

Lightening the load

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Friends and neighbors joined forces at the Broughton farm in rural Verndale on August 11 to help the couple out after an accident. Dan Schmitz, Jim Carr, Steve Schmitz, Mark Wiese, Colton Weiher, Corinne Weiher, Nate Wiese, Shawn Schmitz, Connor Schmitz and Keith Weiher spent the evening baling hay and unloading it into the barn.

for the animals on the farm. "Everyone's taken good care of us. People are doing the chores and somebody paid our electric bill," Eileen shared. (She would like to find out who the generous donor was.)

The Broughtons enjoy riding horses. They have taken their pack horses into the wilderness of Montana and Wyoming for the past 25 years. They were just days away from taking another trip when the accident occurred.

The couple is also very strong in their faith. "I'm doing okay. God is good and he gives me the strength to get through things I never thought I would," said Eileen. "There's a lot of people praying for him and we are thankful."

Lyle has undergone skin graft surgery on his arms and hands. His face is healing nicely and he is currently on a ventilator, but the prognosis sounds good.

"They take really good care of him. They watch everything. They're very caring and considerate," she said of the care Lyle is receiving.

When Lyle is released from the hospital he will have many months of physical therapy ahead of him.

"He'll do it. He's very feisty. That will help with his recovery," said Eileen.

"We're so appreciative of all the people that have been kind and generous to us. We're very appreciative and it's something you can't repay," added Eileen.

If you wish to help out this family, you can donate at GoFundMe under Tragic Accident-Farmer Burned or www.gofundme.com/f/farmer-burned-from-tractor-blowing-up?utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all.

VFW and Auxiliary Patriotic Essay Contests

The Wadena VFW Post 3922 and its Auxiliary are again sponsoring the annual Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay/scholarship contests for students in Bertha-Hewitt, Sebeka, Staples-Motley, Verndale and Wadena-Deer Creek Schools. Home-school students are also invited to enter their age-appropriate contest.

Entries must be submitted to school contact persons by Monday, October 26.

The contest encourages area seventh and eighth grade students to write a 300-400 word essay discussing the topic "What is Patriotism to Me?"

The top national prize is \$5000 and an all-expense paid trip to

Washington, D.C. Local prizes will also be awarded at each participating school as well as by Post 3922.

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest is open to students in grades nine through twelve. Entrants must prepare and record on an audio CD or a flash drive a three-five minute speech on the topic "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

The top national prize is \$30,000 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Local prizes will also be awarded at each participating school as well as by Post 3922.

Information and entry forms will be available at local schools. Interested persons may also call Ruth Clark at 218-631-1035.

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Wadena history is available online

The museum and bookstore of the Wadena County Historical Society is temporarily closed to the public. Many programs scheduled for the 2020 season are now available online at www.WadenaCountyHistory.org including the past five BookEnds programs.

We are still taking research requests so don't hesitate to contact us if you need information or photographs from our archives. You can contact us at 218-631-9079 or 603wchs@arvig.net.

A field of sun followers



A field of sunflowers on the outskirts of Verndale should brighten the day of many passersby.

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TCHC organ donation . . .

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garden that Larson met her donor family. Her donor's name is Ben and the family lives in Michigan.

"It was neat to finally meet them. I think enough time had passed for us to heal from the loss of their son and grasping that I have their son's heart," said Larson.

It was a happy experience for the families to meet and get to know each other and share about Ben. Larson learned that Ben wasn't a donor and the decision was made by his family. Ben loved hockey, Buffalo Wild Wings and was a cross fit trainer. While Larson likes buffalo wings, she joked she is definitely not into cross fit and doesn't

know much about hockey. "My health has been great. I feel normal. I can't complain," shared Larson.

She recalled learning about organ donation in high school, but never thought about it much until it involved her later in life. "You don't realize the impact of it until it happens to you," noted Larson.

And she impacts people every time she shares her experience.

TCHC continually strives to create a donation friendly culture and encourages organ donation through educational activities.

The hospital joined the initiative in 2015 and received a

bronze award that year, and again in 2016. They received a gold award in 2017. When the Garden of Hope was built in 2018 they received a platinum award. Last year TCHC received a gold award.

The initiative has encouraged over 552,000 Americans to become organ donors since 2011.

Life Source has been TCHC's organ procurement organization for many years. Lois Miller, RN and Donor Champion, shared in the past five years TCHC has had 10 organ donors that have impacted 750 lives.

"Amazing isn't it?" commented Miller.

Some Interesting Facts

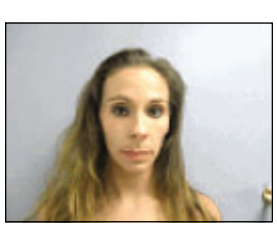
- One donor can save eight

lives with the donation of a heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, intestines and kidneys according to life-source.org.

- One donor can heal 75 others with eye and tissue donations.
- There are 22 people who die each day waiting for a transplant.
- There are 3200 people in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and western Wisconsin waiting for an organ donation.
- Registering to be an organ donor is important, but with the extensive criteria only one percent of those who apply will be able to donate.

Sheriff's Log

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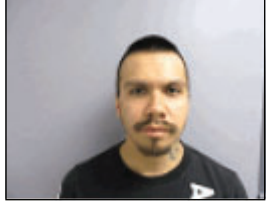


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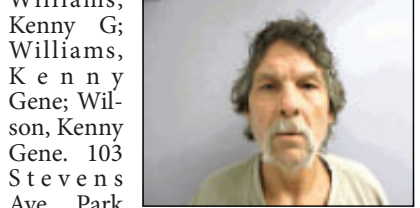
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Tennis team competes



Last week the Staples-Motley-Verndale Tennis Team played matches against Detroit Lakes and Wadena-Deer Creek.

Stay up-to-date on Minnesota wildlife information

Here are some upcoming wildlife and habitat management activities and ways you can discover, explore and experience Minnesota's outdoors.

Waterfowl hunting regulations available

In case this flew by without notice: duck and goose season dates and regulations have been out and you can find them and the 2020 Minnesota Waterfowl Hunting Regulations handbook on the DNR website and where DNR licenses are sold. Early

Canada goose season begins Saturday, September 5, and the regular duck and goose season opens Saturday, September 26.

Grants help improve habitat

Do you know of an organization that needs funding for conservation work? Applications are being accepted for our Conservation Partners Legacy grant program. This funds conservation projects that restore, enhance or protect forests, wetlands, prairies or habitat for fish, game and wildlife in Minnesota.

U.S. Postal Service launches new election mail website

As part of its ongoing effort to ensure that voters and election officials have the information they need to successfully use the U.S. mail to vote in the November general elections, the U.S. Postal Service has launched a new Election Mail website. The website, which provides clear and concise information about voting by mail, is available 24/7 by going to: usps.com/votinginfo.

The postal service recognizes that many states are choosing to expand mail-in voting options in the upcoming elections and that there will likely be a significant increase in demand among postal customers to participate in those elections by using the mail.

In response, the postal service has updated its website to serve both voting customers

seeking information on how to use the mail to vote and election officials seeking resources to help make their administration of the upcoming elections a success.

For domestic voters, the website provides direct links to federal election resources as well as links to state-specific resources. For overseas and military voters, the new site provides additional information, including links to resources supporting their election participation.

The site also highlights the most critical information for voters who opt to vote through the U.S. mail: that, in requesting or casting a mail-in ballot, they not only must comply with their local jurisdictions' requirements, but also should start the process early.

To allow sufficient time for voters to receive, complete and return ballots via the mail, they strongly recommend that voters request ballots at the earliest point allowable, but no later than 15 days prior to the election date. The postal service also recommends that voters mail their ballots at least one week prior to their states' due dates to allow for timely receipt by election officials. Voters should contact their local election officials for further information about deadlines and other requirements.

In addition, the site provides resources to state and local election officials as part of the ongoing efforts to partner with such officials to make the elections a success. The site guides election officials in contacting postal service personnel to dis-

cuss how they can design their mailings in a manner that complies with postal regulations, improves mail piece visibility and ensures efficient processing as well as timely delivery.

The site also provides links to information such as the official 2020 Official Election Mail Kit (Kit 600) and the State and Local Election Officials User's Guide (Publication 632).

The U.S. Postal Service remains fully committed to fulfilling its role in the electoral process when policymakers choose to use their services in administering elections. They can fully handle and deliver the anticipated increase in election mail volume and are continuing to coordinate with state and local election officials.

Wear a mask in public spaces.

Get tested if you have any symptoms.

Answer if your health department calls.

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