

**In the News**

**PSAT and ASVAB Tests**

The PSAT will be offered to interested juniors who sign up to take it on Tuesday, October 17, at both schools.

**Career Expo**

On Wednesday Oct. 25, sophomores have the opportunity to attend the Northern Valley Career Expo in Grand Forks.

**No School**

Also, there will be no school on Thursday, Oct. 19 or Friday, Oct. 20 due to EA Workshops.

There will be no school on Monday, Nov. 6 for students or staff in observation of fall celebration.

**Veterans Day Program**

Because Veteran's Day falls on a Saturday, Northome School will be hosting its annual Northome Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 3, this year. The local VFW, Legion, Women's Auxiliary will be assisting in the program that day. The exact time has yet to be determined.

**Fund Raising Activities**

Currently, there are a number of fund raisers underway. The yearbook is selling ads for the 2024 Chronika. German club students are selling jerky to support their trips in addition to their Bingo calling. The high school music students are selling cookie dough and pies for their trips. The student council members are selling butter braids to support student body activities. The butter braid sale ends on Friday, Oct. 27.

**Hallstrom, Hanson, Rosebear and Waller  
 September Students of the Month**

By Mariah Hanson  
*The Mustang Express*

Kierra Waller, Charlie Hallstrom, Kendra Rosebear and Soren Hanson have all earned September Student of the Month honors.

Senior Kierra Waller was voted September Senior High Exemplary Student of the Month by Northome High School staff. She is the daughter of Dusty and Marti Waller.

In addition to her academic studies. Kierra participates in science club, knowledge bowl, Envirothon softball.

History teacher Mr. Matt Hanson said, "Kierra is always willing to give up her time to help others."

Art teacher, Mr. Joe Furseth said, "Kierra is always up for new things."

Kierra's advice to her fellow students is to "respect your teachers and everyone in school."

The September Junior High Exemplary Student of the Month was seventh grader Soren Hanson, son of Matt and Heather Hanson.

Soren participates in basketball, baseball, Envirothon, band and choir.

Furseth said that Soren's "positive and cheerful attitude makes him a great example to his peers!" Science teacher Mr. Jim Schneider said "Soren does a great job getting his work done well and on time."

Soren's goals are to get good grades and enjoy school. He advises his fellow students to always ask questions when you have them.

Voted the Senior High Academic Student of the Month was sophomore Charli Hallstrom, daughter of Emily Lindley.

Charli participates in track, volleyball, basketball, band, student council, German club, and knowledge bowl.

Furseth said that Charli's "work is always her best effort which is all anyone can ask for."

"Charli is willing to go above and beyond what is expected without asking what is in it for her," English teacher Ms. Juleen Trisko said. "When she starts a task, she's going to make sure it is done well or not even start."

Charli's goals are to get good grades and stay ahead of work.

She also advises fellow students to "just do your work right away because you won't be stressed. And in the end, it will be better for you anyways."

The September Junior High Academic winner is freshman Kendra Rosebear, daughter of Keven and Jenet Rosebear.

She is involved in volleyball. "Kendra has fabulous writing skills and it really shows up in her work," Hanson noted. "She's also attentive and engaged in class." Science teacher Mr. Jim Schneider said Kendra does excellent work and is a very conscientious.

Kendra's goals for this school year is to get good grades, and make her parents proud.

Kendra's advice is to try to get work in on time, and study.

The Exemplary nominees this



Charli Hallstrom



Soren Hanson



Kendra Rosebear



Kierra Waller

month were Joy Adegun, Abby Rosson, Anaka Crowson, Charlie Hallstrom, Jailynd Baird, Cloey Buentemeier, Taylor Fraikes, Geneva Holcomb, Bridon Mendiola, Isabella Barrieau, Bradley Bender, Payton Heide, Adrienne Rosebear, Brooklyn Waller.

The Academic nominees were Mariah Hanson, Charlie Hallstrom, Abby Rosson, Geneva Holcomb, Kenly Hallstrom, Kierra

Waller, Caden Troy, Kaden Elhard, JD Dreher, Cloey Buentemeier, Kyra Buthcher, Anaka Crowson, Joselyn Lindley, Dakota Dietrich, Jailynd Baird,

Junior High Academic nominees were Penelope Dietrich, Bradley Bender, Kendra Rosebear, Merisa Dreher, Bella Hanson, Brooklyn Waller, Lexi Hallstrom, Ella Warren Rheanna Jones, Rhynn Schackman, Soren Hanson, and Bella Elhard.

**Northome School Student Council Update**

The Northome School Student Council is hosting its annual Halloween Carnival for K-6 students on Friday, Oct. 27 in the small gym from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Student council is also working on Winter Formal slated for Saturday, Dec. 16 in Northome for 7-12 grades with Rowdy Raven as deejay.

**The Golden Apple**

The Golden Apple winner for the month of September is Lauren VanBeusekom! Lauren stepped into a new role as our fifth grade teacher and has done so with stride. Even on the tough days, she continues to show up with a smile and compassion for her students. We are lucky to have her on our team!



*A Message from  
Superintendent Jeremy Tammi*

**Social Media and Behavior Problems**

Schools across the country are seeing an increase in student behavior problems associated with social media posts on sites like TikTok, SnapChat and Instagram. Some of these problems are now specifically impacting students in our Northome school and neighboring school districts.

This is NOT OK! These posts can be anything from bullying a student, or a group of students, to sharing videos of students fighting.

The challenge that educators face when trying to track down the students that create harmful social media posts, is that it is easy to create anonymous social media pages and posts. The creator of a specific post can hide behind the fact they are anonymous and share whatever information they would like, albeit hurtful to others.

While there are many positive

aspects to the proper use of social media, such as:

- 1) Staying connected with friends and family
- 2) Meeting other people with similar interests
- 3) Communicating with educators and fellow students
- 4) Learning about current events
- 5) Finding support when feeling sad or anxious

The flipside is that social media can be a hub for potentially harmful and/or questionable activities. Just so we are clear, these harmful and questionable activities will not be tolerated within the South Koochiching-Rainy River School District. District administration will use whatever means necessary to find the students responsible for harmful social media posts.

We also need parent, family

and community support to help remind our students that MEAN and inappropriate social media behavior is NOT OK. We need help with making it clear to our students that our expectation is to treat others with respect.

Our students need to be reminded that what they post can be used against them and they should always think twice before hitting the “send” button.

Another excellent conversation topic is NOT to “Friend” strangers. A good reminder is that if you don’t know the person, don’t “Friend” them.

Finally, it is important for our students to understand that if they come across a hurtful, harmful or violent social media post, to please let a responsible adult know about it. If at all possible, take a screen shot of the post; this may help school administration or law enforcement track down the suspect.

My goal is that by encouraging everyone to work together and having crucial conversations with our students, we can maintain a healthy and safe learning environment. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. 218-897-5275 Ext 153

*Halo Awards*

If you would like to publicly recognize a job well done, a courtesy shared or a help offered, send your “halo award” to [jtrisko@northome.k12.mn.us](mailto:jtrisko@northome.k12.mn.us).

Halo to **Mr. Moen** for saving me and my children from certain death by removing the garter snake from the hallway.  
--Ms. Amber Bender  
Kindergarten teacher

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**Tom Kallio with Polar Insulation** showed the construction class how to run a professional foam insulation sprayer. A few of the students even tried it out! Thanks Tom for providing this opportunity for our students!  
--Mr. Matt Hanson  
Shop teacher

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Thank you to Ms. Waller and Gayle Shaughnessey for being outstanding coaches for our AmeriCorps Tutors! We are thankful for you!

Our office staff are AMAZING! Our school would not run without them. Thank you to everyone that makes sure things are taken care of running smoothly!  
--Ms. MacKenzi Lehn  
Principal

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Thank you to all the **staff volunteers** who accompanied the English 9-12 classes on its tour of the Forest Hill Cemetery.

A big thank you to **Mr. Brian Dreher** for all the transportation arrangements he made for the various stops required to complete a project like this.

Thank you to **George and Karen Olson, Jim Schneider, Koochiching County History Museum, Peg Wicklund, MacKenzie Lehn, Jeremy Tammi, Monica Fontana, John Hughes, Javon French and Riley Banard** for all their help on this project.

And finally to the students who volunteered to play the part of a former Northome resident.

--Ms. Trisko  
English teacher

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I would like to give my sincerest thanks and appreciation to Ms. Juleen Trisko for her creative idea of teaching our high school students about the wonderful history of Northome through the stories of those that have passed on. The realism of the costumes was done exceptionally well!

I only wish the weather would have cooperated better for the Cemetery Tour, but I am sure our students “Made a Memory” that day! Well done, Ms. Trisko!

--Mr. Jeremy Tammi  
Superintendent

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**RELEASE TIME information**

A school bus will be available and the children will board it at 1:55 p.m.; go to Hope Lutheran Church in Northome and reboard the bus at 2:55 p.m. back to school. Our last day will be APRIL 19, 2023. We will follow the school bus rules.

The school requires a permission slip in order for your child to

attend. There will be no charge for Release Time. In order for your child to not attend any particular day, they will need written permission from home stating so.

This year the teaching staff for Release Time will be Pr. Luke and Jeanette Bertson, Jim Pautzke, Ralph Skoe (Hope/Bethesda Lutheran Church), Pr.

Sheldon and Kathy Johnson, Nikki Adegun (Northome Community Church).

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to visit or help out, contact Pr. Shel and Kathy Johnson (Shel cell - 218-556-7615 Kathy cell - 218-556-8640) or Pr. Luke & Jeanette Bertson (L-701-331-1595 or parsonage 897-5653)



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The deadline for most news in the Express is noon

on the Friday the week before publication. Exceptions are obituaries and reports on weekend events

Letters

Letters to the editor and other opinion articles are welcomed. Letters must be signed and include address and phone number for verification of authenticity. We reserve the right to edit lengthy letters.

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**Editorial Policy and Guidelines of *The Mustang Express***

The school press is governed by the same basic legal rights and responsibilities as the professional press. High school journalists have the right guaranteed in the First Amendment to free expression, insofar as published items may not contain libel or obscenity, invade the privacy of individuals, incite or violate the laws of copyright.

Stated generally, the goals of student publications at Northome High School are to inform, entertain, interpret and provide a sounding board for ideas and opinions of students and faculty of NHS.

In addition, it is understood that publications are primarily designed to serve as a laboratory experience for students interested in learning the techniques of sound journalistic practice. While staff members are expected to strive for professional quality, we recognize that they are engaged in an educational venture, and as such, room for trial and error must be allowed.

While the advisor may provide suggestions about content, the final responsibility rests with the advisor, students and administration.

# I couldn't do it without Shane Buentemeier and Tom Lindley

By Cloey Buentemeier  
*The Mustang Express*

There are so many profile pictures on different social media platforms in this area of people and big black bears. Ever wonder how they got them?

Well, my family has a bear guide service called Lindley Bear Guide Service. It's a pretty big deal for my grandpa who has been doing it for 40 years now!

Ever need advice about bear hunting, bear bait or tracking, go find Tom Lindley. He has around 90 bait stations. Each bait station consists of a DNR registration, a blind or stand, a hollowed out stump with the actual bear bait in it and a rock on top of the stump to keep other critters out.

Bear bait itself consists of bakery goods and grease. Over the past few years, he has had lots of help, so it makes baiting go by a lot faster, otherwise you would be out there all day! In the middle of August every year, we begin baiting just after midnight. The first day of baiting you go early so you can get

the bait sites you want before someone else claims them.

This year, on Aug. 10, it was not as much fun as most years because it was pouring rain, and I had to do the longest baits. It was a good thing I only had to do eight due to the fact that there were so many other people to help.

*I got ready to shoot, saw the bear move and took my shot.*

After the initial bait and the subsequent baits, the long awaited bear opener was finally here! It was Sept. 1, and we had so many people using our business this year, it was crazy! We had guys drive all the way from Texas just to go bear hunting.

My sister and I both got a tag this year, but we didn't get to go out till later in the season. My grandpa's rule is: "If you are related to me, you can't go till later" My sister got her very first bear on Sept. 28, and it weighed 130 pounds. I think

that was a good first bear, but she still didn't beat mine! I shot my first bear in 2020, and it weighed 298 pounds.

To be honest though, I still haven't got a bear yet this year. I am still working on it!

This year I was out hunting all by myself; my dad was going to

pick me up at dark. He had been out sitting with my sister. It was getting late, but I could still see fairly well. I started to pack up my belongings and get ready to meet up with my dad, when I got a notification on my phone.

When I checked it, I saw it was a picture of the bait where I was sitting! I looked closer at the bait and saw there was a bear right there!

I got ready to shoot, saw the bear move and took my shot. I walked out to wait for my dad to get there so I could tell him the ex-



A black bear walked through our baiting station, sensing it was being watched. The photo was caught on a trail cam which alerts the author's phone.

citing news!

Once he arrived, I explained what happened, and we took the four wheeler to the bait spot to look around for blood or other signs of my bear. We couldn't find anything.

That's when my dad moved the bait box to reveal a hole that was

never there before! It turns out that I shot the bait box and not the bear.

But out of all the stories and experience I have with bear hunting, I know that I couldn't do it without Shane Buentemeier and Tom Lindley and their wonderful expertise.



## Students respond to food shelf challenge

Northome School partnered with Second Harvest Food Shelf and the MN Department of Human Services in order to serve as an Emergency Food Provider for our families and community. The elementary brought in 249 items for the food drive! Sixth grade took the win with 137 items! The high school brought in 71 items and the freshmen took the win with 47 items! Thank you to all of those who participated to build our community food pantry!

# NHS English Department Presents A Guided Cemetery Tour



By Juleen Trisko  
*The Mustang Express*

As if Mother Nature had decided to set the mood for the event, rain drizzled on students under

umbrellas standing at the Forest Hill Cemetery Wednesday, Oct. 4. They were there to honor the people buried there by telling an audience what they learned through research on those interned years ago.

Students had hoped to stand at the grave markers and speak with visitors as they made their way around the cemetery, but instead they stood at a podium under a tent until finally surrendering to the wind and rain, picking up their props and heading back to the school to continue their performances in a warm, dry spot.

"I thought this was a cool project," senior Kenly Hallstrom said. "It sparked an interest in learning about the history of the town, including the old gossip."

Hallstrom found she was related to a lot of the people who were chosen for research. "I knew I was related to the Storzbach and Elroy Olson," she said, "but I found I was related to even more, like Jackie Olson."

I decided to do this project because I thought it would be fun, something the kids would remember. As an English teacher, it met some standards related to research, analysis, summary and writing, of course. Some students are also performing the role of the person they researched.

We started with a tour of the lo-

cal cemetery. We tried to stick to the older parts, the town founders. We then used the website Find A Grave to do some basic research. The students found that many sites, such as Ancestry.com wanted a subscription for access to information, but Family Search allowed free access.

After talking about the project to her mother and discovering that the person she was researching was married to a great aunt, sophomore Charli Hallstrom decided to switch her Mr Olson to Mrs. Olson.

"It made it more interesting and fun for me," said sophomore Hallstrom. "I actually went to my aunt Jackie's house that her daughter now lives in. I heard stories from her that weren't printed anywhere."

Hallstrom also looked through notebooks Jackie had handwritten for her children. "She wanted to be remembered," Hallstrom said. "I'm going to do that some day, too."

We made a trip to the Koochiching County History Museum to review old Northome Records and files. Unfortunately, some issues no longer existed or were too fragile for us to handle.

"It was super interesting," said

senior Kerra Waller who portrayed early business man Robert Collar. "I originally meant to research Elizabeth Collar but found little information on her so I ended up doing Robert Collar because there was an entire file on him" at the museum in International Falls.

Students did find information in local history books such as Whispering Pines, Northome Community Centennial History, and Tall Tales of the Scenic Hotel. Students also talked to some local historians like Bernie Uran, and to relatives. The rest they left to imagination.

"I really enjoyed learning about Northome's history," sophomore Josee Lindley said. "I found a lot of information from George Olson, the great grandson of the person I was researching."

She enjoyed acting the part of Julia Olson, except for the hairdo. "I always wear my hair down, and Julia wore it up."

For those who were curious but could not come out for the tour, we are printing some of the stories in the next few editions of The Mustang Express.

## Robert Collar 1854-1932

By Kierra Waller  
*Senior*

Hello. How is everyone doing today? Have you all done any traveling recently? [Pause for answers] I used to be a big traveler. I am Robert Collar, but everyone calls me Bob. You see, I am not originally from here. I was born in Logansport, Indiana in 1865, which may not make sense because my father was born in Wisconsin and my mother was born in New York, but they had moved to Indiana by the time I was born..

Like my parents who moved much from their birthplaces, I moved around the Midwest quite a bit before settling in Fargo where I was a carpenter for Pillsbury Elevator Company. I helped build elevators on both sides of the Red River for 15 years before I moved at the age of 32 to the wildest of wild lumberjack towns in 1897, Bemidji. Are you familiar with that wild town?

There I worked construction. I was only there for four years before I decided to seek my fortunes further north. I settled down in the town of Bridgie not too far from here. I've been told it's not there anymore; that is quite a shame. I hear that the people who live in that area, the Ungerschts, the Luckenbills, the Lowes, still refer to it as Bridgie, though.

It was around 1901 when I jumped right into the building boom. The area had many sawmills and a lot of businesses were going up. I noticed that there was a need for high-grade lumber so I began shipping lumber from Bemidji to my lumber yard. I never liked being tied down to one job, never liked not knowing how to do something, so I became a licensed steam engineer, a licensed embalmer, a plumber, a tinsmith, a blacksmith, and a wood turner. I could do it all. You kind of had to in order to make a living in the north woods back

then. In 1925, when I was 59 years old, I started a hardware store stocked full of hardware and tin; it even had a blacksmith.

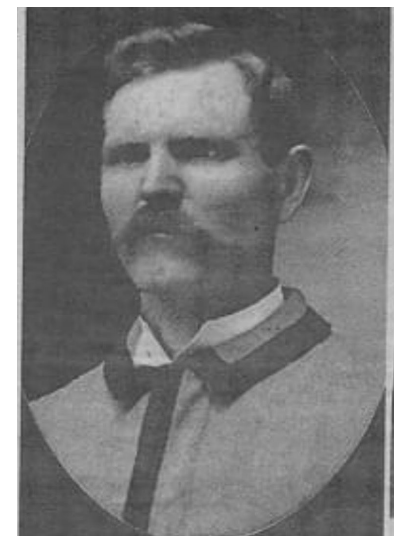
I suffered more than my share of tragedies, I believe. I had three wives, Sophia Engelking whom I married in 1909, we had a daughter, Ida Bell, and we also had a son, but he died years ago. After Sophia died when Ida was two, I married Elizabeth F. Dolly in 1914, and she helped me raise my little Ida. Elizabeth's mother Dora Webster moved in with us, who the town refers to as the "Grand Old Lady." She lived to be 91 and surpassed Elizabeth who died 14 years earlier in 1932. I married Harriet Lemaster in August of 1938.

I was well-known in the community, and I was elected the first President of the Koochiching County Fair Board. I built the Bridge Town Hall and many of the first buildings at the County Fairgrounds. I designed the large exhibit hall there which was used for 100 years or so. I heard the board built a



new one and had to burn down the original building because of all the new safety codes. We didn't worry about so many codes back then. It was common saying around town "If Bob didn't have it, he'd make it for you." I tried my hardest to make that statement true.

I would say I never got any complaints but I got one from the division superintendent at International Lumber Co. He claims my Cant Hook Stalks are very brittle, and all the samples I sent him broke. I don't know what the hope



Above left: Kierra Waller.  
Above: Robert Collar

on what happened to that batch and don't think I ever will. Other than that one complaint, I would say my reputation is still positive.

So, if you are looking to build anything in the area, stop by my store and we'll talk.

## Julia Olson 1866-1953

By Josee Lindley  
*Sophomore*

Hello, thank you for joining me today. My name is Julia Olson, and you may know quite a few “Olsons” who live around the Northome and Gemmell area. Even though my folks live here, I, in fact ,did not come from here.

I was born on July 15, 1866 to my lovely parents, Paul Andreas Fredriksen and Antonette Andersdatter in Annexstad, Ostre Toten Norway. I am not the only child in my family; in fact, I am the second youngest out of four children. I have two older sisters and one younger brother.

My eldest sister's name was Fredrikke Paulsdatter, and my second eldest sister's name was Anne Paulsdatter. Those girls, I tell ya, let's just say they're trouble.

I had a younger brother with the name of Peder Anthon Paulsen, but my family had to suffer the loss when he passed away at the age of seven when I was only nine years old.

My family lived in this cabin in Norway, where me and my siblings loved to play in. Goodness, I remember all the silly and fun things we did like it was yesterday!

In the year of 1882, my father was seeking a change for our family. My father left Norway and aboard the ship “Rollo” to voyage for America and soon make it to North Dakota.

You might be wondering, why North Dakota? Well, a year earlier, my uncle Hans Fredriksen had journeyed to Walcott, North Dako-

ta and started his own farm. Later, my mother took my sister, Anne and I, to join my father and uncle at the farm in America. Before we left, I tried to picture what America was going to be like, and if it was going to be anything like Norway.

I have to say, when we arrived I wasn't expecting it to be as hot as it was, also there were a lot of fields and flat surfaces. In Norway we have vast mountains, Fjords, and it's not as warm in the summer. Anyhow, a year had gone by, and my parents decided to move back to Norway leaving my sister and I behind.

On July 31, 1887 I married the love of my life, Ole Olsen, who is a fellow Norwegian. We got married at the Richland Lutheran Church, Walcott, North Dakota. Me and Ole stepped into the next chapter in our lives, by having our first beautiful child Olga, which soon led to Alma, then Thora, Obel Pauli, and John Alfred. Now let me tell ya, I love my children very much, but they will drive me outrageous half of the time!

Later on, in 1899, we decided that we wanted to move to Germania, MN. Me and Ole decided that this was where we wanted to expand the rest of our family. We continued our family with my beloved Ida, then Oscar Julius, Amelia Julia Octavia, Elsie Myrtle, and Belford Frithjof.

When me and Ole realized that we needed to relocate again, we decided that we wanted to move to northern Minnesota where Ole would get the job of being a black-

smith for a logging company at Balasca, Koochiching County, Minnesota. Once again, in 1914, my family and I decided to finally settle down at a farm 6 miles east of Northome.

Later in 1922, my beloved Ole passed away due to bladder cancer, and in the future I am known to pass away from cardiovascular disease and old age on January 24, 1953.

It was a very stressful time for my children and I, but we continued to keep our heads up during my husband's passing. I have to say it was darn difficult to take care of those ten children, but I managed. They did help me a lot around that farm, picking up sticks and branches for that cook stove.

As a reward, I would feed my family with my mouslefse out of these small little marble sized potatoes out of my garden. Which...oh humbug, speaking of lefse, I have to get that off my stove! It was very pleasant getting to meet you guys, but I have to get going before I wreck dinner!

Thank you for your time.



Above Left: Julia . Above: Josee Lindley stands in character next to the grave marker of Julia Olson. (Photos by Paula Lowe)

## Dora Webster 1854-1946

By Kenly Hallstrom  
*Senior*

Good afternoon! It's good to see you all. Come closer so we can talk. My name is Dora Webster. You might know me as the “Grand Old Lady” of Northome. They say I am a kind, gentle old lady with a grand personality.

I was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada in May of 1854. I was the youngest of thirteen children. Yes, 13! I bet you don't see that size of families today, but back then it was common. At the age of

15, my mother passed away. It was a really hard time for my family.

After that, I moved to Lynn, Massachusetts, where I met my first husband John Henry Dolley. At the age of twenty one I married. I still remember our wedding in 1875. We had two children together. First we had our son, Joseph Handley Dolley, on June 25, 1876. He only lived to be forty. Two years later we had our daughter, Elizabeth Dolley. That same year, John passed away. My dear John, he died in a tragic train accident. Train accidents are very common unfortunately. It was

very hard on me, especially with a newborn and a two-year-old to take care of. How was I going to provide for them?

Three years after he passed, I married Addison Herbert Webster. You may know him as Bertram. He was a Civil War Veteran. He was fond of gardening and liked to tend the Pine Grove Cemetery's garden. When he passed, he actually ended up getting buried there too. We later got divorced for reasons I would like to not share.

After we got divorced, I moved in with my daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law, Robert. They were all the way in Northome, Minnesota.

Robert did just about everything for a living. Anything you could name, he could probably do. He had been providing for me for many years. I have been living with them for the past twenty-two years. My lovely Elizabeth may she rest in peace. She only lived to the age of 53. She passed away before me. It broke my heart.

I am very sorry but I am starting not to feel too well. I haven't been doing well these past THREE years. Thank you for coming to visit me. It was very kind of you. If you ever need anything let me know. I would be glad to help you and answer more questions. I hope I



helped you learn some new information about me and some of the people that were involved in my life.



Geneva Holcomb as Edward Bernath

## Edward John Bernath 1897-1982

By Geneva Holcomb  
Senior

Hello, my name is Edward John Bernath. How long have all of you been in Northome? I feel like I've been here my whole life, but I haven't been. I'm originally from St. Vincent Minnesota.

I met my first wife Mary Deschane Bernath around the time I was fighting in World War I. I thought I'd be with her forever and that we would grow a family. When I heard the news of her being pregnant, I was over the moon, but I didn't know what was going to happen. When Mary gave birth, it was far too early, so we lost our son, and sadly six days later Mary passed away from pneumonia, influenza as well as a miscarriage.

She and our son were buried in the Bemidji cemetery.

As time went on, I decided to get away from it all and start over in a new scenery, so I moved to Northome a year after Mary's passing. I met my second wife, Evelyn Mildred McLean Bernath, and we were married in 1931.

We lived on a nice farm. We owned our own house. I would work, and Evelyn would stay with our five children, Sara Anne Bernath, Edward John Bernath Jr., Doris Elise Bernath, William Eugene Bernath, and Ellen Marie Bernath, in that order.

I couldn't have been any happier in my life. I saw my children grow, and some got married. Sara married in 1953, Edward in 1960,

Doris in 1959, William in 1964, and Ellen in 1977. Sadly, Evelyn passed away in 1966 before she could see our youngest get married.

With my wife gone, all my children grown and starting families of their own, it was lonely until a year later when I married my third and final wife, Tillie Lillie Dykhuis Cleem. With Tillie came my three new stepchildren Gloria Elverna Cleem Harter, Glen F. Cleem, and Allan Franklin Cleem, (I never got to meet Glen, he died in 1945).

As Tille and I grew older, time just flew by. I became a member of The American Legion Post 499 of Northome and Veterans of WWI of the USA Inc., and as the years went by, I couldn't continue working on the farm. I had gotten too old, so I moved into the North Country Nursing and Rehabilitation center. I stayed there the rest of my life, till I died October 5, 1982, and I was bur-

ied by Evelyn.

Tillie continued to live her life without me, but passed on in '96. She wasn't buried with me, and Evelyn was buried with her first husband in Hallock, Kittson County. As the years go on after I'm gone, I'm glad I died when I did; it was better than watching some of my kids and their spouses pass away, too. Sara died in '99 and her husband shortly before in '94, Ellen in 2017; her husband had passed away long before her in '95, and the last of my daughters, Doris, passed away in 2021, my sons are still alive as far as I know as well as their spouses, they were both were living in International Falls last time I saw them I don't know if they're still there or not.

It won't be long until I see them all again, but I hope it isn't too soon. Thank you for listening to my story, have a wonderful day.

## Jacqueline Mae Olson 1925-2019

By Charli Hallstrom  
Sophomore

Good afternoon, my name is Jacqueline Mae Olson. If you are wanting to know some history about this town, you've come to the right person. I've lived here in Northome for a long time.

My full name is Jacqueline Mae Olson, but you can call me Jackie. If you live in Northome, or you have family in Northome, you may have heard of my name. My maiden name is Bender, and after I was married, I became an Olson.

I was born at Island Lake right here in Northome on August 31, 1925. I grew up at Benders Resort, which my parents, Richard and Florence Bender owned. I can still remember when I was a little girl and fell in Island Lake. One of the criminals from the mob hiding out at our resort, jumped in and saved me. Benders Resort was a very special place. When I worked at the resort, my friends would come out to the resort and help me wash the dishes. I sure miss that place, but they had to close down in 2017.

My house as a kid was a big, two-story farmhouse. What I loved most about the house was the pretty dishes, the radio, and the picture of a little girl on a bench looking at

a bird. A gift that I treasured most was a home-made doll that my Grandma Eldred made.

I went to grade school at Cunningham School on the north end of Island Lake. I walked one and a half miles everyday to get there. I went to the Northome School just like many people here do. In high school I played basketball, and ran track. I was very fast and won a lot of my races. I learned to drive at the age of 16 or 17; I can't remember exactly, but I only tipped the car over once when I was learning.

I earned a degree in Elementary Education at Bemidji Teachers College. I started my career as a teacher at Central Elementary in Bemidji. I then taught at Blackduck School as a third grade teacher. I loved my job at the school and I remember all of my students. I was even Teacher of the Year in 1979.

I served as a Minnesota State Fire Warden for 41 years and as Nore Township Treasurer for 56 years. I was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma teacher organization and the Hope Lutheran Church in Northome.

In 1950, I married my sweet husband, LeRoy Olson, and we moved to our farm on the Orth road of rural Northome. For our

honeymoon we went to New Orleans for two weeks. I love traveling very much. I have traveled to many places; Alaska, Germany, Paris, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, and more.

One of the things I love to do most is make art. I would say that I am very skilled in rosemaling. Norwegian rosemaling, or "rose painting" is a form of decorative folk art painting important to Norwegian culture.

On October 18,th 1974, my husband LeRoy passed away from a sudden heart attack. The family got together during Christmas, and LeRoy's absence was deeply felt. LeRoy was a great, handsome man. He was a handsome Paul Newman look-alike, and he loved his hats. He raised a large herd of beef cattle, and drove a school bus during the school year. He is very deeply missed. After his death, I never remarried.

I'm getting older and things aren't as easy as they used to be. On August 25, 2019, I passed away due to cardiac arrest. I hope my kids take care of all of my items. And the farm as well.

I would love to tell you more about my life, but I should get back to the farm. Thank you for your time and have a great day.



Charli Hallstrom speaks about her great aunt who is pictured in front of the podium. (Photos by Paula Lowe)

## RELEASE TIME information

A school bus will be available and the children will board it at 1:55 p.m.; go to Hope Lutheran Church in Northome and reboard the bus at 2:55 p.m. back to school. Our last day will be APRIL 19, 2023. We will follow the school bus rules.

The school requires a permission slip in order for your child

to attend. There will be no charge for Release Time. In order for your child to not attend any particular day, they will need written permission from home stating so.

This year the teaching staff for Release Time will be Pr. Luke and Jeanette Bertson, Jim Pautzke, Ralph Skoe (Hope/Bethesda Lutheran Church), Pr.

Sheldon and Kathy Johnson, Nikki Adegun (Northome Community Church).

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to visit or help out, contact Pr. Shel and Kathy Johnson (Shel cell - 218-556-7615 Kathy cell - 218-556-8640) or Pr. Luke & Jeanette Bertson (L - 701-331-1595 or parsonage 897-5653)

### Class of 2024 To Do List

#### October:

- Chose motto, song, color, flower, yearbook dedication which need to be turned in by now to yearbook advisor, Ms. Trisko at jtrisko@northome.k12.mn.us.

#### November:

- Take a senior class picture.
- Apply for colleges!

#### January:

- Design and order sweatshirts.
- Start brainstorming ideas for and planning your class trip! (Try starting at least two months before you want to go on it.) You must go to a school board meeting about it at least a month beforehand.

#### March:

- Choose speaker for graduation (Since it is Memorial Day weekend and many people

have family plans, you may find your first choice cannot do it.

- Order caps, stoles, and tassels

#### April:

- Start planning baccalaureate; make a planning committee.
- Schedule date and time, make programs, talk to chosen church officials, pick readers.

- Attend school board meeting before trip so you have it approved!

- Get class graduation

party schedule so no two parties overlap.

#### May:

- Order flowers to hand out to parents at graduation.

- Buy decorations for graduation.

- For valedictorian and salutatorian, write speeches! You must submit them to the principal.

## Notice

Northome School is asking for the safety of our students and guests that ALL students under the age of 14 must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult while attending a Mustang Sporting Event.

We are running into challenges with students running in and out of the building, running unsupervised in the parking lot and unsupervised throughout the school building.

Northome School is asking ALL of our guests to be proactive and make sure non-players are supervised during each athletic event. Feel free to contact School Administration with any questions.

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children."

# "FAITH FINDING"

with AFTER-SCHOOL BIBLE BUDDIES!

**ALL K - 6TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME TO LEARN ABOUT "FAITH" WITH US:**

**EVERY FRIDAY: 3:20 - 5:30PM**

**SEPT. 15, 2023 -- MAY 3, 2024**

**SCHOOL BUS WILL DROP OFF AT**

**NORTHOME COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS PICK UP**

**Bible lessons - snacks - singing - prayer - games - crafts - offerings - friends - fun - Jesus**

Isaiah 55:6

**Questions? Kathy Johnson 218-556-8640**

## WOULD YOU RATHER

Eat Mustard Muffins

OR... Ketchup Donuts



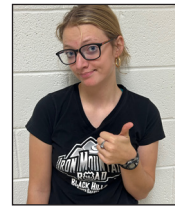
**Abby Rosson Junior**

"Ketchup Donuts, YUP!"



**Kaden Elhard Junior**

"Ketchup donuts because Mustard Muffins are atrocious overload."



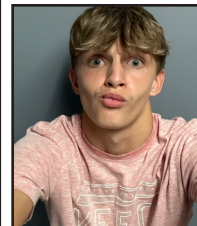
**Kierra Waller Senior**

"Ketchup Donuts because I like ketchup more than Mustard Muffins."



**Javon French Freshman**

"Ketchup Donuts because ketchup is just better."



**Jayden Lindley Freshman**

"Ketchup Donuts because mustard is disgusting."



**Ava Szydel Seventh Grade**

I would have to say Ketchup Donuts because I can't have mustard.

Compiled by Cloey Buentemeier, Junior

# MISADVENTURES WITH MARIAH



## How a bee took a CHUNK out of my skin

By Mariah Hanson  
The Mustang Express

On one hot summer day of 2014, my family and I drove to our grandparents' house for a working visit. Next to our grandparents' house is another small house that used to be my aunt's. She wanted to move back into it but needed some fixing done on the inside; so she had my dad come in and look. Naturally, all of us were going inside to help.

On her front porch were a bunch of humongous bee hives. They were probably hornets or wasps in reality. I sat on the ground picking flowers in my pink flower dress while my parents and my grandparents were talking about what they would do with the bees.

They told me they were going inside and that I needed to stay quiet while I was following them. I did as told, and stayed quiet.

I was the last one to go into the house, with my grandma just in front of me. I don't know what was running through her head, but she slammed the door behind her, leaving me outside with a bunch of agitated bees.

Immediately, they started swarming me. Some flew up my dress and stung me. Luckily, my mother was paying attention and quickly opened the door and grabbed me.

My mom set me on the counter to better look at the stings. She told me some of them were stings, but some looked like bites. We finished up our business in the house and left out the back door.

We went inside my grandma's house where, thankfully, there

were no bee hives. I put some ice on my legs and laid down.

As the day went on, my legs swelled so much that I couldn't bend them without being in awful pain. We counted and there were over 20 stings. At the time, I also thought bites.

As I grew up, I told people

Mr. Schneider, our science teacher and local expert on everything.

At this point, I started to laugh as she asked him whether bees could bite. When she hung up the phone, she turned back around to me, looked at me; and said, "Bees don't bite."

Schneider said that bees actual-

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the reason I was terrified of bees is because I got stung and bitten by bees when I was little. Come to find out today I was partly wrong.

Years later, as I was sitting in Mrs. Trisko's English room with my classmate Cloey Buentemeier who was sharing a story about a bee sting that swelled more than a normal sting, I said, "Well maybe you didn't get stung; it kind of looks like a bite."

I told her about the time a bee took a hunk of flesh out of me and how traumatizing it was.

At that point, Ms. Trisko turned around and gave me a funny look. She said, "Bees don't bite, they sting."

I look at her with pure confusion. I had been bitten. I assured her they were bee bites.

I tried to explain to her that my mom told me they do bite. She had also read it on the Internet.

She turned around and called

ly can bite but not humans. They bite other insects and small invaders. Their mouths were tiny, so if they bit, it would be very tiny.

Still convinced I had been bitten. I admitted that I didn't know how they did it, but the bites and the stings looked different. The bites looked like a chunk of skin was missing and the stings just looked like big bumps.

That's when Ms. Trisko started to laugh. "How big is this bee! It had to have been a humongous bee to take a 'chunk' out of your flesh."

Then I never heard the end of how I got attacked by a humongous, vicious, biting bee.. I don't think I will ever hear the end of it.

Just know that somewhere out in the woods of Minnesota, there is a humongous bee with giant teeth ready to take a chunk of your flesh.



## SENIOR PROFILE

### 2024



## Kierra Martina Waller

**Senior Quote:** "Remembering everything doesn't mean you know everything"-Nicky Parsons, Jason Bourne Series. And "I think to myself Would JD do this? And if he would I don't do that thing"- Yours truly.

**Nicknames:** Waller, Cuz, Skidsteer Princess.

**Years at this school:** I've been here since the beginning of time/Preschool.

**Person(s) who helped you through the years:** Kenly, my parents, Brooklyn.

**Thoughts on your class:** We all are very different.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, painting, games, spending time with family.

**Extracurriculars:** Softball, Band, Science club, knowledge bowl, Envirothan.

**Most challenging task as a senior:** Having no one to look up to.

**Favorite teacher:** Mr. Gross and Mr. Schneider.

**Favorite school memory:** Playing cards and throwing them in ninth grade.

**One thing you would change about the school:** Class size could be bigger.

**Favorite elementary memory:** When the kids who got here before buses did found an inflated strawberry container and we all thought it was going to blow up and make a huge mess, so we let our imagining get the best of us and we tried to figure out a way to dispose of it without it making the whole school a giant strawberry.

**Advice:** Respect the classes older than you and the teachers you should listen to them.

**Future plans:** Give me a minute.



Bees are some of the insects that send people running (even adults!) because we have been taught to fear being attacked by this stinging insect. But, did you know that bees bite as well as sting? Here's the catch: it's their enemies they bite, not you! So, if you've ever had someone tell you certain bees bite instead of sting, they're not wrong, it's just that they aren't going to chomp on you. (from ExtermPro Exterminators)