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Around the Lakes

2019 Wildcat football apparel

NEW LONDON – Anyone wishing to order 2019 NL-S Wildcat football apparel can go to: Rambow.com. Store code is: nlsfb. The order deadline is August 12. Ordering by this date ensures you will receive your apparel for the beginning of the football season.

2019 NL-S football camp date/time change

NEW LONDON – Due to numerous conflicts, the annual free football camp for grades 9-12 has been changed. This year, the camp will be on July 23, July 25 and July 30 all running from 7-8 a.m. The camp will cover offense, defense and special teams. Uniform numbers for the 2019 season also will be assigned during the camp.

Rise Above Seizures walk

NEW LONDON – Support Ruth's RockStars in the Rise Above Seizures Walk happening on Thursday, August 1 in St. Cloud. Cash donations can be brought to GlenOaks business office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. To donate online go to: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/team/838435/> What's donated in Central MN stays in Central MN.

Tuesday's Table

NEW LONDON – Tuesday's Table is a weekly community meal focused on providing food and fellowship. This week we will be serving at Peace Lutheran Church in New London from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, your entire family or even someone you don't know well and enjoy the meal and great conversation.

Ice Cream Social

ZION IRVING-CHURCH – On Thursday, July 25 Zion Irving Church will be having an ice cream social from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a free will offering event.

Class of 1994 reunion

NEW LONDON – The NL-S Class of 1994 25th Reunion is Saturday, July 27, 7p.m. at Goat Ridge Brewery.

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Isaac Piñeda rests on the side of the road as his family migrates through Mexico. After a harrowing journey through ganglands, deserts and detention facilities, the family is now staying with Jessica Rohloff, of Willmar.

From caravan to Kandiyohi County: Piñeda family seeks asylum in Willmar

By Macklin Caruso Reporter

Jessica Rohloff spent the day after last year's Christmas rummaging post-holiday sales, looking at discount ornaments and feeling disillusioned. The Christian holiday of charity and goodwill was feeling more like a cheap marketing gimmick. "Is this it?" Rohloff remembers asking herself.

At 6 p.m. the sky was al-

ready black as a snowstorm descended on Rohloff's country home on the outskirts of Willmar when Rohloff received a Facebook message from Willmar City Councilmember Fernando Alvarado, telling Rohloff that a migrant family from Honduras had just arrived in Willmar and had no place to stay.

Rohloff put on her clothes and braved the snowstorm in

her mini-van to meet the family. When she arrived she saw a mother and her two children.

The mother was in tears and begged Rohloff to keep her children safe. Rohloff didn't know the details of the situation, but she knew they were running away from something horrible. Though she was unsure what she could do, she knew she couldn't turn her back on the family.

It felt bigger than just coincidence. Rohloff, who describes herself as a person of "deep faith," had spent Christmas questioning her faith in God and feeling sort of helpless and depressed.

"My whole life I was raised Christian and told the Christmas story of Jesus not having a place to stay," said Rohloff.

The Caravan

Rosa Piñeda is a single mother with two children Celeste, 18 and Isaac, 13, are from the Copán region of Honduras.

The situation in Honduras has deteriorated fast since the 2009 U.S. backed coup d'état of progressive President Man-

Asylum

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Photo by Brett Blocker

New London beekeeper and farmers market co-chair Kerry Quigley examines a set of frames from one of his backyard Carniolan honey bee hive boxes. Quigley is just one of the numerous beekeepers in the New London-Spicer area raising bees for honey and beeswax.

Area beekeepers weigh in on controversial pesticide

By Brett Blocker Editor

A newly federally approved pesticide is generating quite a buzz among beekeepers and environmentalists across the nation.

On Friday of last week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lifted restrictions on the controversial sulfoximine-based insecticide, "sulfoxaflor," allowing for its use on a variety

of crops ranging from soybeans to strawberries.

The decision comes just days after the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it will indefinitely suspend its tracking of honey bee populations due to budget constraints.

While the pesticide is effective in eliminat-

Pesticide

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Otteson to resign from NL City Council

By Brett Blocker Editor

During Wednesday evening's City Council meeting, it was announced that council member Christa Otteson has stated that she will be resigning from her position in early August.

Although Otteson planned to attend the meeting remotely, she was absent due to internet connection issues. However, in an email to the council read by Mayor Bill Gossman, she stated that she will formally resign at the August 7 council meeting.

In a message sent to the Lakes Area Review on Thursday, Otteson wrote that she will be relocating to Washington to enroll her children in an area school district, stating: "I have really enjoyed my time on the city council and I am sorry to leave this role. I so appreciate my colleagues on the council and value their dedication and commitment. While I dearly love New London, and would love to continue to serve, my pending relocation to Washington state for



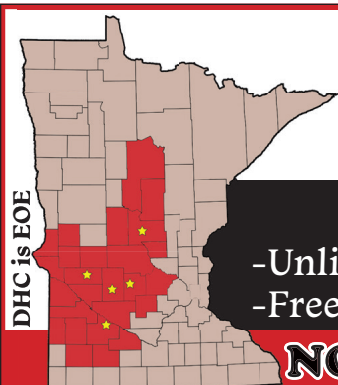
Christa Otteson

the coming school year makes continued service impossible. I truly appreciate the support of this incredible community and will be anxious to return to community service when we get back to NL in the summer of 2020."

Should Otteson formally submit her resignation to the Council, and should the Council move to accept her resignation, the City can approve a resolution to declare a vacancy for her position.

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