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4-H results



GREEN GARDEN - NRHEG students (from left) Anika Ladlie, Lexi McGanon and Camryn VanMaldeghem water recently-planted herbs in the NRHEG greenhouse. When they're mature enough, the rosemary, thyme, peppermint and other herbs will be used in cooking projects in Pro-Start classes at the school. Planned for the future are vegetables, including lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and others.

Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

Pro-Start classes begin "farm to table" project

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

At the start of the school year, NRHEG family and consumer sciences (FACS) teacher Calle Chartrand cautioned the 20-some students who signed up for the school Pro-Start program "this is a year-long commitment." She says she warned them they need to be serious about the rules and practices of preparing safe food using safe methods, and that they are part of a team with important goals to accomplish.

"They agreed they were 'all in,'" she concludes.

The Pro-Start program is part of NRHEG's career and technical education (CTE) program, as are courses in woodworking, welding, and machine maintenance taught in other parts of the build-

ing.

Students Camryn VanMaldeghem and Lexi McGanon are in their second year of Pro-Start; more than 20 others are in the first year. Camryn and Lexi explain the very first element of the course is to learn about the elements of safe food preparation, study, and then take the state certification test on the topic. The test is the same as the one required of specified workers in the food preparation industry.

"No one cooks until they've passed the test," comments Lexi.

Once the cooking and baking begin, participants learn by doing, and even sometimes by competing. Camryn and Lexi describe "wing wars" from last year, when

Farm continued on 7



CHEFS - Pro-Start "kitchens" prepared frosted pumpkin bread as a way to practice their skills. This kitchen includes (from left) Camryn VanMaldeghem, Charlie Fuller, Justin Beauvais, and Kaleb Hughes.

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Barnyard Treasures Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4

The Barnyard Treasures Fall Festival will take place starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. There will be numerous vendors present, including sourdough at 8623 SW 108th St. New Richland, MN.

Colorful Clothespin Magnets at New Richland on Wednesday, Oct. 8

Make the ordinary more extraordinary with this simple, useful craft that turns clothespins into floral magnets at New Richland Public Library at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, October 8. Free and geared for adults.

NRHEG one mile Color Run, Walk or Stroll in Ellendale on Saturday, Oct. 11

All interested are invited to join NRHEG for the one mile Color Run, Walk or Stroll event in Ellendale on Saturday, October 11 at 5 p.m. The fun, family-friendly event is a fundraiser for the community inclusive playground. Music, face painting and a food truck with donations accepted. Event check-in will start at 4 p.m. Registration is due by Sept. 26 online; cost is \$30. Includes a t-shirt. Age 4 and below, free.

8th Annual Diabetes Rally WOW! Zone in Mankato on Saturday, Oct. 11

The 8th Annual Diabetes Rally will take place at the WOW! Zone in Mankato from 8:45-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. This will honor BDG Steph Gurney.

A word from
The Word

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Homecoming Royalty



CROWNED - Congratulations to 2025 Homecoming Queen Chloe Riewer and Homecoming King Jordan Brouwers. Riewer is the daughter of Andrew Riewer and Jodi Riewer and Brouwers is the son of Jessica Brouwers.

Star Eagle photos by Deb Bently



Kate Pearl's Kitchen brings satisfaction

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

It was the lunch hour on a weekday, but customers who saw the "breakfast" banner next to Kate Pearl's Kitchen, a food trailer parked along Waseca's West Elm Avenue that day, were buying two and three sandwiches at a time. One customer mentioned it had been a surreal moment; she had only just uttered the words, "And now it's too late to get breakfast," when the banner came in sight.

Others said they had been unable to resist the aroma of the cooking sausage and eggs.

Inside the trailer, owner and operator Katelyn Klug, 32, circulated among the various stations as she prepared, served, and received payment for the sandwiches.

She has been operating her own enterprise since May, after starting out in food service about 10 years ago. She has worked at various venues



FOOD FUN - Katelyn Klug is the owner and operator of Kate Pearl's Kitchen, a food trailer which serves breakfast sandwiches at various sites in the area. Brad and Gratia Johnson placed orders with Katelyn Klug at her food trailer Kate Pearl's Kitchen, which was located along West Elm Avenue in Waseca last week. Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

in the field, most consistently as backup and heir apparent to her uncle Tom Klug of Otisco Valley Growers, who began selling breakfast sandwiches at the Mankato farmers' market about 25 years ago.

With Tom currently selling sandwiches and frozen forage-fed meats at the Waseca market,

Katelyn says the largest share of her business is filling the role he left open by moving. The Mankato market is a bustling place, she comments, with sandwich sales frequently reaching as many as 220 in a morning.

Kitchen continued on 2

Man dies following shooting

Sheriff reports incident occurred near Alden in Freeborn County

The Freeborn County Sheriff's Office said a man is dead following a shooting in rural Alden Wednesday evening. The sheriff's office said it responded to the shooting at 5:12 p.m., following a "disturbance."

Authorities say once they arrived, they found a 45-year-old man with two gunshot wounds to the chest. The man was subsequently transported to Alden where he was stabilized before being transported by Mayo Air to Rochester.

This man would die from his injuries a couple hours later, according to police.

Another man, as well as a woman, who both reportedly reside at the same residence, were transported by ground ambulance. However, authorities say their injuries are non-life-threatening.

The sheriff's office said a man was detained for questioning before being released. Authorities added the four adults involved in the incident are related, and there is no ongoing threat to the public.

The identities of those involved have not been released at this time.

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FenceLines

by Mark Bernard

Everybody needs a little time away

High and dry, the scurs and the Weather Eye were on target. Do we get another week, or do we get back to reality? Starting Thursday, sunny with highs in the mid-80's and lows in the low 60's. Sunny on Friday with a fair chance of rain. Highs in the mid-80's with lows in the mid-60's. Mostly sunny on Saturday with a modest chance of showers. Highs in the upper 70's with lows in the mid-50's. Sunday, cloudy with a modest chance of rain. Highs in the upper 70's with lows in the mid-50's. Mostly cloudy on Monday with highs in the upper 60's and lows in the upper 40's. Tuesday, partly sunny with highs in the low 60's and lows in the low 40's. Mostly cloudy on Wednesday with highs in the upper 60's and lows in the upper 40's. On the 6th we'll drop below 11 hours and 30 minutes of daylight. Coincidentally, it's also the date of the Full Moon. The normal high for October 6th is 64 and the normal low is 41. The scurs will be plugging in their electric blankets soon.

The Full Moon as mentioned occurs on October 6th. It is aptly called the Harvest Moon as it is the Full Moon closest to the autumnal equinox, this year anyway. The Harvest Moon allowed those settlers to work into the night without the assistance of artificial light, gathering the Harvest that would take them and their livestock through the long winter months ahead. It would also allow settlers and native Americans alike to stock their larders with staples from the livestock and wild game. The Ojibwe knew this as the Falling Leaves Moon and the Sioux called it The Moon when Leaves Fall. At the ranch we call it the Transition Moon as we move into the cooler temps of November. Best have the well pit covered and be ready to commence barn cleaning once the weather keeps us from doing anything more constructive.

Harvest thundered along with farmers able to harvest almost at will, once the dew came off that is. Soybean harvest has moved quickly with many being over half done combining, with some being done and going after the corn. The hail from a couple weeks ago was a kick in the pants no one needed. If one had the proper insurance coverage to soften the blow, it helped. It still isn't in most farmers' minds as good as having the crop that might've been as opposed to watching the volunteer soybeans germinate only to become an expensive cover crop. Where the hail didn't hit, reports are common of yields in the 60's. Some white mold appeared late, taking the top end out of the yields in fields where there had been a history of the disease. No huge surprise, and, as I've mentioned in earlier columns, it's somewhat surprising it wasn't worse given the heavy rainfall in July and Au-

gust.

The garden is winding down. The cucumbers have slowed down. That or we've just become tired of picking them. That's OK. The sheep can clean up the resulting monster cukes. Likewise for the monster zucchini, although some would argue that's where they belong in the first place. Now we'll focus our attention on the fall vegetable scene. Lots of Jack-Be-Little pumpkins, some regular pumpkins and gourds to be picked for decorating. Once the Indian corn is mature, it can be harvested to dry. The remaining carrots I'd planned to finish digging after all the rain are still there. The drier weather since that time should mean that the wait will make them that much sweeter. Alas, we weren't able to plant the winter radishes and greens as planned. I suspect we'll have plenty to do without that.

I somehow managed to escape to Canada from Sept. 25th - 30th. It was the only time schedules would allow before getting in the middle of all the Fall activities at the ranch. Time to get away and exhale for a few days, although there were a lot of projects needing completion at the camp. Observing the flora and fauna is a large part of the experience. Loons calling off the end of the dock, followed by the appearance of a Harris's sparrow as we relaxed one late sunny afternoon. We see Harris's sparrows pass through our yard every spring at the ranch, only to reputedly disappear to the boreal forests far to our north. I now can confirm that is indeed true.

Somewhat surprising, the fall colors weren't at their peak yet. What wasn't surprising was Canadian Hydro decided to shut the electricity off for maintenance, lasting over 12 hours. It's understandable to a point. Not much topsoil to secure electric poles or bury the lines. There are a lot of electrical lines through the forest where trees could fall on them. There are a lot more trees than people to be sure. Still, I have to wonder what would happen in our area of southern MN if all the sudden the REC decided to shut down power for over 12 hours in our neck of the woods, er, prairie. It would not be pretty, I assure you.

Have missed seeing Poppy's happy little face. The barking, not so much perhaps, but you have to take the good along with the not so good. Lots of red squirrels at the cabin that would've certainly kept her occupied if she were here. There's always the Corgi hair too, but judging by the looks of my computer case, it appears she sent some along with me. A reminder that, along with lots of attention, she'll need a good brushing upon my return.

See you next week...real good then.

IN BRIEF

Author Event: Kent Nerburn at New Richland Public Library Monday, Oct. 13

Award-winning author Kent Nerburn will speak at area libraries about his new novel Lone Dark Road and his books on spirituality, creativity, and Native American culture. Nerburn is the author of many books, including The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo, Neither Wolf nor Dog, and The Wolf at Twilight. New Richland Public Library at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

CredibleMind offers free mental health resources

All area residents are eligible to use free online access to mental health resources available at MNPrairie's "CredibleMind" website. The site offers interactive, evidence-based ways to explore local and national mental well-being resources. Free and anonymous at www.mnprairie.crediblemind.com

Shepherd's Robe Free store Tuesdays from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m.

The Shepherd's Robe free store offers clothing, supplies, and much more for free to all interested parties. The store is located at Vista Covenant Church, 14679 275th Avenue, New Richland.

Socially responsible thrift shopping

I've mentioned before that I like going to thrift stores. As far as I'm concerned, it's the socially responsible way to shop. Rather than contributing to the excessive trend of "out with the old, in with the new," it's a way to "reduce, re-use, recycle."

As I'm sure nearly everyone has, I have made some very satisfying purchases—not only saving money, but also finding items with character and style.

Apparently I came into the company of a truly like-minded individual last Saturday when I attended a "Hat Extravaganza" at Waseca's Faith United Methodist Church. There, church member and Ellendale area resident Roberta Walker was sharing information about her hat collection, which numbers 150 or more.

Roberta shared that nearly all of her hats—which not only range over every color in the spectrum, but also include neutrals and metallic colors—were purchased on the second-hand market. Very



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

important to mention is that none of them looked used; instead they seemed as fresh and crisp as if they had just come from the milliner.

By chance, also in attendance at the extravaganza was another person I think of when it comes to "reducing, re-using and recycling," a local woman I wrote about almost exactly one year ago, who spent seven years meticulously sorting through her parents' overwhelming collection of belongings and finding environmentally responsible places where the widely varied assemblage of household and vintage items could be sent.

As Roberta talked about acquiring her hats, she made the statement that, when she sees a sign for a sale, her car "almost turns itself" to follow it.

I couldn't help smiling at that. I have been stopping at fewer sales these days, to a large degree because I am frequently on my way somewhere and don't believe I have time. Still, I feel an internal tug. Who knows what I might be missing? What items offered at the sale could fill a gap faced by someone in my family or circle of friends?

The internal conflict continues for a block or more while I repress the urge to turn around. If I

Every week is the same but different

The last time former Star Eagle Publisher Lavonne Meyer and I visited, it started when she banged on my front door, waking me up from a peaceful sleep.

She was mad. After I relieved myself, got dressed, and hurriedly put on shoes (without socks), I opened my front door to see which building was burning down.

This was the only time I was ever yelled at by Lavonne so I knew she wasn't really mad about her subscription to the paper.

After a number of seconds I stopped her from speaking by telling her I would not come to her house and speak to her this way.

She calmed down right away and we went into my office to chat, rather than at my front door.

I asked her what was wrong. She told me about her subscription bill problem. I told her I had to create a new system for billing subscriptions and some mistakes were made that could not be corrected until information never previously communicated to me, was communicated.

She was understanding. She then told me about another problem, a lack of a receptionist.



Just a Thought...

by Eli Lutgens

This was shortly after Reed Waller, longtime production manager, retired. I said I would get on top of it and I did, hiring my young cousin, Payge Rosacker, a short time later. This is Payge's first job and she's in the middle of her second year now.

Before Lavonne left I asked her what was bothering her (because it couldn't be me who got her this worked up). She grew tearful and told me about a personal relationship that was hurting her emotionally. After hearing her out, I gave her a hug and walked her to her car.

It makes me want to cry thinking back to this moment because this was the last conversation the two of us ever had.

We can never know what someone else is going through or which moment together might be our final one.

My first memory of Lavonne, as an employee of the Star Eagle, came when I was a very green 19-year-old editor of the paper.

She walked in with a big smile like the sun beaming, and told me I made it. She was proud of me.

When I described the conversation to my mother, my mom's eyes grew wide and her voice took on a tone of surprise. The reaction was so unexpected, I remember it well to this day. Mom went on to tell me the compliment was a big deal. Lavonne doesn't just say things like that, Mom told me.

I'm grateful I/we/the paper received her blessing.

We sat down about three years ago to write her, Lavonne's story. I published it on the front page of the first ever edition of the Waseca County Pioneer. I waited to publish it in the Star Eagle until her death in March of this year, 2025.

I wanted to honor her and her memory as best I could.

What made me think about this, now?

Two things.

should pass a second sign pointing to the same sale, the admonitions start all over again.

A piece of good news for me is, if I don't get to any garage sales for a while, the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center stands ready to satisfy my craving for bargains, variety, and novelty. Whether at the Service Center or a sale, a significant part of the fun is seeing the interesting items people have chosen and made use of.

I toy with ideas about how I might use those items, or how they might benefit people near to me. If the benefit seems strong enough and the price is enough of a bargain, I am likely to make a purchase, always hoping my speculations are accurate.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy the piece about Roberta Walker and her hats. Perhaps you, too, will find yourself connected to her interesting experiences in some way.

I was driving to Albert Lea Sunday and saw smoke billowing out of Hartland. I almost didn't stop to investigate but Lavonne's voice, telling me the story of her first story, taking photos of a dead body involved in a car accident, rang through my mind.

Second. Last week I accidentally published a photo with an advertisement as a cutline by mistake. Payge had clipped the photo and ad together and I thought they went together. I'm very sorry for the mistake. It was my fault. I should have known better. But, the mistake got me thinking, all the way back to the reason I hired Payge. Because an upset reader banged on my door to tell me I did something wrong.

Thank you Lavonne for looking out for me and the paper.

And to the Stennes, I'm sorry. And thank you for reading the paper. I still think about the story I wrote about Pete. It was one of my favorites. Right there with Lavonne Meyer.

"Our memory is a more perfect world than the universe: it gives back life to those who no longer exist." - Guy de Maupassant

"Every week is the same but different." - Lavonne Meyer

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■ Kitchen

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"Something that really inflates my ego," she says lightheartedly, "is when people tell me my sandwiches are better than Tom's." Compliments of any sort, she adds, help her feel she's in the right place.

"The food service industry can be unpredictable," she comments. "But there's satisfaction in knowing you're giving people something they enjoy enough to come and buy again."

She credits the aroma and flavor of her food to using quality local ingredients, including meats from Geneva Meats, Bongard's cheese, farm-laid eggs, Hope butter, and specially-made Italian-seasoned focaccia bread from Nancy Jane's Bakery in New Richland.

Katelyn observes her work in food service has taught her more than how to prepare good food.

"You need good communication skills," she comments. "You have to take the time to listen, so you hear people's orders correctly. You have to speak clearly, so people understand you, even when there's a crowd or there's background noise."

Another important form of communication is maintaining her Face-

book page, which lets loyal customers know where to look for her.

When it comes to preparing and serving food, she acknowledges that it may seem as if her work is very straightforward, but points out many details must be planned for.

"The day before, I spend three to four hours making sure I have all my supplies," she begins, noting that includes the various fuels for the grill, the generator, and the pickup which pulls the trailer. "Then I make sure to get a good night's sleep."

The next morning she's up at 5 a.m. or so, depending on how far she has to drive to the venue. When a large crowd is likely, she brings in an assistant. For smaller "gigs," she can run the operation by herself.

There are many elements of the work which bring her pleasure, she says. The satisfaction of providing good food, the "internal flow" of a system that functions smoothly, the confidence of knowing she's good at what she does.

"The best part is being in business for myself," she finishes. "It feels good knowing my hard work is helping build my own business base and my own reputation. I like working for myself and I like making my own schedule."

"It feels really good to captain my own ship."

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Great-tailed grackle

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS’ CLUB MEETING
Do you ever talk to yourself?
I think everybody talks to themselves.
I wasn’t talking to you.
DRIVING BY BRUCE’S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I recently watched an old movie, “The Treasure of the Sierra Madre,” from 1948, starring Humphrey Bogart, where I heard a kookaburra calling in Mexico. Filmmakers often used that Australian bird as a stock background noise for jungle scenes. I’ve heard it in Tarzan movies. Tarzan (John Clayton II, Viscount Greystoke) is a fictional character, a feral child raised in the African jungle by great apes; created by Edgar Rice Burroughs in the novel “Tarzan of the Apes” published in a magazine in 1912 and in a book in 1914. Tarzan was the son of a British lord and lady marooned on the coast of Africa by mutineers. When Tarzan was an infant, his mother died, and his father was killed by Kerchak, the leader of the ape tribe that adopted Tarzan. Tarzan lived in Africa, but those who watched his movies heard a kookaburra from Australia.

I’VE LEARNED
I love skipping stones on the water. There is something about the sound of a bouncing rock that brings pleasant thoughts. A friend, after several shoulder operations, is concentrating his stone skipping on iced-over lakes.

The trifecta bit me: mosquito, multi-colored Asian lady beetle and a no-see-um. If something bites you and there is nothing there, it’s a no-see-um (minute pirate bug, a tiny insect with a big bite).

A survey by MarketBeat.com reveals each state’s most beloved local brands. Here are the Minnesota-made goods that inspire the most pride: #1 General Mills (Golden Valley), which produces Cheerios, Betty Crocker and Pillsbury. #2 Red Wing Shoes (Red Wing). #3 Hormel Foods (Austin). #4 3M (Maplewood), innovators of Scotch Tape and Post-it Notes. #5 Pearson’s Candy Company (St. Paul), makers of Nut Goodie and Salted Nut Roll.

In Iowa, it’s Blue Bunny Ice Cream in Le Mars. Other state favorites are Dot’s Homestyle Pretzels in Velva, North Dakota, Wall Drug Store in Wall, South Dakota, and Wisconsin’s is Harley-Davidson in Milwaukee. Ice cream was a common favorite: Blue Bunny in Iowa, Blue Bell in Texas, Ben & Jerry’s in Vermont, and Yarnell’s in Arkansas.

If you have trouble finding your car in a parking lot, trade it in

for a yellow vehicle.
BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
I got an electric shock the other day. But instead of making a “zap” sound, it went “Hooray!” It was ecstatic electricity.
I’m not using Amazon again. I ordered grain for my chickens. But after I got it, they asked for my feedback.
What do you call bears with no ears? B.
My uncle was a successful farmer. He said he began flourishing once he started keeping records of each cow’s name. That was the cattle-list.

A man goes into a drugstore and asks the pharmacist if he could give him something for the hiccups. The pharmacist reaches out and slaps the man’s face.
“What did you do that for?” the man asked, rubbing his smarting cheek.
“Well, you don’t have the hiccups anymore, do you?” said the pharmacist with a smug smile.

“No, but my wife, who is sitting outside in the car, still does!”
NATURE NOTES

They were my constant companions in Texas. A Mexican legend says the great-tailed grackle had no voice, so he stole songs from the sea turtle, leaving the turtle silent and himself bursting with chatter. This grackle has a unique ability—each eye can independently view its surroundings for food and predators, seeing two different images simultaneously—a talent thought to be the chameleon’s alone.

“Why do the leaves of trees show their undersides?” I see oaks, maples and poplars flipping their leaves when there is a change in the prevailing wind, an increase in humidity levels or low moisture. Leaf flipping is usually a sign that rain is imminent, when the leaves change position because of weather conditions that typically develop before rain moves in. Gusty winds often precede summer rains, causing leaves to flip over and show their silvery sides. Tree leaves generally grow in accordance with the prevailing wind in an area. Winds from incoming storms frequently go against the prevailing wind, and the force of the wind causes the leaves to flip.

“Are there any birds named after women?” Yes. Lucy’s warbler, Grace’s warbler, Blackburnian warbler (named after Anna Blackburn or her brother Ashton), Anna’s hummingbird, Virginia’s warbler and Zenaida dove.

MEETING ADJOURNED
“A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.”—Amelia Earhart.



WAFFLE UP - John Morgan, owner of Dad's Belgian Waffles catering, armed with 12 waffle irons, was busy serving Alex and Monty at the New Richland All Saints Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025.
Star Eagle photos by Ben Revermann



New Richland Fall Festival

Festival featured waffles, whipped cream and volunteers at All Saints Catholic Church in New Richland Sept. 28

By **BEN REVERMANN**
Staff writer

All Saints Catholic Church in New Richland held its annual all-you-can-eat Dad’s Belgian Waffles breakfast during its 2025 Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 28. God made sure to send them a light wind and plenty of sunshine for their celebration. Nancy Rudau, volunteer for the day, observed attendance seemed higher than last year. “With the beautiful weather, it helps that almost every church member is here volunteering.”

With 12 waffle irons in front of him and a wall of syrup to his left, John Morgan, owner of Dad’s Belgian Waffles out of Algona, Iowa for the past 28 years, kept

the line moving and the waffles flowing. In between the waffles and syrup stood volunteer and All Saints church member Steve Wigham passing out sausage links.

Once diners received their waffles, it became decision time—homemade whipped cream, maple syrup, strawberry syrup, blueberry, boysenberry or sugar-free maple? Along with in-house dining in the church basement, there was also a to-go option which volunteers were putting together for those guests who wanted waffles, but were unable to attend. Morgan was asked what his record for total waffles in a day is. After a long pause for thought, he replied, “There was that one day a few years back, I served a little over

3,000 waffles in a single day. That was the most for me.” He added, “About four months ago I served my one-millionth plate.”

Finishing up their breakfasts were Fall Festival committee members Pam Shurson and Lori Anderson. They gave a quick recap about the evolution of the festival. Said Anderson, “This started as a turkey dinner around 1985, then it turned into a pulled pork dinner, which eventually changed into the Dad’s Belgian Waffle breakfast.” Shurson revealed that, “Mr. Morgan, the waffle caterer, brought everything with him except for the juice, milk and coffee; the fall festival committee brought that.

“With all the people helping

outside and the people down in the church basement, I’d say we have at least 50 people volunteering today.” Anderson nodded her agreement.

Outside was a children’s activity area offering gourd and pumpkin painting, corn hole games and soccer. In a grassy open area was the silent auction. On the auction block for the day was a wide variety of items including plate sets, homemade quilts, a soup kettle with various soups inside, Casey’s Pizza certificates, a mini fridge with accompanying beer, gift certificates from Neighbor’s Meats, and more. Next to that was the Country Store, selling produce, baked goods, candy and some thrift items.

“Hat Extravaganza” features Roberta Walker’s collection

By **DEB BENTLY**
News Editor

Until this past Saturday, Roberta Walker had shared her collection of more than 150 hats mostly only one at a time.

“I wear them to church on Sundays,” she explains.

Not that no one ever sees her collection. She describes display cases in the Ellendale area home where she and her husband Roger live. There she enjoys setting out various hats along with matching accessories like gloves or jewelry. “I like to mix and match them,” she says of the displays, mentioning that she changes them out every now and then just for the simple pleasure of doing so.

“There’s something about them that I find very special,” she says. “They’re not only fun to wear,

they’re fun to look at.”

Walker, 80, shared her collection with more than 40 people who attended a women’s fellowship gathering the morning of Saturday, Sept. 27 at Waseca’s Faith United Methodist Church, located along the west shore of Clear Lake.

To prepare for her talk, she spent many hours selecting the hats she would like to place on display, delivering them to town in numerous trips with a car stacked full of hat boxes, then arranging them appealingly on about 10 display tables in the church basement. Along with that, she placed a hat and some accessories on each of the tables occupied by guests. Other members of her “women’s circle” prepared cake and coffee for the event, and even made small table favors shaped like elegant hats.

“The women’s fellowship meetings are something we’ve really



COLLECTION - A few of the 40-some people who attended Roberta Walker's presentation this past week chose to wear their own hats. Pictured here are (seated, from left) Wilda Smith, Roberta Walker, Jean Slattery (back row, from left) Linda Griffin, Sheila Morris, Jan Ross and Merrily Wagar.
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OBITUARIES



Patricia and Peter Olson

Patricia “Trysh” Olson and Peter Olson

Trysh (49) and Peter (68) Olson died unexpectedly on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Trysh was born on December 7, 2025, to Diane and Pat Cournoyer in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Peter was born on September 22, 1956, to Jean and Sivert “Steve” Olson in New Richland, Minnesota. Trysh graduated from Rosemount High School in 1994 and Inver Hills Community College in 2022. Peter graduated from New Richland High School in 1975 and from Mankato State University in 1979, where he was also a proud member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Trysh is preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Ron Beiswenger, aunt Cathy Adams, uncle Kevin Krueger, and cousin Michelle

Becker. Peter is preceded in death by his parents. They leave behind their cherished children, Taylor Olson and Lexi Olson; stepsister Aimee Beiswenger; stepbrother Chet Beiswenger; and nephew Mason Beiswenger, as well as other treasured family and friends.

Trysh and Peter both worked in the financial sector for over 50 years combined. They enjoyed karaoke, boating, spending time at Leech Lake, and having a great time together wherever they went. They share a decades-long love story and were busily planning their future together in the days and months leading up to their passing.

A funeral will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 11 a.m. with visitation from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Apple Valley, Minnesota.

Mary Ebnet

Mary Alice Ebnet passed away surrounded by family after a short, but courageous, battle with pancreatic cancer in New Richland, MN on September 29, 2025 at the age of 82.

Mary was born October 26, 1942 to Eugene and Victoria (Dulas) Wilder near Wells, MN. She attended school in Wells and went on to beauty school to become a hairdresser.

At a dance in Mankato, she met the man she would eventually marry and raise a family with. Mary married LaVoy Ebnet on February 7, 1961 and moved to a farm near New Richland, MN. Here is where they raised their 4 children, farmed the land, raised sheep, and milked dairy cows. Going to the National Sheep Show and Sales turned into annual family vacations.

After Mary and LaVoy sold the farm, Mary worked at Viking Woodcraft and Austin Mutual Insurance in Waseca, MN and then at One Stop in New Richland. Mary was a caregiver, through and through. She coordinated the Red Cross blood drives in town, was famous for her pies, pumpkin shaped sugar cookies with orange Kool Aid frosting, chicken noodle soup, and caramels, helped with flowers at the Garden Club, quilted with the ladies at church, and was honored in 2017 as co-Grand Marshal & City Days with her good friend, Rick Schultz.

Mary is survived by her husband, LaVoy Ebnet, their four children: Carmen (Kevin) O’Regan of Shakopee, MN, their children; Christopher O’Regan, Ryan O’Regan; Vianna (James) Bohlen of Owatonna, MN, their children and grandchildren; Anthony (Tiffany) Bohlen, Lukas & Tate, Afton Breezer, Quinn, and foreign exchange granddaughter Annika (Marcel) Staats, Janis; Rob (Linda) Ebnet of Waseca, MN, their children; Chris Steck (Miranda Kimbro), Michael



Mary Ebnet

Steck, Morgan Ebnet; Michael Ebnet, his children; Brady Ebnet, Anna (Declan) Thompson, Colby Ebnet; and foreign exchange daughter Susi Rothe (Gerwin) of Germany/Austria. Mary is also survived by her brother Jeff Wilder of Chester, MN, sister Julie (Dan) Sonnek of Mankato, MN, and in-laws Carol Wilder, Bethel Bentley, Doris (John) Krause, Genelle (Bill) Hinchley, Bruce (Kaye) Ebnet, Gordon (Brenda) Ebnet, Gary (Jana) Ebnet, and many neices, nephews, cousins and good friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister and brother Marlene and Donald Wilder, and in-laws Victor & Edna Ebnet, Beverly (Ebnet) Hinchley, Bob Bentley.

Memorials will be donated to the Geneva Cancer Auction Inc, American Red Cross, and the Meals on Wheels program through the New Richland Care Center.

A funeral service will take place at St. Peter Lutheran Church in New Richland, MN on Saturday, October 4th, 2025 at 12:00 pm with a visitation prior beginning at 9:00 am. Pastor Scott Williams will be the officiant. Interment will be at St. Peter Cemetery in New Richland, MN, following the service. A light lunch will follow.

Jeanne Lageson

Jeanne M. Lageson, 97, died peacefully on July 17, 2025, in Apple Valley, MN. Jeanne was born on November 30, 1927, in Minneapolis, MN, to Thorwald Amanderkrog Foxvog and Myrtle Esther Jacobsen. Her family later moved to Chicago, where Jeanne attended Taft High School and North Park College. She would later return to MN and transfer to St. Olaf College, where she majored in English and History, with teaching as her goal.

Jeanne met her husband, Sivert “Steve” Olson while on a blind date in her junior year at St. Olaf, and they married on June 11, 1950. Son, Peter, then came along ... and a couple years later, daughter Martha followed. Jeanne followed her de-

sire to teach ... starting in Alden, then Mankato, and finally New Richland, where Peter & Martha graduated from HS and Jeanne retired.

Steve passed in August of 1982 ... and a couple years later, Jeanne married an old friend, Carlyle “Col- lie” Lageson. Jeanne was very blessed to have had two wonderful husbands.

Jeanne and Collie enjoyed travel- ing ... from RV trips and Elderhos- tels to overseas adventures. They also loved their many years winter- ing in Arizona with family and friends, as cold Minnesota winters were no longer their style.

Jeanne is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Joyce (Foxvog) Helland; brother, Dan Foxvog; niece, Carol (Helland) Williams;

husband, Steve Olson; and husband, Collie Lageson.

Jeanne leaves behind son, Peter (Trysh) Olson; grandson, Taylor Olson; granddaughter, Lexi Olson; daughter, Martha (Courtney) Brown; grandson, Casey Brown; great-granddaughter, Phoebe Brown; grandson, Isaac Brown; granddaughter, Mariah Brown.

Many of you know that Jeanne loved the color blue ... from coffee cups to clothes to her Norwegian figurines. We as family, will be wearing blue on her celebration day; we encourage you to do the same!

Services were held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at First Lutheran Church of Albert Lea, 301 W. Clark Street. Visitation at 10 am; service at 11 a.m.



Jeanne Lageson

Donations given in Jeanne’s memory will go to Youth for Christ of Albert Lea.



HOUSE FIRE - A house fire occurred at 506 Main St. E in Hartland on Sunday afternoon around noon. The cause of the fire and damage is unknown at this point. More information to follow.

Star Eagle photo by Eli Lutgens

Authorities conduct search warrant at home of juvenile arrested after reported threat

By ALBERT LEA TRIBUNE

Law enforcement will have an increased presence at Albert Lea High School on Tuesday to provide additional security and re-assurance for staff, students and families after police arrested a juvenile female on Monday for an alleged threat made on social media.

Authorities continued to investigate additional social media posts circulating Monday evening regarding relatives of the girl, which Freeborn County Sheriff Ryan Shea said law enforcement did not believe were a credible threat. He said law enforcement had spoken with family of the girl and the school district about the posts.

“At this time, they have advised that school should proceed as normal tomorrow,” a post on the Albert Lea school district Facebook page stated Monday evening.

Albert Lea Area Schools Superintendent Steven Heil, Albert Lea High School Principal Sean Gaston and Albert Lea High School Assistance Principal Amy Stiehl said they were grateful to the many students, families and community members who brought the posts to their atten-

tion.

“Your awareness and partner- ship are essential in helping us maintain a safe school and com- munity,” the post stated.

The initial threat was inter- cepted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through social media monitoring, and the agency notified local law enforcement.

According to a press release from Albert Lea Area Schools, the Albert Lea Police Department and Freeborn County Sheriff’s Office received the information at about 7:30 a.m., and upon receiv- ing the information, school re- source officers immediately notified school district officials at about 7:45 a.m.

Due to the timeframe of many students already at school, Albert Lea Area Schools had all students move into their buildings and some went into secure mode due to the nature of the threat. Law enforcement from both agencies responded to the schools to ensure safety.

Heil said the schools placed under a secure hold were Brook- side Education Center, Sibley Elementary School, Southwest Middle School and Albert Lea High School. Under this type of hold, the doors are locked and no

one is allowed in or out of the building.

Heil said the FBI knew an ad- dress from where the threat orig- inated, and law enforcement tracked the buses of the students from that address. Law enforce- ment went to the schools where the buses were dropping off the students from that address, and police were able to narrow the focus to one student and ulti- mately arrested one juvenile fe- male.

He said he could not elaborate on the nature of the alleged threat or about the individual taken into custody.

“We’re just really grateful for the FBI monitoring and law en- forcement getting ahold of us as quickly as possible, so we could have a plan to act as soon as we could,” Heil said.

He said with the time of day the call came in, a majority of stu- dents were already on campus, and the safest course of action was to get the students into the school.

Heil said the district is continu- ing to work with law enforce- ment.

“Student safety, health and wel- fare is our utmost goal,” he said. “We care about each one of our

students. Student and staff safety is of vital importance to us.”

Shea said he hoped to be able to release more information by Tuesday afternoon.

Many parents indicated on so- cial media they planned to keep their students home from school on Tuesday, and some pulled their children from their schools after the incident occurred on Monday.

Albert Lea City Manager Ian Rigg at the close of the Albert Lea City Council meeting Mon- day thanked local law enforce- ment and the school district for their response earlier in the day. “It was a very rapid response, a lot of information,” Rigg said. “I know that their first concern was to make sure that the potential threat was first identified and iso- lated from the rest of the students, and then making sure that they quickly notified the parents — myself included — who were very concerned about the situ- ation, as well as many of us have families here who have students who attend. I really want to thank them for their hard work and their dedication.”

He particularly pointed out the school resource officers and said he thinks they are a vital resource to the community.

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New Culvert



NEW CULVERT - Almost 170 feet of culvert with an interior diameter of six feet were laid at the south end of Waseca County 23 in Wilton township to replace an aging culvert installed in the 1940s. More than 20 pre-cast concrete pieces form the waterway were set 17 feet below the level of the roadbed using a crane capable of extending more than 200 feet.

Star Eagle photos by Deb Bently

Land to Lake lecture series about restoring habitat for the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee

Join the Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Organization as they host the first session of the 2025-2026 virtual learning series “Land to Lake Lectures.” Once common across the Upper Midwest, the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee has declined by nearly 90% in the past 20 years. Sami Dolan from the University of Minnesota will share why the Rusty Patch has declined, what makes it unique, and the habitat needs critical for its recovery. Funding opportunities available for planting native will also be discussed. The free webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 12 p.m. over the lunch hour. Register for the we-

binar at <https://z.umn.edu/BuzzingBack>. The webinar will be video recorded and posted on the CRWJPO’s website at <https://www.cannonriverwatershedmn.gov> afterward for those who cannot attend.

The virtual learning sessions “Land to Lake Lectures” will continue throughout the fall and into the spring with a different topic each month over the lunch hour. Learn more about the different topics for each session at <https://www.cannonriverwatershedmn.gov/events-1>. For more information contact Emmie Scheffler at (507) 332-5408 or Emmie.scheffler@riceswcd.org.

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Experiencing things on the walk of life

As one grows older on this great planet Earth, you experience many things in your walk of life. Some things are a very pleasant experience and some not so pleasant. Such has been the experience of Genie and mine this past week.

On the pleasant side, the heading, “These kids are getting married” on the invitation to the wedding of “Brooke and Beau” to be held at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea on Saturday the 20th of September, two thousand and twenty-five at three o’clock in the afternoon.

Brooke and Beau are a bit older than the 20 year olds first marriage nowadays, (They are in their 30’s.) In attending the wedding ceremony, Genie and I were both convinced this was a marriage that was meant to be the beginning of a lasting, long-term marriage.

Another pleasant experience this past week was the breakfast at the community center in Geneva as put on by the fire de-



FACT OR FICTION

...you decide

by Bob Hanson, Emeritus

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

partment volunteers in Geneva. This is the kind of event that makes one proud to be living in rural America. My definition of rural America is, “Where two out of three people are related and the third one knows the other two real good!!

I read the following many years ago by a person named Christian D. Larson.

In my opinion it is a very powerful use of philosophy. (I hope you agree!!)

To be strong that nothing
Can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness, and

prosperity
To every person you meet.
To make all your friends feel
That there is something in them
To look at the sunny side of everything
And make your optimism come true.
To think only the best, to work only for the best,
And to expect only the best.
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others
As you are about your own.
To forget the mistakes of the past
And press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times
And give every living creature you meet a smile.
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself
That you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear
And too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world
Not in loud words but great deeds.
To live in faith that the whole world is on your side
So long as you are true to the best that is in you.

Bob is a retired AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans) agent, currently working on his master's degree in Volunteering. His wife, Genie, is a retired RN, currently working on her doctor's degree in Volunteering. They have two children, Deb in North Carolina, and Dan in New York. Bob says if you enjoy his column, let him know. If you don't enjoy it, keep on reading, it can get worse. Words of wisdom: There is always room for God.

HERITAGE BITS



HELPFUL ADDITIONS — This trio of newcomers was an important factor Sunday as the Albert Lea Merchants opened their regional tourney play with a 22-0 win over Lansing, Catcher Ken Toft of Ellendale (left) had a triple and double in the fifth inning, driving in five runs, and added another on a fly in the third. Vern McKee, Hayward pitcher, (center) pitched two hitless innings and Ed Jensen, Ellendale hurler, did the same, striking out five. The trio was added from other State Line teams under state rules. Ellendale scene, southside. Date unknown. 10/2/25

Freeborn American Legion Auxiliary news

The Freeborn American Legion Auxiliary #552 meeting was held at the Freeborn American Legion on September 20, 2025. President Sandy Anderson called the meeting to order. We recited the pledges. The Auxiliary Charter was draped in memory of Marian Mithun and Bonnie Schuster. The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were read and accepted. Bills were presented and approved.

Correspondence was read. It was shared that the dues will increase \$5.00 for the 2026-2027 year, so rather than sending in \$30 per member, next year we will have to send in \$35.00.

The Poppy report was given. The number of poppies to order was discussed and they will be ordered.

It was decided that Sandy will send out Veterans Day cards to the members of the Freeborn American Legion.

We donated money for each of the following projects: Department President Project, District President. Project, \$5 Bill Shower, ALA Hospital, Christmas Gift Shop, Junior Department President's project and to the Junior District President's project. All of the funds go towards helping Veterans.

Coming up we are having a Community Coffee Time on November 8 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited and it is free. It is held at the legion in Freeborn. We serve pastries, coffee, and orange juice. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Our other event coming up is on December 7, also at the legion in Freeborn. We start at 3 p.m. with

activities for children, such as decorating cookies, making Christmas ornaments or decorations. Santa also comes. We serve Christmas cookies, juice, and coffee. We have the lighting of the Hospice tree and the reading of the names of those to be remembered. At 5 p.m. we have a community potluck. After the potluck we play Bingo where everyone is invited to play. Many kids along with adults participate and everyone has a great time. Everyone goes home with prizes and it is free to play. Last year we gave out over 300 prizes.

Our next meeting is November 8 following the Community Coffee.



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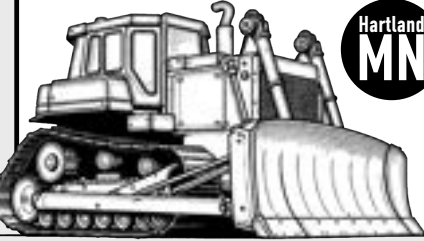
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HERE THEY COME — Chase Johannsen (0) leads the NRHEG High School football team onto the field at the start of the Panthers' game against Redwood Valley last Friday. The Panthers lost 46-6. Star Eagle photo by Jim Lutgens



BREAKING TACKLES — At left, NRHEG sophomore Dakota Schlaak (2) breaks away from Redwood Valley defenders. At right, the Panthers' Sean Lassahn (6), a sophomore, picks up tough yards.



Star Eagle photo by Jim Lutgens



BREAKING AWAY — NRHEG sophomore Calvin Nissen (7) breaks tackles by Redwood Valley defenders last Friday. Star Eagle photo by Jim Lutgens

Panthers can't contain RWV

A few big plays. That was enough to propel Redwood Valley to a 46-6 victory over the NRHEG football team last Friday.

"Redwood is a very good team," said NRHEG coach Marc Kruger. "I thought we played well for a lot of the game; we just had too many mistakes and missed opportunities. With three games left, we really need to refocus and figure out some ways to finish drives. We are able to move the ball, just not get into the end zone. On defense, we will make a lot of great plays and stops, but one mistake will cost us."

The Cardinals scored on passes of 52, 46, 20, 39, 99 and 15 yards, leading 12-6 after one period, 26-6 at halftime and 33-6 after three.

Panther quarterback Brooks Gilliland completed 10 of 28 passes for 106 yards. RWV threw for 307 yards while the Cardinals outgained the Panthers 442-193 in total yards.

NRHEG hosts another strong squad, Fillmore Central, this Friday at 7 p.m. in New Richland.

RWV 46, NRHEG 6				
RWV	12	14	7	13 - 46
NRHEG	6	0	0	0 - 6
First Quarter				
RWV	— 52 pass (two-point conversion failed)			

failed) RWV — 46 pass (two-point conversion failed) NRHEG — Gilliland 1 run (kick failed)

Second Quarter RWV — 20 pass (kick good) RWV — 39 pass (kick good)

Third Quarter RWV — 1 run (kick good)

Fourth Quarter RWV — 99 pass (kick good) RWV — 15 pass (kick failed)

	NRHEG	RWV
Total plays	69	53
First downs	14	16
Rushing	87	135
Passing	106	307
Total Yards	193	442
Third Down	2-12	0-9
Fourth Down	2-6	5-7
Fumbles lost	0	0
Penalties	11-68	2-5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING — NRHEG: R.Schlaak 10-37; Lassahn 13-26; B.Gilliland 3-15; M.Gilliland 3-4; Nissen 1-3; Wyrum 1-2; RWV: Dauer 5-24 PASSING — NRHEG: B.Gilliland 10-28, 106; RWV: 9-24, 307 RECEIVING — NRHEG: R.Schlaak 6-65; Lassahn 2-26; Johannsen 1-8; Meyering 1-7 NRHEG Defense — Holland 4T; Lassahn 4T; D.Schlaak 4T; R.Schlaak 3T; Larson 3T; Bartlett 2T; Meyering 1T; M.Gilliland 1T; Hanna 1T; Wyrum 1T; E.Hendrickson 1T; W.Hendrickson 1T; Brouwers 1T; Selover 1T



KILL SHOT — The Panthers' Camryn VanMaldeghem puts down a spike. Pioneer photo by Jim Lutgens

NRHEG spikers sweep Hayfield, fall 3-0 at Jordan

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School volleyball team started last week on a positive note, with a 3-0 victory over Hayfield Sept. 23. Two nights later was a bit more challenging.

The Panthers played well against Hayfield, winning 25-23, 25-16, 25-14.

"The girls made improvements throughout each set," said NRHEG coach Bethany Tennis.

Senior Chloe Stork had a big night at the net, with seven blocks at key moments. Gabby schlaak led the team in kills while Camryn VanMaldeghem anchored the defense.

Panther statistics: Schlaak 10K, 6D, 4B; Camryn VanMaldeghem 4K, 9D, 2SA, 3B; Anika Ladlie 2K, 2D, 1SA; Nora Flatness 1K, 2B; Quinn VanMaldeghem 3K, 3D, 2B; Kayden warke 1SA; Addy Stadheim 3K, 6D, 26SA, 1B; Stork 6K, 2D, 7B; Meela Budach 1K, 1SA; Chloe Riewer 7D.

On Thursday, at Jordan, the score was reversed as the Panthers lost 3-0 at Jordan, with set scores of 25-19, 25-16, 28-26.

Despite the score, Tennis said the Panthers played some of their best defense of the season.

"The girls showed nonstop hus-

"The girls made improvements throughout each set."

— NRHEG coach Bethany Tennis

tle and scrappy determination which allowed them to be competitive with a good Class AA team," said Tennis. "We battled through adjustments and played well together. The seniors continue to play a strong role in the success and environment of NRHEG volleyball. The girls worked extremely hard from first whistle to last, and we'll take the positives from tonight's matchup and build on them as we head into the last few weeks of the regular season."

Individually for NRHEG: Schlaak 8K, 12D, 2A, 1B; C.VanMaldeghem 4K, 16D, 1A, 3B; Ladlie 4K, 1D, 2B; Flatness 3K, 1A, 3B; Q.VanMaldeghem 1K 4D, Warke 2D; Stadheim 3K, 8D, 1A, 2B; Stork 2K, 1D, 1A, 3B; Riewer 7D.

The Panthers ran their record to an impressive 15-5.

NRHEG CC girls fifth at WEM/JWP

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School cross country teams competed in the Grizzly Pie Invitational last Thursday at Janesville.

Schools in attendance were Blooming Prairie, Blue Earth Area, Martin County West, Mankato Loyola, Maple River, Medford, NRHEG, Randolph, United South Central and WEM/JWP.

Loyola won both the boys' and girls' team titles. The NRHEG girls finished fifth among six scoring teams.

Julianne Wobbrock led the girls, taking fourth in 20:24.4. Violette Botten was 42nd with a time of 30:26, Josie Tufte 43rd in 30:29, Amelia Duryee 46th in 31:25, Tiffany Jewison 47th in 31:26, Rylee Cromwell 48th in 32:41.

Jacob Karl paced the boys, placing fourth with a time of 18:19.5. Colten Leron was 35th in 22:40, Devlin McWilliams 56th in 26:05.

"It was another warm evening for running and yet, performances continue to improve," said Panthers coach Larry Nydegger, whose squads posted three personal-best times, by McWilliams, Botten and Jewison. "This is a fun meet to participate in as the top five var-

"Our runners continue to impress me with their positive attitudes and support for each other."

— Coach Larry Nydegger

sity finishers get their choice of a pie and the 6th through 15th place runners get a large cookie."

Wobbrock and Karl continued to compete at a high level, according to Nydegger, both getting their choice of a pie, Karl choosing cherry, Wobbrock apple.

"Our runners continue to impress me with their positive attitudes and their support for each other," added Nydegger. "They challenge each other to do their best. This is a great group of runners!"

The Panthers compete Oct. 2 at Waseca.



THE HEAT IS ON — Josie Tufte, left, and Violette Botten, right, braved the heat at the WEM/JWP Grizzly Pie Invitational last Thursday. Photo by Larry Nydegger

Steele County 4-H Results



Emma Gillis of Medford Go Getters earned champion Market Beef Showperson Senior Division



Jeffrey Bruns of Merry Lane 4-H captured purple with Dairy Milking Shorthorn Yearling



Enc 2 Metal Work — Logan Smith of Lemond Snappy Boosters captured a purple ribbon with his metal project.

2025 Steele County 4-H State Fair Results

Reserve Grand Champion:
Finn Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks – Market Lamb.

Champion:
Miley Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Goat Senior Meat Breeding Doe Kid; Callie Arndt, Pratt Commandoes – Dairy Goat Sable Dry Yearling Doe; Jeffrey Bruns, Merry Lane – Dairy Milking Shorthorn Yearling; Emma Gillis, Medford Go Getters – Market Beef Showperson Senior Division; Alexandra Herget, Meriden Meadowlarks – Crossbred Dairy Steer; Madison Homuth, Meriden Meadowlarks – Dairy Holstein Red & White Production; Brooklyn Lacher, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Beef Steer Shorthorn Plus; Noah Mongeau, Straight Rivers – Speckled Face Market Lamb; Khloe Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Sheep Interview; Ava Resler, Pratt Commandoes – Beef Interview; Clement Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Dairy Goat Sable Senior Doe; Allison Wencil – Rabbit Poster.

Reserve Champion:
Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Meat Goat Showmanship Advanced; Noah Gillis, Medford Go Getters – Beef Steer Chianina; Laura Herget, Meriden Meadowlarks – Crossbred Dairy Steer; Addison Hjelm, Merry Lane – Goat Senior Meat Breeding Doe Showmanship; Finn Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks – Sheep Middleweight Market Lamb; Khloe Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Sheep Heavyweight Market Lamb; Kaitlyn Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Dairy Goat Sable Junior Doe; Brendan Van Gelder, Pratt Commandoes – Beef Shorthorn Plus Heifer.

Purple:
Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Goat Senior Yearling Meat Breeding Doe; Alexis Anderson, Deerfield Get There – Child & Family Development; Callie Arndt, Pratt Commandoes – Fine Arts; Hailey Chambers, Medford Go Getters – Market Lamb Black Face; Brenna Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Beef Commercial Spring Calf; Trey Hiatt, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Dairy Holstein Registered Fall Calf; Addison Hjelm, Merry Lane – Goat Senior Yearling Meat Breeding Doe; Addison Hjelm, Merry Lane – Livestock Demonstration; Clayton Kaplan, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Swine Market Barrow Duroc; Isabel Kasper, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Crafts; Hailey Kubicek, Straight River Stars – Swine Market Barrow Crossbred; Emma Lacher, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Beef Shorthorn Registered Fall Calf; Bentley Miller, Merry Lane – Dairy Goat Showmanship Senior; Rachel Miller, Medford Go Getters – Elements of Photography; Emmerson Nelson, Merry Lane – Dairy Jersey Winter or Fall Calf; Ava Resler, Pratt Commandoes – Beef Prospect Calf; Ava Resler, Pratt Commandoes – Home Environment; Clement Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Dairy Goat Showmanship Intermediate; Joseph Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Dairy Goat Showmanship Senior; Kaitlyn Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Dairy Goat Showmanship Advanced; Roman Schwab, Meriden Meadowlarks – Beef Shorthorn Registered Junior Yearling; Logan Smith, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Metal Work; Darian Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Swine Market Barrow Other Breeds; Tess Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Swine Market Barrow Crossbred; Carson Van Gelder, Pratt Commandoes – Beef Prospect Calf Steer; Sophia Warner, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Fashion Revue Purchased Clothing; Sophia Warner, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Purchased Clothing; Jayden Wencil, Merry Lane – Quilting; Natalie Winzenburg, Merry Lane – Needle Arts.

Blue:
Callie Arndt, Pratt Commandoes – Dairy Goat Showmanship Intermediate; Demetri Bauer, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Foods; Aliah Fischer, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Elements of Photography; Brayden Fischer, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Mechanical Science; Paycen Fischer, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Woodworking; Anna Forcelle, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Rabbit Other Small Breed Purebreds Senior Doe; Anna Forcelle, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Rabbit Showmanship; Vanessa Gonzalez, Pratt Commandoes – Dairy Ayrshire Junior Yearling; Jacob Gwin, Meriden Meadowlarks – Cats; Ashton Harbal Martinez, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Aerospace; Addison Hjelm, Merry Lane – Veterinary Science; Brinley Hoffman, Merry Lane – Elements of Photography; Lacey Hoffmaster, Meriden Meadowlarks – Performing Arts; Ashlynn Klecker, Pratt Commandoes – Global Connections; Quinn Knutson, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Wildlife Biology; Quinn Knutson, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Rabbit Polish Senior Buck; Quinn Knutson, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Rabbit Showmanship; AJ Kohn, Pratt Commandoes – Creative Writing; Hailey Kubicek, Straight River Stars – Needle Arts; Colton Leron, Straight River Stars – Science Inquiry; Kayden Melby, Ellendale Hustlers – Poultry Chickens Bantam Breeding Pen; Kendra Melby, Ellendale Hustlers – Poultry Geese Market Pen; Raylee Miner, Merry Lane – Veterinary Science; Raylee Miner, Merry Lane – Poultry Chickens Bantam Breeding Pen; Andy Nelson, Straight River Stars – Dairy Guernsey Winter or Fall Calf; Cali Nelson, Straight River Stars – Dairy Brown Swiss Winter or Fall Calf; Brody Oltmans, Pratt Commandoes – Metal Work; Armand Orfei, Happy Hustlers – Wildlife Biology; Lily Prestegard, Meriden Meadowlarks – Crafts; Clayton Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Performing Arts; Clement Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Constructed Clothing; Elizabeth Rosecke, Straight River Stars – Performing Arts; August Schrodt, Deerfield Get There – Rabbit Havana Junior Buck; Colin Schultz, Pratt Commandoes – Corn; Isabella Schultz, Pratt Commandoes – Health and Wellness; Cody Shaw, Meriden Meadowlarks – Consumer Education and Money Management; Cody Shaw, Meriden Meadowlarks – Rabbit Polish Senior Doe; Ali Slater, Meriden Meadowlarks – Dairy Holstein Registered 2-Year Old; Grace Walburn, Happy Hustlers – Creative Writing; Cameron Wencil, Merry Lane – Science of Animals Dairy; Jayden Wencil, Merry Lane – Dairy Holstein Grade Fall Calf; Jayden Wencil, Merry Lane – Rabbit Poster; Jayden Wencil, Merry Lane – Science of Animals Dairy; Natalie Winzenburg, Merry Lane – Rabbit Showmanship; Valerie Winzenburg, Merry Lane – Fine Arts.

Red:
Wesley Flack, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Self Determined; Lukas Halla, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Dairy Holstein Grade Winter Calf; Armand Orfei, Happy Hustlers – Dairy Holstein Registered Winter Yearling; Joseph Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters – Self Determined; Evelyn Swedberg, Medford Go Getters – Constructed Clothing; Cameron Wencil, Merry Lane – Rabbit Havana Senior Doe; Natalie Winzenburg, Merry Lane – Rabbit Mini Lop Senior Doe.

Placing:
Halle Anderson, Meriden Meadowlarks – Beef Commercial Senior Yearling, 1st Place; Lanie Chambers, Medford Go Getters – Meat Goat Showmanship, 4th Place; Emma Gillis, Medford Go Getters – Beer Steer Maine Anjou, 3rd Place; Jenna Herget, Meriden Meadowlarks – Swine Market Gilt, 5th Place; Trey Hiatt, Owatonna Victory Boosters – Dairy Showmanship, 4th Place; Brayton Ingvalson, Merry Lane – Swine Market Barrow Crossbred, 10th

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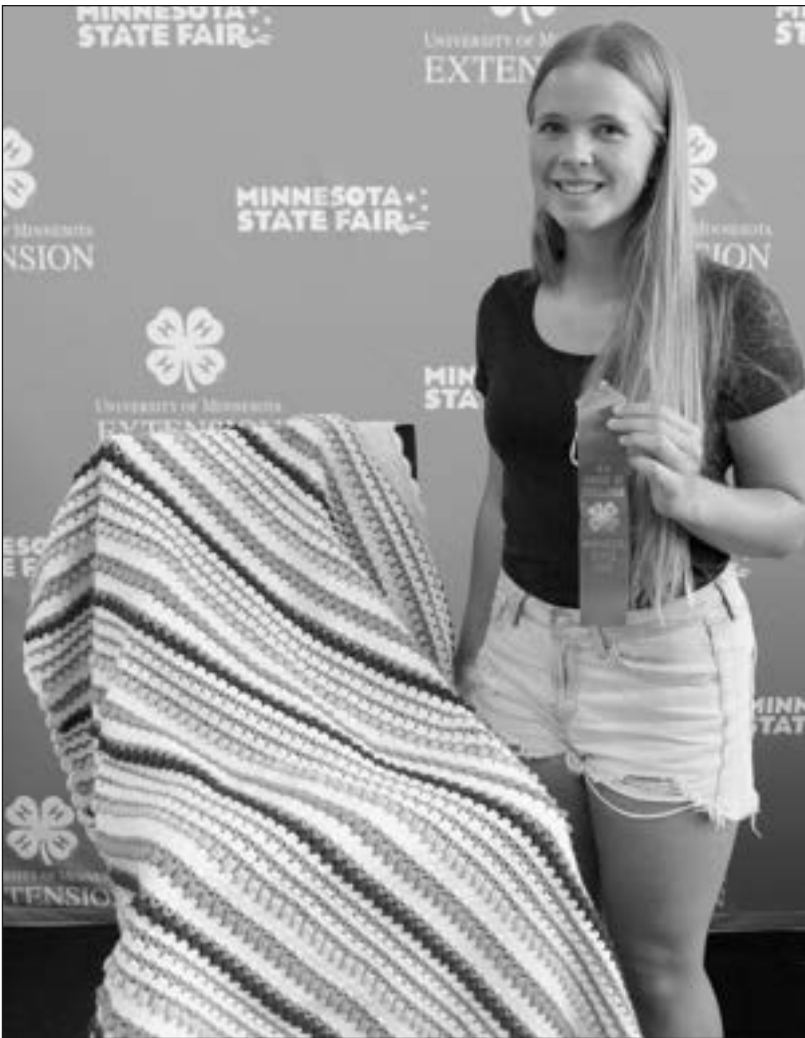
Steele County 4-H Results



Enc 2 Photo Elements — Rachel Miller of Medford Go Getters shows off her purple ribbon photography.

Place; Carsten Ingvalson, Merry Lane — Swine Market Barrow Duroc, 8th Place; Joseph Klecker, Straight River Stars — Swine Market Gilt, 8th Place; AJ Kohn, Pratt Commandoes — Creative Writing Community Impact Recognition; Olivia Kubicek, Straight River Stars — Swine Market Gilt, 4th Place; Colton Lermon, Straight River Stars — Goat Meat Market Wether, 7th Place; Gavin Lewison, Straight River Stars — Beef Steer All Other Slick-Shorn, 6th Place; Zackary McShane, Meriden Meadowlarks — Swine Market Gilt, 4th Place; Kendry Melby, Ellendale Husters — 9th Place Advanced Poultry Showperson; Bentley Miller, Merry Lane — Dairy Goat Nigerian Dwarf Milking Doe, 3rd Place; Addison Mongeau, Straight River Stars — Sheep Wether Dam Black Face Ewe Lamb, 5th Place; Hannah Mongeau,

Straight River Stars — Sheep Market Lamb Black Face, 5th Place; Emmerson Nelson, Merry Lane — Dairy Showmanship, 9th Place; Miley Ripka, Merry Lane — Sheep Market Lamb Black Face, 10th Place; Veronica Rypka, Meriden Meadowlarks — Beef Shorthorn Registered Junior Yearling, 3rd Place; Kaylee Sammon, Medford Go Getters — Swine Market Gilt, 8th Place; Isabella Schiller, Straight River Stars — Swine Yorkshire Registered January Gilt, 4th Place; Malia Schroht, Meriden Meadowlarks — Swine Market Barrow Crossbred, 4th Place; Blake Seykora, Straight River Stars — Swine Market Barrow Crossbred, 8th Place; Taylar Seykora, Straight River Stars — Swine Market Barrow Crossbred, 7th Place; Brenna Sommer, Straight River Stars — Swine Crossbred Breeding Gilt, 6th Place; Brooklyn Sommer, Straight River



Enc 2 Needle Arts — Natalie Winzenburg of Merry Lane displays her purple ribbon Needle Arts project.

Stars — Swine Crossbred Breeding Gilt, 10th Place; Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters — Sheep Market Lamb Black Face, 7th Place; Tess Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters — Swine Market Barrow Showperson, 5th Place; Kennedy Wagner, Meriden Meadowlarks — Swine Duroc Registered February Gilt, 4th Place; Bo Zwiener, Merry Lane — Beef Steer Crossbreds, 4th Place.
Green:
Straight River Stars 4-H Club — Club Exhibits Plastic Sculptures Challenge; Halle Anderson, Meriden Meadowlarks — Beef Showmanship Senior; Hailley Chambers, Medford Go Getters — Sheep Showmanship Advanced; Lanie Chambers, Medford Go Getters — Goat Meat Market Wether; Noah Gillis, Medford Go Getters — Market Beef Showmanship

Intermediate; Brooklyn Lacher, Lemond Snappy — Beef Showmanship Senior; Emma Lacher, Lemond Snappy Boosters — Beef Showmanship Intermediate; Colton Lermon, Straight River Stars — Club Exhibits Plastic Sculptures Challenge; Colton Lermon, Straight River Stars — Meat Goat Showmanship; Addison Mongeau, Straight River Stars — Sheep Showmanship; Noah Mongeau, Straight River Stars — Sheep Showmanship; Ava Resler, Pratt Commandoes — Beef Showmanship; Veronica Rypka, Meriden Meadowlarks — Beef Showmanship; Roman Schwab, Meriden Meadowlarks — Beef Showmanship; Bo Zwiener, Merry Lane — Beef Showmanship.



Enc 2 Clothing Fashion — Sophia Warner of Owatonna Victory Boosters earned a purple ribbon with Fashion Revue Purchased Clothing.



Enc 2 Child and Family — Alexis Anderson of Deerfield Get There with her purple ribbon Child & Family Development project.

“Now they’re starting to take them home with them,” she says. “They live rather far away.” Granddaughter Jensen Pfander, 19, now lives in Iowa, but had previously lived in Texas. Granddaughter Sophia O’Brien, 7, lives in Brazil.
Walker had also looked up some etiquette regarding the wearing of hats. Social convention, she said, dictates that men should remove their hats when they come indoors; this includes everything from a casual “baseball” hat to a jaunty fedora to a cowboy hat. Men’s hats should either be placed on a coat rack along with coats or jackets, or held in the hands or on the lap.

Women, on the other hand, are expected to keep their hats on, “unless they would be an inconvenience to someone nearby, or they might obstruct someone’s view,” Walker summarized. It is acceptable, she shared, for women to place their hats on a table if they choose to remove them indoors.
“Don’t wear a hat that’s too small for you,” she also warned during her presentation. “When they’re tight, you get a headache.”

Hats

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come to enjoy,” Walker said of the fairly new monthly event. Presentations like hers and an earlier one by church member Sherry Jones regarding buttons take place maybe three or four times a year.
During a presentation which lasted about an hour, Walker shared that she believes her love of hats may stem from her childhood, when women frequently wore hats in public, and always to church.
Her first experiences were with Easter bonnets; she remembers getting a new one nearly every year throughout her childhood. The next consistent exposure, she said, came when she entered the health care field. Back at that

time, nurses were expected to dress all in white and to wear a sort of starched white arch on their heads.
The collection of showy, colorful hats which was displayed on Sept. 27 began, Walker believes, in the mid-1960s, when she bought a wide-brimmed felt hat in navy blue. She was about to take her first airline flight and felt like dressing up, so she put together a color-matched outfit that included her dress, shoes and gloves.
“You might think I have a lot of money invested in my collection,” she told guests. “But if you know anything about me, you know I like a bargain.”
She went on to tell that she stops at thrift stores whenever she gets a chance, and that “my car practically turns itself when I see a garage sale sign.” One of her best buys was a time when she

bought six stylish hats for only \$5. She mentions that people who know of her collection often give her hats as well.
She told the story of one time she was at a thrift store with a family member. “I saw this one hat,” she said lightheartedly. “But she told me no, there was no way I was going to buy it. So I didn’t.”
On the trip homeward, though, she couldn’t stop thinking about the hat.
“So I called her, and I told her she had to go buy that hat and send it to me.”
The group let loose an energetic, simultaneous “Oooh,” when Walker lifted the hat in question out of a nearby box. Brimless, it was draped with a gauzy, transparent fabric. The color was a luminescent lime green.
“When I have trouble finding a shirt or a jacket that matches a

hat,” she went on to say, “I sometimes just wear black and then add a necklace or other jewelry that matches.”
She looked again at the lime green hat.
“Anyone from church can tell you, I wear a lot of black outfits.”
Walker mentioned she enjoys wearing her hats because they help her feel stylish and unique. Women sometimes compliment her hats, but the really interesting observations and comments tend to come from men. She mentions one that a fellow called a “spaghetti hat,” and another which was dubbed a “bird’s nest.”
She went on to say she enjoys having the hats as something of a personal trademark, and takes pride that her two granddaughters love wearing her hats when they visit, and when they accompany her to church.

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Woods and Water

by Eric Herndahl
Outdoors Writer

Autumn colors painting the countryside

I always enjoy the fall weather and right now is about as perfect as it gets. I like the thought of warm days and cool nights; it just doesn't get any better than that. I know that a lot of folks might think of fall being the next step for winter. I just want to embrace the season and savor the moment.

I can remember just before school started my mother would take me to town to look for clothes. I would get two pair of pants, a couple of shirts, socks, and underwear. When I was younger, it seemed like a big deal, and as I grew older, I still appreciated it. For some reason, the thrill was slowly fading away.

When I was in grade school at Hammer School, our teacher, Mrs. Nelson, had her husband Juel come to school and give a presentation. It was in the evening, so the parents were also invited.

Mr. Nelson showed slides of one of his fishing trips to Canada. That was right up my alley

because I loved fishing and had always had dreams about the outdoors and visiting the wilderness of Canada. That is one dream that has never come to fruition.

When people ask me if I've ever fished in Canada, I tell them I haven't fished all of the lakes in Minnesota yet.

Although time has changed many things, my love for the outdoors has never wavered. I learned to appreciate nature at a young age and now my sons and grandsons have carried on with that tradition. Whenever I see them, it makes me feel so very proud. The best thing is that they still give hugs even as grownups; that's what family is all about.

Until next time: The fall colors are starting to appear in our area of the state. In northern Minnesota, the colors are at about 50% - 75%. It would be a good time to take a trip north to enjoy the colors. Our old neighbors who lived next door would take a trip to Gooseberry Falls every fall.

In southern Minnesota, it is



BEAUTIFUL PICTURE - Shown here is a picture of the last evening that I spent at the cabin. The fog painted a beautiful picture as it was creeping across the lake, which reminded me of that Carl Sandburg poem that starts with: The fog comes in on little cat feet.

Star Eagle photo by Dick Herfindahl

worth taking a day trip to the Mississippi River and driving along the river to enjoy the colors.

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- Erin Anderson and Elizabeth Schultz put the ball back over the net in the face of a Medford player who was unable to get to the net fast enough. The Panthers defeated the Tigers 3-0 last Thursday night.

50 years ago

- Don and Arlis Entwistle and their youngest daughter, Jackie, stand in front of their new soft-goods store in the building south of their New Richland Drug. The Store will open Saturday with all kinds of ready-to-wear and fabrics, as well as hobby-crafts.

- The New Richland-Hartland football squad made the homecoming joy complete as they shut out Morristown 29-0 Friday night, to cap the festivities. The Cardinals are now tied for first in the Gopher Conference, with Blooming Prairie and Medford, all with 3-0 records. The Cardinals received the opening kick-off on the Cards 46-yard line, where it was returned by Scott Smith 12 yards. After the first series of downs, Scott brought the ball to the one-yard line, on a 42-yard run around left end. Rod Smith capped the drive with a one-yard plunge. Adryn Peterson kicked the conversation point and the Cards led 7-0 with 8:47 left to play in the first quarter. Top tacklers for the game were Mitch Abraham and Terry Dunnette with six each. According to Coach Jim Simer, the Cards all played well Friday against Morristown. "We were just too fast for them," he added.



- Members of the 1917 confirmation class of Pontoppidan Lutheran Church of Lemond are pictured here at Royal Villa as they were about to enjoy a 58th anniversary dinner following church services Sunday. They are from the left, front: Gerhard Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Lloyd Jacobson, and Alie Hanson; back: Mrs. John (Helen Strand) Sheplee, Mrs. Ed (Ethel Hanson) Oldenfendt, Ruth esping, Mrs. Allen (Edna Strand) Martin and Mrs. Gertie (Johnson) Nelson.

- Fern Arlene Durfey of Lansing, Mich. and Elroy S. Verplank were united in marriage, Thursday, September 25th with the Rev. Orville Boettcher officiating at the 5 pm ceremony at St. Peters Lutheran Church, New Richland.

75 years ago

- Miss Shirley Martinson of New Richland has been accepted into the Alpha Delta women's society at St. Olaf college. A total of nearly 150 girls were elected to membership in six societies. Final approval of each member was made by the student intersociety board. The formal installation for the new members was held at a mass meeting of all the groups.

- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bluhm of London announce the arrival of their daughter, Julie Kay, born Saturday, October 21. This is the first child in the Bluhm family. Mrs. Bluhm is the former Betty Skelton and Mr. Bluhm, formerly of Waldorf, is the creamery operator in London.

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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.	STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 313 4TH STREET SE, WASECA, MN 56093	The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with ex- clusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable cus- tomers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.
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DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 31, 2008	DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM.	APPLICANT(S): Name: Randy C. Sorg Address: 13089 Inga Ave., Hast- ings, MN, 55033 Name: Jay A. Sorg Address: 9922 State Hwy. 30, New Richland, MN, 56072
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$84,599.00	PLACE OF SALE: Waseca County Sheriff's Office, 122 3rd Ave. NW, Waseca, MN 56093.	MAILING ADDRESS: 9922 State Hwy. 30, New Richland, MN, 56072
MORTGAGOR(S): Jon D. Junkers, a single person and Dennise S. Junkers, a married person	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.	EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NO- TICES: kseanor@hjlawfirm.com
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	TRANSACTION AGENT: None	Work Item 1571294500024 Original File Number 1377108900029
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 2, 2009 as Document Number 278084 in the Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.	RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC	STATE OF MINNESOTA OF- FICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED 07/31/25 11:59 PM Steve Simon Secretary of State
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded on April 4, 2025 as Document Number A339803 in the Office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota.	TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17.704.0270	If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this docu- ment. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data ref- erenced in the attachment.
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Blossom Stennes Card Party

If you wish to congratulate Blossom Stennes on her recent 90th birthday, you are invited to take part in a card shower, sending her birthday wishes to 415 Birch Avenue North, New Richland, MN 56072.

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‘Ask a Trooper’: School Patrol

Question: My grandkids get to be on their school’s “School Patrol.” I am so happy they get to help, but can you talk about this? I want people to be aware to help keep them and everyone safe. Thank you for all you do.

Answer: Congratulations to your grandchildren! You should be proud as it is quite an honor to serve on those School Patrols.

A little history lesson on the School Patrol. The idea of the School Patrol originated with Sister Carmela of the Cathedral School in St. Paul on Feb. 21, 1921 when the first patrolmen were stationed at the intersection of Kellogg Boulevard and Summit Avenue in Saint Paul. Adopted citywide by the City of St. Paul in 1922 as a part of the program of the School System and the St. Paul Police Department, it was also adopted as a statewide program by the Minnesota State Patrol. Generations of children for over 100 years have served on the School Pa-

trol all across Minnesota.

When you see a student safety patrol helping school-mates cross a street or highway, you must come to a complete stop. You must also stop for adult crossing guards displaying a stop sign or flag. It is illegal to drive through a line of children crossing the road, even if a school safety patrol is not present. Violating this law is a misdemeanor. A second violation within a year is a gross misdemeanor.

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If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

Farmamerica seeking volunteers

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

“You’ll be glad you did,” is the message three persistent volunteers at Farmamerica have for anyone who would like to join them.

Janesville area residents Rita and Jerry Janish have been volunteering for more than a decade. Both in their mid-seventies, the two say they feel richly rewarded each time they come.

Jerry can’t help smiling as he tells of conversations with children. “A lot of them have no idea where milk comes from,” he comments. “Or most of their food in general.”

Born in 1949, Jerry remembers his grandparents’ home where “they were still living the old way,” meaning their home did not have electricity or running water. When he describes that to children, he says he usually asks how many of them would like to live that way. “And yes, some say they would want to,” he observes. “But I can’t help thinking no modern child would stay very long if they were truly experiencing it.”

Still, the conversations are lively and entertaining, and Jerry says he’s glad to have a chance to share his stories.

He expects to be rather busy doing so in the next couple of weeks, since Farmamerica will be the destination for children in grades three through six coming there on school field trips from September 29 to October 7. Program coordinator Kari Wadd names Lakeville, Northfield, Blooming Prairie, New Ulm and others as having signed up to bring groups.

“Children are fascinated by the farmsites and the animals,” said Wadd. “We use that as a sort of jumping off place to help them learn a few things about history.”

The more volunteers the facility can recruit for the field trips and for other larger events, the richer visitors’ experiences tend to be, she observes.

“We make it very easy,” says Hilary Kruger, who helps schedule volunteers and helps them find roles they will enjoy. “We have scripts and site descriptions. If they would like, we invite people to ‘shadow’ another volunteer before trying it themselves.

“And of course, if they have experiences of



VOLUNTEERS - Ron Wood (right) and Jerry and Rita Janish say volunteering at Farmamerica provides a source of personal enjoyment and variety for them while also helping the organization accomplish important goals. They invite others to come join in the fun.
Star Eagle photo by Deb Bently

their own that are relevant to the site, we hope they’ll share them.”

During school field trips, children tend to cycle through the various settings at the facility in groups of 15 to 20. “So they’ll be working with small groups and giving a presentation that lasts about 15 minutes,” says Kruger.

She encourages people who think they might be interested to contact her, either by using the Farmamerica website or calling the facility at 507-835-2052.

Volunteer Ron Wood, 88, grew up in North Dakota. He says he enjoys seeing children and adults learn about “living the old way” because he remembers his father helping install the Rural Electric Authority (REA) powerlines, so area residents could have electricity and the running water it made possible.

An overriding memory for him is, “I spent many hours driving tractor.” Ron says nearly all his volunteer time has to do with the facility’s tractor collection, which includes 15 machines built from 1926 to 1964.

Ron enjoys choosing the day’s tractor and hooking it to the facility’s “tram,” a shaded wagon with stairs for climbing on board and benches for seating. Then he enjoys endless people-watching as he sees and hears visitors’

reactions to the various locations and animals.

An added bonus for him was pulling the tram into Waseca this past weekend to be part of the Marching Classic parade. Another reward is the chance to get his hands dirty doing maintenance work on the tractors. He says he keeps tools in his vehicle, so he can do any needed work without having to borrow them from facility workers. “I really enjoy it,” he says.

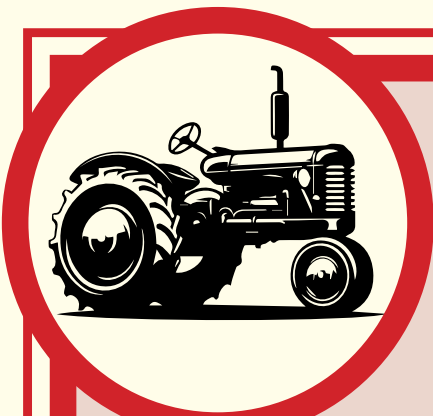
“I get some great opportunities and I have a lot of fun,” Ron says of his time as a volunteer.

For Rita Janish, the biggest reward is “being part of something good and important.” She says most of her volunteer time is spent in the facility’s large interpretive center. “Whatever they need me to do, I do it,” she says lightly.

For her, a favorite is helping with the frequent blood drives. “People come because they want to help other people,” she comments. “They’re good folks doing a good thing. It’s truly rewarding to help them.”

All three volunteers emphasize it is at least as enjoyable to help operate an event as it is to attend one.

“You’re part of something that’s simple and good,” observes Jerry. “Everyone should try it, so they know how much they’ll like it.”



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