bartsch (children of Chris and Lacey Bartsch).

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■ Highway
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a few years back, but the road sees an average of 81 vehicles a day. Kollar reported sufficient “local option sales tax” monies were available to cover the job: The lowest bid of the three he had received was nearly \$824,000, about 4 percent lower than he had estimated it would be.

Ulland Brothers Inc. began the work of “rehabilitating” C.R. 64 bright and early the morning of Monday, Sept. 24. “Reclaimers,” road working equipment 30 feet long, 10 feet wide and 12 feet tall, started at the south end of the road and moved northward. When they advanced, they moved slightly faster than walking speed, but also had to make frequent stops for quality control. Grinders on the reclaimers dug through the 7 inches or so of asphalt which had been on the road for more than two decades and about 2 inches down into the “aggregate” (sand and gravel) base underneath. All that material was mixed together inside the machine and put back down, now quite a bit deeper and less dense than it had been before.

Andrew Graupmann, engineering technician with the Waseca County Highway Department, was present to measure and confirm the aggregate was being reached to the expected 9-inch depth. Much of the time, two reclaimers worked in parallel, one slightly ahead of the other, together grinding up a swath of roadway roughly 12 feet wide.

Behind them, a water truck sprayed the newly agitated material, and two different types of machines moved across the surface to press it back down. Their objective was to turn the “reclaimed” material into the base upon which the new road surface would be laid.

First in line was the “sheeps’ foot,” whose five-foot-diameter compaction drum has evenly spaced rectangular protrusions which deliver extra pressure. Not only that, but the entire machine vibrates; the ground shakes within 10 or more feet of it. The five-foot wide trail it leaves has regularly-spaced rectangular pits about 5 inches deep.

Not far behind the sheeps’ foot was a “motor grader,” the big, open-framed machine also commonly used to grade gravel roads in summer and clear snow in winter. The other, a roller, seems to have only tires, seven of them offset, so they deliver even, downward pressure.

“Until it gets resurfaced next week, it will be just like a gravel road,” observed Graupmann, explaining that traffic would continue the process of compaction. Traffic would also help reveal any inconsistencies in the reclaimed asphalt by creating potholes, which could then be, to use one worker’s word, “resolved.”

On Oct. 3 and 4, a work crew comprised of different workers and new types of equipment returned. Stretched down the center of the two-mile run of road was a strong, blue cord whose purpose is to mark a straight line. The largest machine in use for this part of the project was a “paver” capable of laying down a 14-foot-wide strip of asphalt to selected depths. For C.R. 64, the paver traveled the length of the road four times.

Matt Carlson, a project manager with Ulland Brothers, was not only in charge of the worksite Oct. 3 and 4, he is also the one who evaluated the road prior to submitting the bid which won the contract. Carlson, 31, has been with Ulland Brothers since 2013.

Carlson explained the specifications for this job call for two “lifts,” layers of asphalt put down one on top of each other. The bottom layer is specified to be 2.5 inches thick, the top, 2 inches. Each side should have a 2-percent grade, that is, should angle downward from the center of the road at a rate of 2 feet in every 100. Putting the asphalt down in two layers rather than all at once, he says, “creates a smoother ride.”

Because the paver is laying two lifts each on the north- and south-bound lanes, it must go each direction twice. A mammoth machine about 15 feet wide and 25 feet long, it must wait for the 275-degree blacktop material to arrive and be laid down in “windrows” in front of it. According to Carlson, 30 trucks are constantly making

the 70-mile round trip run to the company’s facility in Glenville.

Referred to as “belly dumps,” they are capable of carrying more than 20 tons of material, enough to pave about 135 feet of roadway, always depending on the depth and width it’s being laid at. Even with 30 trucks on the job, the paver must occasionally wait at a standstill.

Once the material arrives, the machine has the ability to redistribute it across the 14-foot lane width according to the 2.5-inch, 2-foot-grade specifications. Two workers constantly watch the material for clumps or uneven surfaces. One walks ahead of the paver scanning the windrow. Carlson explains clumps might begin to form if a portion of the material has cooled faster than the rest. Another worker rides on a “catwalk” at the back of the paver, watching to see that the smooth surface is uninterrupted behind him. At one point he sees a clump and steps off the catwalk onto the just-laid asphalt, carrying a shovel and a smoothing tool with a handle about as long as that on a broom.

The asphalt is steaming. His shoes leave footprints.

He digs out the clump, pours replacement material into the gap, and smooths it over as though his tool is a giant trowel. Then he picks up his shovel and tool and catches up with the paver, stepping back onto the catwalk, which is less than a foot above the just-laid surface.

About a mile north of all this commotion, Ulland Brothers paving manager DJ Kruse arrives with a Bobcat on a trailer. He and a few other crew members, he explains, will be putting paving material at the ends of driveways along the road to create an asphalt ramp which will protect the road edge as traffic enters and leaves the driving lanes. “Only” about 15 tons of blacktop material will be needed for the task, he says, since only two driveways and a few field roads intersect with 64.

Asked what he understands about roads that everyday folk usually don’t, Kruse says he’s too deeply immersed in the process to guess. In answer to further questions, he mentions that newly laid roads are “tender” for a time on hot days when the sun shines down and heats them, which is why compaction is so important.

He refers to a quality control worker with a “nuclear” measuring device who is testing surfaces behind the paver. The “nuke,” he says, measures how much “air” is in the roadway. The compacting crew, he explains, will be the last to leave the worksite. The road can read no more than six percent “air” if it is going to meet specifications.

According to job manager Carlson, from beginning to end, the job of “reclaiming” the original road surface, leveling the new base, laying down the two “lifts” of new asphalt, “shouldering,” and then “striping” and “signing” the road called for between 20 and 25 workers and nearly as many different types of machines. Roughly six days of work were required, but the number is difficult to pin down, he says, depending on whether one counts the necessary days of waiting in between tasks.

Though the June bid date for C.R. 64 was later in the construction season than his company would typically take on a new project, he points out, the job is a “small” one, easily taken care of in between other, larger jobs.

Carlson classifies Ulland Brothers as being one of the five largest highway construction companies in Minnesota, depending on the criteria used. He notes that, between the company’s Northern and Southern divisions, they pave asphalt throughout most of the state of Minnesota, along with parts of Iowa from Northern Iowa up to International Falls on the border of Canada. It being late in the May-to-November season, many of them are already completed.

Asked what he knows about roadways that typical drivers don’t, his response is a quick laugh. “I know what it takes to make them last.” He goes on to explain that most of the traveling public has no way to know the many steps and details which make it possible for a road to withstand up to 25 years of traffic and changing weather conditions.

He admits to frequently checking back on past company projects, examining the surface to see how well it’s holding up.

NR High School 79th Reunion

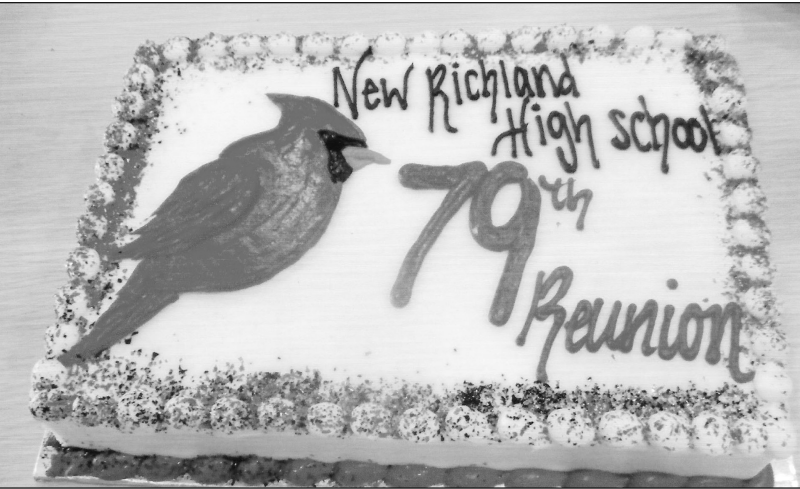


Dear Editor,
Hi Dear Class of 1945 Members!

Your class had a wonderful 79th Reunion on Monday, September 16th. Thanks to Harriet and Ken Eatons daughter Sherry and son Stever, the reunion was held in Faribault at the beautiful Mill Senior Center Party Room where the Eatons now live. Jon and I drove down with Lee Truhlar. Karl Swenson brought his mom and dad Rolland and Carol Swenson and also Iona Arnfelt (Tonys widow).

Sherry ordered this yummy decorated chocolate in honor of you Cardinals! She also brought Subway sandwiches, chips and corn-curls. Rolland and Carol brought grapes and maybe banana bread. Coffee, Arnold Palmers, and water were there to drink. Reminiscing went on for a good two hours ! If you weren't there, we truly missed you, and you missed a good time!!

It's been an honor to be part of your class with Dick since 1990 and, especially, since 2004. Thank you for including me. As always I'll send out occasional updates as people move, so do keep in touch. Stay as well as you can!



Scandinavian Music with Ross Sutter Oct. 21

Nortonna Lodge 1-638 of the Sons of Norway presents, “Scandinavian Music with Ross Sutter,” Monday, October 21, 2024 at the Owatonna VFW, 135 Oakdale Street. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. for a cost of \$10, and the meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

Ross grew up singing in school and church choirs. After getting a degree in music from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, he began his over forty-year career as a singer and a resident artist in schools. Since the mid-1980s, Ross has specialized in Scandinavian music and has performed all over the U.S. and in Europe including the Nor-

dic Fest in Decorah, Iowa; the Hjem-komst Festival in Moorhead, Minnesota; the Nisswa-Stämman in Nisswa, Minnesota; and for over twenty years at Norsk Høstfest in Minot, North Dakota. Ross performs regularly at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis where he has produced and performed a family Christmas show entitled Julglädje. Appearances on “A Prairie Home Companion” and the Winnipeg Folk Festival are highlights of his early career, but more recently leading the Midsummer Celebration in Battery Park in New York City, performing at

Scan Fest in the Los Angeles area and touring in Scandinavia have become annual opportunities that have been extremely satisfying at this point in his career.

When describing his program, Ross states; “My grandmother taught me my first words in Swedish, told me endless family stories and sang some silly songs to me that are the foundation of most of the Scandinavian programs I do. In my presentation I will sing those songs plus many others I’ve collected on my trips to Scandinavia and I will accompany myself on guitar, button accordion and dulcimer. I

will close my performance by leading the club members in singing a few old favorite Swedish and Norwegian songs.”

This meeting will be our annual “Membership Meeting,” and current members are encouraged to bring guests who may be interested in joining our lodge. In addition, any community members with an interest in joining are welcome to come and learn more about the Sons of Norway organization.

If you are a prospective member interested in attending, please contact Janet Erickson at 507-390-1239.

Creepy Doll Scavenger Hunt returns to FCHM

You are invited to join us Friday, October 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m. when the Creepy Doll Scavenger Hunt returns to the Freeborn County Historical Museum.

The FCHM doll collection is extensive thanks to the Story Lady Doll and Toy Museum. When the Story Lady closed its doors, the collection was

gifted to FCHM. We will be dimming the lights and sending you through the museum to view some of the creepiest dolls in our collection. Explore the museum by flashlight and see if you can find all of the creepy dolls hidden throughout the museum!

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museum, to meet some of the dolls that will be appearing at the museum. Voodoo Vonnie and Chilly Tilly are ready to welcome you to the museum.

The Freeborn County Historical Society and Freeborn County Historical Museum, Library and Village, is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization governed by members

via a Board of Directors. Each year we, together with volunteers, provide presentations, educational and outreach programs, special events, museum exhibits, and more. We currently own and operate the museum and village. For more information visit us online at fchmmn.org.

"Snake Oil" show Oct. 19 at Historical Society

The Waseca County Historical Society will host “an unforgettable night of thrills and wonders” at Violet McNeal’s Medicine Show World, a recreation of an old-fashioned Snake Oil Show at

6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. The evening will be hosted by an actor portraying Violet McNeal, a Midwestern girl who ran in the medicine show circuit at the turn of the century.

Featured during the show will be thrilling, real-life performances similar to those that appeared on McNeal’s stage, including “Kazimir the Hungry,” a real modern-day sword swal-

lower, and the “Human Snake Woman, Alive!”

Pre-registration is required at wasecacountyhistorycenter.org/events. Cost is \$20.

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lets, including the architecture drawings. The only bidder when seeking a contractor, which was approved, was Apex Construction.

If the city chooses to bond for the project, two options are available –

bond through the Economic Development Authority or through general obligation bonding.

If the city goes through the EDA, this would avoid a referendum, but would cost more money via the interest rate on those types of bonds.

A referendum could happen if 5% of eligible voters signed a petition asking the city to put the General Obligation bonding question on the ballot for voters to decide.

“We’ve got a supportive com-

munity,” Ellendale Fire Chief Logan Busho said. “We’re not too worried about a referendum... But they do happen.”

Once funding has been approved through either the USDA or a general obligation bond, public notices will be issued, following which there would be a 30 day waiting period for petitions for a referendum. Then, if approved, the project would go out for bids. If a petition for referendum were issued, the project would be de-

lated until a special election on the subject could be called.

It was stated Thursday that spring construction was the target for the new fire hall. If there are no petitions, and the council makes a decision about how to pay for the fire hall, the construction process, through Apex Construction, would take roughly three-to-four months.

A special meeting of the council to discuss the fire hall was scheduled for Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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ture.”

Petsinger asked the council to postpone the hearing. They did not.

“That doesn’t have anything to do with grass,” Councilor Groth stated.

“Legally, I cannot speak to you about these properties,” Petsinger responded.

The city’s attorney reminded the council that that was Petsinger’s position, however, “The hearing before

you tonight has to do with the length of grass.”

Petsinger again asked for an extension.

“I don’t see the connection,” Mayor Matthew Bartsch stated. “It’s regarding the length of grass. Mowing your grass. Again. I don’t see the connection.”

“The city chose to do a lawsuit,” Petsinger challenged. “The city chose when to have this lawsuit handed to me.”

“You throw stuff at us,” Groth shot back.

“You don’t listen, do you?” Petsinger stated. “All I’m asking for is time to read this lawsuit.”



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Despite presenting the Ellendale City Council documents from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety that the current camera trailer (pic #3 and #4) is licensed, registered, and insured as a "Trailer", the Ellendale City Council keeps trying to reclassify it (with no authority or jurisdiction to do so) as a "Structure" or a "Building".....all just so they can try to dictate what anyone can or can't do to protect their properties, building, and investment which has already had trespassing and vandalism! How would you feel if the City came after you like this?

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