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Celebrating life's moments



PHOTO BY KATELYN ASFELD

The Rev. Anthony Christoffels is the new pastor for Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albany. He was welcomed by the congregation during an installment ceremony June 20.

Christoffels new pastor for Our Savior's Lutheran Church

BY KATELYN ASFELD | STAFF WRITER

As the new pastor for Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albany, the Rev. Anthony Christoffels looks forward to getting to know members of the congregation and being part of their lives.

Christoffels was installed June 20 during a church service with the congregation there to welcome him.

The congregation selected Christoffels as their new pastor in March, but with three children in school, Christoffels and his wife, Stephanie, who is also a pastor, wanted to wait until the children finished their school year. Stephanie is now serving at Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Cloud. Both of them began their new pastor roles June 1. The installment ceremony made it official, Christoffels said.

In his new office June 23, Christoffels said it has been great so far and he has settled in just fine. His large collection of books on various religious topics are stacked neatly on shelves, ready to be used for reference. The collection, he said, is just a fraction of what he owns.

"It's pretty common for a pastor to have a lot of books," he said. "It's not unheard of to have six to eight required books per class in seminary."

Christoffels grew up in Chandler, a small farming town in southwest Minnesota. He attended North Dakota State University where he earned a degree in construction management and a minor in business administration.

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PHOTO BY CAROL MOORMAN

Newly crowned Miss Melrose Alyssa Hoeschen shows her surprise when being crowned June 24 by outgoing Miss Melrose Kate Schaefer during the Melrose Royalty Pageant in the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center in Melrose. Also reacting is candidate Mayanne Dewald.

Melrose royalty crowned

BY CAROL MOORMAN
STAFF WRITER

Amy Hoeschen hugged her daughter Alyssa tightly minutes after Alyssa was crowned the 2021 Miss Melrose June 24, while her proud dad Russel and brother Isaac watched.

"We told you, all you had to do was believe in yourself and be you," Amy whispered in Alyssa's ears.

The Hoeschen household now has two Melrose royalty – Alyssa in 2021 and Amy was a Melrose princess in 1992.

There were many magic moments during the Melrose Royalty Pageant in front of a capacity crowd at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center in Melrose when Miss Melrose and Little Miss Mel-



Little Miss Melrose Hannah Kerfeld is pleasantly surprised as Miss Melrose Kate Schaefer places a crown on her head June 24 during the Melrose Royalty Pageant in the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center in Melrose. Watching is a smiling Ashtyn Fiedler.

rose royalty were crowned. of Madi Stusse-Birch and Looks of mouth-dropping Gracie Schad when they surprise filled the faces were crowned princesses

and Hoeschen as the Miss Melrose crown was placed on her head, while other candidates Kimi Klassen, Mayanne Dewald and Desirae Wieling watched and applauded.

A big smile formed on Hannah Kerfeld's face when 2019-20 Miss Melrose Kate Schaefer placed a crown on her white-bowed head. Faith Germain and Daphne Frericks were crowned Little Miss Melrose princesses. Other Little Miss Melrose candidates, standing on the stage in their pageant dresses, included Bria Ettl, Alayna Marquez-Bierschbach, Ellie Hellermann, Maya Butler, Claire Long, Sara Steinhofner, Aspen Wenker, Penny Glenn, Valery Felix, Sophia Borgmann, Olivia Hoffner, Faith Feldewerd, Raya Borgerding, Layla Wagner, Ashtyn Fiedler, Agnes Hemmesch, Miranda Figueroa, Adelyn Martinez and Sophia Twedt.

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PHOTO SUBMITTED
Joel, (from left) Garrett and Sam Tschida get ready to run the Avon Spunktacular 5K race June 19 at Middle Spunk Beach in Avon. Garrett holds a sign, made by his grandma Carol.

Making LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Three generations of Tschidas finish a race

BY CAROL MOORMAN | STAFF WRITER

Sam Tschida had an idea. He was on his daily walk this spring when an idea started forming in his mind to run a race with his son, Joel, and his grandson, Garrett.

Sam put it on his bucket list.

On June 19 he crossed it off the list as the three ran in the Avon Spunktacular 5K.

"Three generations in our family finished the race," he said.

Finished is the main word here.

"My goal was to cross the finish line and I did," said Sam who has lived in Avon with his wife, Carol, since 2008, moving there from St. Rosa.

Running the race was a mind and body thing for him. Last fall, during a medical checkup his doctor suggested he go on a medication or in 10 years he would be a candidate for a stroke if he kept up with his

current lifestyle.

"I asked what I had to do to prevent this, and she said, 'I'll give you six months,'" Sam said.

He made lifestyle changes and started walking.

"I made up my mind to lose weight and get in better shape last November, so I started walking every day after work," he said.

His doctor was happy with the results when he returned for a six-month checkup. So much so, that putting him on medication was off the table.

"So I just continued doing what I was doing," he said.

Knowing Joel ran in races before, including in 17 different states, Sam thought it would be nice to run the Spunktacular race with his "two boys," Joel and Garrett.

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Miss Melrose from front

Kimi Klassen was named Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality and Hoeschen received the talent and citizenship awards. Little Miss Photogenic was awarded to Hoffner.

Stusse-Birch does not really remember the moment she was crowned.

"I thought 'Oh, it just happened and at the moment, I was so happy,'" Stusse-Birch, of Melrose, said June 26 before she, Hoeschen and Schad worked in the Riverfest food booth.

Schad was shocked. "I was holding the roses and, oh my gosh, I thought 'I'm a princess now. I have to act like a princess,'" Schad, of Melrose, said.

For Hoeschen, of Freeport, her crowning was a dream come true. She has attended many pageants with her mom.

"I've dreamt of being up there on the stage and being crowned a princess or Miss Melrose," she said. "I was shocked. ... I'm happy and excited to start this next chapter in my life."

Emcees Pam Rue and Jessica Housman kept the people entertained as the two-hour and 30-minute program flowed seamlessly, which started with a dance performed together by Little Miss Melrose and Miss Melrose candidates. It was the first time the two pageants were combined and the two programs gelled together. While pageant volunteers set up for the talent of



PHOTOS BY CAROL MOORMAN

2021 Melrose royalty crowned June 24 includes Little Miss Melrose Princess Daphne Frericks (front, from left), Little Miss Melrose Hannah Kerfeld and Little Miss Melrose Princess Faith Germain; (back, from left) Miss Melrose Princess Madi Stusse-Birch, Miss Melrose Alyssa Hoeschen and Miss Melrose Princess Gracie Schad. Kimi Klassen was named Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality and Hoeschen received the talent and citizenship awards. Little Miss Photogenic was awarded to Olivia Hoffner.

the next Miss Melrose candidate, Housman asked Little Miss candidates what their favorite place in the Melrose area was. Some answers had the audience laughing.

Miss Melrose talent included recitation of a poem, singing of songs and performing sign language to a song.

The evening showcased an entertaining preview of the Sauk River Player's production of "Grease."

Melrose royalty alumni, dating back to 1990s, introduced themselves on the stage and visiting royalty in the "sparkle section" were recog-

nized. Outgoing royalty, Miss Melrose Kate Schaefer and princesses Amber Roerick and Alexis Haider, gave, at times, emotion-filled goodbye speeches. One talked about how their reign flew by even

though it was for two years since there was no pageant in 2020 due to the pandemic. Excitement rose during the crowning moments that started with the Little Miss Melrose royalty. There were shouts of excitement from Schaefer, Roerick and Haider after each envelope was opened and they saw the name of the new royalty; the crowning moment happening seconds later.

Amy Hoeschen remembers her husband holding her hand tightly as the coronation of the new Miss Melrose started.

"I think I was more nervous as a mom watching her (Alyssa) than when I was having my own crown put on my head," she said.

She passed on some of what she learned as a Miss Melrose princess to her daughter.

"Mom had tips and pointers for me the entire journey, and one of my sponsors, Anne Hoeschen, was Miss Melrose (in 1991) and had advice and encouragement for me," Alyssa Hoeschen said.

One of the first things the newly crowned Miss Melrose royalty did was help rebuild the royalty float June 25.

It all started to sink in for Schad June 25 when she received a call from Chamber Director Sarah Hoffner asking her to help inform Little Miss Melrose royalty parents about the June 26 parade details.

The magic moments, heading into their royal year, will not be forgotten.

More Miss Melrose photos can be found at www.star-pub.com under 'photos'

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Tschidas from front

"So there were three generations," Sam said.

Garrett has completed one duathlon, four 5K races and three 1K races, including three in Avon. Joel's wife, Sara and their son, Carson, have also run in the Avon race. But this was Sam's first race of any kind. This year, Carson and Sara volunteered during the Avon run.

Sam prepared for the race, running while out on his daily walks, after he got home from work at Polar

Tank Industries in Opole.

Sam was anxious to run the June 19 race, happy to be doing so with family on a sunny Saturday. They started out side-by-side but Garrett soon shot off ahead of them. Garrett, 12, was the first to finish, followed by Joel, 41, and then Sam, 63. Family cheered for them when they crossed the finish line. Sam's dad, Victor Tschida, was also a spectator, which meant four generations of Tschidas were present.

"I came in first in my age group. There were four of us," he said. "It was a shock. I didn't expect anything."

He had to think a bit



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Holdingsford School Board approves conservative 2021-22 budgets

State aid increase a nice surprise

BY MIKE KOSIK | STAFF WRITER

The Holdingsford School Board approved revenue and expenditure budgets for the 2021-2022 school year during their June 23 meeting. Business manager Beth Heinze went over the budgets and answered questions.

"The budget is very conservative," Heinze said.

The district has an estimated balance of \$2.5 million to start the next school year. Anticipated revenue for the 2021-22 school year is \$11.1 million, with an estimated

\$11.3 million in expenditures in the general fund.

The budget includes the latest state aid package approved by the state legislature. Legislators approved a 2.45% increase for the first year of the biennium and 2% the second year.

Usually school districts look for a 2% increase each year, superintendent Chris Swenson said, so 2.45% the first year was a nice surprise.

The school district has a reserve of 18.6% of expendi-

tures, which is slightly lower than the goal of 20%.

Also at the meeting Swenson gave an update on the track reconstruction. Work is progressing, but the school needs to get a plumbing review from the state.

The top coat for the track will be done in August or September and will not be an issue for the football season.

Secondary principal Angela Safran in her report said that 96.7% of the seniors graduated with 87 of 90 receiving a diploma. One student needs a half credit and once that is obtained, one more will be added to the list of graduates.

Safran said the staff is gearing up for summer school, which will see a greater number than previous years.

Work is also being done on the new social-emotional curriculum, Safran said. Letters will be sent to parents explaining the curriculum and they will be able to see what is in the curriculum. It is a new curriculum that will be used during homeroom time. Topics include setting goals, organization, making and keeping healthy friendships, anti-bullying, self-care, self-awareness, mental health, saying no to peer pressure and making positive choices.

Albany School Board approves 2021-2022 budget

COVID-19 relief funds utilized for summer school programming

BY KATELYN ASFELD | STAFF WRITER

Albany School Board members approved the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget following a presentation by business manager Sue Clemen during their June 23 meeting.

The budget saw a slight increase in funds due to an increase of average daily membership, or enrollment numbers, which determine the amount of funding the school receives. There was

about a \$414,868 increase in revenues and an \$808,302 decrease in expenses, resulting in a \$922,281 decrease in the total fund balance. The general fund balance decreased by \$577,872, the food service fund increased by \$68,410, the community education fund increased by \$45,081, the construction fund has a \$445,988 deficit and the debt service fund balance decreased by \$11,912.

The district reduced all revenues and expenditures due to the 2020-2021 COVID-19 relief funds they received. A portion of the new COVID-19 relief funds are being used to fund summer school programs.

"We are figuring out how

to best utilize those funds to help students with learning loss," said Greg Johnson, superintendent. "Over 200 students are enrolled in summer school this year."

The district will also receive an additional \$127,400 in state aid. Free meals will be provided to students again this year, a directive given from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Student fundraising activity and concessions were added back to the budget. The funds were removed in last year's budget due to cancellations from COVID.

Major expenses planned for this year include the purchase of a new school bus. The district will also be add-

ing four new teaching positions, two in middle school and two interventionists, one for each elementary school.

With a high number of retirees and some resignations after the 2020-2021 school year, 22 new teachers, for pre-kindergarten through grade 12, will fill vacant positions for the upcoming school year.

In other school board news, the board:

- Rescinded the police on the COVID-19 face covering requirement.
- Approved the dairy products bid with Kemps.
- Approved allocating the committed fund balance to technology, transportation and curriculum needs.

Birth announcements

Camden John Fredell

Loren Fredell and Paige Tabatt, of Melrose, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Camden John Fredell, at 12:52 p.m., June 18, 2021, at CentraCare-Melrose Hospital.

He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches long.



Camden John Fredell

Rayne Marie Ropelike

Pat and Tristan Ropelike, of Greenwald, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Rayne Marie Ropelike, at 7:29 a.m., June 23, 2021, at CentraCare-Melrose Hospital.

She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

Welcoming her home were big brothers Wyatt and Connor and big sister Delia.

Grandparents are Tom Greenwald, and Philip and Lorene Meyer, of Sandy Roelike, of Belgrade.



Rayne Marie Ropelike

60th Wedding Anniversary

Tony and Vi (Locnikar) Barthel

Tony and Vi (Locnikar) Barthel, of Richmond, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 10th, 2021.

They invite you to share in this special moment in their lives. You are invited to Schiffer's Liquor in St. Anthony from 1:00-5:00. A meal will be served.



What's happening

Saturday, July 3, 9 a.m. - **Overeaters Anonymous.** Whitney Senior Center, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud. For more information, call Joyce at 320-761-2275, Donna at 320-291-7251 or visit oa.org.

Tuesday, July 6, 1-2 p.m. - **Catholic Charities Senior Dining Frozen Meal Distribution.** Albany Pondview Estates, 334 Golfview Drive, Albany. Seniors age 60+ may stop and pick up frozen meals. They come in packages of 10. For more information, call 320-845-4070.

Tuesday, July 6, 6 p.m. - **Overeaters Anonymous.** Alano Club, 23805 County Road 2, Cold Spring. For more information call Joyce at 320-761-2275, Donna at 320-291-7251 or visit oa.org.

Tuesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m. - **Melrose VFW Auxiliary and Post 7050 meeting.** Melrose American Legion clubroom, 265 County Road 173, Melrose.

Wednesday, July 7, 7 p.m. - **Albany American Legion and Auxiliary #482 meeting.** Albany American Legion, 371 Railroad Ave., Albany.

Wednesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. - **Albany City Council Meeting.** Albany City Hall, 400 Railroad Ave., Albany.

Christoffels from front

Over the summer at college, he worked at the campus ministry, doing administrative work, when a neighboring pastor called him and said he wanted him to be the youth director for his congregation.

"He didn't even ask me to apply. He just said he wanted me to be the youth director," Christoffels said. "He must have saw something in me that I didn't see in myself."

Christoffels promptly declined the offer.

"I've never worked in ministry at all. I would have no clue what I would be doing," he said as to why he declined the offer.

But after giving it more thought, he called back several days later and accepted the position and began in his new role that fall.

"Within six months of starting there, I was in St. Paul touring the seminary," he

said. "It's amazing how God works through people and around us."

Christoffels never imagined becoming a pastor before this. Growing up in a religious family, he always went to church and had a strong faith, but the pastor career path never crossed his mind.

"I never pictured myself being a pastor, up front giving a sermon," he said.

It felt like God was guiding him to the ministry, he said.

"There's no way to explain it," he said of the career change.

Christoffels graduated from Luther Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 2013 and was ordained June 1. While working at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, a bible camp in southwestern Minnesota, he met Stephanie. Stephanie also graduated from Luther Seminary, and both pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America denomination.

"We have been married

for 12 years," he said.

They will be welcoming their fourth child into the world this November.

For the last eight years, Christoffels served the Circle of Faith Parish, which includes the churches of St. Peter in Ceylon, Trinity, in Welcome and Waverly of rural Trimont.

When a congregation needs a new pastor, a call committee is formed to make a ministry site profile and search for a candidate. If a pastor is interested, they can make their resume available to the committee. After the committee does a few interviews with the candidate, they present their recommendation to the congregation to make the final decision. If the congregation approves the selection, they extend the call to the pastor of choice.

The most challenging aspect of coming to a new ministry is learning how everything works. However, with the pandemic, the way services and activities are held

have changed, so everyone is learning new routines.

"Everything has changed," he said. "Everyone is starting over."

He sees his role as a partnership between himself and other leaders elected from the congregation. With other leaders, he makes decisions on education, staffing, managing budgets and giving direction to the congregation.

"There's all these different aspects that make up the ministry itself," he said.

The most enjoyable part of pastoring for Christoffels is being part of people's lives during intimate, holy events, such as baptisms, weddings and end-of-life moments.

"I get invited into those special moments," he said. "You can feel God's presence in those holy moments."

It is one of the many joys of being in his role and he looks forward to serving members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for all of life's moments.

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Cynthia Schleicher

Cynthia "Cindy" Schleicher, 66, passed away peacefully in her sleep April 29, 2021. Cindy was born Sept. 6, 1954, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, to Erwin and Rosemary Schleicher. Cindy, a twin, is one of six children. Cindy was known to be a strong-willed individual that had to carve her own path. Cindy and her daughter relocated to Ohio in 1998 and returned to Minnesota late 2005. She had quite the sense of humor and was known for her kindness, love of cows, birds and her cat Nana. Cindy will be greatly missed by those around her.



Cynthia Schleicher

and Douglas (Karen Schleicher) of Albany; her grandchildren, Dawson and Noah Jankowski and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life is being planned for a later date for family and friends.

Arrangements were by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Sandstone, www.methvenfuneralhome.com.

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Francis H. "Fran" Hertzog

Francis H. "Fran" Hertzog, age 94, of Grey Eagle, passed away peacefully June 24, 2021, at Getty Street Assisted Living in Sauk Centre.



Francis H. "Fran" Hertzog

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Melrose with Rev. Marvin Enneking officiating. Inurnment will be held in the parish cemetery. There will be no visitation prior to the Mass.

Francis Harold Hertzog was born Nov. 29, 1926, in Winsted, Minnesota, to Frank and Anna (Fasching) Hertzog. He earned his teaching degree from St. Cloud State University and obtained his MA degree in Educational Administration.

Francis was principal at Melrose High School for many years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Melrose and the Melrose Lions Club. Fran enjoyed traveling, reading and fishing. Fran treasured the natural beauty found on his farm and sharing it with his family.

Survivors include his children, Michael (Cyndy) Hertzog of Bozeman,

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James A. "Jim" Frierler

James A. "Jim" Frierler, age 71, of New Munich, passed away June 24, 2021, at his home in New Munich, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease followed by a stroke.



James A. "Jim" Frierler

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 1, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Greenwald with Rev. Daniel Walz officiating and Deacon Jim Schulzetenberg assisting. Inurnment will be in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 to 10:45 a.m., July 1, at the church.

James Alphonse Frierler was born Aug. 30, 1949, in Melrose, Minnesota, to John and Leona (Schulzetenberg) Frierler. He graduated from Melrose High School and served in the National Guard for six years. Jim worked at Kraft Foods in Melrose and at the turkey farm near New Munich. He farmed in partnership with his brother, Tom, until retiring in 2017. Jim was a hard worker and would help anyone who needed help. He enjoyed hunting everything and anything, playing cards, going to the casino and spending time with his family and friends.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in New Munich and the Knights of

Columbus Council #1633. Survivors include his siblings, Rodney (Darlene) Frierler of St. Cloud, Steve (Jane) Frierler of Paynesville, Rosie (Larry) Van Beck of Melrose, Ruth (Stan) Heinen of Spring Hill and Tom (Linda) Frierler of New Munich; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, John and Leona Frierler; and twin infant sisters.

Memorials are preferred. Arrangements were made with Patton-Schad Funeral & Cremation Services of Melrose.

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James B. "Jim" Schirmers

James B. "Jim" Schirmers, age 58, of Albany, passed away after a short battle with brain cancer June 22, 2021, at his farm in Albany.



James B. "Jim" Schirmers

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 26 at Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Albany with the Rev. Julius Beckermann, O.S.B., officiating. Entombment was in the parish cemetery.

James Bernard Schirmers was born Aug. 7, 1962, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, to Leo and Irene (Zazek) Schirmers. He

loved farming with his brother, Dennis, which was a century farm. He was employed at SpartanNash in St. Cloud

Elvera E. "Vera" Von Wahlde

Elvera E. "Vera" Von Wahlde, age 81, of Melrose, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, Monday, June 21, 2021, at the CentraCare Hospital in Melrose.



Elvera E. "Vera" Von Wahlde

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 24 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grey Eagle with Rev. Daniel Walz officiating. Interment was in the parish cemetery.

Elvera Elizabeth Beuning was born Nov. 10, 1939, in Millwood Township, Stearns County, Minnesota, to Lawrence and Viola (Cremers) Beuning. Vera graduated from Melrose High School in 1957. She was united in marriage to Jerome Von Wahlde Aug. 13, 1958, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Francis. Vera worked at the Freeport Café, which she and Jerome owned and operated for a year and a half. She enjoyed

helping Jerome on the farm but primarily was the family caretaker, raising their eight children.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grey Eagle, Christian Mothers and the St. Frances Mission Group. Vera was a wonderful cook and enjoyed baking pies. She loved to dance and was a member of the Polka Lovers Club. Vera enjoyed gardening and flowers, roses being her favorite. Most importantly,

HONOR ROLL

Albany High School fourth quarter honor roll

To qualify for the A honor roll, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.667 or above. To qualify for the B honor roll, students must achieve a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.666. The following students have achieved their respective distinctions:

A Honor Roll

Grade 9: Sophia Anderson, Hope Aronson, Anikka Baker, Jacob Barker, Mitchell Bartell, Madison Becker, Vienna Boom, Ayla Breibach, Madison Bushman, Owen Carlson, Carson Cherne, Benjamin Christian, Drew Cramlet, Gavin Crumley, Katherine Czajkowski, Kristina Dotseth, Rachel Driggins, Tatum Findley, Connor Finkelson, Kaylin Fischer, Elsy Flores Mancia, Alexis Funk, Kylan Gerads, Bridget Goebel, Aubrey Goebel, Olivia Goebel, Ashley Heinen, Anthony Herkenhoff, Arianna Hoeschel, Katelyn Hoffarth, Trista Hoffarth, Callie Holthaus, Shelby Horning, Aliya Imdieke, Brenna Korneck, Zachary Kreuzer, Kayla Meyer, Benjamin Meyer, Taylor Moritz, Lance Nathan, Lindsey Nathe, Lauren Nett, Alivia Overman, Mason Plumski, Chase Rajkowski, Madison Ramler, Raelyn Richter, Jack Rieland, Alyssa Sand, Alaina Schmitt, Carter Schwalbe, Hailey Shay, Abigail Sieben, Landon Vogel, Dominick Winkels and Grant Wohletz.

Grade 10: Anna Marie Adrian, Grace Backes, Luke Barrow, Kane Bauman, Mason Bierbaum, Gracie Bogard, Ethan Borgerding, Nyra Brown, Kendall Buerman, Isaac Burg, Nicholas Bushman, Presley Dirkes, Kathryn Dolan, Ashley Doubek, Samantha Duff, Carmen Eiyneck, Leczi Fleischhacker, Riley Garding, Lily Geise, Tysen Gerads, Logan Geibel, Hope Hartung, Raelynn Hennen, Makaya Hernandez, Brooke Hoffarth, Carson Holthaus, Cecilia Hudock, Trent Imholte, Adam Kaeter, Theresa Kalthoff, Faith Kalthoff, Connor Karki, Gabriella Kedrowski, Olivia Kierzek, Raeann Kirchner, Spencer Kollmann, Olivia Kompelien, Kaitlyn Lahr, Jake Lauer, Tayte Lecy, Andrea Majchrzak, Veronica Maus, Emily Mclachlan, Katherine Orbeck, Alivia Orbeck, Emily Orne, Cole Panek, Emma Philippi, Jazmin Pullins, Carter Ricard, Tate Richter, Audrey Rieland, Lily Rossman, Emma Rothstein, Carter Sand, Sophia Schifler, Breeana Schmidt, Isabella Schwinghammer, Margaret Seiler, Cameron Smith, Katherine Spanier, Vincent St Marie, Nevaeh

for 32 years as a shipping supervisor, transportation and an over road truck driver. He loved the people he worked with at SpartanNash and truck driving. Jim was a very kindhearted person to anyone that was in need. He enjoyed spending time with his nephew and niece, his dogs, cattle and doing farm work.

Jim is survived by his siblings, Lori (John) Heinen of St Joseph, Dennis of Albany, Greg of Avon and Lisa (Mike) Verkinnes of St Cloud; nephew Jake Verkinnes; and niece Brooke Verkinnes.

Preceding Jim in

death were his parents.

Serving as casket bearers were Mark Gangl, Tim Rieland, Chad Cruzen, Chad Westering, Paul Boeckermann and Dave Geise. Reader was Ann Chaika. Gift bearers were Jake Verkinnes, Brooke Verkinnes and Aaliyah Mixteco.

Memorials are preferred.

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she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving husband of 62 years, Jerome Von Wahlde of Melrose; children Dave (Cathy) Von Wahlde of Sauk Centre, Judy (Jim) Pundsack of Melrose, Gail (Ken) Hommerding of Grey Eagle, John (Sandy) Von Wahlde of Freeport, Mary Beth (Ken) Scherping of Freeport, Dan (Brenda) Von Wahlde of Grey Eagle, Gary (Tammi) Von Wahlde of Sauk Centre and Mike (Rachel) Von Wahlde of Melrose; 28 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren with one on the way; brothers and sisters Helen Brake of Sauk Centre, Mary Lou (Duane) Shay of Albany, Vern (Kathy) Beuning of St. Cloud, Bridget (Larry) Rinek of Santa Clara, California, Dale (Lawreen) Beuning of Fort Madison, Iowa, Dennis Beuning of Warner Robins, Georgia,

Bonnie (Steve) Donnay of Sauk Centre, Roger (Peggy) Beuning of Annandale and Rick Beuning of Cleveland, Mississippi.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Helen Jane Beuning; her brother, Greg Beuning; and brother-in-law Ralph Brake.

Serving as casket bearers were Wendy Tschida, Nathan Pundsack, April Wegleitner, Candstin Von Wahlde, Cody Von Wahlde, Tony Scherping and Kaitlyn Euteneuer. Cross bearer was Greta Von Wahlde and scripture bearer was Madisyn Von Wahlde. Readers were Mikayla Von Wahlde and McKenna Von Wahlde and petitions were read by Madalyn Von Wahlde. Serving as gift bearers were Mike Von Wahlde, Rachel Von Wahlde, Luke Von Wahlde and Adley Von Wahlde.

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Steffes, Emily Teske, Cole Thesing, Carter Voss, Nevaeh Williams, Lacey Woodard and Makaela Zierden.

Grade 11: Aaron Ainali, Cenah Barker, Jordan Barker, Anna Bettin, Carter Birr, Maria Blenker, Cassidy Boeckermann, Emily Breth, Andrew Burnett, Joran Carlson, Alexander Cress, Alexa Davey, Grace Eiyneck, Brady Goebel, Hope Goebel, Marissa Gourde, Kayla Hahn, Faith Hartung, Madelyn Herkenhoff, Jazmin Hernandez, Hallie Hoffarth, Brandon Holm, Preston Hoppe, Peyton Hylla, Rebecca Iverson, Raimee Johnson, Abigail Kalla, Abigail Kalthoff, Noah Kalthoff, Megan Koglin, Myra Kotschevar, Peyton Krumrei, Savannah Massmann, Grant Mayers, Elizabeth Merdan, Robin Mergen, Angela Mergen, Hailey Nathe, Isaac Noska, Thomas Odenthal, Alaina Pullins, Melanie Rosen, Caden Sand, Josephine Schmitt, Katherine Simon, Abby Sininger, Emily Spanier, Savannah Stich, Sydney Studniski, John Sundet, Tiauna Tabatt, Abby Thelen, Nicholas Tougas and Trevor Wuolle.

Grade 12: Tanner Arceneau, Trinity Bauer, Brian Beutz, David Bushman, Stacia Cherne, Peyton Dirkes, Autumm Donabauer, Katelyn Ehlert, Allison Eiyneck, Breyden Eiyneck, Emily Evenson, Benjamin Felling, Natalie Fischer, Dylan Fischer, Sydney Friederichs, Isaiah Gerads, Jacob Gourde, Isabelle Haakonson, Andrew Hahn, Andrew Huckepoehler, Travis Imholte, Kayne Jacques, Bree Jensen, Wyntrone Johnson, Kristine Kalthoff, Nathan Kalthoff, Evan Kalthoff, Kendra Kisner, Brooke Kotten, Caleb Lau, Brooke Lemke, William Mergen, Paige Meyer, Sadie Opatz, Amanda Ostendorf, Rachel Panek, Elizabeth Parker, Kylie Pontes, Rachel Rausch, Devin Ritter, Jessica Rosenberger, Nicholas Ruegamer, Adrianna Salzer, Ryan Schmitz, Bobbi Jo Schmitt, Avery Schmitt, Emma Schulzetenberg, Hunter Smith, Brandon Springer, Madison Stich, Austin Tamm, Lucy Thelen, Carter Thelen, Jenna Van Der Hagen, Mackenzie Wambach, Austin Weber, Gina Wege, Joseph Welchert, Ashley Wieber, Abbey Wieber, Lauren Wiens, Connor Winkels and Mason Zierden.

B Honor Roll

Grade 9: Nathan Ainali, Caedan Birr, Amy Butkowski, Sara Eiyneck, Macy Funk, Madison Groover, Joseph Hoff, Tyler Hoffarth, Landon Jensen, Thomas Johnson, Theo Johnson, Ben Klases, Rachel Larkey, Carter Massmann, Paris Mellesmoen, Nora Mergen, Kayden Moore, Andrew Olson, John Orne, Brooke Osendorf, Savannah Pelzer, Sophia Posch, Parker Rodenwald, Devon Schaefer, Joseph Schmitt, Abigail Schmitz, Madison Shay, Dominic St Marie, Charles Sundet, Trystan Tabatt, Aleyah Willenbring and Jazmin Worms.

Grade 10: Trevor Branglemay, Darlene Corte, Lynn Deters, Isaac Evenson, Kaizer Fuhr-Bock, Kaiden Gaebel, Tristyn Gienger, Makayla Hoheisel, Ryan Irving, Grant Kleman, Tanner Kramer, Reanna Laing, Mya Mcnamar, Dominick Niehaus, Andrew Pierskalla, Kendra Rausch, Tanner Reis, Kalie Ritter, Brayden Roerick, Jaydon Schaefer, Lindsey Schwab, Kyle Stich, Allie Thelen, Yeraldit Valencia, Samantha Van Heel, Madison Wambach, Peyton Wiese, Andrew Young and Cailyn Zierden.

Grade 11: Jacob Adrian, Jaden Arens, Elizabeth Blattner, Haille Borstad, Abigail Breitbach, Blake Budde, Jersey Burke, Luke Buttweiler, Declan Crumley, Ana Diederich, Jesse Greenwood, Abraham Hartung, Elizabeth Johnson, Bailey Keeske, Luke Laing, Kaydance Larson, Alyssa Lobitz, Lauren Mareck, Jayden Mareck, Grant Meyer, Cole Moulzoff, Emma Orbeck, Samantha Pelzer, Abby Peterschick, Kyle Rausch, Zoe Shay, Cody Tabatt, Marissa Voigt and Alexis Zierden.

Grade 12: Evan Becker, Faith Borgerding, Jacob Burg, Abbie Christen, Selena Corson, Evan Deters, Katie Dobmeier, Avery Eischens, Amaya Eischens, Aubree Eiyneck, Hailey Frericks, Kallie Frericks, Makayla Gertken, Cole Hause, Kaitlyn Hines, Tate Hoffarth, Carter Lee Holmbo, Heather Kelly, Natalie Kohout, Alayna Kolb, Morgan Kramer, Kallie Larson, Christopher Mcgaughey, Brianna Middendorff, Logan Moeller, Zachary Moritz, Ethan Navratil, Lilith Orne, Kaci Ostendorf, Nicole Pachan, Gavin Petermeier, Austin Pundsack, Mya Rassiier, Grace Rieland, Kyra Rudnicki, Nolan Rueter, Robert Schleper, Haley Thelen, Hunter Thiel-Gibson, Bethany Voigt, Blake Wohletz and Livi Zenzen.

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