



Zearing Newsletter August 2021

Mayors Message: Thank you to all that came out in support of Zearing Days. Thank-You to the Gold Sponsors, Zearing Days Committee, and all of the volunteers that made this year a success after having a year off. Thank-You to the volunteers who put together the tractor pull as well. It is privilege that we are still able to continue this great tradition. Zearing Days would not be possible without this great community! Looking forward to Zearing Days 2022!

Clerk's Message: This has been a wonderful summer and we feel everyone can agree that we are ready to get our children back to school. Looking forward to a normal school year!



BACK to SCHOOL

Hope ALL OF OUR COLO-NEsCO STUDENTS enjoyed their SUMMER break. AS OF NOW We are STILL aWaiting back to SCHOOL inFOrmation on Start date as WELL as WHAT our back-to-SCHOOL caLENDAR WILL LOOK LIKE. We WILL HELP to Keep everyone updated as inFOrmation COMES IN.



Story County's newest fair queen, McKenzie Niemeyer, said one of the best pieces of advice she's received since being crowned is this: "Just relax and enjoy the moment."

"I have received so many thoughtful and kind comments and messages...," said the recent COLLENSO graduate who plans to attend DMACC this fall to begin studies in early elementary education. She's been told to "prepare for the competitions (at the state fair), but don't worry so much that you lose track of the amazing event that you get to experience."

It was one week ago this evening that Niemeyer was crowned as the Story County Fair Queen during the first night of the fair, which ended this past Sunday. Her crowning ends one of the longest fair queen reigns -- thanks to COVID -- when Ellie Twedt surrendered the title she has held since 2019.

"She (Twedt) has been a blessing for me," Niemeyer said. "She was kind enough to give me many pieces of advice and even her phone number for any other questions... I'm definitely thankful for her help."

As for what it's like when you learn you are the next Story County Fair Queen, Niemeyer said, "When I first heard my name, all sorts of emotions were going through my head. It was mainly a mix between both surprise and excitement."

She and the other four candidates -- first runner-up, Ballard's Emma Kielsmeier and Ballard's Morgan Catron, Nevada High School's Ellie Moser and Nevada High School's Chloe Henry -- had no idea going into the coronation who would be crowned. Not even the organizers knew. The results are kept in a sealed envelope, delivered from the judges, until that evening.

Niemeyer said those she competed against were amazing ladies, and they all did such a great job during the competition. It could have been anyone's crown. "Each and every one of those girls deserves a crown. They are all compassionate, respectful and amazingly beautiful women, who with no doubt in my mind will make a positive impact," she noted.

Niemeyer said she became friends with the other candidates during the competition, and now she looks to make more friends as she enters the Iowa State Fair's queen competition.

"I am really looking forward to meeting some amazing people and making more life-long friends. I'm excited to see the (state) fair from a different point of view and make new memories," she said.

She's familiar with the Iowa State Fair Queen competition, saying every year she watches it with her family. "Whether on TV or in person, it's always been something fun for us to see. It is so crazy to me that I will be one of those ladies participating in the event. I don't think it's fully hit me yet!"

The fair queen competition and its related events will mean a few changes for Niemeyer when she attends this year's state fair -- something her family has done for many years.

"For starters," she explained, "my sheep will actually go in on one of the days that I will be busy competing (for queen), so my siblings are going to be kind enough to help me out... I will have a few more things to do, like volunteering and partaking in the different events like the parade for queens and interviews."

It was different at the County fair this year too after she was crowned queen. "Being the Story County Fair Queen was definitely a lot of work, but it was also so much fun. I was able to hand out

ribbons to everyone participating in a show. I helped with Bacon Buddies (the new event for special needs children), and I was even able to be part of the fun shows.”

The Story County Fair is something Niemeyer has participated in since at least the fourth grade, when she joined the Country Pioneers 4-H Club. She’s also participated in the county fair as a Colo-NESCO FFA member. Besides showing animals at the county fair – her family had sheep, pigs, rabbits and chickens on their farm to choose from – Niemeyer also loved the county fair because it was a time to hang out with friends. “One of my favorite memories is playing cards during the day, and then going to the pavilion to find out who the fair queen was going to be that year.”

She’s also enjoyed state fair through the years. “We have brought sheep, pigs and rabbits to be shown there. Personally, I’ve only shown sheep and pigs at the fair.”

When it comes to Story County 4-H and the Story County Fair, Niemeyer said she takes pride in how close the community is and the friendships everyone has. “It’s so nice to go to the county fair and see friends again and to pick up where we left off like it’s nothing. There are so many true and lifelong friendships made in our county. When needed, someone is always there to lend a hand without hesitation.”

Niemeyer said there are many people to thank for the experiences she’s had in 4-H, FFA and now as the Story County Fair Queen. “There has always been someone encouraging me through the ups and downs and through many events like the fair queen contest,” she noted. But she’d most like to thank her family for always being supportive in anything she’s done. “They’ve always been there to help me out and push me so that I am the best version of me. I couldn’t be where I am today or who I am today without any of them.”

A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT McKENZIE NIEMEYER:

- Her family members include: Parents Joel and Pam Niemeyer. Joel works for a veneer company, based out of Ohio. He drives all around the Midwest to purchase logs. He is also current president of the Colo-NESCO School Board. Pam is a preschool teacher at Colo-NESCO and is also working on her master’s degree in early elementary education. In addition to McKenzie, the Niemeyers have four other children: Brandyn, 26, who works at Integrity Construction in Ames; Bryce, 22, who works for KEY Cooperative; and twins, Jadyne and Colton, 14, who will be freshmen at Colo-NESCO High School this fall.

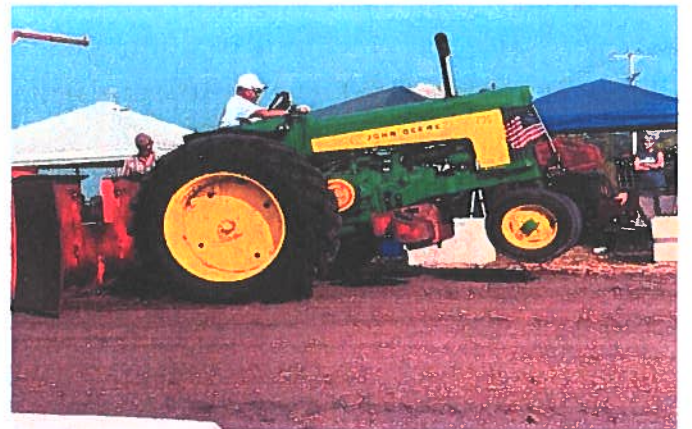
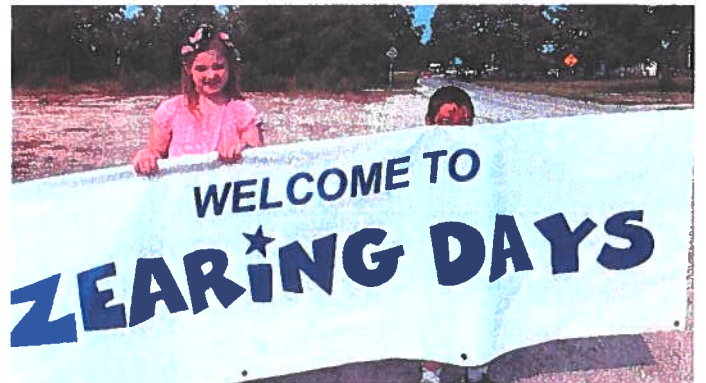
- She’s grown up on a farm near Zearing, and loves the freedom a farm setting provides for doing many things.

- She’s served in the following offices as a Country Pioneers 4-H Club member: reporter, secretary, vice president and president.

- She’s served in the following offices as a C-N FFA member: reporter, secretary and president.

- In addition to showing animals – sheep and pigs -- at the county and state fairs, she’s also taken multiple STATIC projects to the Story County Fair.

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CLEARANCE SALE!

T-SHIRTS & TANKS \$6.00 (ALL SIZES)

OR 2 SHIRTS/TANKS FOR \$10.00

DRINK KOOZIES \$1.00

WATER BOTTLES - \$3.00

Checks Payable To: Zearing Days Celebration

Upcoming Tree Planting Event



Most of you are aware of the lack of shade in the parks after Zearing Days. The city of Zearing received a grant to replace trees that were lost due to the Derecho. Our planting event at this time is for September 4th, 2021 at the east park. Any and all volunteers will be appreciated. Beverages and snacks will be provided. We will post more on Facebook, City of Zearing webpage, flyers, and do whatever else we can to advertise prior to the event. Any and all ideas are welcome! Thank you so much for being such a great community!



REMINDERS

happy birthday

If you are new to the town of Zearing or may not have given the City Hall your birthday or Anniversary, and would like to have your special day in our newsletter, please call 641-487-7477 or email Zearing2@netins.net

McCallsburg Lions Club sweet corn & bologna feed August 2nd @ the McCallsburg American Legion. 4:30pm-7pm



**\$10 adults
\$5 for 5 and under**

- **Sweet corn**
- **Bologna**
- **Watermelon**
- **Dessert**
- **Drinks**



We have fall sports starting up next week with HS camps! Here are the schedules!

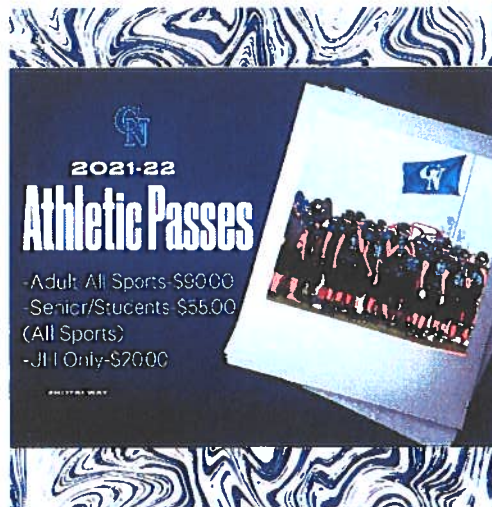
HS Volleyball Camp:
Date: August 3rd and 4th
Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Location: Nevada HS

HS Football Camp:
Date: August 4th, 5th, and 6th
Time: 8:00 am-10:00 am
Location: HS football Field

- 3rd Barb Adams
- 4th Deb Buffington
- 5th Susie Buerckley
- 8th Dillon Phillips
- 9th Jacki Pickles
- 10th Joyce Stalzer
- 12th Jim Cook
Evelyn Dillon
Drew McLoud
- 13th Galen Chitty
- 14th Blake Lennemann
- 16th Tammy Reed
- 17th Jackson Gray
- 18th Stuart Gray
- 19th Michelle Stalzer
- 21st Chad Britten
Andrea Marie Roberts
Larry Rhodes
- 25th Caity Peterson
- 26th Joe Bowers
Becky Griffin
- 28th Seth Larsen



- 1st Londell and Karen Mannes
- 4th Kirk and Judy Cheville
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