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Bel Air Kennel Welcomes Canines Back



Bel Air Kennels manager Brock Golick and co-owner Jade Rosenfeldt with Mazi. (Photo: Nancy Hanson)

Nancy Edmonds Hanson

Bel Air Kennels had been a home away from home for Clay County canines for well over 50 years, operated by Gene and Betty Christensen and, later, their son Bruce.

It closed briefly. But now the venerable dog boarding facility along Highway 10 is back, thanks to another dog-loving family with plenty of pooches of their own.

"Some years ago, we'd brought our own dogs out here now and then," Jade Rosenfeldt says, "and we've have passed by for years and years on our way to the lake. Then our younger son, Hank, who's 12, found out it was for sale, and he had to get a look.

"We all did take a look ... and Hank and my husband Steve, who's a real dog lover, were all in!" That sealed the deal.

The Rosenfeldts, both Moorhead natives, already did have their hands full. Jade, an attorney, has served as a Seventh District judge for the past seven years. Steve, a pharmacist, is the entrepreneur behind Rosebuds Cannabis Company. They have two teen age sons, 15-year-old Weston and Hank. And then there are the four-legged family members: Spud, an American bulldog-boxer cross; Stella, an English bulldog-boxer whom Jade calls "our naughty dog;" and six month-old golden Lab Rosie, who's become Steve's constant companion.

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Jade Rosenfeldt, who with husband Steve bought Bel Air Kennels in August, greets Spud and Stella.

Clearly, operating Bel Air Kennels was going to require another set of hands. That's Jade's brother Brock Golick. He joined them as manager of the kennel. After 10 years as a welder, he has turned his attention to caring for visiting dogs as though they were his own – feeding, exercising, washing and training those four-legged clients. He brought an "assistant" of his own as well ... Mazi, his golden retriever.

The kennel structure now includes 30 dog runs and a common exercise area.

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Christmas lights are turning up and on all over town. Here, Ryan Finley of Finley on the Roof puts the finishing touches on trees at the Village Inn, 940 Holiday Drive. (Photo: Nancy Hanson)

CLAY COUNTY COMMISSION

County receives favorable audit despite 3 minor deficiencies

Dan Haglund

Clay County received favorable financial audit opinions for 2025 despite three continuing deficiencies involving accounting procedures and federal assistance programs, according to a report presented by the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor.

The findings were delivered via Zoom from the Auditor's office to the Clay County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday morning in Moorhead.

Auditors identified no material weaknesses or instances of noncompliance related to the county's financial statements. However, they reported one significant deficiency involving financial reporting and two significant deficiencies involving federal programs.

All three findings were carried over from previous audits.

The county received unmodified audit opinions on its three federally funded programs reviewed, the highest level of assurance provided through an independent audit.

Those programs included highway planning and construction, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid.

One finding involved inadequate separation of financial duties in certain county departments that collect fees. Auditors reported that individual employees sometimes handle billing, collections, deposits, recordkeeping and bank reconciliations.

Such arrangements increase the risk that accounting errors or irregularities could go undetected. Auditors recommended additional management oversight and improved separation of responsibilities wherever possible.

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Library Network Donates $40K to The Loop

A network of northwestern Minnesota libraries of every kind has awarded a $40,000 grant to The Loop, Moorhead's new public library and community center.

NLLN executive director Kathy Enger was recognized for the major gift at the Moorhead City Council's Nov. 9 meeting. The donation was received in September.

Enger told the council that her group, funded by the Minnesota Legislature, is a nonprofit created to recognize that library resources are needed at the local level, with different types of libraries – from public to academic, public school and special collections. The group serves some 280 libraries across 23 counties. It's one of seven in the state.



(From left) Mayor Shelly Carlson; Kathy Enger, Northern Lights Library Network; library director Megan Kreager; Linda Schell and Charley Johnson, both members of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library and Moorhead Library boards.