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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."

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.

The New Richland Public Library will host tiny robots to play with Monday, Oct. 28
There will be robots at the New Richland Public Library for children to play with at 4 p.m. Monday, October 28. These robots respond to color commands. This event is free and for ages 7-12.

Waldorf Public Library will host autumn nature projects Tues., Oct. 29
The Waldorf Public Library will hold autumn nature print projects at 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 29. This event is free and for ages 4-7.

First Lutheran of Waldorf Veteran Appreciation Brunch, Saturday, Nov. 2
The First Lutheran Church of Waldorf will host a Veterans Appreciation Brunch starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 2. This is sponsored by First Lutheran Church "Women in Mission." For further information call Susan Kipp 507-420-8973.

Melissa Schultz performing at New Richland Liquor Friday, Nov. 22
Musician Melissa Schultz will be performing from 6 to 9 p.m. at the New Richland Liquor Company Friday, Nov. 22. Melissa Schulz is a local Waseca musician. She plays keyboard with drum tracks and performs pop, rock, and country covers from the 50s to today's hits.

A word from The Word
Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.
Ephesians 4:15

Stenbeck joins NRHEG as intern

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer
Sheridan Stenbeck, 25, is serving a school-year internship with the counseling department at NRHEG Secondary School. The internship is a requirement she must meet to earn a counseling license in the state of Minnesota. A 2018 graduate of Forest Lake High School, she earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from the College of St. Benedict and a master's degree in school counseling from St. John's University.
NRHEG school counselor Liz Stiernagle says a year-long internship makes sense for a school counselor because the tasks and expectations change as the year progresses. Counselors meet with groups ranging in size from entire grades—for example during course registration or special events—to single individuals.
"The goal," says Stiernagle, "will be for her to lead one-to-one student meetings, facilitate any classroom work or activities that need to be done. Additionally, the counseling position has different job duties throughout the year so it will take the full school year to encompass all that needs to be done in our district as a school counselor.
"Sheridan works alongside me. Therefore, she will be part of the National Honor Society programming this school year." The NHS Induction ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6.
"Any of my assigned programming, duties, or activities, she will be right alongside me participating," says Stiernagle, suggesting that the internship is helpful in "building confidence and knowledge regarding what needs to be done and how to handle different situations. It allows the intern hands-on experience, networking opportunities, and a whole lot of fun!"
Stenbeck is present at the school every weekday morning but Tuesday, and puts in between 16 and 20 hours each week, and meets with students in grades 6 to 12. Because the internship is unpaid, she says, she also works

"I love my job at the school."
— Sheridan Stenbeck



Sheridan Stenbeck with her husband, Cody. She is the newest intern for the 2024/25 school year for the NRHEG school district.
about 40 hours a week as a case manager for Meridian Behavioral Health; the company offers services associated with foster care, addiction treatment, supporting the elderly, and mental health.
She claims the 60-hour weeks are not a problem. "I love my job

Intern continued on 2

Flooding study summary coming Oct. 28

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff Writer
During the regular New Richland City Council meeting on Oct. 14, council members were informed a full summary of the preliminary hydrology study recently completed by Twin Cities firm Houston Engineering will be provided during the Oct. 28 city council meeting. The study, meant to find ways to reduce flooding in the city during times of high precipitation, was authorized by the council in June of 2023; the city has so far paid \$20,000 to have it carried out; at least another \$30,000 in costs is anticipated.
Also during the Oct. 14 meeting, Cory Bienfang of the Mankato-based engineering firm Bolton and Menk shared a plan for a \$2.5 million project to upgrade failing water and sewer lines under two-block lengths of Ash Avenue South and Broadway Avenue South between Highway 30 and Fourth Street SW. Scheduled for repair are segments of sanitary sewer, undersized water main lines, old storm sewer infrastructure, deficient pedestrian facilities, and failing roadway pavement. Some of the needed line replacements took place this past summer when the secondary school parking lot was resurfaced.
The proposed project includes full reconstruction with the replacement of all underground utilities, new roadway pavement, and continuous sidewalks along one side of the street. The improvements are planned to be completed as one project during the summer of 2025.
Among anticipated funding sources are utility enterprise funds, general tax funds, special assessments through the city's "special as-

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essment policy for abutting properties," and general obligation bonds.
Council members voted to officially receive the Bolton and Menk report, and to set a public hearing regarding the project for Nov. 25 during the regular council meeting.
Seventy percent of the cost for the water lines, sanitary sewers, resurfacing the street and replacing the curbs and gutters will be covered by appropriate public funds, as will all costs for upgrades to the storm sewer system.
Property owners along the selected portions of Ash and Broadway will be assessed for roughly 30 percent of the cost for replacing the water and sewer lines, resurfacing the street and repairing curbs and gutters.
Council members arranged to hear public comment regarding cannabis zoning laws during a hearing set for 6:35 p.m. Nov. 12 during the regular council meeting at city hall. Council members speculated among themselves there may be considerable interest in this particular topic. The public hearing on Nov. 12 will also regard modifying the ordinance regarding storm sewer drainage.
In other business during the meeting, the New Richland Police Department reported it received 127 calls during September. Total calls so far this year are 1,780. Total calls for September 2023 were 748. Council members approved about \$2,000 to purchase new tires and perform
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Dog agility studio opens in Owatonna

While most women in their 70's are enjoying retirement, Susan Bernhart of Owatonna has been working hard to put the finishing touches on her new and fully equipped professional dog agility studio in Owatonna next to the new home of the Steele County Humane Society and the Chase Dog Park on State Avenue.
"We're all wagging our tails with excitement," says Susan, owner of Paws 4 Fun Dog Training, LLC, based in Owatonna. Susan is a CPDT- Knowledge Assessed dog trainer through ccpdt.org and has been training dogs for more than 14 years. "Our nearly 10,000 square foot facility is three times larger than our previous location and opens up a new world of possibilities for a wide range of classes, events, and special activities. There is nothing like it in Southern Minnesota or Northern Iowa. It's fully matted, heated, and we have the full slate of regulation agility equipment to lay out custom designed courses for any dog, any breed.
Susan hopes her expanded loca-

tion will help stimulate more local and regional interest in what has been described as one of the fastest growing recreational sports in the country. Dog agility's increasing popularity is evidenced by its growing coverage by both cable and network television.
"People watch dog agility on TV and they're fascinated, but they don't think they can do it themselves. What they don't realize is that if their dog can sit, stay and come, they're ready for basic agility. If you still need help with those basic obedience skills, we can get you there."
Susan says that, with an experienced dog agility trainer, you'll have more fun than you ever thought you could have with your dog. "My students come from every life stage you can imagine, from young children to retirees. Many of the dogs actually bark with excitement when they arrive. An agility course is to dogs like a playground is to children; they love it and they can't wait to come back."
When Susan isn't teaching, she's



Paws 4 Fun Dog Training is a new agility studio for dogs located in Owatonna.
busy competing in agility trials with her poodle throughout the upper Midwest and proudly displays many of the ribbons she has won as a top competitor. One of her dogs, Ninja, competed at the AKC national level and was ranked 11th among all dogs in the country in 2011.
"Being a competitor at that high level gave me the experience, skills and confidence I needed to become a highly effective dog training instructor. But we're not here for the competition. We're here to introduce people to the "fun" side of agility. Before you know it, you'll be guiding your dog through tunnels, over hurdles and across weave poles, while strengthening the loving bond you have with your pet and getting some exercise along the way. It's a win-win."
Susan says her journey as a dog
Studio continued on 2

WALDORF CITY COUNCIL

Cannabis added to tobacco ordinance

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer
The monthly Waldorf city council meeting was rescheduled from Monday, Oct. 14 to Tuesday, Oct. 15 because of Indigenous Peoples Day. Mayor Rob Wilkening, who attended the meeting remotely from the Philippines, said this was the first time ever the mayor of Waldorf was conducting the city council meeting from out of the country.
Council members voted to pass "Ordinance 87," which will simplify the steps for making changes to city fees and fee schedules. Waldorf will include cannabis in its tobacco ordinance. This will make it unlawful to smoke tobacco products or use cannabis in any form near schools. It will also make cannabis use illegal in certain public places, including within 25 feet of Veterans Park.
Out of \$102,941.81 in Rural Development grant money, \$4,320 was used for Holtmeier snorkels, \$19,486.84 for GM Contracting to install a grinder, \$47,264 for Northwestern Power Equipment Co. (grinder), \$11,890 for Northwestern Power Equipment Co. (agitator) and \$2,300 for Concrete for St. John's Catholic church, leaving \$17,680 remaining.
For Parks and Recreation, it was approved to open a bank account for the parks and recreation department and transfer the allotted \$11,285 earmarked for the park. A city resident had sent photos indicating a deteriorating wooden fence on the playground in need of repair.
Acting as the planning commission, the Waldorf city council divided the single lot encompassing St. John's Catholic Church and its parsonage into two separate properties. This action makes it possible for the church to sell the lot with the home sometime in the future.
Along the same vein, Jennifer Miller, who owns a duplex located at 400 Fourth Avenue North, requested that the two dwellings be zoned as two properties, with the addresses of 400 and 402 Fourth Avenue North. Her request was not granted; Mayor Wilkening suggested that creating separate properties from the two buildings might require that a firewall be added between the two dwellings, and that a survey be conducted to determine property lines.
Ranae Groskreutz has already rented the community center for three days, November 13 to 15, and has already paid full price. She wondered if, since she is a tax-free entity, she can receive a discount. It was decided that for the last day she would pay half price.
The price of Crystal Valley propane has remained steady at \$1.54/gallon, same as last year. Last year Waldorf prepaid for 3,000 gallons, of which 481 remain. Unless the price changes, council members plan to address this issue next meeting.
The council approved hiring Gordy's Total Tree service of New Richland to remove two stumps from the park; Gordy's submitted a bid of \$533 for the work. FEMA will not cover this expense, nor will insurance; this will be a Waldorf City cost.

Compostings

by Al Batt

A lucky rabbits foot

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
There's only one thing that scares me during Halloween. Which is? Exactly.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I walked down a sidewalk. A store owner was using a long-legged squeegee to clean the windows of his establishment. He was smoking a pipe with a bowl about the size of his head. The smoke smelled good, not quite like burning leaves, but like a pleasant fall.

I pontificated about the mysteries and beauties of fall on a tour boat called the Pelican Breeze. One passenger, a pleasant woman with a ready smile, lost her glove to the lake. I considered throwing it a life preserver, but didn't. Christmas isn't far off, so I hope someone gives her a polyester glove for her left hand. I offered each of the passengers a bar of soap. If they fell overboard, they'd be washed ashore.

I'm not all that superstitious, but when I remember, for good luck, I say "rabbit rabbit" as the first words I speak in a month. I read in the "Farmers' Almanac" that the origin of the superstition may have been inspired by the White Rabbit in Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," who guided Alice through fantastical adventures. The first written account was in the English periodical Notes and Queries in 1909, wherein a parent noted his children said "rabbit rabbit" up the chimney on the first of a month, hoping for a present. FDR said "rabbits" on the first of each month and carried a lucky rabbit's foot during the 1932 presidential election, which he won in a landslide. During World War II, British fighter pilots opted for even greater luck by saying "white rabbits" daily. "Saturday Night Live" star Gilda Radner said "bunny bunny" for luck. An author, Simon Winchester, said "white rabbits" the first of every month for 696 months before missing one. If you forget to say it as the first thing, say "rabbit rabbit" backward ("tib-bar tibbar") and you're covered.

I'VE LEARNED
You might be overdue for a shower if you're being followed by dung beetles.

While growing up, I didn't know anyone who spent all day looking at a phone.

Honesty doesn't win elections. Joseph Wood Krutch said, "The only people who should be allowed to govern countries are those who have not the slightest desire to do so."

We have four seasons except on election years. Then we have five. A spider has eight legs, yet no spider has ever won a dance contest.

Economists make weather forecasters seem infallible in comparison.

I know it's an election year when even my bathroom scale refuses to tell the truth.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
Man arrested for stealing pumpkins because no gourd deed goes unpunished.

Three economists went deer hunting. They spotted a deer. One shot and missed five feet to the left. The second one shot and missed five feet to the right. The third dropped his gun and said, "We got him!"

Only divorced people should be allowed to vote. They understand the consequences of making a wrong choice.

NATURE NOTES
I saw a fox as we both greeted the dawn's sun. A red fox likes to hunt before sunrise and after sunset. Its thick, soft coat keeps it warm. In the fall, a red fox hangs out alone. The babies have grown and gone. Foxes grow longer, thicker coats for winter. Instead of hiding out in a den, a red fox usually curls up in the open. Wrapped in its big, bushy tail, the fox stays nice and warm even when completely covered by snow.

How can you tell a downy woodpecker from a hairy woodpecker? If you can see them together, the hairy is much larger. The hairy is the approximate size of a robin, and the downy is the size of a house sparrow. The downy is more abundant, and the hairy likes the company of larger trees. I've found the best way to differentiate the two is by their bills. The downy's bill is much shorter, roughly 1/3 the length of its head and the hairy's bill is nearly the length of its head. When sizes and bills are compared, a downy is dinky and a hairy is huge.

MEETING ADJOURNED
"From the time you were very little, you've had people who have smiled you into smiling, people who have talked you into talking, sung you into singing, loved you into loving. So, on this extra special day, let's take some time to think of those extra special people."—Fred Rogers.

Christopherson seeks 3rd term as commissioner

Doug Christopherson is seeking re-election in the race for Waseca County Commissioner in District One, representing the cities of Waldorf and New Richland, along with Alton, Freedom, Byron, Vivian, Otisco and New Richland Townships. He has served the county in this capacity for the past eight years, has lived in the area for 31 years, working as crop farmer, he and Karla have raised two daughters, NRHEG graduates Abby, 26 and Olivia, 23.

What do you consider the most important part of this job?

"I have always believed that the budget is the most important part of being a Commissioner," Christopherson answered. "We need to control spending to minimize the tax burden on our residents. There are many more aspects to the job that are important though, such as being the liaison for a constituent when they are having difficulty with a situation at the County, whether it be Planning and Zoning, Public Works, Human Services, etc. I want to help constituents navigate through any particular problem they may be experiencing. Being the County's voice at the State Legislature also ranks high on the priority list."

What particular strengths or experience do you bring to the position that you believe will help you do a good job?

"I have been a business owner my entire life, from raising livestock at a young age, to crop farming and running a seed dealership in my adult life," Christopherson answered. "With this experience I have learned the importance of controlling spend-

ing. I also believe that my faith has taught me to treat people the way I would want to be treated, whether it is working with constituents or county staff. I also believe I have a common sense approach to my decision making. This is not a common theme in government and sometimes takes a fair amount of convincing and even then does not always prevail."

What do you feel are the county's most important concerns at this time?

"Over the past several years, we have brought our tax rate down through very limited growth in tax levy," Christopherson answered.



Christopherson

"This has made it much more attractive for businesses to look at Waseca County as a place to locate when starting up or growing a business. We need to focus on this and do what we can to promote business growth that will in turn grow our tax base and lower the tax burden on residents and ag properties.

Our jail and justice center will be a topic that will need to be addressed in the near future. It will be important to look at all the aspects and make the right decision for Waseca County's residents for 50 years plus into the future. We have a former Sheriff on our County Board now and he will help guide this topic with his knowledge. Keeping the County safe and minimizing the tax burden on the resident are my main concerns."

Schoenrock one of three NRHEG school board candidates

Loren Schoenrock, 70, is a current NRHEG school board member seeking re-election. He is a lifelong resident of the NRHEG area. His family includes his wife Marlene, children Leah and her husband Ryan; son Chad and his wife Jena. The Schoenrocks' have six grandchildren.

Schoenrock has served on the school board for the past four years, and currently serves as the vice



Schoenrock

chairman, serves on the finance, policy, building and grounds and paraprofessional committees. He has served as a township clerk since 1996, and also served on his local church council in all capacities including chairman.

"I believe the most important job is to educate the students of our district," Schoenrock said. "With enrollment dropping slightly, it's a challenge to provide the most class offerings while remaining fiscally responsible to our taxpayers."

A farmer, Schoenrock believes owning and operating a farm his en-

tire adult life has "given me the business experience that can be applied to our school district.

"While our vision statement says, 'To be the district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts and activities,' it's also important to remember we also bear a responsibility to our taxpayers," Schoenrock concluded.

Gehrke prioritizes service, seeks New Richland Council seat

Ryan Gehrke, 42, is seeking election to the New Richland city council. Gehrke was appointed to an open council position on April 8, 2024 following a resignation of Mayor Chad Neitzel. This is his first time holding a government position.

A police officer, Gehrke resides in New Richland with his wife, Angela Gehrke. The two have three children, 9th grader Kenley, 6th grader Kasha and 4th grader Kaisley. They have lived in town for the past 15 years.

What do you consider the most important part of this job?

"The most important part of being a city councilperson is effective communication with the community,"

Gehrke stated. "Listening to constituents, understanding their needs, learning their concerns about situations happening in their part of town, and being transparent about decisions fosters trust and ensures that decisions the council makes reflect the public's best interests. Balancing local priorities with budget constraints and collaborating with the other council members is crucial for success. Ultimately, it's about being a representative and advocate for the people and to promote New Richland as a strong community in southern Minnesota.

What particular strengths or experience do you bring to the position that you believe will help you do a



Gehrke

good job?

"With 20 years in law enforcement, I have developed strong listening and problem-solving skills," Gehrke answered. "I pay close attention to detail and high-light issues that others might overlook. My 16 years serving New Richland have given me an in-depth understanding of the community. Throughout my career and volunteer experiences, I have always prioritized service, and I will carry that commitment forward as a member of

Additional stories regarding candidates running for any office across the NRHEG area will be featured in next week's edition of the Star Eagle. Not all candidates return their questionnaires. Please vote on November 5, 2024. Remember, you're voting for a lot more than just yourself.



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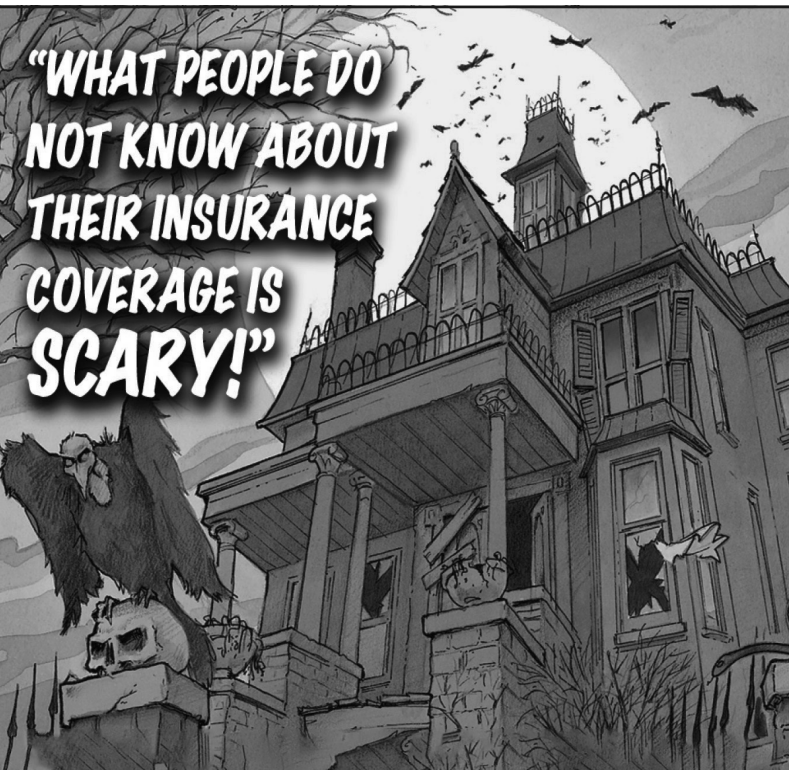
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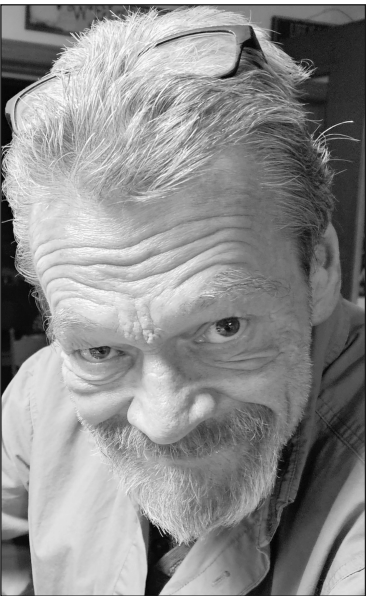
David Lee Olson

David Lee Olson passed away surrounded by family after a courageous but losing battle with brain cancer On Wed, Oct 9, 2024. Thanks to the love and care of his wife and children, he was able to spend his final months at home with his six dogs in comfort. During those months, he was able to ride his Harley one time, drive to the gas station, camp in the motor home at Paradise, see his purple martins and bee hives, and visit with the many friends and family that he loved so much.

David Lee Olson was born on December 27th, 1960 to Clifford and Millie (Granny O) Olson.

Although he had two years trade school for heating, ac and refrigeration, he was mostly a self-taught man who took great pride in being able to fix most anything. As his daughter says (while laughing with tears in her eyes), “Jack of all trades and master of all of them; except TVs, phones and computers.” His greatest high in life was fixing the unfixable. His projects were never about the finished product; it was all about the challenge of the journey, which is exactly how he lived his last months, always pushing the boundaries to do the seemingly impossible.

After four years of dating, on March 25th, 1988, he married his wife Allyson Stene. Although their marriage was definitely one of ups and downs, it absolutely ended on a high and just goes to show that not giving up during the lows def-



David Olson

initely has its rewards. Their union blessed them with two wonderful children, many dogs over the years, and countless memories, both good and bad.

Left to cherish David’s memory are his wife of 36 years, Allyson Olson, his son Derek, daughter Brooke, mother Millie (Johnson) Olson, brother Richard, many cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He is preceded in death by his father Clifford Olson, his grandparents, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

A celebration of life will be held at some time in the future.

The family would like to thank Mayo Clinic Hospice for the care and compassion they showed David in his final days.

James Simser

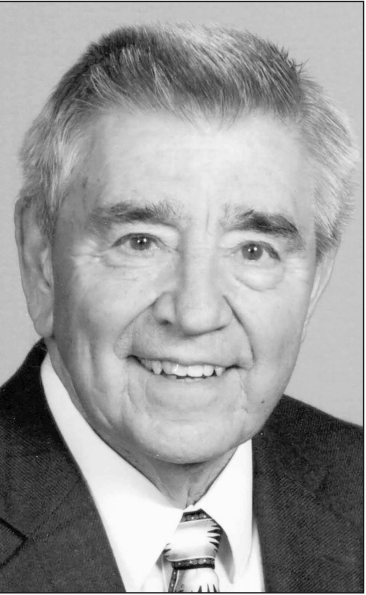
Celebrating the Life of James “Jim” Simser, age 85 of Fairmont, MN. Jim passed away surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer on Friday, October 18, 2024. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, October 25, 2024 at 11 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. There will be military honors outside of the church following the service provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. Interment will be at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Jim was born on August 2, 1939 in Blue Earth, MN to Kenneth and Muriel Simser of Blue Earth. He graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1957 and Mankato State College in 1961 with a degree in secondary education. In 1962, Jim entered Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport News, Rhode Island. He proudly served his country on active duty through 1965 and in the Naval Reserve until 1977, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander.

Jim was united in marriage to Winn Ann Zaun on June 15, 1963. They lived in Honolulu, HI, San Diego, CA, Norwood, MN, New Richland, MN and Fairmont, MN until Winn Ann’s passing after 50 years of marriage in 2013.

Jim had a successful 35-year career as an educator, coach and administrator across three high schools. He impacted the lives of countless students and athletes who remained in touch long after leaving the classroom and field and had the mutual respect of the many coaches he coached with and against over the years. As head football coach at New Richland-Hartland High School and Fairmont High School, his teams won over 200 games, including two state championships in 1976 and 1978. He was named the MN State High League Football Coach of the Year in 1978 and, following his retirement, was inducted in its Hall of Fame in 2000.

Retirement didn’t slow Jim down as he continued serving as a mentor for student teachers at Mankato State University, drove van for CREST and was an active



James Simser

volunteer for numerous organizations in the Fairmont community, including Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Dollars for Scholars, and St. John Vianney church. If there was a sporting event at Fairmont High School, he was likely there unless out of town following the exploits of his grandchildren or spending time with his special friend Mary Jo Haaland, the Friday night card club or the Good Old Boys & Girls retired teachers’ group.

Jim is lovingly remembered by sons Bill (Amy) of Apple Valley, MN, Mike (Lynette) of Minneapolis, MN, Mark (Lisa) of Shoreview, MN and Dave of Coon Rapids, MN; sister Carolyn (Tom) Fischer of Mason City, IA, brother Tom (Jayne) Simser of South St. Paul, MN, sister Mary Beth Simser of Mankato, and brother-in-law Dick Zaun of Roseville, MN; eight grandchildren Andrew, Adam, Allison (Jaye), Ben, Nick, Jack, Luke and Dylan; many nieces and nephews; Mary Jo Haaland of Marshall, MN. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Winn Ann, his sister DeeAnn Simser, and sister-in-law Mary Zaun.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Woodland Manor, Lakeview Methodist, Mayo Clinic-Fairmont and UHD Hospice for their loving care, as well as dad’s many friends for their kindness and support for all these years. Memorials preferred to the St. John Vianney school endowment fund or Fairmont Dollars for Scholars. Visit www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net for information and guest book. Blessed be his memory!

Petsinger running for NR council

Christina Petsinger is seeking election to the New Richland city council. The following is a letter she submitted on her behalf.

“This letter is to express my interest in the New Richland city council seat vacancy. The following is a short introduction and why I would make a good appointment for councilor.

I am a 30-plus year resident of New Richland and I have seen a great deal of ups and downs in our little town. As a concerned resident I believe I would be able to bring a fresh set of eyes and ideas to our established council.

I am involved in many areas to help serve the community, many I’m sure

most are unaware of. I am a United States Navy Vet, I am one of few Boy Scout Unit Commissioners in our state, Boy Scout Parent, and am also Den Leader for our local den here in New Richland. I am also a trained spotter through Skywarn in Waseca County, a member of CERT in Waseca County, Senior Consultant for Pampered Chef, a Legal Guardian of a Developmentally Delayed member of our community and have helped other vets get through the daunting paperwork of filing claims.

I enjoy helping people, am a sound board for those who need someone to talk with and know how to keep my

mouth shut when needed but also, I am not afraid to speak up! I have been told I am a Professional Volunteer with a sharp tongue, I will own that all day long.

I believe we need to stop dwelling on the past, shoulda, woulda, coulda, and move forward. As a council we need to make sure we are always representing the whole town. We need to set our differences aside and focus on what is best for our small com-



Petsinger

munity. This also would include doing what’s best for everyone in a fiscally responsible and appropriate manner. Communication is huge on all levels and departments across the board. We are elected or appointed these positions to do what is right not what we always want to do. I believe we all need to be accountable and transparent in decisions we are making.

I look forward to sharing my views with you and/or the council and can be available on short notice.

Christina Petsinger”

NR City Council candidate Jacob Naser

Jacob Naser, 34, is seeking election to the New Richland city council. A resident of New Richland for more than a decade, Naser has a wife, Brianna, and four children, Adrian, Julian, Madison, Luna.

Naser works as a CNC Programmer/Machinist at Cinch Connectivity Solutions in Waseca. If elected, this would be Naser’s first elected position.

“I feel this job is to help grow the

city and in safe conscience while providing a place where a family can grow and prosper with the pursuit of happiness in mind for all,” Naser said when asked what the most important part of the job is.

What particular strengths or experience do you bring to the position that you believe will help you do a good job?

“I am a father of four children with many friends,” Nasser answered. “I

don’t just care about my children, but I concern myself with safety and opportunities that are available to others as well. I am good at putting out my concerns and ideas even if they fall on deaf ears if what is in place isn’t working I will keep voicing them until something happens or someone comes up with a better idea. I work well with criticism and I hear the concern that others have.”

What do you feel are the city’s

most important concerns at this time?

“The immediate concern is the cost of living in our small town,” Naser answered. “We pay big city taxes and big city utilities for low quality standards. The second is the safety and opportunities in our city that need to be addressed.”

Groth seeks election to Ellendale Mayor position

Longtime Ellendale Council member Scott Groth, 65, is the only candidate running for Ellendale Mayor. Scott and his wife Joni have three kids and six grandkids.

Folks know Groth as the owner of Floors 4-U, a main street business in Ellendale. Asked how long he’s lived in the area, Groth simply said, “A long time.”

Groth previously served Ellendale as council member from 1998-2000, mayor from 2001-2004, and again as council member from 2008 to present.

“Good judgment, good listening, be fair,” Groth states are the most important parts of the job.

“Being on the council a few years and a local business owner” are



Groth

Groth’s greatest strengths he brings to the position.

“Budget, infrastructure needs and preparing for the re-work of Highway 30,” are the city’s most

important concerns at this time, says Groth. And, “trying to attract and maintain businesses.”

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maintenance on police department vehicles. The Taser contract was signed, first payment to be January 1.

The City of New Richland is required to have and maintain a safety committee. They have normally done this in house. Through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, LCMIT, contact and conversations, it was suggested that New Richland may benefit from a “regional safety group” which would have shared leadership and direction. The regional group would provide all required annual training for city employees. The LMCIT also subsidizes the group and provides access to additional benefits. The cost of the program is \$21,840 of which \$12,012 is subsidized by the LMCIT. This leaves a total cost of the program for the remaining cities of \$9,828 or \$1,965 per city. If the city were to di-

vide this cost between the city departments, the cost to each department would be approximately \$328 a year. Jordan Allen celebrated three years on the ambulance and fire department. The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

NOTICE

Summit Township Board Meeting
Monday, November 4
7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Andy Jewison
Summit Township Clerk

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Karl captures Gopher crown

Senior finishes first among boys, Wobbrock settles for second

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

When it comes to NRHEG High School boys' cross country this year, it's quality that counts, not quantity.

Senior Jacob Karl, the Panthers' lone varsity runner, finished atop the field at last Tuesday's Gopher Conference meet at Janesville's Prairie Ridge Course.

According to NRHEG coach Larry Nydegger, Karl didn't just claim a gold medal. He met a season-long goal.

"Jacob's goal all serason was to get a time under 18 minutes," said Nydegger. "He accomplished that today with a time of 17:51.6. And he gained a conference title to boot!"

Karl, according to Nydegger was the runner to beat on the 5,000-meter course.

"He had an early challenge from the runners from Triton," said Nydegger. "But Jacob maintained his pace and race strategy to pull away from the field at the two-mile mark."

Karl, of course, earned all-conference honors.

Randolph won the boys' team championship with 43 points, followed by Blooming Prairie with 60, WEM/JWP 64, USC/AC 86, Medford 105 and Hayfield 145.

The NRHEG girls' squad was hit by the injury bug, so the Panthers were not able to field a scoring team.

"No matter," said Nydegger. "As all of the runners who did participate

"To have every runner get their personal bests in the same meet was a wonderful surprise."

— NRHEG coach Larry Nydegger

each ran their own personal-best times."

The Panthers, as they have all season, were led by Juliann Wobbrock.

"Julieann ran a well planned race that had her in contention for the individual conference championship right up until the last 100 meters," said Nydegger.

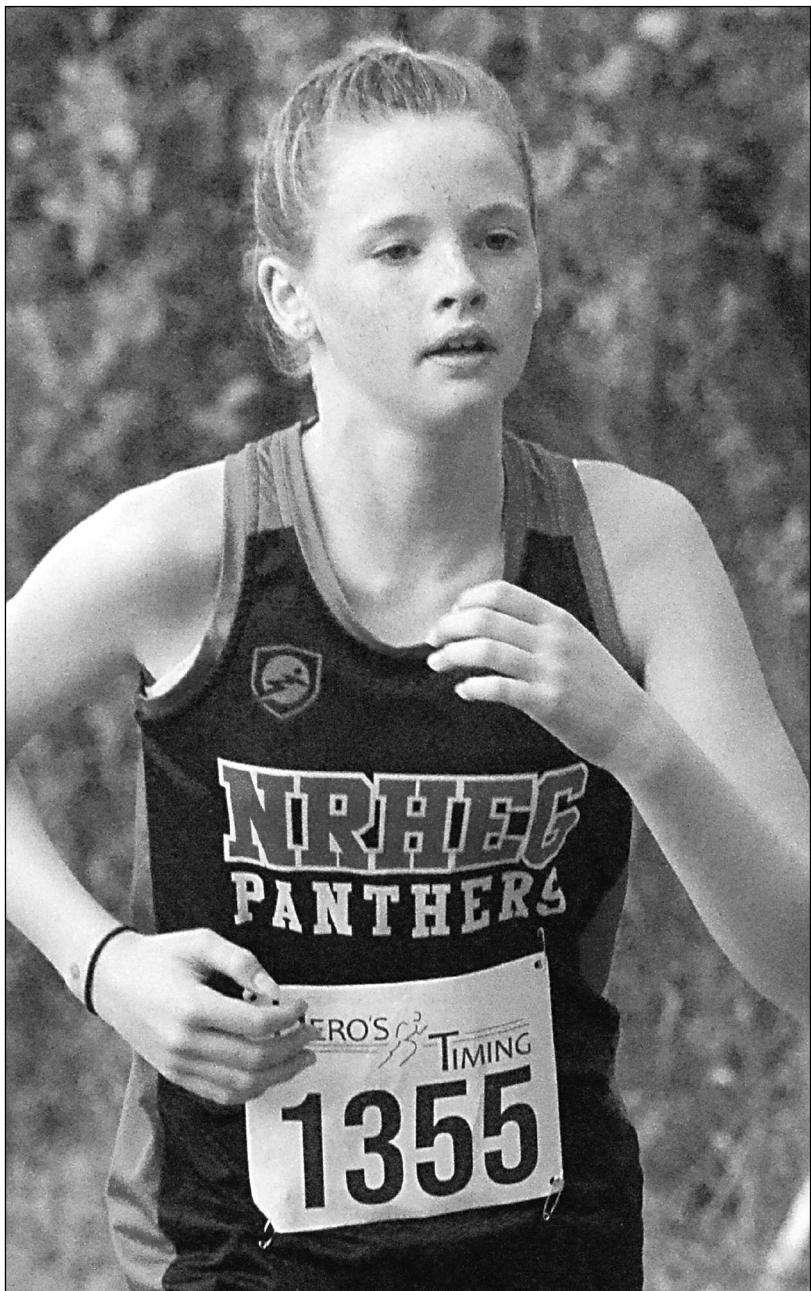
Wobbrock wound up second with an all-time best of 20:34.1. MaKenzie Westphal of WEM/JWP took the title with a time of 20:27.4 for 5,000 meters.

Wobbrock received all-conference honors.

The Panthers' Sierra Misgen finished 27th in 26:45.1. Amelia Duree was 30th with a time of 27:37.2.

WEM/JWP captured the girls' team championship with 39 points. Blooming Prairie had 50, Randolph 62, USC/AC 100, Medford 107.

NRHEG's Rylee Cromwell fin-



FIRST-PLACE PACE — NRHEG's Juliann Wobbrock, left, was in contention for the Gopher Conference girls' cross country championship until the final 100 meters last week. She finished second. NRHEG senior Jacob Karl, right, placed first for the boys.



Star Eagle photo by Jim Lutgens/Submitted photo

ished second in the 2500-meter junior high girls' race with a personal best time of 12:46.4 Teammate Violette Botten finished fourth,m clocking 14:47.

The Panthers' Devlin McWilliams finished second in the junior high boys' race with a time of 12:39.9.

All in all, Nydegger said it was an outstanding day.

"To have every runner get their own all-time personal bests in the same meet was a wonderful surprise," he said. "I am so proud of these runners for the effort and ded-

ication they have shown all season. It really paid off for them today.

The Panthers will run at the section meet at Norwood-Young America on Thursday, Oct. 24.



TOUGH YARDS — NRHEG's Harbor Cromwell (23) gains some of his team-high 33 rushing yards in the final game of the regular season at United South Central last week. The Panthers lost 8-0.

Photo by Amy Ihrke

NRHEG football team falls in defensive battle at USC

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

When NRHEG High School football coach Marc Kruger called last week's regular-season finale at United South Central a defensive battle, he was not exaggerating.

The Rebels scored the game's lone touchdown as the Panthers lost 8-0 at Wells.

"It was a defensive game for sure," said Kruger. "We were just not able to get a touchdown."

The Panthers saw their record slip to 3-4 while the Rebels improved to 4-3.

According to Kruger, the Panthers had some excellent scoring chances. They just couldn't cash in.

"We had a few drives with opportunities, and failed to finish," said Kruger. "Our defense really stepped up, holding the Rebels to only 1 touchdown. Now, it's on to sections."

The Panthers opened section play Tuesday, with the winner to play Saturday, Oct. 26.

After a scoreless first quarter at Wells, the home team found the end zone on a 10-yard run in the second period. A two-point conversion try was successful.

The Panthers ran 39 plays and attained 12 first downs, but USC had the ball for 62 plays while piling up 22 first downs.

The Panthers were outrushed 221-35 and outgained 221-72 in total yards. The Rebels ran on almost every play. NRHEG turned the ball over three times, USC once.

"We had a few drives with opportunities, and failed to finish."

— NRHEG coach Marc Kruger

Harbor Cromwell led the Panthers in rushing with 33 yards on 11 attempts. Alden Dobberstein ran for 10 yards on six tries.

Dobberstein completed four of 15 passes for 51 yards, with two interceptions.

Sam Olson caught two passes for 38 yards. Aidan Schlaak and Owen Bartlett also caught passes.

Defensively, Jace Ihrke led the Panthers with 10 solo tackles and one assist. Jordan Brouwers had seven tackles and one assist, Ryan Schlaak six tackles and two assists, Aidan Schlaak six tackles and Bartlett five tackles.

The Panthers were seeded fifth in Section 2AA, opening the playoffs Tuesday at No. 4 seed Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton. The other quarterfinal game was Tuesday with No. 6 Blue Earth Area playing at No. 3 Maple River. The top two seeds, Triton and WEM, have a first-round bye.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the winner of the NRHEG/JWP game plays at 2 p.m. at Triton. Maple River or Blue Earth Area is at WEM.

The section championship game is Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at JWP High School

NRHEG	0	0	0	0	— 0
USC	0	8	0	0	— 8
First Quarter					
No scoring					
Second Quarter					
USC — 10 run (two-point conversion successful)					
Third Quarter					
No scoring					
Fourth Quarter					
No scoring					
	NRHEG		USC		
Total plays	39		61		
First downs	12		22		
Rushing Yds.	23-35		57-221		
Passing Yds.	4-15-2		0-4-0		
Passing Yds.	51		0		
Total Yds.	72		221		
Third Down	1-3		1-2		
Fourth Down	0-0		0-0		
Fumbles lost	1-1		1-10		
Turnovers	3		1		
Penalties	4-60		5-355		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — NRHEG: Harbor Cromwell 11-33; Alden Dobberstein 6-10; Ryan Schlaak 2 —2; USC: No. 35 17-93; 1X 18-83; No. 33 9-46; 1X 1-4; 1X 10 —6

Passing — NRHEG: Alden Dobberstein 4-15-2, 51; USC: 0-4-0, 0;

Receiving — NRHEG: Sam Olson 2-38; Aidan Schlaak 1-9; Owen Bartlett 1-4; USC: 0-0

NRHEG Defense — Jace Ihrke 10 tackles, 1 assist; Jordan Brouwers 7T, 1A; Ryan Schlaak 6T, 2A; A.Schlaak 6T; Owen Bartlett 5T; Mason Reeder 4T; Sam Olson 3T, 1 fumble rec.; Harbor Cromwell 3T, 1A; Trevor Selover 1T; Cole Hutchens 1T, 1A; Jase Knudson 1T

United South Central 8, NRHEG 0

NRHEG volleyball team tops Maple River on Senior Night

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School volleyball team held its annual Senior Night last Monday.

It was an outstanding evening to honor the 12th-graders.

The Panthers defeated Maple River in four games in New Richland. The final tally was 25-12, 25-18, 16-25, 25-23.

"The girls started with great energy and mentality that led to an early 2-0 set lead," said NRHEG head coach Bethany Tennis.

After dropping the third set, the Panthers regained their focus in the fourth.

"We had to focus on controlling the con-

trollables on our side of the net," said Tennis.

Junior setter Addy Stadheim led the Panthers' offense with 47 set assists.

"That was due in a large part to our successful serve receive," said Tennis.

Gabby Schlaak and Anika Ladlie each had more than 10 kills and the Panthers, as a team, served up eight aces.

Full statistics: Schlaak 14 kills, 6 digs, 1 ace; Camryn VanMaldeghem 8K, 4D, 3A, 4B; Ladlie 11K, 5B; Mallory Schlinger 2D, 1SA; Stadheim 4K, 5D, 47SA, 4A, 4B; Aspyn Stenzel 5K; Chloe Riwer 4D, 2SA; Chloe Stork 8K, 7B; Meela Budach 2K, 2B.

The next night, the Panthers hosted

Panthers draw No. 13 seed in Section 2AA tournament

Randolph in the final match of the regular season in New Richland.

The visitors prevailed 3-1, with game scores of 25-22, 23-25, 26-24 and 25-13.

"We played tough and had some intense volleys with our opponent," said Coach Tennis. "From behind the service line we served aggressively, earning us 11 aces. Heading into the playoffs, we are excited to play a challenging team and hope for a first-round win."

Individually vs. Randolph: Schlaak 13K, 5D, 1A, 2B; Camryn VanMaldeghem 7K,

9D, 1SA, 1A, 7B; Ladlie 2K, 2D, 1B; Schlinger 1A; Izley Boerner 7D; Nora Flatness 6K, 1D, 3B; Stadheim 2K, 11D, 33SA, 5A, 2B; Riewer 6D, 1SA, 1A; Stork 3K, 3B; Budach 5K 2D, 2B; Quinn VanMaldeghem 1D, 2A.

The Panthers finished the regular season 4-6 in the Gopher Conference and 11-12-1 overall. Randolph improved to 4-6 and 12-15.

The Panthers drew the No. 13 seed in the single-elimination Section 2AA tournament, opening postseason play Monday at No. 4

seed Glencoe-Silver Lake. The winner plays Thursday, Oct. 24 at No. 5 WEM or No. 12 LeSueur-Henderson. The sub-section championship is Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at New Prague High School. The section championship and state tournament berth will be decided Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. at St. Peter High School.

The Section 2AA seeds: 1 Belle Plaine; 2 SW Christian; 3 Holy Family; 4 Glencoe-SL; 5 WEM; 6 Jordan; 7 TCU; 8 LCWM; 9 St. Clair; 10 Waseca; 11 JWP; 12 LSH; 13 NRHEG; 14 Central; 15 Maple River; 16 Sibley East; 17 Blue Earth Area; 18 MVL.



Moving through fall

I am now in a withdrawal mood from the cabin. I have officially closed the cabin (not in my mind), but it is not officially closed for the winter. My grandson, Dylan, and his wife, Kloe, are still up there spending a long weekend at said cabin. They are expecting in December, and I have no doubt that they will be great parents.

It always makes me feel good when Dylan wants to spend time at the cabin, whether Grandpa is there or not. He spent a lot of time with his grandma and I at the cabin when he was younger, so it has always been special to him. I am glad that Kloe likes to go fishing with him and she usually catches fish.

I am sitting on our front porch as I write this column. The porch has become my favorite place to go to relax and watch the birds and other critters that frequent the neighborhood. I have not seen as many rabbits as in past years. This may be attributed to the overabundance of felines that we have free ranging in the neighborhood. There are some folks that don't seem to understand the meaning of

"house cat" and just let their cats run amok in the neighborhood.

I still have to get my boat in the water to see if it runs better than it did the last time I had it on the water. It is now sitting in the backyard filling up with leaves. I tried blowing them out with the leaf blower, but the leaves would go straight up in the air and come fluttering down right back into the boat. Plan B is to take it for a drive and hope that they get lost along the way.

The fall colors have peaked in the northern part of the state, but the lower third of the state still hasn't, so if you want to catch the colors, there is still time to take a drive and check out the beauty of fall before it is too late. Remember that the fall harvest is still going on in most parts of the area, so be aware of farm machinery.

There is still time to do a little fishing and the pheasant season is also under way. The archery season for deer is also going on and will go until the end of December. I have heard that, so far, the numbers are down for the pheasant population. With the mild winter, I thought there would be



Shown here are some pictures of my last visit to the cabin for 2024. These pictures might just tide me over until next year.



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

a bumper crop for birds this year, but all of the rain must have nullified that.

Until next time: Small game hunting for squirrel and rabbit runs until February 28th. Ruffed grouse runs until Jan. 1st. Hunting small game is a great way to introduce our youth to the sport of hunting. The more youth that we can get involved in the sports of hunting and fishing, the more we will be assured that these sports will be carried on for future generations. WMAs [Wildlife Management Areas] and WIAs [Walk-In Access] areas – landowners who give permission to the public to hunt their land go a long way to promote hunting for our youth. You must purchase a WIA Validation to legally hunt WIA sites.

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LOOKING BACK

25 Years Back



- The staff at St. Isidore's School of Litomysl for the 1999-2000 years includes: from the left (back): Mrs. Tammy Barnes, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Stacey Wobschall, principal and Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade teacher, (front): Mrs. Anne Nylund, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teacher and Mrs. Bev Anderson, part-time secretary and librarian.

- On September 7, St. Isidore's School of Litomysl opened its doors once again to thirty-five anxious kindergarten through eighth grade students. The principal at St. Isidore's School this year is Mrs. Stacy Wobschall of Geneva. This is the seventh year Stacy has been at St. Isidore's. Returning to teach the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students this year at St. Isidore's is Mrs. Anne Nylund of Owatonna. Returning to teach the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students is Mrs. Tammy Barnes of Owatonna. Father Bert Boschert S.J. is the superintendent of St. Isidore's School. Bev Anderson or rural Litomysl, is continuing as the part-time secretary, as well as the school librarian. Karen Wencil of rural Blooming Prairie, is returning as the school nurse. Sue Robbins of rural Blooming Prairie, is returning as the school lunch bookkeeper and Marie Kaplan of Hope, as the school bookkeeper.



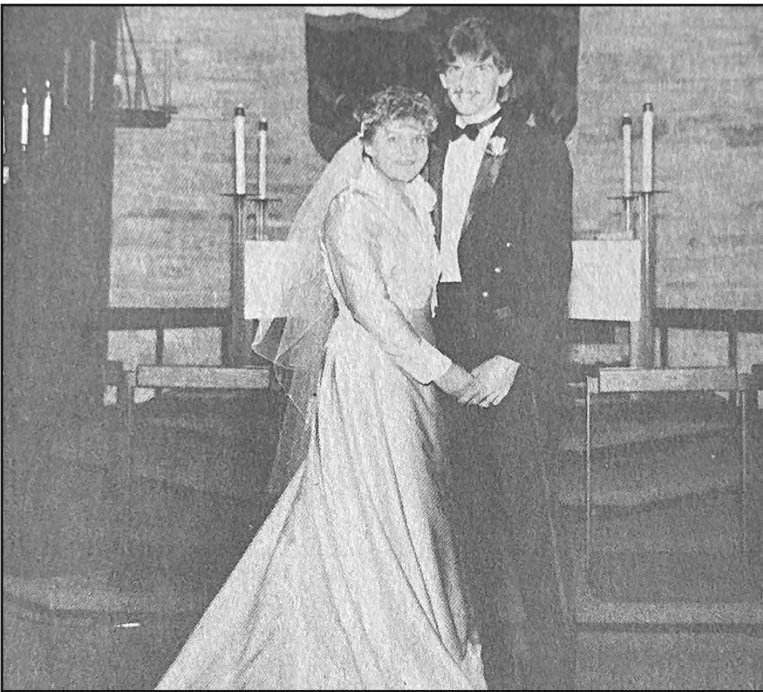
- The NRHEG Defense stays strong during their game on Friday night, even through the big snow flakes that were coming down. The Panthers won the game against Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 36-0. The NRHEG Football Team proved Friday evening they can play through anything. With three inches of snow on the ground, they pounded on JWP 36-0. The offense went to work on the first drive, with Nate Wayne scoring the touchdown on a 10-yard run. They traveled 62 yards on 10 plays. Nate also ran for the PAT, putting the Panthers on top 8-0. Coach Schultz commented, "Our defense held them to seven yards total while we racked up 376 yards. We dominated the line of scrimmage. Nate Wayne ran hard. We had to run a lot of simple drives to Nate because of three inches of snow on the ground. The Panthers are ranked No. 3 in Class 2A.

50 Years Back

- An eight pound, four ounce girl was born to Brian and Barbara Nelson of Ellendale on Thursday, January 15 at Health Central of Owatonna. She is their first child and has been named Janet Frances.

- Timothy J. Kelly of rural Ellendale has been placed on the honor list at Mankato State University, announced vice president of academic affairs, Dr. Philip Kendall. Two thousand one hundred-twenty students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the honor list.

- The Raiders girls Varsity basketball team took over sole possession of the number one spot by defeating Waterville-Elysian, 52-47, last Friday night at Waterville. The win puts E-G at 7-0 in the Conference and the only team undefeated in Conference play. The two teams played even up in first quarter. 10-10. Ellendale started to show a little more defensive pressure and scored slightly better in the second quarter, 24-20. The third quarter was again dominated by E-G. At times they had increased their lead to 12 points, but dropped to a 9 point advantage, 39-30, at the end of the quarter. Early in the fourth the girls led again by 12, but each time it looked like they would "Put Waterville away," Waterville came back.



- Olson-Paulson Wed, November 29. Janice Michele Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Olson of rural Ekkendale, became the bride of Dennis Allen Paulson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Paulson of Owatonna, on November 29 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. The Rev. Clifford Schroeder officiated at the late afternoon double-ring ceremony. Maid of honor was Teresa Deml. Bridesmaids were Rochelle Thomspn and Tammy Esplan. Tom Paulson, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Rich Paulson, brother of the Groom, and Gary Kaplan. Jon, Jeff and Jimmie Olson, brothers of the bride, and Curt Nelson were ushers. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the church. In the evening a dance was held at the Monterey Ballroom. The couple is at home in Ellendale.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 9, 2007

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$62,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Dean Mertins and Julie A. Mertins, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 23, 2007 as Document Number 272715 in the

Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment recorded on March 26, 2010 as Document Number A283488 in the Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as trustee for the benefit of the Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2019-1 by assignment recorded on December 12, 2022 as Document Number A332327 in the Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 4, Twp. 108 North, Range 23 west, Waseca Co., Minn., described as follows: beginning at a point on the north line of the NW 1/4 of said Sec. 4, said point bearing west 1946.66 feet from the north 1/4 corner of said Sec. 4, thence south 572.00 feet, thence North 81 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west 407.84 feet, thence north 509.37 feet to the north line of said NW 1/4, thence east on said north line 403.00 feet to place of beginning.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8126 STATE HWY 60 S, WATERVILLE, MN 56096

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$39,089.73

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: CitiMortgage, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 05.004.0510

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100011520046960896

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 05, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

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

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on December 5,

2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Dated: October 09, 2024

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City of New Richland, Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in the Election Precinct at:

City of New Richland
City Hall / Community Center
203 North Broadway Ave
New Richland, MN 56072

On Tuesday, the fifth (5th) day of November 2024 for the purpose of electing the following City Offices:

Mayor – 2 Year Term

City Council Member – 4 Year Term

City Council Member – 4 Year Term

City Council Member – 2 Year Term ** Special Election **

Polls will be open from 7:00 am until 800 pm

Hartland Township

Notice of
General Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls Open:

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Voting Location:

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
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Bath Township

Notice of
General Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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Voting Location:

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Notice of General Election

Tuesday, November 5th, 2024

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Voting Hours:
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Schlaak seeks re-election to Hartland Council

Jackie Schlaak is a current city council member in Hartland, seeking re-election. She has lived in Hartland for the past 11 years and works as a payroll/financial accountant.

Schlaak believes that "Responding to what the townspeople want to see for Hartland," is the most important part of the job.

Schlaak listed no areas of concern for the city at this time.

Election day is Nov. 5, 2024. Please vote.



Schlaak

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- ✓ Focus on our education system — Minnesota students are slipping further and further behind in reading, math, and science. We need to smartly fund what works for kids and focus on core academics.
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