Homemade...

ABOVE, Terry Sturm mans the bratwurst grill during Saturday's Bluewater Youth For Christ Auction and eating adventure. BELOW, delicious rolls, cakes, pies, cookies and doughnuts fresh from the oven get lots of attention from buyers.

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By SALLY RUMMEL

The Scheurer Hospital Ambulance Service is making headlines again.

This time, it's all good news as 12 new ambulance workers have been added to the roster, giving much-needed relief to the 10 ambulance workers presently providing service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

These 12 new ambulance workers have just completed intensive Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training and are ready to take their state licensing test.

Scheurer Hospital Ambulance Service Captain Beth Swartzendruber, who has held the coordinator's job since January, is optimistic that most, if not all, of the 12 will pass the test to become fully-certified EMTs.

The new workers do not pass, she says, are able to retake the test in the near future, and can serve as "first responders" to an emergency situation.

"Technically, 'first responders' have the same training as EMTs and are able to do all the procedures that EMTs do, but they need to perform under the supervision of an EMT," explains Swartzendruber.

The Scheurer Hospital Ambulance Service had been in danger of closing last winter, unless a new crop of EMTs would be found.

"Out of a roster of 10 ambulance workers, we had only five or six who were available to be on call all year long," says Swartzendruber. "That put a terrific strain on a very small crew. At that time, the EMTs were on call for seven straight 24-hour days at least every other week.

But Swartzendruber is quick to praise the dedication of that crew, saying proudly that the Scheurer Hospital Ambulance was only "out of service" three to four times for just a few hours at a time since last winter.

"Out of service" means that the ambulance does not run and is replaced by another ambulance service, usually because of a conflict of scheduling workers.

Now that the Scheurer Hospital Ambulance Service appears to be on more stable ground, Swartzendruber is eager to thank the EMTs who helped work through the "crisis."

Previously on the ambulance crew was Marty Thiel, Glen Richmond, Bill Bach, Karen Anklem, Jim Hartman, Beth Swartzendruber, Wayne Swartzendruber, Daldrta Pittman, Art Priene and Ben Willenbarg.

Swartzendruber also thanks Elkon Ambulance worker Bill Bittner, who "enabled us to keep our service going this winter and spring when we were so shorthanded."

The EMT classes began in February and were just completed in mid-July. Teaching the class was Sylvia Levitt, a paramedic for Bay Medical Center.

Providing assistance to the class were Ellen Engler, Huron County Emergency Services coordinator; Scheurer Hospital Ambulance Captain Beth Swartzendruber and Huron County Sheriff Mike Gage.

"We are thrilled that the people of the Western Thumb respond so generously with their time when we made a desperate call for EMTs. I really feel our ambulance service is on a strong footing once again."

HOLY COW! Where are those cattle?

Dave Schuette had a cattleman's worst nightmare come true last Thursday morning, when 61 animals broke through a gate and escaped from his Barnc Road farm northeast of Elkon. With the help of dozens of fellow farmers, friends, horsemen and even aircraft, 55 cattle were rounded up as of Monday morning. Some had traveled six miles, and — as this photo shows — sometimes a cornfield-by-cornfield search was necessary.

"We try to 'spook 'em back to the road," Schuette said. "It's hard to believe all the help you get. Everybody's pitching in." He gave special thanks to the laster horse team, plus the Sheriff's Department Posse.

One of the black beef animals died, and they were difficult to see in the deep corn — even from the air.

HERE, nearly two dozen walkers and horse riders work Ray Heckroth's field near Kinde Road Friday morning. They rounded up one animal here.
2 weeks ‘til AutumnFest!

There are only two weeks left until AutumnFest — our biggest event of the year! On September 23, there will be fall-themed fun, traditional games, and delicious food for all to enjoy.

AutumnFest features:
- Fall-themed games and activities
- Delicious autumn-themed food
- Music and entertainment

Don’t miss out on this wonderful event and experience the spirit of fall! Tickets are available now, and they’re selling fast. Don’t wait until the last minute to purchase yours.

Red Hacker Tourney nets success!

By Sally Himmel

What could be more exciting than a tourney with the best in the business? Red Hacker Tourney, and Illuminator Lafayette, are having their annual Red Hacker Tourney in the village of Fiberbay. This year, they were joined by Siren’s Breath, who has been a regular attendee for the past few years.

The tourney took place on a beautiful autumn afternoon and featured some of the best hackers in the region. The tournament was held in Fiberbay, and the atmosphere was lively and fun.

After a day of intense competition, the winner was announced. It was a close match, but in the end, Siren’s Breath emerged victorious. The crowd was thrilled, and there were lots of high-fives and hugs all around.

Super Sportmanship!

The Red Hacker Tourney brought out the best in everyone, and the sportmanship of all the participants was exceptional. Many of the hackers shared their tips and strategies with one another, and it was clear that they all had a great time.

Red Hacker Tourney brings fun, excitement, and camaraderie to the Fiberbay hacker community. It’s a must-attend event for anyone interested in hacking or just looking for a good time.

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I would like to express my concern about the current state of local and state government. I believe that there is a need for reform in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of these governing bodies.

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Finally, I believe that there is a need for greater financial transparency. Many government budgets are opaque, making it difficult for citizens to understand how their taxes are being spent.

I urge all citizens to get involved in the political process and to advocate for these reforms in order to create a more effective and efficient government.

Sincerely,

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CROP PLOT TOUR AUG. 21

Harvey County Cooperative Extension Service begins in September and October, with the 2015 Crop Plot Tour. Aug. 21, it will be a 14 week visit in the City PFA corn variety plot one-half mile south of the 4H barn on the 4H grounds, at 1:15 p.m. This tour is sponsored by the Farm Bureau and Harvey County Cooperative Extension Service. The City PFA corn plot will be visited to study the effect of nitrogen fertilizer on corn yield. The City PFA plot is managed by Tom Horney. All are welcome to attend.

RED ADX STORE TO CLOSE

Closed Red Adx store to be closed on October 15. "It will be closed October 15," said store owner Mary Ann Hall. "We will begin liquidation of our remaining inventory starting September 15. We will be selling all remaining inventory for 50% off through October 15."

Red Adx is located in the Village of Pigeon and is a discount store for agricultural supplies. The store has been in business for 15 years and will be closing due to financial difficulties.

Red Adx has always been a popular destination for farmers and agriculture professionals in the area. The store offers a wide range of products, including seeds, fertilizers, and farm equipment.

The store owner stated that they are trying to sell as much inventory as possible and are hoping that they will be able to stay in business for a little while longer.

"We are working hard to make sure that we can stay open for as long as possible," said the store owner. "We are trying to find a new location and are open to any suggestions from our customers."
We Are Pleased To Support Our Area Youths
The Cooperative Elevator Company Made The Following Livestock Purchases At The Junior Livestock Auction At The Huron Community Fair!

Nathan Brandenburg - Sebewaing 4-H Livestock, Pen of Hogs for $1.20 lb.
Brandon Holmeister - Sebewaing 4-H Livestock, Pen of Hogs for $1.10 per lb.
Gene Stewart - North Huron FFA Pen of Hogs for $1.00 per lb.
John Leipprandt - Laker 4-H Feeder Steer for $1.05 per lb.
Kyle Fiebig - Sebewaing 4-H Livestock, Feeder Steer for $1.10 per lb.
Tim Frazho, Laker FFA Pen of Lambs for $1.15 per lb.
Tom Lasceski - Country Fun 4-H, Feeder Steer for $.85 per lb.
Ryan Kuhl - Sebewaing 4-H Livestock, Feeder Steer for .86 per lb.
COMING SOON: Tomatoes August 15-24

The Seagull Inn is scheduled to open on August 15, offering guests a charming and cozy escape with breathtaking views of the ocean. For reservations and more information, call 453-2774.

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A SPECIAL 40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
November 17, 1 p.m.

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For Sale: 40 acres, surround by Black Creek, surrounded by woods, located at 1078 Old Main Road. For more information, contact Listing Agent, John Smith, at (555) 555-5555.

For Sale: 203 Elm Street, a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home with a large yard. For more information, contact Listing Agent, Jane Doe, at (555) 555-5555.

PERSONAL

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