

Week of the Young Child



Pictured with Jo: Top row, left to right: Ethan Krabbenhoft, Asher Flaten, Emiela Tveten. Bottom row: Miah Dunham, Kinzley Svobodny, Will Jirik and Alyssa Anderson. Missing: Reese Krabbenhoft, Skylar Dunham, Emily Theis, Rylie Theis, Jack Larson and Emily Larson

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April 22-28 is The Week of the Young Child. The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years

(birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families. Today we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing. Young children and their families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits to communities like Ulen and

Hitterdal. In Ulen and Hitterdal, not only do we have an excellent school and preschool system but we also have many Daycare facilities that go above and beyond for our children and this week is a perfect time to celebrate them. Lori Doran started her daycare in her home in 1987. September will be her 25th Anniversary. She was the first licensed daycare in Ulen. She has thirteen enrolled kids but an average day is seven to eight. In the past to celebrate Week of the Young Child Lori has sent out educational material and letters to the parents

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Ulen Family in Crisis Gets a Helping Hand from Farm Rescue



Levi, a Farm Rescue volunteer from Sioux City, IA gets the planter ready to go.

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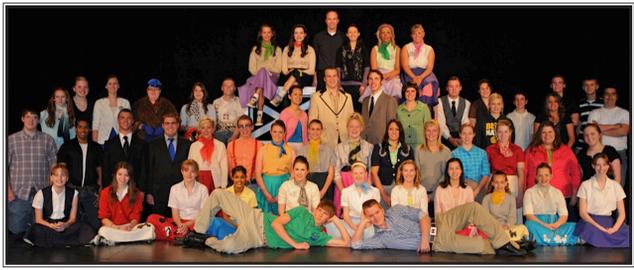
It's not uncommon in our rural community to have farmers helping farmers and neighbors helping neighbors but this case is a little bit different. A little bit more urgent. It's a little bigger than just helping a farmer get a crop in the field. It's a young mother of five who is critically ill with cancer and these fellow farmers are allowing a husband to spend some very precious time with her. Staci Klemetson, wife of Matt Klemetson and mother to Alayna (13), Noah (11), Adison (8), Isabel (5), and Caleb (2) was diagnosed with cancer May of 2011 and is fighting a tough battle. Thanks to Farm Rescue and good neighbors, Klemetson can concentrate on her and their family and not worry about getting the spring

planting right now. Dwight Fevig, family friend and neighbor, along with many other friends and neighbors, were on hand this week for whatever needed to be done. "I'm really glad to help," Fevig said. "But I wish he could be doing it and I know he does too." And since he can't right now that's where Farm Rescue comes in. Bill Gross-Founder of Farm Rescue, was excited to begin planting the 200 acres of corn for Klemetson and is looking forward to coming back in a few weeks to finish planting soy beans. Matt and Staci are Farm Rescue's 168th case since the organization started in 2007 and number seven of thirty that they plan to do this spring. They have three teams out working right now, one here in Ulen and two more in the towns of Glenfield, ND, and Hazen, ND. "We have cancer cases, seizure

cases, broken ribs, broken legs, hand amputations, and they all need help this year," said Gross. And he can tell you the back story to everyone. You can tell by talking to him that helping these farmers are his passion. And while Bill Gross may be the soul of this operation, the heart is the amazing volunteers from all over the nation. "We have a database of 1,000 volunteers right now. From all over the country, 15 different states," said Gross. One of those volunteers is Jim Whitman of Fargo, ND, the lead volunteer on this case "Farm Rescue has the BEST volunteers," he states. Kenneth Chyle of Auburn, Kentucky, is one of those volunteers. He read about Farm Rescue in a farming magazine and applied online. He was accepted and came to North Dakota

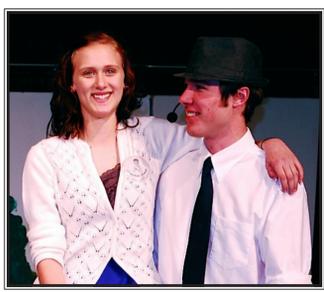
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U-H All-School Musical, Bye Bye Birdie, Enjoys two Successful Shows!



On floor: Patrick Busby and Noah Dillon. Front row, left to right: Charlie Lien, Katie Stall, Haley Groth, Devika Gwin, Allison Loebnick, Alayna Klemetson, Allison Schneidermann, Marisa Aranda, Lexi Stall, Lexi Blakeway and Courtney Hogetsedi. Row two: Matt Hamernick, Allan Gwin, Calvin Oberg, Trevor Harder, Carlie Erickson, Logan Helgedalen, Haley Henrickson, Chelsie Sakrismo, Catey Nodale, Jade Arntson, Kendra Baumann, Faith Arntson, Ciara Austinson, Hailey Kjos and Kjrsten Holte. Row three: Paige Busby, Tyna Peterson, Abby Swenson, Paige Arntson, Jacob Brooks, Brandi Aranda, Troy Peterson, Aaron Holte, Skyla Baumann, Travis McCollum, Shelby Moore, Cole Jirik, Cole Peterson and Nathan Desjarlais. Row four: Madison Stumbo, Jillian Hershberger, Directors Rob Anderson & Kyle Anderson, Stephanie Tveten and Shelby Blakeway.

Bye Bye Birdie was performed April 20 and 21 at the Barry J. Houghlum Auditorium. Both shows were very well attended and the cast did a wonderful job of performing this fantastic musical. Originally titled Let's Go Steady, the satire on American society is set in 1958. The story was inspired by the phenomenon of popular singer Elvis Presley and his draft notice into the Army in 1957. The rock star character's name, "Conrad Birdie," is word play on the name of Conway Twitty. Twitty is best remembered today for his long career as a country music star, but in the late 1950s, he was one of Presley's rock 'n' roll rivals.



Tyna Peterson and Aaron Holte. Turn to Page 11 for more photos.

A combination of great music and terrific acting made the night a fun experience for everyone involved. After the performances, cheesecake was served by the U-H Boosters in the commons and was enjoyed by many of the audience members. A big thank-you goes out to the community for coming out and supporting the students. The kids worked very hard and it was nice to see such a great turnout from the community!

Ulen-Hitterdal Elementary Cares

Since 1990 the Ulen-Hitterdal Elementary students have cleaned the litter in the ditches between the two communities. On April 12 about 45 elementary students, 10 high school students, along with their teachers did the work. This is one way the students can "give back" a little to two communities that give so much.

Why should we care?
Litter is unsightly. It destroys the natural beauty of Minnesota's roadsides. Litter is expensive. Minnesota spends \$5 million a year collecting litter – not counting what cities and

counties spend. Scenic and litter-free highways say "welcome" to visitors and help make us proud to be Minnesotans. Litter Facts: Adopt-a-Highway volunteers pick up litter on more than 12,000 miles of Minnesota roadways. Adopt-a-Highway volunteers pick up approximately 26,000 tons of litter every year. During a one-time sweep of Interstate 35W in Minneapolis, Adopt-a-Highway volunteers picked up 192 tons of trash in one day. The quantity filled 16 Mn/DOT tandem trucks and represented approxi-

mately 6,000 filled trash bags. Researchers calculate that 55% of all littering is done intentionally by people who drop or discard products. 45% of roadside litter occurs unintentionally when trash blows out of uncovered trucks or falls off unsecured loads. Experts estimate that approximately 80% of all littering is done by males. Food and beverage packaging constitutes 51% of roadside litter. A conviction for littering is a

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Pictured: Aaron G, Dalton G, Kale M, Ross J, Johnny N, Marty M and Tate M. Turn to the Back Page for more UH Cares photos.

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Pictured with Nikki, left to right: Trygg Bakke, Max Thordahl, Bridger Bjerke, Taylynn Stevens, Parker Amundson, Cole Lee, and Brenna Olson. Missing: Dawson Bjerke and Brody Begg

letting them know how important it is to care for their most precious possessions. "Young children are so important." Doran says "People complain a lot about daycare costs but they need to realize this is everybody's future. They're our future." Jo Larson has owned and operated Some Place Fun Daycare just outside of Ulen since 2005. She has 13 enrolled with an average of 10 children a day. When asked how they're celebrating Week of the Young Child Larson says "Every day we celebrate the kids. You have to appreciate those

kids every day. Our daily activities include ways to make the kids feel important-doing parties, activities, or just a simple hug when there's feeling down. Daycare providers play such an important role in a young child's life." Nikki Begg opened her daycare in her home in Ulen in 2002. She cares for 10 kids, two of which are in school full time. She always knew she wanted to turn her love of children into a career. "I always knew I wanted to work with kids". She said "I didn't like to play sports in high school I just

wanted to babysit". When you ask her how they'll be celebrating Week of the Young Child she says "Were always celebrating. It's not just this week, but every week that our little ones are important and this week is just a reminder. Not just this week but every day." It's important to appreciate the educators and caretakers of the young children in our community every day, take this week especially and say "thank you" to the ones that are most important in your life and lives of your children.

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two weeks and asked if he could volunteer and stay for two more. He retired from farming in 2007 and recently lost his second wife. "I know what it means to need help" Chyle said. "And I'm at a point in my life where I'm able to give back." That's that type of kindness that makes organizations like Farm Rescue possible. And while the volunteers are what make this organization possible, it's the generous donors that keep it going year to year. Gross is quick to thank the numerous donors that help out every year but especially RDO Equipment Company for the tractors, planters, air seeders and combines. The Certified Heartland Chevy Dealers for the trucks, along with numerous local donors like Pioneer Seed, BNSF, Peterson Farms Seed, NoDak Mutual Insurance, Farm Credit Service and Bremer Bank just to name a few.



Climbing the planter is volunteer Kenneth Chyle of Auburn Kentucky. Bottom Left is volunteer Jim Whitman and Bottom Right is Bill Gross, Farm Rescue Founder.

And though Matt and Staci weren't able to be there to watch when planting started they are extremely grateful. "It was an amazing blessing," Klemetson said. Our plan was to be around home when Farm Rescue

came out, but unfortunately it didn't work out that way. From the hospital that night we watched the coverage on television, and words can't describe the emotions that go through you to

watch something like that, it brought tears to my eyes. It certainly shows what a great organization Farm Rescue is, and what a great community Ulen is."

A Cappella Group Tonic Sol-fa Coming to Top Hat next Monday!

For their final concert of the season, Top Hat Theatre will welcome the amazing a cappella group Tonic Sol-fa on Monday, May 7, 7:30 p.m. Although they are simply four voices and a tambourine, Tonic Sol-fa has spent the past decade on the road carving their niche as the nation's top vocal quartet. In that time, this quartet has been named one of the top five "must see" groups in America, and has been awarded numerous original song and album awards in pop, gospel and holiday genres. Check them out at: www.tonicsolfa.com



See you at Tonic Sol-fa on Monday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available now in the Ulen-Hitterdal School office, 218-596-8853, or by email to: Therese Vogel, tvogel@ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us for \$15 adults, \$10 students. Don't miss this chance to see this outstanding group right here in our community!

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misdeamnor that is entered on the offender's driving record. A second offense requires a minimum fine of \$400 and a maximum of \$700. A judge may require the offender to pick

up litter along public roads or impose a jail sentence. (Minn. Statutes 169.42 subp. 5) Mn/DOT can bill an individual for retrieving and disposing of illegally

dumped items like tires, appliances, furniture and hazardous waste.

Adopt-a-Highway volunteers save Mn/DOT \$5 million every year.

Tipping fees imposed by landfills cost Mn/DOT approximately

\$250,000 every year



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Toby B, Casey M, Cole H, Cody P, Anna K



Adam L, Cory B, Brandon P, Carlie E, Emily K, Samantha K



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