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Around the Lakes

Green Lake Triathlon

SPICER – The annual Green Lake Triathlon takes place Aug. 13-14 at Saulsbury Beach in Spicer. The event consists of a kids triathlon on Saturday, and the adult triathlon on Sunday.

KCHS anniversary

WILLMAR - The Kandiyohi County Historical Society's 125th anniversary takes place Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds. A Civil War cannon firing takes place at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Other activities that day include a silent pie auction, carnival games for kids, concessions and musical entertainment.

Call for storytellers

NEW LONDON - The New London Story Show is seeking submissions for true stories around the theme "Boundaries." Show takes place Sunday, Sept. 18. Selections will be read aloud from the stage. Contact Heather King at: flyleafbookshop@gmail.com.

Retired teachers

SPICER - The NLS retired women teachers and staff members will gather on Tuesday, Aug 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Max's on



The bulls are back in town...

Photo by Brett Blocker

The Kandiyohi County Fair was full of high-flying action Wednesday night, featuring – amid carnival rides, FFA exhibits, music and vendors – the return of the Great Frontier Bull Riding competition.

Primary results are in; Tollefson sweeps sheriff's race

By Ralph Dickerson Staff Writer

Voters went to the polls Tuesday, with approximately 23.2% of the county's 25,981 registered voters casting a ballot in the primary election, according to information from

6,027 voters casting a ballot.

In the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's race, Eric Tollefson made a strong showing, garnering more votes than the other two candidates combined. Tollefson received 3,410 votes, incumbent sher-

Tollefson against Holien for county sheriff.

In the Kandiyohi County District 3 commissioner's race, Dale H. Anderson tallied the most votes with 537. Kim P. Larson came in second with 524 votes. Karl Kaufman tal-

against Larson to replace current commissioner Rollie Nissen.

In the Willmar mayoral race, the fall general election pits Douglas E. Reece against Stephen Peppin. Reece received a majority 1,675 votes

garnered 161 votes.

Other races on the ballot Tuesday included District 7 of the US House of Representatives, the race for governor, the Secretary of State office and the state attorney general.

the Green, Little Crow Golf Resort.

NLS football apparel

NLS - NLS Wildcat football apparel for the fall season is available online at: Rambow.com. Password is: NLSFB.

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Kandiyohi County Auditor/ iff Eric Holien received 1,539 Treasurer Mark Thompson. and Dan Burns 790. The gen-This figure translates into eral election in the fall pits

lied 329 votes, and Joel Johnson 323. The District 3 race in November pits Anderson in the primary, while Peppin received 306. The other candidate in the race, Zeke Dahl,

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MnDOT lists four options for Hwy. 23/9 intersection

By Brett Blocker Editor

Following months of discussion with members of the community, business leaders and elected officials, the Minnesota Department of Public Transportation (District 8) has released four concept proposals regarding the Highway 23 and 9 safety improvement project: An interchange, Jturn, single-lane roundabout and traffic signal.

This project seeks to construct a safer alternative to the accident-prone intersection of Highway 23 and 9 near the Country Stop in New London.

Although MnDOT had initially planned to construct a J-turn at the location during the 2022 construction season, the department instead chose to pursue a new solution after significant push-back from the New London City Council and the public at large, who expressed concern that the J-turn

would not resolve the intersection's safety issues.

With the J-turn project halted, MnDOT sought to reengage the public for input on a new solution. In March of this year, the department hired Pamela Whitmore, of Whitmore Resolution Group, to help create an advisory committee to MnDOT. This committee consists of roughly a dozen representatives, including individuals from the City of New London, Kandiyohi County, local residents, the NLS school district, area business owners, fire and EMS, and those involved in freight and commerce.

The committee - which has been meeting since April of this year - serves to analyze potential safety solutions, consider public feedback and, ultimately, make a recommen-

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"Start me up!"

Photo by Brett Blocker

Rob Heyen, of Nebraska, alongside driver Paul Schaeffer, of Ohio, hand-cranks the engine of his 1905 Ford Model B in the NLS High School parking lot Tuesday ahead of the 36th Annual Antique Car Run. According to Heyen, the vehicle is one of just seven remaining in the world, and the only one currently touring. Only 500 were ever produced, he adds, and were initially sold for \$2,000 - the equivalent of \$62,000 when adjusted for inflation. The car run takes place from Aug. 10-14, with the 120-mile tour from New London to New Brighton scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 13) at Peace Lutheran Church.

