



## Hub Club Farm Show wrap, following debrief meeting

The 2023 Farm Show highlighted farm machinery and equipment with its new layout of two rows 140 feet long each assigned to Miller-Sellner Implement, Sleepy Eye, and Kibble Equipment, Sleepy Eye.

Also highlighting farm machinery, equipment and implements were Courtland Waste, Runnings, Inc., and Arnolds Motors, Inc., to name a few others.

We heard positive comments from both vendors and participants regarding a show full of farm-related booths and ample opportunities to connect in conversations to showcase products and services.

As always, the FFA leaders and members brought farm critters including two calves, “Ham” and “Burger,” as well as creating an obstacle course for younger children to maneuver pedal tractors, a trike or a foot-powered small tractor for those age three and under.

The food stand saw success in providing pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, and pizza.

We also must say Thank You to those businesses who supported the show with their contributions and donations including United Farmers Coop (UFC), Alliance Bank, Citizens Bank, United Prairie Bank, Bank Midwest, Miller Sellner Im-

plement, Kibble Equipment, Christiansen Farms, Inc., Kwik Trip, HyVee, Happy Joes, AMPI, Ecowater, Community Insurance Agency of Lafayette, and Joe Maidl Auctioneering & Real Estate.

Even though vendor attendance was down, as well as losing 160 feet of available booth space due to upcoming state hockey tournaments by not removing boards on south wall, the Farm Show Committee felt—due to a revised layout, vendor support, and public participation—they can boast that the show was a success.

And success cannot happen without a committee that thought outside of the box and worked feverishly to make things happen.

I would like to personally say Thank you!!! to the committee members, including Shannon Hillesheim, Ruth Klossner, Delbert Fischer, Michele Schroeder, Jennie Eckstein, John Luepke, Bob and Sharlene Ahlers, and Joe Maidl. These people gave tirelessly of their time and talent.

And, to all those Hub Club members who volunteered in one way or another—from set-up, during the show, and at tear down—Thanks a Bunch to each and everyone of you!

Don Sanderson, Show Chairman

### Upcoming Hub Club Events

- Hub Club Board—Tues., May 2, 5:15 p.m., Don Sanderson State Farm Office
- New Ulm FFA Banquet—Sun., May 7
- Hub Club Board—Tues., June 6, 5:15 p.m., Don Sanderson State Farm Office

### Summer events

- Cash Wise Brat Stand—Thurs.-Fri., Jun. 22-23
- So. MN Youth Dairy Show—Sat. Jun. 24
- Autofest—Sun., Jun. 25
- Bavarian Blast—Thurs.-Sun., Jul. 20-23
- Farmfest—Wed.-Fri., Aug. 2-4
- Brown County Fair—Wed.-Sun., Aug. 9-13
- Nicollet County Fair—Wed.-Sun., Aug. 9-13
- Minnesota State Fair—Thurs., Aug. 24-Mon., Sept. 4

## Hub Club secretary honored

Hub Club secretary Ruth Klossner was inducted into the ISD 88 (New Ulm) Hall of Fame during the Eagles Extravaganza fundraiser event Friday, April 21.

A 1966 NUHS graduate, Ruth’s life path has taken her from 4-H to athletic events to cow collecting to decades of service. Ruth covered area news stories for the *Lafayette Nicollet Ledger* for 30 years and has been a staff writer for *River Valley Woman* since “retiring” 11 years ago.



In addition to the Hub Club, Ruth is involved in many area groups including the Lafayette Lions, Bernadotte Lutheran Church/Fields of Grace Parish, Nicollet Public School, Nicollet County Holstein Association, and Nicollet Legion Auxiliary.

***In recognition of Ruth’s induction, Hub Club member Dr. Ann Vogel donated \$1,000 to the ISD 88 Foundation, earmarking it for FFA and/or ag science. Thank you, Doc Ann!***

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### A message from our president, Marie Guggisberg

We have had three snow events since I saw the first robins in our yard. According to legend, we should be done with winter. Let's hope so!

Soon we will be seeing tractors in the fields as the farmers begin to prepare the land and plant the seed for this year's crops. Let us pray for safety for all those who labor to provide food on our tables.

In the next few months, please continue to think of people who would be interested in becoming mem-

bers of the Hub Club. We are always looking to add more members to help with our events for which we need volunteers. The best way to do so is by word of mouth from our current members. So spread the word!

Feel free to contact me or any board member with names of prospective members or any questions or concerns you may have.

Marie

### New Ulm FFA banquet

The New Ulm FFA Chapter extends an invitation to celebrate the accomplishments of this year at the chapter's 87th Annual FFA banquet.

The banquet will be held Sunday, May 7 in the High School commons area and auditorium. The banquet will begin with the meal at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$7.00 per person for guests.

After the meal the awards ceremony will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

All RSVP's for the banquet are requested by Monday, May 1 and can be sent to kbrandt@newulm.k12.mn.us.

### Hub Club dues due now

Thank you to all who have already paid 2023 Hub Club dues.

If you haven't yet paid yours, they are \$25 for the year, payable to New Ulm Farm-City Hub Club.

Dues can be mailed or delivered to  
Garrett Freeman, 21 No. Minnesota St., Suite B,  
New Ulm, MN 56073

### Congrats to the Peichels!

A farm owned by Hub Club members George and Mary Peichel of rural Fairfax will be recognized this summer as a Century Farm. That milestone will be noted at the Nicollet County Fair and at the Minnesota State Fair.

