

This Week in LAKES HISTORY

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100 Years Ago

New London Times, Sept. 7, 1922

News Briefs From All The State

Minneapolis — A 12-year-old boy routed two bandits from his father's grocery store by grabbing a revolver and firing at the men as their backs were turned.

Lewiston — Public dances in Lewiston on Saturday nights are forbidden by an ordinance passed by the village board.

St. Cloud — Wendell A. Holt, 20 years old, admitted to police here that he had

stolen two automobiles. He said he stole a car at the Fergus Falls State hospital and came to St. Cloud where he abandoned it, and took a better one from a local garage.

Albert Lea — Jacob John Karpen, who allowed the world to believe he was dead, has been found working on a farm near Albert Lea. Karpen was traced by Sheriff Brown through the aid of the sheriff at Albert Lea.

75 Years Ago

New London Times, Sept. 11, 1947

WARNING NOTICE

The youngsters who have been pillaging cars and gardens are warned that such offenses may be prosecuted and if discovered, the wrong doers will be punished.

The Village Council.

Clothing saturated with gasoline

Edward Strand, 21 year old son of Herman Strand of Lake Andrew township, suffered critical burns Friday morning, when his clothing was saturated with gasoline which caught fire from a spark, as he was working on the mechanism of a tractor.

In seconds the young man was a mass of flames. He Ran from the place where the tractor was stand-

ing to the hoghouse where his father was at work. His father attempted to beat out the flames and suffered painful burns about his hands.

Edward then ran to the house where the flames were smotherd, but not until he had suffered terrible burns from his chest to his ankles.

Dr. R.J. Ripple of New London was called and the injured man was brought to the Rice Hospital. In addition to suffering from the burns he is also suffering from severe shock.

Monday Dr. Ripple stated that Edward has a good chance to recover from very serious and critical third degree burns over the entire front of his body from his neck down to his feet.

50 Years Ago

New London Times, Sept. 7, 1972

Norway Lake News

New residents at the Glen Oaks Nursing Home from this area are Mrs. Geoline Hatlestad and Mrs. Emma (James) Skaalrud.

Mrs. C.S. Skindeliem, Mrs. Edwin Negaard, Mrs. Clarence Lien, Mrs. Joseph Simonson, Mrs. Sam Skin-

delien and Mrs Lars Tjernagel all were guests of Mrs. Carmen Lindgren in Clara City at a quilting party on Tuesday.

Several relatives and friends helped Mrs. Ames Edman celebrate her birthday on Thursday.

25 Years Ago

Times-Free Press, Sept. 8, 1997

Sheriff Kleinhuizen to retire effective Oct. 31

Kandiyohi County Sheriff Larry Kleinhuizen has resigned as sheriff, effective Oct. 31.

He submitted his written resignation to the county board Tuesday afternoon, then thanked the county board for its complete support and cooperation throughout his 32 years of

service, 25 of them as sheriff. With all the changing problems in law enforcement, he said, it's time for a younger person to take over.

Kleinhuizen urged the commissioners to accept his recommendation and appoint Chief Deputy Don Kujawa as the new sheriff. "He's capable and will serve the county well."

10 Years Ago

Lakes Area Review, Sept. 8, 2012

WWII veteran receives medals after 65 years

After about 65 years, Ruben Høglund, 90, of Willmar has finally received the medals he earned in the Philippines Liberation during the final months of World War II.

...Høglund will be pinned with the Good Conduct Medal, The Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the World War II Honorable Service

lapel button, and the Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar.

...During his service in the Philippines, Høglund was injured when a piece of granite hit him in the forehead.

"We were crushing granite with explosives, because they didn't have gravel," he said. "I started bleeding from my mouth and my ears. They told me if that hadn't happened, the concussion would have killed me."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lions president pedaling with a purpose

By Brett Blocker
Editor

Earlier this summer, Spicer Sunrise Lion Club member Craig Schellberg and his son Grant set off on a 100-mile single-day bike ride from St. Joseph to Fergus Falls as a means of fundraising for the club's international foundation.

Now, Craig's wife Lori is following in the family's footsteps — or rather, treadmarks — on a ride of her own, albeit for a different cause.

With September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Lori, president of the Spicer Lions chapter, is participating in the Children's Cancer Research Fund's Great Cycle Challenge, which aims to raise money for youth cancer research.

The challenge began in 2015, and is open to all ages and abilities and locations across the country. Riders set their own mileage goals, which are logged and tracked online throughout the month via the program's free downloadable app on the Great Cycle Challenge website. Donors can track their riders' progress through this app, and donate various amounts to the cause once the ride is complete. (All proceeds benefit cancer research.)

So far, the "challenge" has raised \$4,464,890, with 615,878 miles logged by 32,782 riders and donors.

While there is no set mileage requirement, Lori plans



Photo submitted

Spicer Sunrise Lions Club President Lori Schellberg takes a breather along the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail amid her 100-mile fundraising goal for cancer research.

to complete 100 miles this month. And as of this week, she and her "old, nothing fancy Schwinn" are almost there.

"I started logging [miles] on September 1, and I think I logged 33 miles that day," she said. Last weekend, she and her family tacked on dozens more along the Paul Bunyan, Heartland and Glacial Lakes trails.

"My goal was to raise \$500. Well I've already ridden 75 miles as of [Monday] and exceeded \$700 already." In the likely event that she surpasses the 100-mile mark before the end of the month, Lori said she may "up the goal."

"The need is still there, and the sky's the limit. It's such a big effort across the U.S., and people are really trying to sup-

port [the cause] to make lives better for kids with cancer."

Over 15,700 American children are diagnosed with cancer each year, the Lions club said, "so the need is great."

To join the ride or support a rider, visit: greatcyclechallenge.com.

New London Food Co-op initiates pledge drive for needed opening funds

By Ralph Dickerson
Staff Writer

The Big Store closed its doors 13 years ago, leaving New London without its own grocery store. In 2018, a group of community members banded together to start the New London Food Cooperative, with the goal of opening a member owned grocery store in New London, located in the old Groom Zone location at 14 1st Ave SE, across from Fischer's Eye Center.

The food co-op needs a total of \$250,000 to open its doors, and to date the co-operative received pledges from grantors and lenders of \$200,000. The co-op needs

an additional \$50,000 to start operations, New London Food Co-op Treasurer Bethany Lacktorin said.

"We are asking our members to loan us the \$50,000," Lacktorin said. "To make a loan you have to be a member."

To raise the money, the cooperative started a fundraising drive, and asked interested members to pledge a minimum of \$1,000 toward the endeavor. The drive started in August of this year, and already raised \$30,000 of the needed \$50,000, Lacktorin said.

Founder and co-op president Erik Hatlestad said the re-

payment terms vary from four to seven years. He said it varies based on principal amount and member preference.

"Repayments start at year three," Hatlestad said. "Payments will be distributed at the end of each year."

So, if a member chooses a four-year term, that member receives four yearly loan repayments.

"To make a loan you have to be a member," Lacktorin said. "The first step if you want to do it is to call or email to become a member."

To join by phone, call 320.905.1543. To join by email, send an email to info@newlondonfood.coop. An op-

tion also exists on the co-op's website to join and pay for membership. It costs a one-time fee of \$100, and a yearly fee of \$20 to become a member. An option to pay via PayPal or a credit card exists on the website.

"It is a grocery store, so anyone can come in and buy food—member or not," Lacktorin said. "What members get to do is they get to receive dividends of the profits."

NLFC's Annual membership meeting will be held on September 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Little Theatre Auditorium. New member sign up will be available.

BENEFIT

"Jail and Bail" to benefit United Way of Central Minnesota

The Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department is holding a Jail and Bail fundraiser to benefit United Way of West Central Minnesota. Several

volunteers from the county agreed to be jail candidates, and the three candidates that raise the most money between now and noon on September 12 goes to "jail" on September 13 for one hour. The candidates for the one hour jail sentence include Mike

Kubesh of the Willmar Bus Service, Pastor Paul of AG Church in Willmar, Mary Elin Macht Lakeland Broadcasting, Larry Kleindl Kandiyohi County Administrator, James Miller of Heritage Bank in Willmar, state Representative Dave Baker, Kandiyohi

County Commissioner Steve Gardner, Fred Cogelow, candidate for the state house and Frank Hanson of the Willmar Fire Department. Visit: www.liveunitedwcm.org/jailandbail for updates on candidate money totals and to donate funds to the event.

Drag show

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liefs and misconceptions about what the drag show entails.

"I acknowledge that the loudest voices against drag performances at Little Theatre are simply reacting to fear. Folks have concerns — concerns that stem from a learned practice of pathologizing LGBTQ+ people. A practice based on select portions of a belief system.

"In other words, some Christian faiths require their followers to condemn anything that questions the righteousness of heterosexuality and cisgender norms and conflates anything that questions cisgender norms with pedophilia and/or sex trafficking.

"Let's not mince words: the belief that being gay is a sin is,

in truth, the foundational argument against having a drag show at Little Theatre."

Kyle Novak, speaking on behalf of the Little Theatre's Board of Directors, said that while the show may make some uncomfortable, the performance is affirming for others. He also noted that many popular plays and theatrical performances that have become tradition, like "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Guys and Dolls" contain adult themes, but are not perceived as sexual in nature, or addressed under the scrutiny of a drag show.

Jais Lacktorin, husband of Little Theatre Auditorium Director Bethany Lacktorin, noted that two drag shows have already taken place in

New London in which children were present, alluding to the Ms. Inferno Pageants hosted in 2011 and 2012 at the NLS Middle School as part of a joint fundraiser for the New London Fire Department and Little Theatre.

"It was a great show from what I've heard," he said, adding that he will be dancing in Saturday's show at the Little Theatre.

Ordinance updates

As current city ordinances pertaining to other businesses and events that feature dancing, alcohol and/or age restrictions that may fall under "adult use businesses" provisions, the city will continue to gather legal input from attorneys and the League of Minnesota Cit-

ies to determine how to update its ordinance and proceed with similar issues in the future.

According to city administrator Trudie Guptill, discussions will likely begin during the first council meeting in October. The process of drafting updates — to be reviewed by attorneys — will take at least three or four weeks, she said.

In the meantime, events and shows may need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, she said. "But as it stands, we can't just change one section of the ordinance — the whole thing has to be amended. And until it's published and there's a public hearing, it won't go into effect."



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