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Congratulations

End of life “Lunch and Learn” 11:30 Feb. 22

Dennis Steffel Omtvedt funeral and cremation service has a “lunch and learn” event on Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Waseca Area Senior Citizens. Meal and session are free. R.S.V.P. or request more information at 507-835-2190 or email at info@dsf-uneral.com.

CERT hosting breakfast 8 a.m. to noon at VFW Feb. 25

Waseca County CERT is hosting an “All you can Eat Breakfast” at the VFW on February 25 from 8 a.m. -noon. All proceeds go to aid in getting more equipment and training items for CERT Members. It also gives CERT Members the opportunity to explain to patrons what we do and recruit interested individuals to join in.

SWCD Tree Order open house 8:30 to 4:30 Feb. 23

An open house will provide the opportunity to learn more about the county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) “tree order” opportunities. Visitors will be able to acquire information and to place orders for trees to be delivered at a future date. More information is available from the SWCD office at (507) 835-0607.

Caucuses for local DFL or Republican parties February 27

Details regarding upcoming caucuses for local elections at the Minnesota State level are February 27 at various locations.

In New Richland the Republicans are meeting at 7 p.m. For the DFL, the meeting place for all local towns has been moved to Hartley Elementary in Waseca.

More information about the Waseca County Caucuses can be found on Page 3.

The Steele County DFL is meeting at 7 p.m., registration at 6 p.m., at the Owatonna Middle School. The Republican party is meeting at the Owatonna High School.

The Freeborn County DFL Precinct Caucus will be held on Feb 27 at the Eagles Club. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Freeborn County Republican Caucus will take place at Southwest Middle School in Albert Lea. Doors will open at 6 p.m., speakers will begin at 6:40 p.m., and the caucuses will begin at 7 p.m.

Blood Drive at Farmamerica 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 1

Visit Farmamerica.org to book an appointment to donate blood during the March 1 donation event at Farmamerica’s main building, 7367 360th Ave, rural Waseca. For more information, contact Farmamerica at (507) 835-2052.

Free Trees for Kids signup due March 15

The Waseca County 4-H Ambassadors are acquiring free trees for children to plant on Earth Day, April 22. Parents are encouraged to sign up for trees at neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration. Trees will be available for pickup on April 18.

A word from The Word

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9



NRHEG Competition Cheer members watch as their Nationals performance is shown on the big screen in the NRHEG Secondary Site Gym, in New Richland, Friday, February 9, 2024.
Star Eagle photos by Eli Lutgens

NRHEG Cheer welcomed home, Friday Eighth in the nation

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

The NRHEG Competition Cheer team took eighth place during the National High School Cheerleading Competition at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Florida earlier this month.

After missing the national finals by a mere fraction of a point a year ago, and falling short of a fourth straight championship at the state level, this group of girls was determined to make the most of their trip.

“These athletes could have gotten down on themselves and called it quits, but they didn’t,” coach Joni Churchill said during a Friday-afternoon welcome home celebration in front of hundreds of students, fans and NRHEG faculty at the secondary site. “These guys could have easily gone down to Florida, put out a mediocre performance the first day, and then spent the rest of the time at the beach and Disney, but they didn’t. They made a promise to themselves and to each other that they were going to reach their goals, and they did.”

This year’s event hosted 1,183 teams and 25,000 athletes from 34 states. In order to compete at the championship, the NRHEG cheer team had to qualify at a regional competition in the fall of 2023. After doing so, the group was credentialed in cheer safety and leadership training at a Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) camp, endorsed by the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS), as well as in the areas of crowd leading, spirit raising, ambassadorship, athleticism, and entertainment.

Cheerleading teams are judged on their stunting and tumbling skills, crowd-leading ability, and overall performance in a two-and-a-half minute routine.

“They went out there for their preliminary round and hit,” Churchill said. “They advanced to semifinals and went back out less than 12

“They made a promise to themselves and to each other that they were going to reach their goals, and they did..”

— Cheer Coach
Joni Churchill

hours later and hit again, putting out their best performance of the year and making it into finals for the first time ever.

“The next day, they went into finals - the last time ever performing this routine together as a team...” Churchill continued. “And they hit it one last time, earning themselves a jaw-dropping eighth place in the nation.”

The NRHEG competition cheer team consists of 13 girls from eighth through twelfth grades. After qualifying for national competition last fall, the group had been practicing and raising money for the five-day trip which began early this month. In addition to three days of competition, team members and many family members also enjoyed time at the Disney amusement parks in Orlando.

With their annual season, which began last July, now officially at an end, all participants have an exciting set of memories to share, including a third-place finish at the state competition and their nationals finish.

“In talking about this season, I’m not sure where to even begin,” Churchill said. “It feels like the way this season ended was nothing short of magical, but that takes all the credit away from the athletes on this team. Sometimes what seems like magic really isn’t magic after all.



Joni Churchill prepares to speak.

Sometimes magic is a disguise for a whole lot of hard work and determination.

“What makes these athletes successful, though, really isn’t the trophy they came home with, so big that we had to have a parent drive it home because we couldn’t bring it on the plane,” Churchill continued.

“What makes them successful is that they never, ever once counted themselves out and they never counted their team out. When you believe in yourselves and in each other, you can do anything: I think this team is proof of that.”

During the welcome home celebration Friday, three seniors reflected on their careers, trips and many, many memories.

Brenna Sommer has been in competition cheer for 11 years and a sideline cheerleader since she was a freshman. “If there is one thing that has motivated me to keep going and to keep working hard, it is this team,” Sommer said. “We are about as close as it gets, and that is what I love

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Overwhelming generosity

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

More than 250 people from Waseca County and beyond attended the Feb. 17 benefit for Mike Coy, 71, a lifelong county resident who has been diagnosed with cancer of the liver.

Mike’s wife Cindy says the couple is “overwhelmed” with the generosity of people in attendance who paid free-will donations for food being served at the event, with the liberal bids placed on about 100 different silent auction items, and the purchase of tickets for the 50/50 prize drawing.

When the winning ticket number

was drawn at the close of the day, the lucky individual continued the “half and half” theme by donating back about half of his winnings.

Waseca Music Store owner Jim Kozan provided music for the afternoon; the Coys’ son Clifford also performed a few live numbers, including the Chris Young song “Flashlight” and the Waylon Jennings song “Between Fathers and Sons.”

The overwhelming generosity continued on Sunday afternoon when an anonymous individual had a \$500 donation delivered to the Coys’ home.



Mike Coy said his favorite part of the benefit was visiting with the many friends, family members and former coworkers who were in attendance. Here, one-time Kenworth employees Doug Stein (left) and Jacob Velzke (right), along with Jacob’s father, Jeff, visit with Mike.
Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL

Primary election March 5

By JESSICA LUTGENS
Staff Writer

The Ellendale City Council approved a quote of \$169,410 for a new water tank and apparatus to refit the old fire department tanker truck during its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8. A \$7,550 quote for sandblasting and painting the truck cab was also approved. The council agreed to take out a loan from Keen Bank for the project for \$100,000 to be paid over ten years, with a \$70,000 down payment from the truck equipment fund.

In the maintenance report, revisions to the part-time maintenance job description were approved. The storm water pond, which has not been draining, was discussed, and the council approved cleaning of the pond and replacement of broken tiles in the base at a cost of \$10,000. Also approved were up to \$5,600 to backwash the tank at the treatment plant, up to \$600 for materials to build barricades for the maintenance department, and \$1,529.60 for a transducer and panel enclosure seal for the main lift station.

In the clerk’s report, it was noted that the Presidential Primary Election will take place on March 5. The city’s polling place is at the Community Center, and election hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The council approved a motion to pay head election judges \$18/hour for the 2024 elections while keeping other election judges at \$16/hour.

In unfinished business, the council approved the transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund to a 12-month Business CD at the rate of 4.75% as a Water Fund CD.

In new business, it was noted that the date for this year’s National Night Out is set for Aug. 6. Painting of the exterior of the community center was approved at a cost of \$4,450, and edits to 11.0 Holiday Pay Personnel Policy were also approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

NEW RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance violations plentiful

By JESSICA LUTGENS
Staff Writer

The New Richland City Council approved Resolution 24-03 in opposition to redesigning the state flag and seal during its first meeting of the month on Monday, Feb. 12. The resolution was drafted following a conversation at a January meeting regarding the newly designed state flag, when a council member requested the resolution be written.

Also approved was a banking resolution with Keen Bank before the council heard from a local resident regarding his living situation. The individual currently resides in a motor home on private property, which is against city ordinance. No fines or violations have been issued to the individual, and according to City Administrator Tony Martens, city staff has been working with the chief of police,

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Dear Abby and Ann

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
I wish I had enough money to buy an elephant.
What do you want with an elephant?
I don't want an elephant. I just want enough money to buy one.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The weather had been uncomfortably nice, and the road was long. I was on my way to a meeting. I'm not a member of Sam's Club, Costco or AAA. Why not? I don't have time for any more meetings. Plus, I saved \$569 today by not going to Costco to buy blueberries.

On the way to the meeting, a driver ran a stop sign in front of me. I can't blame texting because I don't know if that's what she was doing. I watched to make sure the driver wasn't the White Rabbit from "Alice in Wonderland" singing "I'm late! I'm late! For a very important date! No time to say 'hello,' 'goodbye!' I'm late! I'm late! I'm late!"

The driver wasn't a rabbit. I strive to see the good. It was a good thing we didn't collide. I was driving 1 mph over the speed limit. Shame on me. I'm thankful I hadn't been driving 2 mph over the speed limit. That might have been enough for her to sink my battleship.

Later, I drove past a burial at a rural cemetery. I doubt I knew the deceased, but I waved. My father waved at tractors and barns in both support and sympathy. I reckon it's a family tradition.

I had time to wave because I wasn't late.

The White Rabbit sang, "And, when I wave I lose the time I save."

SCENES FROM A BOYHOOD ON MULE LAKE FARM
We couldn't have anything nice. The goldfish had died. It'd been a prize at the county fair and was taken home in a plastic bag. It might have drowned. I'd named it Dear Abby.

My mother loved reading Dear Abby's column in the newspaper, and the column by Abby's sister, Ann Landers. People had a lot of troubles they took to Abby and Ann. The twin sisters had their own problems. They were estranged. They were born in Sioux City, Iowa, and their first names were Esther (Eppie) and Pauline. Eppie became Ann Landers and Pauline became Abigail Van Buren (Abby).

One of my favorite songwriters, John Prine, wrote a song titled "Dear Abby." A refrain in that tune is: "Unhappy, unhappy, you have no complaint. You are what you are and you ain't what you ain't. So listen up buster, and listen up good. Stop wishing for bad luck and knocking on wood."

I've never asked Ann, Abby, Esther, Pauline, Eppie, Abigail or John for advice. There's no need. The world is full of people willing to give advice without being asked.

I WONDER
When does a Christmas tree go from still up to already up?
Are day-old sundaes called mondaes?
If there are legal pads, are there illegal pads?
Are all pictures picturesque?
What do you send someone who has given you a box of "thank you" cards?

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
The world needs more humble geniuses. There are few of us left. I graduated from clown college. That was no small feat.

How do you keep Canadian bacon from curling? Take away its broom.

NATURE NOTES
It was gray anatomies as juncos covered the ground, feeding on the millet I'd put out for them. Dark-eyed juncos flash white outer tail feathers in flight. I saw blue snow not far from the juncos. It looked as if someone had stepped on a Smurf, spit out mouthwash or spilled antifreeze. Rabbit droppings came out of the blue. When rabbits feed on the invasive plant buckthorn, they excrete a chemical in their urine that turns blue when exposed to sunlight. Rabbits have round droppings, while deer pellets are oval-shaped with one pointed end. I've heard that deer produce blue urine, but I've noticed deer avoid eating invasive species like buckthorn, garlic mustard and Japanese barberry. I'd never say they never sample those plants. They likely try it to see if they like it. Every kid had to try things, so why wouldn't deer? I'm not sure if foraging is discouraged because deer find the plants unappetizing or because buckthorn has thorns. Overbrowsing of native plants by large deer populations in some areas has enabled invasive species to flourish and displace native species. Deer don't bother ferns much, but extreme hunger tosses out the diet rulebook.

MEETING ADJOURNED
Kindness is the rent we pay for living on the planet.

■ Cheer

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most about cheer.

"I could not be more proud of the performance we put out [at Nationals]," Sommer continued. "They were the best three routines we've had all season. This was such an incredible feeling, and we all worked so hard for this moment. After the competition was over, we got to spend a day at Disney, which was pretty cool too. However, Disney was not the best part of the trip. The best part for me was each moment spent with my teammates, and performing with them for the last time. This is an experience that I will never forget, and I will miss this very much next year. I would encourage anyone to join cheer, and I promise that this program becomes like a second family."

Isabel Stadheim has also been part of the competition program for 11 years. She said she's proud to represent NRHEG and highlighted some of the group's biggest achievements: three state championships, achieving the highest GPA in the state, and finally, the eighth-place finish at nationals.

"The first day we competed we put out one of our best performances; we were confident we would advance, and sure enough we did," Stadheim explained. "Then we went

back and did it again. As soon as the announcer said he had to spell out the name we all knew we were moving on to finals.

"When I started cheer I never would have thought I would be performing on a national stage," Stadheim continued. "It wasn't easy, and there were lots of morning practices, but we made it. I am beyond grateful for the time I've had with this team and all the memories we've shared."

Senior Payton Bunn was the final cheerleader to speak on Friday. She thanked the many who made her career and the cheer program possible.

"I can confidently say this has been one of the best things that I have ever done," Bunn said. "I



NRHEG Senior Competition cheerleaders, from left: Isabel Stadheim, Brenna Sommer, Malonna Wilson, Julia Churchill, and Payton Bunn.
Star Eagle photo by Eli Lutgens

"You cannot know how much blood, sweat, tears, and love have gone into this routine and every routine that we have ever competed. The love that I have for this sport and these girls cannot be condensed into just one speech."

— Sr. Payton Bunn

cheer program makes me proud to wear the word "Panthers" across my chest."

Bunn concluded saying it wouldn't be a speech if she didn't end it by saying, "Go Panthers."

The competition cheer program is coached by Churchill, Brooke Berg, Jennie Bunn, Angela Gehrke, and Linda Stadheim.

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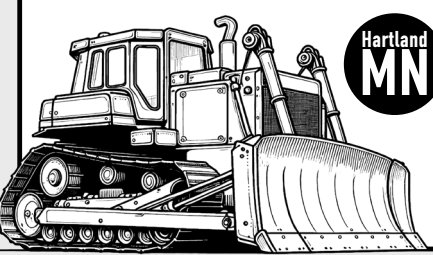
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2024 Waseca County Republican Caucus locations,
February 27, 2024

7:00PM start time, all locations, arrive early to register and get seated

Additional caucus documents online at: www.wasecarepublicans.com

Janesville High School, 110 East 3rd St., Janesville, MN 56048

Precincts: Alton Township; Elysian City; Janesville City; Janesville Township

New Richland High School, 306 Ash Ave. South, New Richland, MN 56072

Precincts: Byron Township; Otisco Township; New Richland City; New Richland Township; Wilton Township

Waldorf Community Center, 119 S. Main St., Waldorf, MN 56091

Precincts: Freedom Township; Vivian Township; Waldorf City

Waseca Jr. & Sr. High School, 1717 Second St. NW, Waseca, MN 56093

Precincts: all City of Waseca precincts, 1A,1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B

Waseca Intermediate School, 400 19th Ave. NW, Waseca, MN 56093

Precincts: Blooming Grove Township; Isoco Township; St Mary Township; Woodville 1 Township, Woodville 2 Township

Precinct	Location
Alton Township	Janesville High School
Blooming Grove Township	Waseca Intermediate School
Byron Township	New Richland High School
Elysian City	Janesville High School
Freedom Township	Waldorf Community Center
Janesville City	Janesville High School
Janesville Township	Janesville High School
Isoco Township	Waseca Intermediate School
New Richland City	New Richland High School
New Richland Township	New Richland High School
Otisco Township	New Richland High School
St. Mary Township	Waseca Intermediate School
Vivian Township	Waldorf Community Center
Waldorf City	Waldorf Community Center
Waseca 1 A	Waseca Jr. & Sr. High School
Waseca 1 B	Waseca Jr. & Sr. High School
Waseca 2 A	Waseca Jr. & Sr. High School
Waseca 2 B	Waseca Jr. & Sr. High School
Waseca 3 A	Waseca Jr. & Sr. High School
Waseca 3 B	Waseca Jr. & Sr. High School
Wilton Township	New Richland High School
Woodville 1 Township	Waseca Intermediate School
Woodville 2 Township	Waseca Intermediate School

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4-H pasta dinner and silent auction

The 19th Annual Steele County 4-H Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser will take place Sunday, February 25 from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Owatonna Middle School located at 500 15th St NE, Owatonna. Silent auction tables will close at 6 and 6:30 p.m.

This fundraiser benefits the entire Steele County 4-H program! That means every one of the 1000 (+) 4-H'ers in the program and the

150 adult volunteers will feel the impact of this event. Tickets are very reasonably priced at \$10.00 and are available from Steele County 4-H members or at the Extension Office, 635 Florence Ave., Owatonna or at the door. Lots of silent auction baskets to bid on. See you Sunday, February 25 from 4 – 7 p.m. at the 4-H Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction at the Owatonna Middle School!

EMS launches recruitment program

MANKATO, MN – The South Central Minnesota EMS has launched a volunteer recruitment campaign in hopes of filling a significant need for emergency medical providers. The South Central Minnesota EMS supports emergency responder agencies in a nine-county region of Southern Minnesota and is looking for individuals to fill a variety of emergency medical provider roles, including ambulance drivers, first responders, EMTs and more.

South Central Minnesota EMS Executive Director Mark Griffith said, "In addition to providing education and training to ambulance, fire, and law enforcement agencies in Southern Minnesota, we also help recruit new volunteers to serve those agencies. Right now, there is a need in our region for

more volunteers. Most of our medical providers volunteer in their spare time, apart from their full-time jobs. But there are paid, full-time positions available as well. It's a great opportunity to give back to the community in a very rewarding way. And the need is great."

Positions are available in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan counties. Emergency medical providers can be paid volunteers. And there are opportunities for full- and part-time employment. Training and education are required, however tuition reimbursement, up to 100 percent, is available. To find out more, interested individuals should visit the South Central Minnesota EMS website at sc-ems.org.

Smiles are good for your health

Sarah Berry
Public Health Director
Waseca County

I consider myself fortunate not to fear the dentist. I had more than 20 cavities filled and quite a variety of other dental work done as a child. It's a credit to my gentle dental team that I remain comfortable in a dental chair. Their kindness and caring sparked a real interest in the profession that has lasted decades. Here are some fun facts in honor of National Children's Dental Month.

Did you know that cavities are contagious according to the Health Resources and Services Administration? Bacteria in your saliva that cause cavities can be given to someone else. A great reason not to share your cup or silverware. Even more importantly, treat any cavities right away, so you have less chance of passing bacteria along to your children or loved ones.

The toothbrush traces its origins to the 1700s. That's a long line of parents urging their children to brush! Modern brushes are much gentler on your gums, compared to the original boar bristles. Cleaning your teeth twice a day with circular motions and some toothpaste can help those who don't enjoy the dentist office to spend less time in one.

Each day a person makes a quart of saliva, according to Healthline.com. 10,000 gallons in a lifetime! Saliva is our first line of defense, washing away food particles and neutralizing plaque acids. Give your spit some support by drinking water, not sugary beverages.

You feel better when you smile. Good oral health increases self-esteem and attendance at school and work. It also decreases painful oral diseases like gum disease and oral cancers. Seeing a dental professional regularly helps spot issues and treat them quickly. Currently, about 2 in 10 children in Waseca County did not see a dentist in the last year. Waseca County Public Health and our school districts have hygienists available regularly to do cleaning and fluoride treatments. Please inquire if your child hasn't been in recently.

Enamel doesn't grow, but it is harder than your bones. Even though enamel is a super substance, it's important to protect it, so it will last your whole life. Dental sealants help prevent cavities on our molars. Molars do a lot of work for us, grinding food to a size safe for swallowing and helping the stomach work more efficiently. Ask your provider if sealants are right for you and your children.

Have diabetes? Here's one more reason to work with your doctor to monitor your A1C levels. A high blood sugar level is linked to increased chance of gum disease according to the Centers for Disease Control. Whole body health is a real thing!

I hope you have enjoyed learning some fun new facts, and that you, too, have found a gentle dental team to help you take care of those pearly whites. In between visits, make sure to do your part. Brush, floss, eat healthy food. Then smile, smile, smile!

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The season of Lent has quickly arrived

By Pastor Kyle Smith
Ellendale

The time of the Lenten Season is quickly approaching! One funny thing about the Season of Lent is that some people see it as a sad, gloomy, season, while others see it as a happy, bright, season. Well, which is it? Is Lent gloomy or bright?



Before answering that question, we have to mention the purpose of the Lenten Season. Celebrating the Season of Lent is nothing new. Lent was first officially recognized way back at the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 - this means Christians around the world have been officially celebrating the Season of Lent for nearly 1,700 years. However, the Council of Nicaea didn't begin the observing of the Season of Lent, rather they officially recognized the observance of the season, which is believed to find its roots back in the apostolic age. In other words, celebrating the Season of Lent is about as "early church" as you can get!

In a way, the Season of Lent is much like the Season of Advent. In the Season of Advent, we take time to have a specific focus on preparing ourselves for the birth of Jesus, while when we observe the Season of Lent we are preparing ourselves and being prepared for the death and resurrection of Jesus on Good Friday/Easter Sunday. When we take the time during Lent to prepare for the resurrection of Jesus, our hearts begin to be excited, long for, and yearn for Easter morning.

Speaking from my own experience, once you observe Lent as it ought to be observed, you aren't going to want to miss it again! After our twin boys were born, my wife and I, after attending a couple of Lenten Services, decided it was best to take a one-year break from Lenten Services, not because we wanted to, but with a 20-minute drive to church, not getting home until after the twin's bedtime, and the overall stress of being new parents made us feel that was the best decision for our family. But after the Easter morning service, we both agreed that Easter morning just wasn't the same without having faithfully observed the Lenten Season. Our hearts weren't quite as ready for Easter as they had been in the past, we weren't as excited about Easter as we had been in the past, and we overall simply weren't prepared for Easter.

So how do we prepare for Easter? One way we can prepare is by giving something up for Lent, perhaps alcohol, social media, sweet foods, or even the occasional fasting altogether. The point of giving up something for Lent is not meant to be simply restrictive, but rather it is meant to be a restriction that points

us to and is a reminder of the sufferings and death of Jesus who paid for our sins - what a gift to have a special means in which to encourage a focus on this wonderful news!

Another way to prepare for Lent is to gather together for Lenten Services, beginning on Ash Wednesday through Good Friday. One thing that is different during our Lenten Services is that instead of a general Confession of Sin as we have on Sunday mornings, we examine ourselves as directed in the Small Catechism, by using the words of the 10 commandments. In the 10 commandments we are reminded of who God is, and, as His children, He expects us to be holy as He is Holy. But we aren't holy as He is holy, and we confess our sin and receive forgiveness.

So, is Lent gloomy or bright? It's both! But mostly bright. On the one hand, Lent is gloomy in that we take time to focus on the severity of our sin, which brings us down and discourages us. And yet, Lent is also bright because we also focus on what Jesus went through to save us from our sin. Praise God that He didn't leave us in our sin, but sent His Son to redeem us from sin and darkness and restore us unto Himself, even at the heavy cost of Jesus' life.

This reminds me of the fourth stanza of one of my favorite Lenten Hymns, What Wondrous Love is This, "And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on." This is just what Jesus does for us. He frees us from sin, death, and the devil, bringing us into eternal life that starts now and lasts forever. I hope to see you at our Lenten Services!



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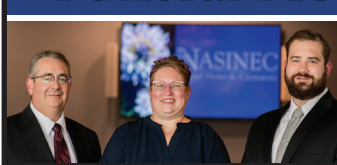
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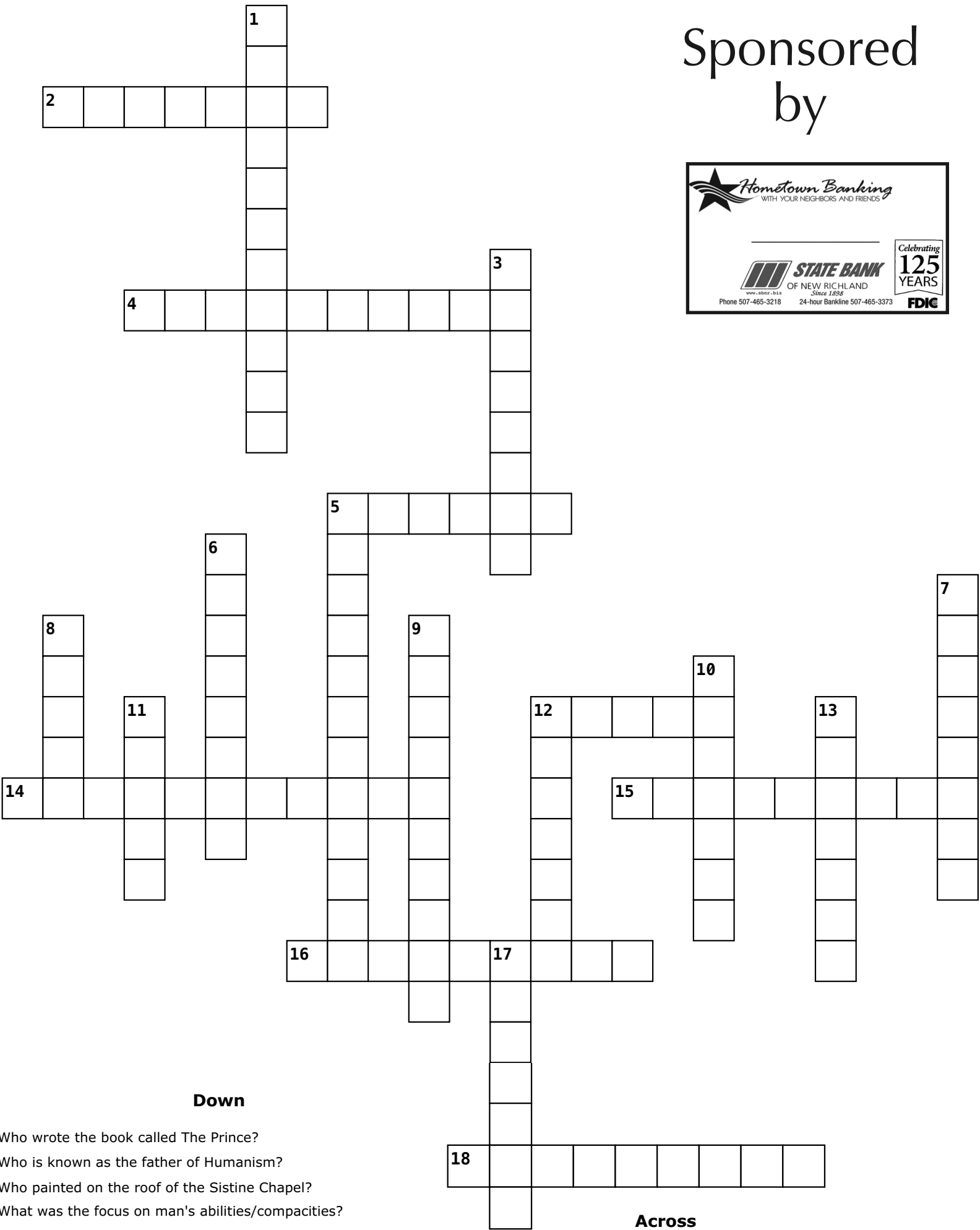
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- 1. Who wrote the book called The Prince?
- 3. Who is known as the father of Humanism?
- 5. Who painted on the roof of the Sistine Chapel?
- 6. What was the focus on man's abilities/compacities?
- 7. Where did most of the writers, painters, architects and sculptors live?
- 8. It renewed an interest in what?
- 9. Who was the greatest playwright of all time?
- 10. What did the renaissance provoke a spirit of?
- 11. Where did the Renaissance start?
- 12. Who painted "The School of Athens"
- 13. What were sponsors of artists called?
- 17. Who was the most influential scholar in the Renaissance?

Across

- 2. Who painted The Last Supper?
- 4. What was one of the things the renaissance revived?
- 5. What family was expelled from Florence?
- 12. What land was it in the middle of?
- 14. What started in Italy?
- 15. What was considered to be the answer to all of life's problems?
- 16. He was the leading sculptor of the early Renaissance?
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REGULAR-SEASON FINALE — The NRHEG girls' basketball team defeated visiting Maple River 69-62 in New Richland last Friday. Driving to the basket for the Panthers are, from left, Izley Boerner (5), Camryn VanMaldeghem, and Faith Nielsen.
Star Eagle photos by Jim Lutgens

NRHEG girls end regular season on a positive note

Section tournament starts Monday

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva girls' basketball team is entering postseason play on a positive note.

The Panthers prevailed 69-62 against a good Maple River squad in the final game of the regular season Friday, Feb. 16 in New Richland.

NRHEG finished 11-5 in the Gopher Conference West while improving their season record to 18-7.

"This was a huge team win for us," said Panthers coach Onika Peterson. "I'm extremely proud of this group. They continue to work and grind every day. We were able to take advantage of Thomas and McGregor being in foul trouble in

"Our defense really stepped up and met the challenge."
— NRHEG coach Onika Peterson



CONTACT — At left, NRHEG's Hallie Schultz (11) draws contact from Maple River's Alexis Thomas. At right, Schultz passes the ball facing tough defense, with the Panthers' Preslie Nielsen (21) in the background.

the first half."

And while the Panthers led by 13 at halftime, 35-22, Peterson warned her players that this isn't a huge margin for a team like Maple River that likes to shoot three-pointers.

"Our defense really stepped up in the second half and met the challenge," said Peterson. "It was a great

night."

Camryn VanMaldeghem, a sophomore, continued to put up great numbers, totaling 32 points, 12 rebounds, four assists, five steals and one blocked shot.

Others: Quinn VanMaldeghem 5P, 4R, 3A, 2S; Izley Boerner 2P, 4R, 2A; Hallie Schultz 3P, 6R, 4A, 1S; Addy Stadheim 1P, 1R; Presley Nielsen 4P, 1A, 1S.

Seeds are yet to be set for the Section 2AA tournament, which begins Monday, Feb. 26 at the higher seeded team, continues Feb. 29 and March 4 at Mankato East High

School. The section champion and state tournament berth will be decided March 8 at 7:45 p.m. at Minnesota State-Mankato.

Panther grapplers end team season

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Head coach Shawn Larson did not offer up any excuses why the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva wrestling team made a first-round exit from this year's Section 2A team tournament.

But he did make one observation.

Said Larson, "Medford had a better team than we did tonight."

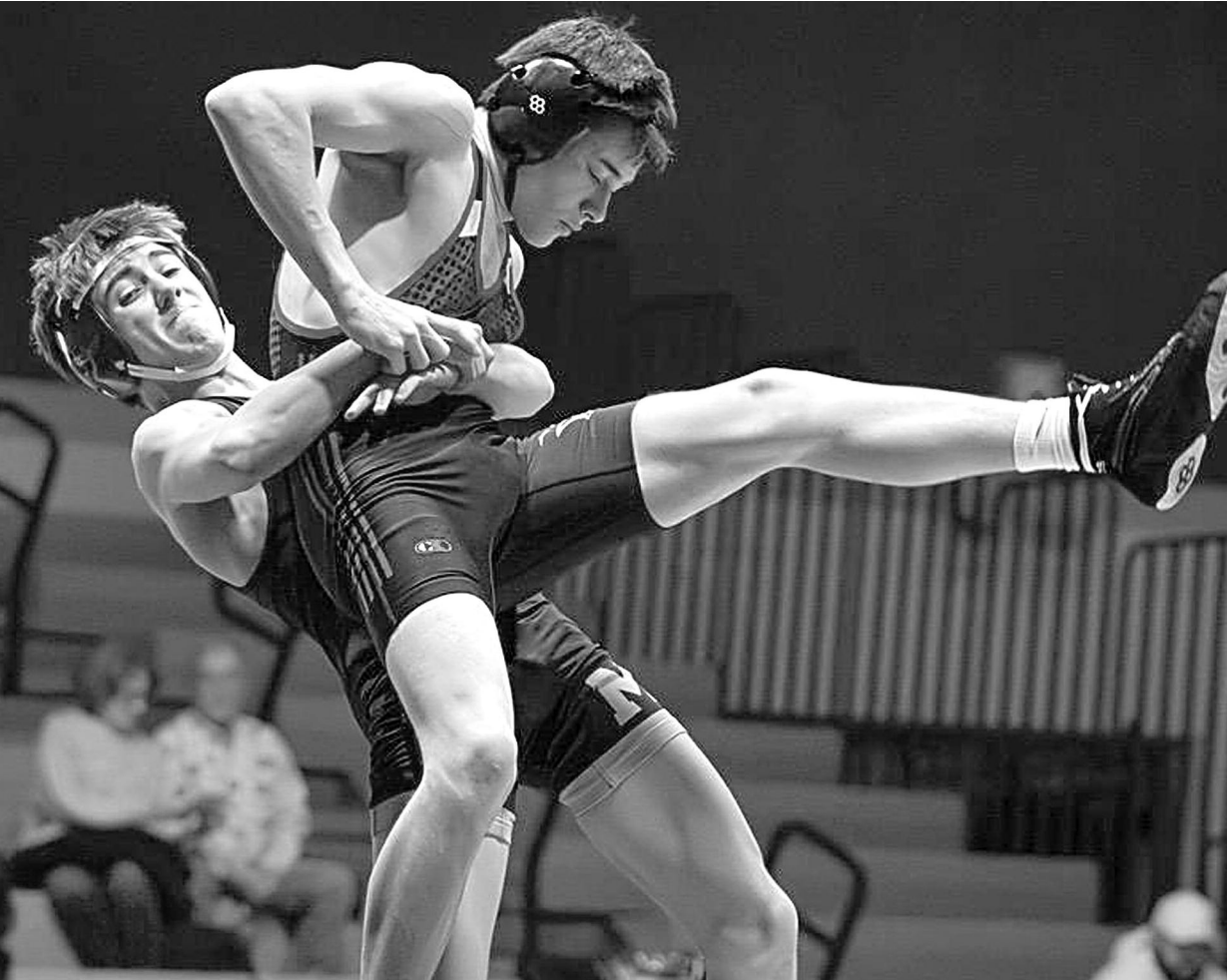
The result was a 43-28 setback at Medford last Thursday, but the Panthers did not fall for lack of effort.

"It was nice to see our seniors all finish their team careers with falls," said Larson. "Parker Bunn, Reese Routh, and George Roesler went all out for our team and did all they could do for us in their last dual as Panthers."

The Tigers pinned Charlie Tufte at 107 pounds and Dakota Schlaak at 114, won by forfeit at 121 and pinned Eli Hendrickson at 127.

Bunn finally put the Panthers on the scoreboard with a second-period fall at 133. Deven Parpart scored a third-period fall at 139, and Routh followed with a pin in 2:57 at 145.

Harbor Cromwell dropped a 9-1



TOUGH SPOT — NRHEG's Reese Routh is hoisted by his Medford opponent during the opening round of the Section 2A team wrestling tournament at Medford last Thursday.
Photo by Johnnie Phillips, Steele County Times

major decision at 152, and Devlin Hudson lost a first-period pin at 160.

Ryan Schlaak and Roesler kept the Panthers in it with wins by fall at 171 and 189, respectively, but Cole Hutchens was outpointed 5-1 at 215 and Jace Ihrke was pinned at 285.

"We will not be giving up on the

season just yet," said Coach Larson. "We will try our best to be ready for individual sections next week. In the offseason, our push has to be on getting stronger, and getting as many athletes as possible to join us."

The Panthers travel to Blue Earth for the Section 2A individual tour-

namment Saturday, Feb. 24.

NRHEG senior Annabelle Petsinger has already qualified for the girls' state tournament and is seeking her second straight state title.

Depleted NRHEG boys humbled by Maple River

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

All you have to do is read the names in the scorebook to determine what kind of season it has been for the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva boys' basketball team.

Almost every name is different from the start of the season as the Panthers have dealt with a seemingly neverending string of injuries and illness.

It was apparent last Friday at Mapleton, where the Panthers were humbled 70-16. That's not a misprint. The Panthers managed only 16 points against a good Maple River squad.

"Once again, turnovers and rebounding killed us, along with our inability to finish at the rim," said NRHEG coach Dan Schmidt. "We turned the ball over 28 times, to go along with shooting 25 percent from the field, and getting outrebounded 35-13."

Dom Olson topped the NRHEG scoring charts with three points. Will Tuttle, Hudson Chrz, Jared Lee, Brooks Gilliland, Jase Knutson and AJ

"We put ourselves in a hole with missed opportunities."
— NRHEG coach Dan Schmidt

Deen netted two each, Greyson Schaefer one.

Cole Davis of Maple River led all scorers with 24 points, on 8-for-15 from the three-point line. Wyatt Burr added 17 points and nine rebounds.

"It was pure dominance from Maple River from the opening tip," said Coach Schmidt. "You can always count on the Eagles playing tremendous defense, but we put ourselves in a hole with missed opportunities. We'll try to rebound against St Clair on Tuesday."

The Panthers, 1-8 in the Gopher Conference West and 3-21 overall, traveled to St. Clair Tuesday and end the regular season Thursday, Feb. 22 at LeSueur-Henderson.

NRHEG FACS claim many firsts

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

“We took first place in every category we entered,” observes NRHEG Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) teacher Kelly Delacruz. “Even one we didn’t know existed.”

Delacruz is describing a Feb. 15 culinary arts contest held at MNSU in Mankato. All South Central Service Cooperative schools were invited to compete; four took part: Mankato, St. Peter, Cleveland and NRHEG. Dubbed “Culinary Regional Arts Venue in Education,” (CRAVE), Delacruz saw it as an opportunity to prepare for state-level competition scheduled for March 14.

Two NRHEG teams entered in the “culinary” category, where they were expected to prepare an entree and either a dessert or an appetizer.

The trio of Jackson Chrz, Sam Olson and Jaylin Raab placed first among the seven teams entered. Their entree was glazed salmon with green beans. Their dessert was a lemon mousse with pistachios, white chocolate and blueberries.

Taking second place were Payton Curtis, Jayce Ihrke and Erik Nelson.

Their entree was tilapia and asparagus; their appetizer was a savory buckwheat crepe with tomatoes, mushrooms and spinach.

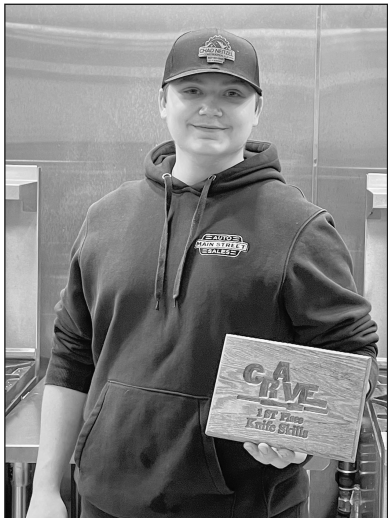
NRHEG swept the category of “tablescaping,” in which participants were expected to choose a theme, then decorate and set places at a table which represented the theme. One very specific requirement was to find or create a napkin fold which added to the chosen impression, then to be able to demonstrate the fold. Taking first in this category was the team of Zoe Wilson and Adrianna Gutierrez-Chesley with the theme of a “romantic dinner.”

In second place were Kyli Johnson and Malonna Wilson with their “elegant” table setting. Third place winner was Lukas Johnston who centered his decorations around “winter.” The napkin fold was a plate-sized, circular “snowflake.”

Delacruz mentions that she had told her tablescaping teams they had to create, design and display a menu describing the dishes that would be served at their respective meals. As a judge was circulating in the tablescaping space, she suggested that Wilson and Johnson should take their printed



Left: the first-place entree prepared by the Pro-Start team of Jackson Chrz, Sam Olson and Jaylin Raab. Right, Andrew Broitzman displays his first-place plaque for winning the "knife skills" category at a recent competition.



list to the “menu design” competition taking place across the hall.

Unbeknownst to any other NRHEG team member, they did so. “We were all very confused when it was announced NRHEG had won in a category we hadn’t prepared to enter,” remembers Delacruz.

In general, she summarizes, judges were impressed with the work ethic and level of detail included by NRHEG competitors, with the compliment of “sophisticated” included more than once among the comments.

Taking first in the “knife skills” category was Andrew Broitzmann. The judging criteria was to cut a potato to the shape and size specified by the judges while also working neatly and efficiently.

Delacruz says she is pleased and impressed with her teams’ performance, but goes on to comment that state competition will draw many more schools from a much wider area.

“We did well,” she says. “That’s very positive, of course. But we have a long way to go before we can count ourselves ready for state.”

When are you too old to buy fishing lures? Never!

In the spring or late winter, I feel that it is my duty to make at least one trip to Cabela’s and Fleet Farm in Owatonna. I have found that I have made it a tradition of sorts to make at least one trip there before the fishing opener. At my age, I don’t really feel that buying any new lures is feasible, but I am sure that I will still find myself immersed in the many aisles of fishing lures designed to catch more fishermen than fish.

Years ago, I would look to In-Fisherman magazine as the bible of fishing magazines and there were many tips that I took as gospel. Some were worthy of putting in my fishing bag of tricks, but others were not useful to the area of the U.S. that I fish. Although it would be a great experience, I will never be fishing for walleye in Lake Erie, tarpon in Florida or Peacock Bass in Mexico. When I was an aspiring young outdoorsman, I had all of these dreams, but sadly, today I have to get my thrills closer to home. There was a time when I read Field and Stream, Outdoor Life and Sports Afield magazine and would read about experiences that I could only dream about having. I remember as a teen reading in the Peach section of the Minneapolis Sun-



Woods and Water

by Dick Herfindahl
Outdoors Writer

day paper about a mysterious “Monster” fish swimming in the waters of Rainey Lake. It was reportedly spotted by numerous fishermen and canoeists. Maybe it was just a legend created to attract more folks to the area. It did pique my interest as a 15-year old youth who loved fishing and the outdoors.

After I returned from the service, married and had a family, we took a trip to the Black Hills one summer along with some friends and their two kids. We camped at Custer State Park, and it was a great vacation. I managed to bring enough fishing gear for everyone. I had never fished for trout before, but I was told that the trout fishing was good out there, so why not? We bought a day license and some night crawlers and off we went to Stockade Lake. I had never fished trout before, so I thought that they couldn’t be any dif-

ferent than fishing bullheads. I had a few Lindy Rigs in my tackle box, so we gave that a try. We fished offshore like we fished bullheads as kids. It wasn’t long before we were catching trout and largemouth bass. One of the boys had caught a fish and, as I was taking it off the hook for him, my fishing pole went flying across the grass, headed into the lake. I dove for it and caught it just as it was disappearing into the lake. Everyone had a good laugh about it, but at least I still had the fishing pole with a trout attached to the other end. My sons still bring that up from time-to-time and still say that they couldn’t believe that I could move that fast.

That evening after we had gotten back to camp, I cleaned the trout, wrapped them in tin foil with some lemon and onion and cooked them on the grill. It was pretty good, but I don’t

believe that I have ever eaten trout again, not for any particular reason, but I have just never fished for them again.

Whenever we went camping, I had at least one fishing pole and a small tackle box along, just in case there was water around. I’d guess that was the kid in me that has never seemed entirely to go away. As Toby Keith said in one of his last songs: Don’t Let the Old Man In. Sometimes that’s pretty hard not to do.

To this day I usually have a fishing pole and small tackle box in my truck, just in case I feel the urge to wet a line. Once the ice goes out, I spend a lot of time driving around the lake, pumping myself up for the fishing season.

Until next time: Check the tackle boxes to see if you have room for one more lure and check the fishing line on your reels. Some folks replace the line every year, but I’ve gotten a little lazy (or thrifty), so I just make sure it is not frayed or stiff, but that’s just me. If you can break it easily by hand, it’s time.

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VISTA EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH New Richland, Minnesota Brian Schani Pastor Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship; 9 a.m. Sunday School Tuesdays: The Shepherd’s Robe Ministry, 1-3 p.m. 6-8 p.m.; Bonfires and Yard Games, 6 p.m. until dark	SIMPLY CHURCH 105 Second Street North East Geneva, Minnesota Todd Lundgren, Pastor Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Worship	HOLLANDALE REFORMED Rev. Neal Ooms	HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LITOMYSL Father Peter Schuster Sunday—8 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation; 8:30 a.m. Mass with Children’s Church; Preschool Sunday School during Mass Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. - Faith Formation classes for grades K-Confirmation www.litomysl.webs.com www.stsidoreschool.webs.com	TRINITY LUTHERAN Wilton Township Rev. Larry Sipe, Pastor Sunday—10 a.m. Worship (summer) and 10:30 a.m. (winter)
			ST. JOHN LUTHERAN Minnesota Lake, Minnesota	THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS Brad Donner, Branch President Waseca, Minnesota www.ldso.org Sunday — 10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.; 11:20 a.m. Sunday School Wednesday — 7 p.m. Youth Activities, ages 12-18
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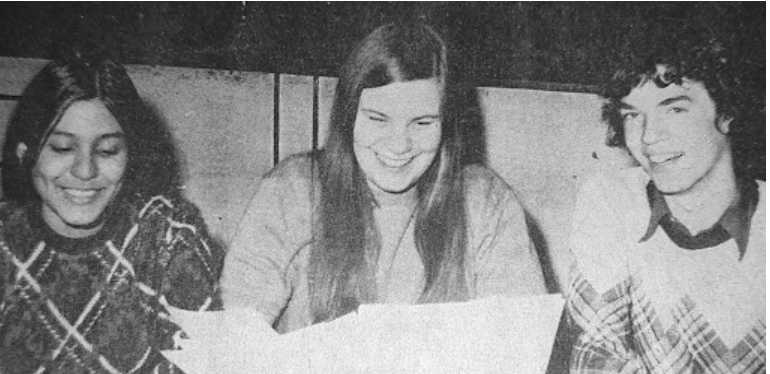
100 Years Back - 1924

- Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Sam Nassif general store at Matawan Monday evening with an estimated loss of \$9,000. The store was one of two general stores in Matawan handling groceries and staple merchandise.
- About 30 friends spent Sunday evening helping entertain Will O’Riley and John Eigenhier at the O’Riley home. The occasion being both their birthdays. Oysters were served. We all hope they will have another birthday very soon.
- Mrs. W.R. Johnston returned Monday noon after spending the week end with her mother, Mrs. R. McDougall, at the Gene Turnaclyff home in Wilton.
- Quite a number attended the dancing party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Campbell in honor of their daughter, Florence, last Friday evening.
- Messrs Andy and Chris Eustice drove to Mankato Friday. The Misses Agnes Eustice and Marguerite Hawkins returned with them to spend the week end at their respective homes.
- Frank Minges and Ben Bishman, who attended the auto show in Minneapolis last week, returned home Sunday night.

76 Years Back - 1948

- Raul Donoso, the welterweight champ of the Owatonna district and a New Richland boy, has slashed his way into the semi-finals of the Upper Midwest Golden Gloves. Raul has won five Glove bouts this season, four by knockouts and one by a decision.
- New Richland’s treasury has benefitted to the extent of \$1,389.43 from the office of State Auditor Stafford King for its share of the new cigarette and liquor gallonage taxes.
- Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Felber have taken over the Huxford cafe in Waldorf. Their many friends wish them good luck in their new venture.
- Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jacobson of Hartland were Tuesday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peterson, Jane, Robert and Mary. It was Stanley’s birthday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Merle Reese and daughter, Candace, were dinner and supper guests Sunday at the Eldred Wiley home at Sargent.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Klinger and family were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bahr Friday evening.
- Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wenzel and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson and Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wenzel were dinner guests at the Otto Jeddleloh home at Matawan. Francis Wenzel joined them in the afternoon.
- Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Don Zellweger and Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zellweger, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodhall and daughter of Waseca helped Walter Callahan celebrate his birthday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boettger, Mr. and Mrs. John Dusza and Lorraine, Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Hatle and son, and Johnny Boettger were guests at the Will Schue home.

50 Years Back - 1974



Gloria Quintano, New Richland-Hartland AFS student from Nicaragua, Connie Miller and Ray Byron, members of the AFS committee, are pictured as they complete plans for the AFS weekend to be held here.

- New Richland volunteer firemen were called to a fire on New Richland’s main street Saturday. Due to their prompt action, the fire, which was believed to have started by a heating stove in the upstairs apartment of the Hub building, was contained.
- David Deitz, 20, driver of a Hermel Candy and Tobacco delivery truck, from Mapleton was stopped by a masked man in snowmobile suit, ski mask, wielding a shotgun at the Matawan corner about 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon. The masked highwayman jumped into the Hermel truck after ordering the driver out and drove off north, abandoning the truck about two miles from the scene.
- Mrs. Walter Michaelis spent Friday night at the Gilbert Ziegler home in Waseca. Kris, Kordel and Kari Ziegler returned home with Mrs. Michaelis and spent the weekend with their grandparents while their parents were snowmobiling in Wisconsin.
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hendrickson, Lisa and Ricky of Rochester were weekend visitors at the Amos Hendrickson home.
- Monday evening, Mrs. Joe Fox, Mrs. Martin Roeker, Mrs. Rolland Berry, and Mrs. Larry Dumdei attended a party at the home of Mrs. Dough Southwick at Medford.
- Thursday afternoon, the birthday club honored Mrs. Sara Winegar and Mrs. Roy Skelton at a belated birthday party at Royal Villa. Guests were Mrs. Ella Ladlie, Mrs. Clara Schue, Mrs. Rose Fischer, Mrs. Rena Beneke and Misses Ruby and Hazel McColley.

25 Years Back - 1999



Valentine’s Day was an extra special day for Jason Robran of Hartland. He was the grand prize winner of \$500 cash at the New Richland Area Sportsmen’s Ice Fishing Contest at St. Olaf Lake. Jason (left) accepted the cash from Sportsmen’s President Leon Schoenrock.

- Lynette Petsinger has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve to the rank of technical sergeant. Petsinger is the daughter of Isabelle and Gerald Petsinger of rural Ellendale and a 1989 graduate of New Richland-Hartland high school.
- Anne Phillips, daughter of Dale and Valerie Phillips of Hartland, was named First Runner-Up at the 1999 Minnesota Junior Miss Program state finals.
- The local FFA Wildlife Judging Team will enter State Wildlife Judging in St. Paul in April for the 33rd consecutive year after placing first in Region VII competition recently. Members of the winning team are Curt Peterson, who placed second individually; Mike Misgen, who placed fourth individually; Nate Wayne, who placed fifth; and Corey Johnson, who placed seventh.

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LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04

Date: January 16, 2024

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

1. Date of Mortgage: April 26, 2002
2. Mortgages: Patricia Darcy
3. Mortgagee: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.
4. Recording Information: Recorded on 05/06/2002, as Document Number: A240646, in the Office of the County Recorder (or Registrar of Titles) of Waseca County, Minnesota.
5. Assignments of Mortgage: Assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by written assignment recorded on 05/08/2017, as Document Number 310862, in the recording office stated in paragraph 4. Further assigned to Greenwich Revolving Trust by written assignment recorded on 02/08/2023, as Document Number A332883, in the recording office stated in paragraph 4. Further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee if CIM Trust 2023-R3 by written assignment recorded on 10/11/2023, as Document Number A335000, in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.
6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 151001900
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lot Two (2) and the west half of Lot Three (3), Block Seventeen (17), in the village of New Richland, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the recorder in and for said county and state.
8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 216 3rd St NW, New Richland, MN 56072
9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 are: Fay Servicing, LLC and Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R3, respectively.
10. The name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 19 is: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.
11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$88,233.76
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the mortgage, is: \$65,068.57
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the

Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Waseca County, Minnesota, at public auction on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Sheriff's office, 122 3rd Avenue NW, Waseca, Minnesota.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagee or Mortgage's personal representative or assigns is 6 months after the date of the sale. 16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on September 14, 2024.

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.

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R3

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:

Daniel O. Barham, Barham & Mauere LLC,
7209 Haley Industrial Dr. Ste. 210,
Nolensville, TN 37135

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WASECA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 81-PR-23-878

Estate of
Teri J. Pearce,

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF
WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated July 11, 2013 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Gregory E. Pearce, whose address is 2058 Delrosa Drive, Los Angeles, California, 90041, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: February 5, 2024

/s/Darla J. Busian Feb 5 2024 2:00 PM

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Dated: February 5, 2024

Registrar - Darla J. Busian

Shannon M. Asselin

Court Administrator

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NOTE: If notice to creditors has been previously given, delete the notice to creditors paragraph.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WASECA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 81-PR-24-73

Susan Marie Meyman aka
Susan M. Meyman,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING
ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF
PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on March 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., by this Court at 307 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota 56093 by Zoom. There will be no in person appearances.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: January 31, 2024

BY THE COURT

01/31/2024 02:24:13 PM

/s/ Carol M. Hanks

Judge of District Court

/s/Shannon M. Asselin

Court Administrator

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The Annual Meeting will commence at 4 P.M. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. at which time the voters will elect:

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NRHEG Senior Competition cheerleaders, from left: Isabel Stadheim, Brenna Sommer, Malonna Wilson, Julia Churchill, and Payton Bunn. Star Eagle photo by Eli Lutgens



Above, NRHEG Cheer coaches Jennie Bunn, Joni Churchill and Angela Gehrke. Coaches not pictured: Brooke Berg and Linda Stadheim. Left, Autumn Baseman, Sierra Misgen. Right, Isabel Stadheim, Malonna Wilson. Star Eagle photos by Eli Lutgens



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