

The Amish community gathered Wednesday morning to help clean up the rubble. There were still a few flames Wednesday morning. Herald photos by Kyle Evans.

# Amish Workshop demolished in fire

#### **By Kyle Evans** Staff Writer

Tuesday night, the Cashton Fire Department was called for a structure fire on Irish Ridge Rd near Parker Rd. "The structure was right at the end of our district, it was actually Ontario Fire Department's fire, but we fought it as well," said Cashton Fire Chief Al Erickson.

Fire crews from Westby, Cashton, Ontario, and La Farge were called in to help haul water.

No injuries were reported. Cashton Fire Chief Al Erickson said, "it was an Amish furniture store workshop, and the building is a total loss." The workshop was located at E11742 Irish Ridge Rd and owned by Jacob P. Schrock.

The fire is under investigation. The Herald will share more information as it becomes available.



**Tomah Health begins National** 

**Environmental Services Tech Certification** 

## Bangor Middle/High 1st Quarter Honor Roll

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll: Kayna 'A" Tre'ton Belverud, Arttus. Cavadini, Elijah Easton Cropp, Natalie Freson, Kenli Gollnick, Ryder Holm, Mailee Huffman, Holter, Owyn Justinger, Trevin Max Langrehr, Evan Meyer, Atley Morrey, Lucas Olson, Laney Stephenson, and Maci Young. "B" Honor Roll: Sylvia Bath, Brenna Gottbeheat, Hornbeck, Cody Adam Meyer, Derek Meyer, Angela Miller, Peyton Ramon, Imari Schaub, Kaliana Schock, Ellie Steele, Alana Steinke, Brooklyn Subbert, and Elijah Thurston.

Langrehr, Owen Meives, Lily Mercer, Cole Miller, Gunnar Nagy, Lydia Nockels, Daytona Owen, Wyatt Petersen, Weston Pollock, William Reed, Holton Reetz, Justin Rentz, Tyson Schmidt, Kilee Schuster, Kaylee Skiles, Landon Skrede, Traxton Thurow, and Robyn Tilbury.

Langrehr, Owen Meives, Lockman, Syrrina Mathison,

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#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Olivia Brokopp, Preston Buehler, Arianna Clements, Zander Clements, Keaton Delao, Brenna Dietrich, Liam Elsen, Addyson Harris, Sawyer Jacobson, Leah Langrehr, Walker Langrehr, Allyson Meacham, Arnold Nicolai, Mason Peterson Gianunzio, Blaise Piper, Elle Regan, Corey Schroeder, Zayden Sullivan-Hesselberg, Julianne Thielker, Grayson Truskowski, Blake Wenthold, and Haedyn Ziegler.

"B" Honor Roll: Mason Austin, Aaron Brickl. Brooklyn Brown, Olivia Cole, Layton Everson, Kaylee Grant, Grace Haag, Addison Hamilton, Conner Koskovich, Kylee Mashak, Madison Nichols, Grace Olson, Brady Peterson, Levi Stark, Scarlett Steinhoff, Benny Vang, Wilcox, Addison Brielle Wilson, and Sandra Yang.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Sarah Adams, Sophia Bushman, Cavadini, Kiera Autumn Everson, Marin Gasper, Gilbertson, Aubree Rudy Hansen, September Harris, Rebekah Justinger, Owen Larson, Abigayle Lexa, Callie Lictao, Jaycee Michek, Steven Nelson, Gwenna Rahzen, Monroe Sebranek, and Kong Meng Yang.

**"B" Honor Roll:** Gunnar Eckland, Alex Felch, Grace Giraud, Charlotte Gollnick, Ryver Hansen, Justin

#### 9th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Alivia Anderson, Madison Bass, Benzing, Brooke Owen Borkenhagen, Amelia Brokopp, Caitlyn Crenshaw, Cropp, Gabriel Brody Edwards, Kennedy Hamilton. Alexis Heyroth, Violet Hundt, Erin Jones, McKenna Keuler, Annika Kirchhoff, Abby Langrehr, Dayne Langrehr, Ashlyn Lictao, Keerstin Lund, Camdyn Lyga, Jonathon Marcou, Hayden Massman, Jade Robinson, Jordan Sackmaster, Matthew Schaub, Madeline Schroeder, Alisa Vang, Angelina Vang, Cameron Wilcox, and Niya

Wingert. **"B" Honor Roll:** Bryce Anderson, Kaydence Bean, Tucker Brown, Gavin Crane-Minor, Brock Daines, Sawyer Deters, Colin Devine, Spencer Everson, Mavryk Gollnick, Noah Green, Mya Hoth, Dylan Hove, Ethin Jacobson, Wyatt Johnson, and Yolanda Nolan.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Justin Brock Arriola-Acosta, Bores, Cian Buchholz, Evan Buchholz, Landon Buehler, Dewall, Marissa Zackery Eckland, Carly Everson, Anna Fronk, Josef Gasper, Brandon Goede, Alexa Heitkamp, Autumn Holter. Sophie Kassera, Raeanna Keuler, Bliss Knox, Aubrey Langrehr, Rylee Lyga, Emelia Meives, Lincoln Rahzen, Brayden Reetz, Harrison Regan, Ezequiel Rodriguez, Andrew Schaub, Colten Schroeder, Madisen Skrede, Elijah Tucker, Benjimin Vang, Jacob Warsing, and Grace Wenthold. "B" Honor Roll: Mylie Bernhardt, Traevon Delaney, Isaiah Flick, Noah Gann, Silas Holm, Trent Keivel,

Joshua

Samantha Lexa,

Gavin Meacham, Tyler Meyer, Bryce Peterson, Nadia Peterson, Isayyah Schaub, Carmyn Schmidt, Carson Sylla, Tanner Wells, Wesley Witte-La Fleur, and Keegan Wolfe.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Gladys Bushman, Bores, Ethan Samuel Crenshaw, Samuel Cropp, Leslie Daines, Megan Goede, Ella Hansen, Caleb Hemmersbach, Brooklyn Chase Horstman, Herbst, Jordan Horstman, Ella Janisch, Ryan Jarvis, Caden Justinger, Natalie Kadrmas, Nolan Langrehr, Katherine Larkin, Halie Lictao, Nolan Michek, Cruz Thurow, Jeremiah Vecchioni, and

Emily Warsing. **"B" Honor Roll:** Arturo Acosta-Zarate, Derek Bores, Zero Brasic, Karlei Brennan, Garrett Brezany, Alycia Felch, Daron Gilbertson, Lucas Horman, Keagan Larson, Aryn Lochen, Maris Marohl, Isaiah Murphy, Cody Petersen, Willis Pollock, Lucas Reed, David Sampson, Reesa Wiggins, and Cameron Wilcoxen.

### 12th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: AJ Gavin Benzing, Adams, Garrett Brennan, Francisca Castillo Ferrada, Emma Fortier. Joeryn Freit. Brandon Gilbertson, Bradyn Glasspoole, KyLeigh Groll, Lucas Hajek, Jonas Hamilton, Tanner Jones, Sadie Kassera, Bella Langrehr, Jonah Larson, Benjamin Lockman, Clayton Lyga, Madelyn Mahlum, Megan Marr, Arrianna Martin, Adrianna Massman, Dustin McDonald, Alexandra Meyer, Nash Nagy, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Vanessa Roosa, Gabrielle Schroeder, Olivia Schroeder, Briana Schuster, Jetta Smith, Nora Tucker, and

Haley Wenthold. **"B" Honor Roll:** Mason Buehler, Braiden Cavadini, Chance Fuller, Tysen Herken, Trenton Jensen, Jennifer Marcou, Brandon Riley, Conner Shafer, and Emily Thill. Keeping hospital rooms clean is a top priority at Tomah Health. However, hospital officials have started a national certification program to ensure that Tomah Health Environmental Services Technicians who clean the facility are among the best in the industry.

"The program is extremely well-rounded and offers a very strong base in Infection Prevention, which really is the single, most important part of our job; to provide a clean and safe environment for people to seek health care," Tomah Health Facility Services Director Steven Loging, BS, CHFM, said of the American Hospital Association's Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician (CHEST) program.

Loging said the hospital kicked off the initiative by securing a grant, which enabled him to obtain a "train the trainer" certification, which allows him to run the classes for the nearly 20 hospital EVS staff. "Staff think its excellent training and feel highly of the material," he said. Loging said the training that they provide is in the format of 'a day in the life of an EVS tech', which covers all the aspects of the profession.

Through the proper care and maintenance of the health care environment, Loging said EVS techs play an essential role that can lead to enhanced patient outcomes. "I think it tells others that we understand the foundation of health care is having a clean and safe environment for our patients."

Loging said the certification not only ensures cleanliness, but also validates the role of EVS staff. "When they are certified it gives them a sense of pride in the job and it demonstrates to others that our employees take the initiative

Tomah Health environmental services technicians Kathy Crouse, left, Dawn Stapleton, and Jena Cornell attended a three-day day training class to prepare them for the Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician certification exam. The three are the first Tomah Health EVS staff to complete the program, which is taught by Tomah Health Facility Services Director Steven Loging who received a CHEST program trainer certification this fall.



Tomah Health Facility Services director Steven Loging, BS, CHFM.

to go above and beyond to get certified," Loging said. "It's not just the cleaning of rooms; it really teaches our staff how to be a true professional in doing their job."

He added that giving staff the ability to get the certification can be a 'feather in their cap' and something they can use to further their career. "It really tells them that they are not just an EVS Tech or housekeeper, but a certified EVS Technician which is something to take pride in because they are the foundation of this hospital."

While staff will not be required to take the test that will signal final certification, Loging said his goal is to have all staff complete the training. "Plans call for holding staff classes each quarter and to eventually complete the training with possible full certification within the next 18 months."

According to Loging, only a few area rural health care facilities have embarked on the certification program. "We have an outstanding staff of EVS techs compared to any other hospital. Our cleanliness matches or exceeds any of the places I've been at," said Loging. "We take the cleanliness of this facility to heart."