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County 4-H

Waldorf Car and Truck Show Aug. 25
Members of the Waldorf Days Committee will be hosting a Car and Truck Show from 4-7:30 p.m. Aug. 25. MyGlobalDJ will be providing music with a Kids' Zone held between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Prizes will be given away at the Kids' Zone.

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Relay For Life of Steele/Waseca County. Sept. 23 from 5-10 p.m.
Steele/Waseca County will be having a Relay For Life event from 5-10 p.m. at the Steele County Fairgrounds. There will be a silent auction, entertainment, survivor recognition, raffle, kids activities and food.

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Hofmann Apiaries Open House 4 p.m. Saturday Aug. 19
The Waseca County Historical Society and Larry and Jan Hofmann of Janesville are holding an open house Saturday, Aug. 19 from noon to 4 p.m. at their event location, 4661 420th Ave in Janesville.

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Circus Stella to perform Sept. 8
Circus Stella is coming to Christian Assembly Church on Sept. 8 from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The show promises to bring smiles and laughter to the audience. Tickets are on sale at circusstella.com

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Freemason's Soap Box races Aug. 19
The Waseca Masons will be holding their 5th annual Soap Box Race on Saturday, August 19. The Family Fun event will start at 11:00 a.m. with games and pre-race festivities. The races will begin at 12:00. They will be held at the Waseca Tuscan Lodge, 831 3rd Ave. NE (1 block south of the Boathouse). Kids ages 6-18 are encouraged to come and race a car. For registration, rules and guidelines contact Kevin Clemons at 507-461-2388. You can also register that day, August 19 at 11:00 a.m.

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Back to school crafts Aug. 22 in Waldorf
Aug. 22: Back to School Crafts for ages 8-12. Celebrate the start of the new school year with a trio of crafts you can use at school. Will be 1-5 p.m. at the Waldorf Public Library, 119 S. Main St. (507) 239-2248.

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Tea towel class Aug. 22 in New Richland
Aug. 22: Tea Towel Class for adults. Create a custom family heirloom tea towel with a hand-written recipe printed onto it. Bring in a handwritten recipe. Registration required. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S., (507) 465-3708.

A word from The Word

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Waldorf Wood Ducks reach agreement

Team signs lease and intends to upgrade baseball field for amateur play

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

After a public meeting, a workshop, another public hearing, many conversations, and the most recent Waldorf city council meeting, the City of Waldorf and the Waldorf Wood Ducks baseball team have come to terms on a lease agreement which will see the team build and lease a new baseball field in Waldorf.

What started in June with a presentation to the Waldorf City Council

from Nate Gerdts of the amateur baseball team the St. Clair Wood Ducks has resulted in a lengthy lease agreement and plan unanimously approved by the council the evening of Monday, August 14.

The team's original complaints were mainly that they didn't have their own place to call home. Gerdts and his fellow team members intend to renovate the property along North Street and 3rd avenue, which currently has a small ball diamond, and construct a baseball field. Initial improvements will include a \$10,000 pitching mound, new dugouts, and a new outfield fence, followed by a concession stand and new grandstand.

The Wood Ducks' original grievances shared by Gerdts were frustration over fundraising and the sale of alcoholic beverages. In St. Clair, the field is owned by the school, so the consumption of alcohol is not permitted. The team also cannot sell ad-

vertisements or sponsorships in the form of banners on the outfield fence. Also mentioned were scheduling conflicts and inadequate lighting.

After the recent flurry of exchanges between the city of Waldorf and the Wood Ducks, it appears the final details were worked out Monday. A long discussion occurred about whether the field itself should



Waldorf Wood Ducks Inc. president Nathan Gerdts addressed the Waldorf City Council. Photo by Eli Lutgens

Exchange student returns

Class of '90 graduate Francoise Lecourt

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

Thirty years ago, French exchange student Francoise Lecourt came to Waseca. Now she is back to revisit her second home and share fond memories with her Waseca family and her own family.

On Monday, Lecourt, her husband, and her two daughters were joined by Francoise's host mom, Terri Ingram, and Lecourt's best friend from Waseca, Tanya Herbst, to tour the high school.

Lecourt had been a part of Waseca's class of 1989-90; she was involved in choir and had joined the speech team.

"I wanted to do an exchange. It was very fashionable in France to go after graduation," Lecourt explained. She went through an organization that reached out to families in the U.S. to see if they wanted to host students. "I didn't pick out Minnesota," Lecourt said.

Lecourt was placed with a family in Waseca. After she arrived, the family moved and asked whether she would like to move with them. She said no, that she wanted to stay in Waseca. After that she moved in with Terri and Russell, her husband.

Lecourt explained that she wanted to come back for the 30-year celebration of her class graduation in 2020, but wasn't able to because of the pandemic.

"Being here, it's exciting. It's unbelievable. I have to pinch myself every time," she said. "It's most exciting because I have my daughters with me." One of Lecourt's daughters is the same age as she was when she came to Waseca, something she thinks is special: "I talked about Waseca for years and years and now I share with them this, which is very very important to me."

Lecourt's husband Nicholas said there was a lot of crying involved when she reunited with Ingram and Herbst.

School counselor Christine Meeks gave the family a tour of the high school, explaining how



NOW AND THEN - Francoise Lecourt poses with her host mom from 30 years ago, Terri Ingram. Below, French foreign exchange student Lecourt (left) with Tanya Herbst, her best friend during her 1990s stay. Pioneer photo by Amelia Roessler

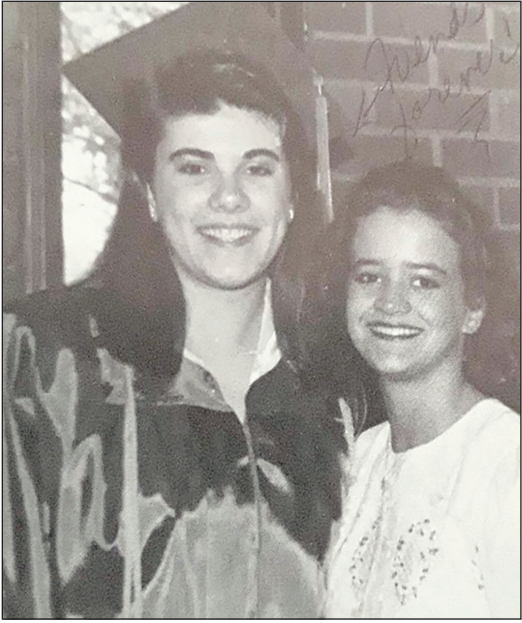
the old building was laid out compared to the modern version.

Walking through the school, Lecourt and Herbst reminisced about their days in high school. Going past the home-ec classroom, Meeks explained what the students are expected to do in that department; Lecourt laughed, mentioning she remembered having to babysit an egg when she took a child development class.

Looking at the new lockers, Lecourt fondly remembered that her locker in school was broken and that a fellow who had a crush on her would slip candy inside.

Walking through the school, the French family made comments comparing the schools of America to the schools of France. Here, and especially in Waseca, there is an emphasis on arts. In France, schools are only for academic subjects. All art ac-

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Waseca County Dairy Princesses Katy Eldeen, McKenna Eichhorn, and Allie Eldeen represented the local dairy industry at Meat-A-Palooza. Pioneer photo by Jonah Stafford

Meats and brews at Farmamerica

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

Over 200 attendees enjoyed an evening sampling Minnesota meats and brews at Farmamerica's annual Meat-A-Palooza event Saturday. Besides visiting vendors and industry representatives, guests were able to bid in both silent and live auctions. Proceeds from the event's ticket sales and auctions were donated back to Farmamerica, a non-profit organization. Meat-A-Palooza's sponsors included Profinium Bank, Compart Family Farms, the Minnesota Pork Board, and KRUE Country 92.

Farmamerica, which describes itself as "Minnesota's agricultural interpretive center," is located near Waseca and was established in 1978 by the State Legislature. Jessica Rollins, Farmamerica's executive director, said that the organization's main goal is to tell the "evolving story of agriculture through hands-on educational experiences." Rollins added that regular activities at Farmamerica include self-guided tours of the facility and "fabulous field trips" with students from local schools.

Rollins said that she helped start the Meat-A-Palooza event about six years ago, and while the way it is structured has changed, the mission of connecting community members

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WASECA SCHOOL BOARD

Work plans, new facility discussed

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

The Waseca School Board began its August 3 workshop by examining the three-year governance work plan, a working document created by board members over numerous work sessions. It will be the "launching pad" toward completing the board's goals for the upcoming school year, Superintendent Eric Hudspeth pointed out. Hudspeth also said that, as the board looks at the district's strategic operational plan alongside the governance plan, it "becomes clear that both documents clarify the roles of all stakeholders."

Hudspeth reminded board members that the governance work plan summarizes the board members' tasks, not overall district goals, and suggested they keep that focus in mind when developing and recording their goals.

Board chair Julie Anderson highlighted the public engagement practices that board members have been taking part in over the past month, including using social media to call attention to the monthly business meeting. Other board members discussed possible additions and improvements to suggestions made.

Hudspeth introduced the second agenda topic, a follow-up of the elementary facilities discussion. "One of the things I've heard loud and clear from the board is that we're just not confident the community would be supportive of our ideas. As a board, we are not 100 percent confident of the ideas that we have," Hudspeth stated that, with board approval, he would like to move forward with a community engagement process beginning in late August, meeting with various community groups to parcel out information; Hudspeth told the board he had already compiled a list of 48 community groups he would like to meet with. "It's the five-to-ten-minute version of our hour-and-a-half meeting from last spring," he chuckled. He claimed in-person meetings may be much more effective than a written summary or an electronic survey. After viewing a slide show which summarized the superintendent's

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Compostings

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Featuring big tiny little, Jr. at the piano

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
I ate at the Eat Around It Cafe. They ran out of the special. I always order the special.

So what did you get instead?
A sub.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I was doing well, even though I occasionally needed to remind myself of that fact. I'd awakened early, wondering how many people name their Roombas and if I spend too much time behind the wheel, am I continually tired? I stopped at a gas station to fill my car with get-along juice. I'd done a food-testing gig at the county fair and sampled many beguiling dishes. Some made me think, "Well, that was different" or "That would be perfect for someone else," but most were scrumptious. It was a tasty resume builder.

Brightly colored road signs have been near my home all summer. They tell me to be prepared to stop. One sign bears a silhouette of a flagman. I haven't had to stop once or seen a single flagperson. I like people, but I'm not unhappy about missing seeing a flagperson.

WE HAD THREE TV CHANNELS TO CHOOSE FROM

My parents enjoyed the "Lawrence Welk Show." Welk said, "Wunnerful, wunnerful" and "Ah-one, ah-two" while maintaining a roster of regulars, including the Champagne Lady (Alice Lon and Norma Zimmer), the lovely Lennon Sisters, accordionist Myron Floren, Larry Hooper (his trademark deep bass voice sang "This Old House"), pianist Big Tiny Little Jr., gravel-voiced trumpeter Rocky Rockwell and Dick Dale, an Algona native, a singer and saxophone player. My mother was from Algona. Each Saturday Night, Welk's theme music "Bubbles In The Wine" played as soap bubbles swirled behind the band. No musicians were injured by bubbles. I kept watching, hoping The Rolling Stones might be surprise guests.

DID YOU KNOW?

The average American spends \$12,914 per year on personal health care. WalletHub used 44 measures of cost, accessibility and outcome to determine that Minnesota was the state with the best healthcare system. Iowa was second and Rhode Island third. West Virginia placed 51st. <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-best-health-care/23457>

Fairbanks, Alaska, street names include Lois Lane, Yellowsnow Road, Da Nephew Street, Da

Niece Street and At Your Own Risk Road.

Gibson Discount Center, motto "Where you buy the best for less" began in Abilene, Texas, and had over 600 stores at its peak. Gibson turned down Sam Walton's franchise application. There are two independently owned Gibson stores left.

I'VE LEARNED

My hometown was a village when I was a boy. It didn't have enough chairs to be a sitty.

I love seeing fireflies. It's nice someone is using their blinkers.

The past has its value and so does volunteering at the County Historical Museum.

I can't remember the last time I heard a reference to "F-Troop."

Not everyone wants to see whales. I was on a whale-watching boat in Sitka, Alaska, when I heard a young voice, dripping in whine say, "I want to see a cheeseburger."

If the ceiling fan could hold my weight, I'd never be bored.

I WONDER

Do sensitive documents have their feelings hurt easily?

Is a telephone book a massive data breach?

If wombats defecate in square cubes and dung beetles roll balls of feces, do dung beetles hate wombats?

Did Icarus wear sunscreen?

NATURE NOTES

What is a herd of goats doing at St. Aidan Cemetery? Eating. Goats are browsers, not grazers, so they won't mow your lawn, but 40 goats per acre will clear it of buckthorn, poison ivy, thistle, wild parsnip, ragweed, red cedar, garlic mustard and other brush and weeds in a week. For this job, a goat is the GOAT.

Leaves flip over before it rains for several reasons. As rain moves in, gusty winds often precede it, causing leaves to flip over and show their silvery sides. Another factor that can cause leaves to turn over before it rains is humidity. The humidity can soften the leaves, causing them to hang in a flipped position or flip in the breeze.

AAA said the average price of repairing a vehicle after a collision with a deer is over \$5,000 and rising. State Farm says the chance of a driver hitting an animal this year is 1 in 70 in Minnesota and 1 in 57 in Iowa. Your greatest chance of hitting some kind of animal is West Virginia, where the odds are 1 in 35.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness."—George Sand.



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

Are you a fan of fireworks?

As I write this, I am in OshKosh Wisconsin at the national convention of the Pyrotechnicians' Guild International (PGI).

If you are a fan of fireworks (and who isn't?) you wish you were here. This is where pyrotechnicians ("pyros" for short) come to learn more about what they do...and to show off their skills.

There are contests like "Best Class C Fireworks Display" and "Best Aerial Shells."

The truth of the matter is, other than spouting superlatives, it's hard to describe how much of a privilege it is to be here.

Some of you have perhaps heard that my family and I work with fire-

works. Enjoyably, it all started because I worked for the Waseca Weekly back in the 1980s. I was sent to interview Ron Anderly about Waseca's upcoming fireworks display; I asked permission to be present on the hill of Maplewood Park the night of the Fourth. I not only got it, I was invited to bring friends who were interested in helping.

The rest, as they say, is history.

My family and I have been to—and been in charge of—a great many displays since then. Our next pyro adventure is scheduled to be the fireworks at the Waseca Marching Classic in late September.

Before you ask permission to help, you should know that every display



Photo showing interior structure of a fireworks shell (an unusually large one).
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

is the product of hard work—lifting, carrying, arranging, placing and taking care of technical aspects. You should keep in mind everything you know about Minnesota summers: humidity, heat, mosquitoes, late sunsets, and thus late start and cleanup times.

But even with all those provisos, we're still doing it 40 years later.

There's no reason most folks need

to know this, but there is a great deal of science involved in creating fireworks. The colors and types of movement are created by choosing what materials—everything from rice husks to metals—are incorporated into the item. The effects—the shape and pattern of the explosions—are

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Losing the last of my wisdom... teeth



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

it doesn't hurt too badly thanks to the medication. I just hope the swelling goes down by Thursday when we have our Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) recognition event; Jonah and I have been asked to talk as we are the only two interns who have come back for a second year at our job sites. Usually, internships like ours are for only one year, but sadly, MVAC didn't have enough applicants for their marvelous program, so we were able to come back and work for the newspaper a second year.

Anyway, with the wisdom teeth now gone, I technically am not really

allowed to do anything for a couple of days. I am not allowed to do anything that raises my heart rate because of something with my blood pressure and causing the stitches or something to burst. I don't know. Anyway that means I can't go on walks or work out or do anything fun like that. It does mean that I mainly get to sit all day and watch tv in between naps and read. I would've worked on my puzzle, but that would've meant I had to get up off the comfy couch.

While the forced relaxation is a nice change of pace, I am not typically a person who sits and does

nothing—I find it frustrating. So it's like a vacation, but a restricted vacation where I can't have fun. I just get to be stationary all day with an ice pack glued to my face.

I thought the break would give me time to work on stories and such for the paper, but honestly, it's also been mentally exhausting. I don't know if it's the poor sleep or the fact that I didn't even change out of my pajamas the second day until dinner time. Hopefully the third day allows me to be more productive. Maybe I'll clean my room, dust the bookshelves that have needed dusting for multiple months, or actually sit down and do some serious journaling. Nothing to raise my heart rate of course, I don't need to make this recovery any longer than it is.

My Determination: "At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can." — Frida Kahlo

Fond memories of Grandma and Joie



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

(My pants fell victim to the flood.)

Asides aside. My dad worked a lot when we were kids. My cousin Jordan's dad worked a lot too; I remember the two of us as young kids talking about how we missed our dads. Something Mrs. Hagen said brought back all of these memories.

Mrs. Hagen's comments were incredibly kind and sincere. I'm grateful she stopped, turned around, and shared the memory, calling to mind so many more.

Oh, Joie's sweets. And her mandarin oranges. I remember baking and peeling oranges with her. And the little TV in her kitchen. She would let me watch whatever I wanted during TV time. She was really, really kind.

My grandmother was an incredible woman too. It's coming up on the anniversary of her death, 14 years ago next week.

The following is a little bit of information from her obituary. I was 12 when she died.

Mildred Roeker Lutgens Martenson

Millie died Sunday, August 22, 2010 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, the result of a severe stroke on August 8, 2010. She was 86 years old.

Millie was born March 19, 1924 at rural Waldorf to Charles and Martha (Mueller) Roeker. She attended church and school in rural Waseca County and was a member of the graduating class of 1938.

She lived about 10 years in Los Angeles, California where she drove a taxi and babysat for Betty White and also had lunch with her many times. However, most of her life she has lived in Waseca County.

I remember her passing well.

Dad told me she had a stroke and was in the hospital. She was unresponsive and I remember Dad talking about whether they should take her off all of the invasive life support and let her go. I said a prayer that night for Grandma and Dad. I asked God if they could have one more day together for the two of them to just talk.

The next day God answered that prayer. Grandma woke up.

I remember Dad calling me. I don't think I've ever heard someone sound so excited. "Eli, she woke up! Do you want to talk to her?"

Grandma was in Rochester and I had told my dad I would like to remember Grandma as she was, so I had declined his invitation to go visit.

When Dad asked me if I would like to chat on this particular occasion, I also declined. I wanted Grandma to live on in my mind as she always had — my grandmother who I would call and talk to about Twins games every night. The twins who would slip me \$20 bills when my dad wasn't looking. The grandma who would surprise my brother and me with Little Debbie snacks when she came to visit.

(For some reason Jessica was always in another room when Grandma would pull out her treats.)

Hers is the first passing of a loved one that I remember. (Dad was so excited that day, including the doctors, that they were talking about transferring her home. I remember thinking that it was Grandma's time, even right after that phone call. Later in the week Grandma passed on. I remember praying that Dad would have the strength he needed and that Grandma could go quickly, so it wouldn't draw out Dad's pain any longer. A day or so after that day of recovery, Grandma died.)

The funeral followed shortly; I have some strong memories from that. I remember being really confused. Grandma was in heaven. Why was everyone so sad? I was only 12 at the time.

I didn't understand the mourning process.

I don't know if anyone really understands the mourning process.

Blain Nelson and I had a conversation about this the other day. He told me the mourning process never ends. The people we love, memories of them are always and will always be a part of us.

I'm very grateful for friends like Blain, readers like Mrs. Hagen, and family like Nathan, Jessica, my dad, my mom, and my Grandma. Oh, and I can't forget my favorite babysitter Karen, whom I still see from time to time. She never lets her siblings forget that she was my favorite babysitter. (My favorite cousin, Taya, married my best friend, Bryant Reese, Karen's younger brother.)

"He spake well who said that graves are the footprints of angels."

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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Erickson Memorial Ride set for Aug. 25

By TRISTAN JENSEN
Staff Writer

The ninth annual Caleb Erickson Memorial Day Ride is to be held Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26 at American Legion Post 228 in Waseca. Proceeds from the event are used to support veterans. Donations are being accepted both before and during the event to further this goal. "Any donation or anyone who attends is helping our veterans: Our proceeds go to help various organizations, local and state wide. They gave up everything including their lives. It is the least we can do," said Karla Scherff.

Friday night, a meal of wings and tots is available from 5-7 p.m.; Andy Tackett will provide entertainment in the bar from 7-10 p.m.

The highlight of Saturday's schedule is the motorcycle ride. Registration for the ride is available from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a "blessing of the bikes" at 12:45, and kickstands go up at 1 p.m. The ride is open to motorcycles and other vehicles. The cost to participate in the ride is \$30 per driver, \$20 for drivers

with veteran status, and \$10 per rider. These costs include lunch.

In addition to the motorcycle ride, Saturday will feature a Bloody Mary bar from 9 to 11 a.m., a lunch of hamburgers with fixings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a dinner of pulled pork with fixings from 5 to 7 p.m., and a free jukebox from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost for a meal is \$10.

New this year are two prize drawings, the winners of which will be announced at the Legion following the ride. One winner will receive "Caleb's Basket," a cooler which contains items from the event and which Caleb liked; another will win a "50/50 drawing" which awards the winner half the total ticket sales.

A special "Caleb's Drink" will be available all weekend.

For updates, watch the Facebook page, "Caleb Erickson Memorial Day," or the website, calebericksonmemorial.com. Scherff also notes for those interested in the event and supporting veterans that next year's will be the tenth and final Caleb Erickson Memorial Day and will be "a big one."



Attending a recent Waseca Exchange Club meeting were Jeremiah Miller, Mikhail Rostislavovich, Caryn Wendt and Perry Berg. Pictured with them is Miller's service dog, Hope. Pioneer photo by Amelia Roessler

Miller shares story with Exchange Club

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

Jeremiah Miller, owner of 4-Season Apparel and Free Flags for Vets, was the guest speaker at the regular Exchange Club meeting Tuesday, Aug. 8 at noon at El Tequila restaurant in Waseca.

Miller was at the meeting to talk about his non-profit organization, Free Flags for Veterans. Miller described being out on a run sometime in 2017 and noticing a lot of United States flags looking tattered and very worn. As a veteran himself, this concerned Miller, who posted on Facebook saying he wanted to start a way to give free flags to veterans. Receiving a lot of support for his idea, Miller acquired \$5,000 within only a few months. With the startup help, he was able to present his organization's first flag to the family of Caleb

Erickson.

While Free Flags for Veterans started to become more and more successful, he realized that while he had been shipping flags all over the United States, he wanted it to have more impact locally.

He started looking into buying flag poles as well and eventually the Boy Scouts became involved helping to install poles all over Waseca throughout the summer.

During the pandemic, Miller applied to become a non-profit and was approved. He created a board of directors which includes his wife, daughter, and other veteran friends. The new board worked on upgrading the poles, so they started buying them through Service First, a veteran owned pole company.

Miller explained to the Exchange Club how Free Flags for Vets uses a

website to receive applications—a process Miller says is quite easy. Miller also said that if people wanted to donate to the cause, they can do so through Venmo; eventually Miller hopes to be able to use other services as well.

Right now, Free Flags for Veterans has more than 100 applicants: Every eligible applicant receives a flag, but poles given only on a first-come, first-served basis. Miller also said that older vets may get priority in the process.

Among other things, Miller said that he would like to improve the educational piece in the process of raising flags and flag poles. A lot of people don't understand the protocols for displaying a flag. For example, a flag should never remain posted in the dark unless it is illuminated, which is why Miller provides

LED solar lights along with poles.

Hearing this, one of the Exchange Club members mentioned that they might have an educational pamphlet on the exact subject that they would be happy to provide.

Miller explained that he also works for Anderson Windows, who helps with former Minnesota Viking Jared Allen's nonprofit, Homes for Wounded Warriors. Through this connection, Miller has been able to be the official provider of flags and flag poles for all the homes built through the Homes for Wounded Warriors nonprofit.

For people who are looking for ways to help veterans, Miller says people should be sure to say "thank you" to the vets and listen if they wish to tell their story, something that can mean a lot.

Marching Jays



Addison Bomsta (left) and Hanna Lacroix represented Waseca at the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) All-State Concert Band workshop and performance at Concordia College in Moorhead this month.

Rostislavovich joins Waseca Arts Council

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has recently appointed five new members to its board; among them is Waseca resident Mikhail Rostislavovich, who will represent the county of Waseca. Rostislavovich already serves on the board of directors for the Waseca Arts Council and the county historical society. He is president of the Waseca Exchange Club and a member of the Waseca Rotary. Over the past 40 years, Rostislavovich has worked side by side with international leaders and heads of state in various positions with both the federal and state governments. Here in Minnesota, he has held positions as a liaison officer for the bishop of the Episcopal Church of Minnesota, the governor, and lieutenant governors. He founded Veritas Et Lux, a private school in St. Peter. He is currently the president and chair for State Street Theater Company in New Ulm.

Also recently named to the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council board are Justin Ek representing North Mankato; Moni Harper representing Fairmont; Michael Looft of Winthrop to represent Sibley County; and Dave Wahl of Springfield representing Brown County.

Justin Ek is an artist from Mankato who is known for his community murals, paintings, social media presence, intricate weavings, and his work with youth and nonprofits in the area. Moni Harper is a lifelong resident of Martin County and a

graduate of Mankato (now Minnesota) State University with a BS in Business Administration Marketing and Management. Dave Wahl is a Navy Veteran, accomplished DIY'er, and jack of all trades whose many talents include singer, actor, and former musician. Michael Looft is the City Administrator for the City of Winthrop.

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created by placing those items strategically.

Centuries have been devoted to learning the finer elements of selection and construction, all to make you say "aah!" at some special event.

The privilege of being at the PGI convention is to meet the folks who have studied these arts, learn some of their techniques, and—foremost—see them displayed.

Imagine what fireworks can be like when experts in the field are showing off their best to other experts. Not that there's any conceit involved. When a shell falls short or fails to perform all its planned effects, there may be a few jokes, but mostly there is understanding and empathy—a "That's happened to me, too" sort of response.

Doubtless, you can find videos from this and past PGI conventions online. They will be spectacular and exciting, and certainly I don't discourage you from watching them. Just let me tell you, those displays are better in person, filling the sky in front of and above you. I wish you could be here.

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OBITUARIES

Wayne Breitbarth

Wayne Alan Breitbarth, age 40 of Waseca, passed away at his home on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Wayne was born in Madelia on September 5, 1982 to parents Alan and Catherine (McMullen) Breitbarth. He attended school in Truman and after graduation went on to attend Ely Community College and Rasmussen University where he studied business management and human resources. Wayne worked for over seven years at Media Comm, and was most recently employed as a dispatcher in law enforcement. He made many lasting friends in the Waseca Sheriff's Office, Waseca Police Department, as well as other police departments around southern Minnesota. He was a member of the Minnesota Police Dispatcher's Association, and was recently the recipient of a professional service award for his exemplary service to the police department during several high-pressure, high stress moments in our community's history. He was a long-time member of St. John Lutheran Church in Antrim. He enjoyed ice fishing, his involvement with Waseca's "Fermentals" brewing club, collecting and using cast iron, running events and triathlons, off-roading in his Jeep, and he loved all of his friends in the "10th Street Crew".

Wayne is survived by both of his parents, Alan and Catherine Breitbarth of Waseca; two siblings,



Wayne Breitbarth

Amber (Joey) Bunyan of Jordan, and Robert (Kim) McCorvey of San Antonio, TX; five nieces and nephews, Savannah, Addyson, L.J., Kalara, and Leo; his beloved rescue-dog, Ruby; his German family; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca, and will continue for one hour before the service at the church on Monday.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023 at St. John Lutheran Church in Antrim. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Madelia. dsOfuneral.com

John Priebe

John Edward Priebe, age 78, of Waseca died peacefully while residing at Lake Shore Inn Rehabilitation Center in Waseca.

Born on December 15, 1944, in Waseca, he was the son of John W. and Mabel (Ewest) Priebe. John attended Waseca Public School, graduating with the class of 1962. Following his education, he enlisted into the United States Army where he was stations at Fort Polk in Louisiana. On December 19, 1964, John was united in marriage to Macia Ann Paulson at First Congregational Church in Waseca. Together they began their married life in Mankato for a short time while John continued his education in business. They spent the next 10 years living in the cities until John and Marcia made their home in Waseca. John worked for many years at Brown Printing in

Waseca while farming alongside his brother, before starting Priebe Financial, retiring in 2004.

John enjoyed traveling, hiking, wintering in Arizona, playing cards and watching NASCAR. He especially enjoyed following his grandchildren in their various sporting events. John was proud to have run in Grandmas Marathon in Duluth as well as various 5K's throughout the state. John was a very active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wilton Township, Waseca County where he served as an elder. He was also a member of Waseca Rotary Club and served on the Waseca School Board. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, caring father and loving grandfather. Blessed be his memory.

John is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Marcia; sons: Jim (special friend, Laurie Mariner) and Justin both of Waseca; grandchildren: Jovae Priebe, Jalea (Eric) Spies,

Zach Smith, Ben Priebe and R.P. Priebe; great grandchildren: Kyra and Kendrich Spies, Kendyl Priebe, and Baby Spies; sisters-in-law: Yvonne Priebe, IveLee (Norm) Wolfe, Dorothy Ihrke, Ilene (Bob) Nikoley, Diane Anderson, and Noreen Paulson; brother-in-law, Dale (Linda) Paulson; many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, John P. Priebe; grandchildren in infancy, Noah and Samuel Priebe; and brothers, Gerald and Dennis Priebe.

Visitation will be from 3:00 – 6:00 PM on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at the State Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca. Visitation will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM on Monday, August 21, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wilton



John Priebe

Township, Waseca County. Interment will follow at Woodville Cemetery. DSOfuneral.com

Irene Bathke

Irene Bathke, age 88, of Wells, MN, died Sunday, August 6, 2023. Services will be private with family. Nasinec Funeral Home in Wells is entrusted with arrangements. Please see www.nasinecfh.com to leave online condolences.

Those who were closest to Irene will miss her sense of humor and her laughter perhaps above all else. It is a side of her that not everyone got to see, but even in the most difficult of times she was able to lighten the moment with a well placed funny observation or comment. It is a trait her children inherited and one they are relying upon now as they mourn her passing.

Her family will also miss seeing Irene in her sprawling, beautiful garden in which she raised a bounty of vegetables each summer. She took pride in watching her garden grow and flourish. The garden is where she loved to begin and end her day. It was her place of peace. She could spend hours keeping it in impeccable shape, plucking the tiniest weed that dared to creep in, noticing as each day passed how the strawberries and tomatoes and and squash were ripening. And she knew just the right time to pick them from the vine at their most delicious.

She also had a way of making some of the produce from her garden and apple trees taste even better. Everyone who knew her well will al-

ways remember her as a fantastic baker. She made it look so easy. "I have to quick make a pie we're having company," was often heard around the house. But, of course, it was more than mere baking. This was her own way of bringing family and friends together. To be at the table, to talk, to laugh and to enjoy.

She set an example to her family, especially in her later years, of what it means to be resourceful, resilient, independent, and more than anything to keep going whatever obstacle has presented itself. It is how she lived each day. And that philosophy of life served her well. At 88 years of age, she lived one of the longest lives of anyone going back several generations of her family.

And family was her highest priority. She was proud of her three sons, Gary (daughter-in-law Chris), Doug and John, and adored her granddaughter Jodie and granddaughter-in-law Nikki, and great-grandson Onyx.

Her most painful challenge was losing her husband of 61 years, Benjamin. Now, both of their spirits will live forever on the farm near Wells that they loved and was their home.

The family plans a private celebration of Irene's long and giving life. And yes, they will share a funny story or two along with something really, really delicious from her garden.

David Possin

David Erwin Possin, age 75 of New Richland, died on the afternoon of Saturday, August 12, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family.

David was born in Waseca on May 22, 1948, to parents Erwin and Elinore (Prescher) Possin. He attended school in New Richland and graduated with the class of 1966. After high school he served with the United States Army in Vietnam. Upon his honorable discharge from the service, he returned to Minnesota and continued his education in Mankato and obtained a bachelor's degree in education. On October 4, 1969, David was married to Cheryl Wobschall in Ellendale. As a young family they began farming, and David continued in that vocation throughout his life. He also spent time as an art teacher for Ellendale Public Schools before their consolidation with surrounding communities. He was a talented artist who worked in multiple mediums throughout his life and had a particular affinity for barn and farm scenes, as well as nature and landscapes. He was a long-time member of Vista Evangelical Covenant Church near New Richland, and he was deeply involved in "Youth for Christ" both on the board and working with teens.

David is survived by his devoted wife of fifty three years, Cheryl Possin of New Richland; two children, Tina (Royal) Streed of Waseca and Timothy (Rachel Frey) Possin of Cleveland; five grandchildren, Brittany (Jake Esse) Anderson, Payton (Kathryn Jewison) Anderson, Caleb Possin, Noah Frey, and Payton Frey; two great-grandchildren, Harper and Quinn Esse; six siblings, Judith Schifflet of Byron, Karen Schrupp and her husband Lyle Davidson of Austin, TX, Pamela (Gary)



David Possin

Streng of New Richland, Rebecca (Jim Ryan) Witz-Ross of Mounds View, James (Chris) Possin of New Richland, and Beverly (Dennis) Crawford of Erda, UT; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews; best companion Beagel BoJangles. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

The Possin family would like to extend a special thank-you to the entire staff of St. Croix Hospice for their incredible care and compassion as David approached the end of his life.

Visitation will be held at Vista Evangelical Covenant Church from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, and will continue for one hour before the service at the church on Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at Vista Evangelical Covenant Church at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, with Rev. Brian Schanil officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at the church cemetery. Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca is handling the arrangements.

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be available to the public. Gerdt's and company agreed that in order to keep the field pristine, it should not be open except during games or other scheduled uses.

"We don't want to do everyday walk-ins," Gerdt's said. "We're afraid of vandalism."

"Do they lock up the field at Tink

Larson Field in Waseca?" Gerdt's asked.

"Yup," replied councilwoman Carrie Ferch.

"Do they lock up the field in St. Peter?" Jordan

"Yup," Ferch replied after Gerdt's listed each of eight different area ballparks.

"That is our only hang up," Gerdt's said. "We want to come to town."

After questions about mowing, security, and lease agreement term lengths, Mayor Rob Wilkening asked council members for their decision.

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Hartley Elementary School supply list

- Kindergarten:
- Supply box - 6x8 hard plastic (no locks)
- 3 boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons
- 5 LARGE Elmer's glue sticks (22g/77 oz)
- 2 black dry erase markers
- 1 two-bottom pocket folder
- 1 large pink eraser
- 1 Fiskars scissors (child's blunt-point)
- 2 10 pack Crayola classic colors broad tip washable markers
- 4-pack of Play-Doh
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes, large size
- Gym shoes (if you do not wear daily)
- Bath towel (for rest-time, no mats)
- Backpack (large enough to hold large book, no wheels)
- Paint shirt (adult short-sleeved t-shirt) no buttons
- 9/7 Start Date:
- Highlighters
- 1 Box of Gallon size Ziploc bags
- 9/8 Start Date:
- 1 Ream of white cardstock
- Optional items to donate:
- Colored cardstock
- Seasonal stickers
- Plain white paper plates, 6" or 9"
- Mr. Sketch smelly markers

1st Grade:
Gym shoes (if you do not wear daily)
4 LARGE Elmer's Glue Sticks (22g/.77 oz)
2 10 pack Crayola Classic colors broad tip washable markers
Backpack (large enough to hold large book, no wheels)
Supply box - 6-8 hard plastic, no locks
3 boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons
1 Box of tissues
1 Two-bottom pocket folder
4 Dry erase expo markers
2 Containers of disinfectant wipes
1 Highlighter
1 Fiskars scissors, child's sharp point
12 Plain Ticonderoga #2 pencils pre-sharpened preferred
1 Large pink eraser
1 Wide-lined spiral notebooks
2-4-oz containers of Play-Doh
Headphones with a wire, no ear buds
Last Name A-H:
Ream of white cardstock
Last Name I-P:
Ream of colored cardstock
Last Name Q-Z:
Ream of colored copy paper
Optional items to donate:
8-12 oz Plastic cups
Kids sticker pack
Mailing labels
Colored printer paper
Plain white paper plates
Aluminum foil
Brown paper lunch bags
2nd Grade:
Gym shoes (if you do not wear daily)
2 10-packs Crayola broad tip

- washable markers
 - Backpack (large enough to hold large book, no wheels)
 - Scissors (Fiskars School)
 - 1 4-oz. Bottle of Elmer's white school glue
 - 3 LARGE Elmer's glue sticks (22g/.77 oz)
 - 3 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
 - 1 two-bottom pocket folder
 - 12 plain #2 Ticonderoga pencils
 - 1 wide-lined composition notebook
 - 2 boxes of tissues
 - Supply box - 6x8 hard plastic (no locks, zippers or clasps)
 - 1 pair of headphones (no ear buds)
 - 1 wide-lined spiral notebook
 - 4-pack black broad point EXPO markers
 - 4-pack thick highlighters
 - 1 large pink eraser
 - 2 cans of Play-Doh (new)
- Boys:
 - Gallon size Ziploc bags
 - 12 oz. hand sanitizer
- Girls:
 - Sandwich size Ziploc bags
 - Disinfectant wipes
 - Optional items to donate:
 - White cardstock
 - Colored cardstock
 - Mailing labels
 - Colored copy paper
 - Black sharpies
 - Seasonal stickers
 - Post-It notes
 - Paper plates
- 3rd Grade:
 - Gym shoes (if you do not wear daily)
 - 24 plain #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils)
 - 1 10-pack Crayola Broad Tip Markers
 - 2 Wide-lined notebooks
 - 2 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
 - 2 two-bottom pocket folders
 - 3 LARGE Elmer's glue sticks (22g/.77 oz)
 - 1 set of head-phones (no ear buds)
 - Backpack (large enough to hold large book, no wheels)
 - Scissors (Fiskars school)
 - 1 12-count box of colored pencils
 - Supply box - 6x8 hard plastic
 - 2 Boxes of tissues
 - 2 Large pink erasers
 - 4 Black EXPO dry erase markers
 - 1 clean sock (marker board eraser)
 - 1-Three ring binder, 1" binder
 - 1 pack of clear letter size sheet protectors
 - Headphones with a wire, no ear buds
 - 1 container of disinfectant wipes
 - 1 pack pencil top erasers
- Last name A-I:
 - 4-pack thick highlighters
- Last name J-Z:
 - White cardstock
 - Optional items to donate:
 - Dry erase markers
 - Astrobright copy paper
 - Astrobright cardstock
 - Paper plates
 - Plastic forks and spoons
 - Brown and white lunch bags

New County Staff



New Waseca County staff members introduced during the latest Waseca County Commissioners' meeting were: top left: Carrie Deml and John Frid; Top right: new deputy Brandon Hermann and his wife Nicole; Bottom left: New dispatcher Sarah Sundve; Bottom right: new deputy Mary Ulrich. Photos by Amelia Roessler

Great Waseca band garage sale

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

The Waseca Marching Jays' annual garage sale fundraiser was held at the 4H building in the Waseca Fairgrounds last Thursday through Saturday. One change from previous years was the addition of a Thursday opening, which had a \$1 admission fee for early access to the bargain-priced items on sale.



Volunteers from left: Jaime Nevalainen, Jolene Komer, and a paper cutout of Devon Lawrence. Photos by Jonah Stafford

petition season will begin at the Minnesota State Fair on August 27. The band will continue to compete

Waseca Intermediate School supply list

Grade 4:
Zipper Bag for Supplies
(3) Folders
2 Large Glue Sticks
Crayons (Box of 24)
Colored Pencils (Pencil Length, 8 or
More)
1 Bottle Elmer's School Glue
Metal Scissors
2 Dozen No. 2 Pencils w/Erasers
1 Box of Facial Tissues
12 Inch Ruler

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proposed community feedback presentation, the board expressed their approval to go ahead with the plan.

The draft of the district's 2023-24 vision card was projected for

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Waseca County Fair 4-H Results

2023 Waseca County Fair 4-H Judging Results

The 2023 Waseca County Fair has been the highlight of the year for over 290 members in Waseca County 4-H, as they saw their hard work pay off with livestock shows, exhibit judging, and other fun events. Below are the 4-H youth who received recognition for their project work at the 2023 Waseca County Fair.

DOG SHOW RESULTS – Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9, 2023

- Grand Champion Beginner Agility – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

- Grand Champion Elementary

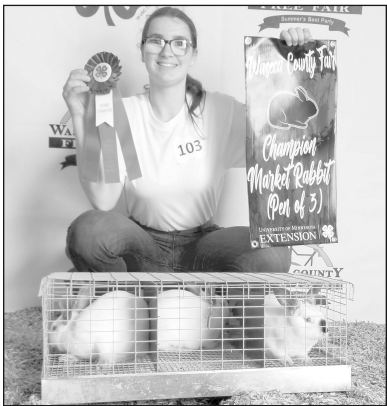


Alexis Myers

Agility – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

- Reserve Champion Elementary Agility – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Jumpers 1A Agility – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

- Grand Champion Jumper 1 B Agility – August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Jumpers 1B Agility – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Obedience Foundation – Julia Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers



Angel Myers

- Reserve Champion Obedience Foundation – Christopher Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Obedience Beginner – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Obedience Beginner – Angel Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Obedience Graduate Beginner – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Obedience Graduate Beginner – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Foundation Rally – Christopher Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Foundation Rally – Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Pre-Novice Rally – Angel Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Pre-Novice Rally – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Novice Rally – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Novice Rally – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Novice Junior Showmanship – Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Novice Junior Showmanship – Julia Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Open Junior



Audrey Gray

Showmanship – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

- Reserve Champion Open Junior Showmanship – Rylie Cromwell, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Open Senior Showmanship – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Open Senior Showmanship – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Junior Dog Interview (Grades 3-8) – Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Junior Dog Interview (Grades 3-8) – Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Dog Interview (Grades 9+) – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Dog Interview (Grades 9+) – Christopher Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

HORSE SHOW RESULTS – Monday, July 10, 2023

- Grand Champion Training – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Showmanship, Training – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Junior (Grade 6-9) Showmanship – Kaylee Ahna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Showmanship – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Showmanship – Jadyn White, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Miniature Horse Showmanship – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Miniature Horse Showmanship – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) English Equitation – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) English Pleasure – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Senior (Grades 10+) English Pleasure – Jadyn White, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Junior (Grade 6-9) Western Horsemanship – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Western Horsemanship – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Western Horsemanship – Jadyn White, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Junior (Grade 6-9) Western Pleasure – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Western Pleasure – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Ranch Pleasure – Jadyn White, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Ranch Pleasure – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Trail Class – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Mini, In-Hand Trail Class – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Mini, In-Hand Trail Class – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Mini, In-Hand Jumping – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Mini, In-Hand Jumping – Brooke Jahr, Waldorf Peppy

Peppers

- Grand Champion Junior (Grades 3-5) Barrel Race – Isabel Anderson, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Intermediate (Grades 6-9) Barrel Race – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Intermediate (Grades 6-9) Barrel Race – Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Barrel Race – Taylor Anderson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Barrel Race – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Junior (Grades 3-5) Jumping Figure 8 – Isabel Anderson, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Intermediate (Grades 6-9) Jumping Figure 8 – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Jumping Figure 8 – Jadyn White, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Jumping Figure 8 – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Junior (Grades 3-5) Key Race – Isabel Anderson, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 6-9) Key Race – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Senior



Cole Schlueter

(Grades 6-9) Key Race – Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Key Race – Jadyn White, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Key Race – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Junior (Grades 3-5) Pole Weaving – Isabel Anderson, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Intermediate (Grades 6-9) Pole Weaving – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Intermediate (Grades 6-9) Pole Weaving – Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Senior (Grades 10+) Pole Weaving – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Costume Class – Jadyn White, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Egg & Spoon – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Egg & Spoon – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Heart Run – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Heart Run – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Horse-Related – Bailey Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Junior Interview (Grades 3-8) – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Junior Interview (Grades 3-8) – Kaylee Ahna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Senior Interview (Grades 9+) – Taylor Anderson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Senior Interview (Grades 9+) – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

RABBIT SHOW RESULTS – Wednesday, July 12, 2023

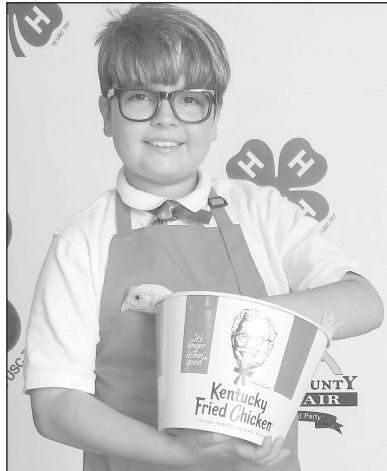
- Grand Champion Overall Purebred Rabbit – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Overall Purebred Rabbit – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Overall 4 Class Rabbit – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Overall 4 Class Rabbit – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Overall 6 Class Rabbit – Angel Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Overall 6 Class Rabbit – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan



Brielle Gunsolus - Champion Market Steer

Rabbit Showmanship – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

- Grand Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Overall Poultry – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Overall Poultry – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Breeding Chickens – Emma Bittner, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Breeding Chickens – Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Bantam Breeding Chickens – Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Bantam Breeding Chickens – Teagan Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Chicken Egg production White egg layers – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Chicken Egg production White egg layers – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Chicken Egg production Brown egg layers – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Chicken Egg production Brown egg layers – Teagan Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Market Chickens – Mackenzie James, Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Market Chickens – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Market Ducks – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Market Ducks – Madelyn James, Palmer Sunbeams
- Grand Champion Breeding Ducks – Samuel Carlson, Palmer Sunbeams
- Grand Champion Market Turkeys – Mackenzie James, Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Market Turkeys – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Show & Hobby – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Junior Poultry Interview (Grades 3-5) – Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Junior Poultry Interview (Grades 3-5) – Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Senior Poultry Interview (Grades 6+) – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Senior Poultry Interview (Grades 6+) – Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Junior Rabbit Interview (Grades 3-5) – Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Interview (Grades 3-5) – Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Intermediate Rabbit Interview (Grades 6-8) – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Interview (Grades 9+) – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Interview (Grades 9+) – Bailey Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship – Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship – Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship – August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Intermediate



Jaxon Alvarado

- Grand Champion 6 Class Senior Doe – Angel Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion 6 Class Senior Doe – Angel Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion 6 Class Senior Buck – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion 6 Class Senior Buck – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Junior Rabbit Interview (Grades 3-5) – Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Interview (Grades 3-5) – Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Intermediate Rabbit Interview (Grades 6-8) – Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Rabbit Interview (Grades 6-8) – Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Grand Champion Senior Rabbit Interview (Grades 9+) – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Interview (Grades 9+) – Bailey Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship – Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship – Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship – August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Intermediate

Rabbit Showmanship – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

- Grand Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan

POULTRY SHOW RESULTS – Wednesday, July 12, 2023

- Grand Champion Overall Poultry – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Overall Poultry – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Breeding Chickens – Emma Bittner, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Breeding Chickens – Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Bantam Breeding Chickens – Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Bantam Breeding Chickens – Teagan Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Chicken Egg production White egg layers – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Chicken Egg production White egg layers – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Chicken Egg production Brown egg layers – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Chicken Egg production Brown egg layers – Teagan Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Market Chickens – Mackenzie James, Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Market Chickens – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Market Ducks – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Market Ducks – Madelyn James, Palmer Sunbeams
- Grand Champion Breeding Ducks – Samuel Carlson, Palmer Sunbeams
- Grand Champion Market Turkeys – Mackenzie James, Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Market Turkeys – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Show & Hobby – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Junior Poultry Interview (Grades 3-5) – Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Junior Poultry Interview (Grades 3-5) – Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Senior Poultry Interview (Grades 6+) – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Senior Poultry Interview (Grades 6+) – Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers



Oriana Jewison

- Grand Champion Junior Poultry Showmanship – Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Junior Poultry Showmanship – Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Intermediate

Poultry Showmanship – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

- Reserve Champion Intermediate Poultry Showmanship – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Senior Poultry Showmanship – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Senior Poultry Showmanship – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

SHEEP SHOW RESULTS – Wednesday, July 12, 2023

- Grand Champion Junior Lamb Lead – Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Junior Lamb Lead – Jaiden Johnson, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Senior Lamb Lead – Kloe Wadd, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Senior Lamb Lead – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Commercial Breeding Sheep – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Sheep – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Registered Breeding Sheep – Jaiden Johnson, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Registered Breeding Sheep – Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Wether Dam – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Wether Dam – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Market Lamb – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Market Lamb – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Fleece – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Sheep Interview (All Grades) – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Sheep Interview (All Grades) – Bailey Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Junior Sheep Showmanship – Owen Kelm, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Intermediate Sheep Showmanship – Hannah Sommers, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Sheep Showmanship – Jaiden Johnson, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship – Kloe Wadd, Homegrown Explorers

GOAT SHOW RESULTS – Thursday, July 13, 2023

- Grand Champion Overall Dairy Goat – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Overall Dairy Goat – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Dairy Goat Doe Kid – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Doe Kid – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Yearling Doe – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Yearling Doe – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Milking Doe – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Milking Doe – Jacob Klaras, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Dairy Goat Junior Interview (Grades 3-8) – Gavin Hodgins, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Junior Interview (Grades 3-8) – Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Dairy Goat Senior Interview (Grades 9+) – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Senior Interview (Grades 9+) – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship – Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship – Jacob Klaras, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

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Paige Gunsolus Champion Breeding Beef



Paige Gunsolus Champ Sr Showman, Addison Kelm Reserve Champ Sr. Showman

• Reserve Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship – Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Dairy Market Wether – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Dairy Market Wether – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Overall Meat Goat – Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Overall Meat Goat – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Meat Market Doe – Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Meat Market Doe – Cole Schlueter, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Grand Champion Meat Market Wether – Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Meat Market Wether – Olivia Eaton, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Meat Goat Breeding Doe – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Meat Goat Breeding Doe – Olivia Eaton, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Meat Goat Junior Interview (Grades 3-8) – Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Meat Goat Junior Interview (Grades 3-8) – Breckyn Moen, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Meat Goat Senior Interview (Grades 9+) – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Meat Goat Senior Interview (Grades 9+) – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Junior Meat Goat Showmanship – Kendall Johnson, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Junior Meat Goat Showmanship – Avery Fliflet, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship – Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship – Olivia Eaton, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Senior Meat Goat Showmanship – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Senior Meat Goat Showmanship – Cole Schlueter, Janesville Jacks & Jills

BEEF SHOW RESULTS – Thursday, July 13, 2023

• Grand Champion Registered Breeding Beef Heifer – Paige Gunsolus, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Registered Breeding Beef Heifer – Olivia Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

• Grand Champion Commercial Breeding Beef Heifer – Sydney Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Beef Heifer – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Cow / Calf Pair – Olivia Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

• Reserve Champion Cow / Calf Pair – Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

• Grand Champion Market Beef Steer – Brielle Gunsolus, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Market Beef Steer – Mackenzie Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Grand Champion Market Beef Heifer – Hailey Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Reserve Champion Market Beef Heifer – Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

• Grand Champion Dairy Steer Prospect Calf – Hadley Roeker

• Grand Champion Dairy Steer – Brayleigh Kuball

• Grand Champion Prospect Steer/Bull Calf – Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Prospect Steer/Bull Calf – Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

• Grand Champion Heifer Prospect Calf – Bailey Hodgkins

• Grand Champion Beef/Dairy Steer Crossbred Prospect Calf – Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Beef/Dairy Steer Crossbred Prospect Calf – Owen Kelm, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Senior (Grades 9+) Beef Interview – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Senior (Grades 9+) Beef Interview – Mackenzie Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Grand Champion Junior (Grades 3-8) Beef Interview – Hailey Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Reserve Champion Junior (Grades 3-8) Beef Interview – Brielle Gunsolus, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Senior Beef Showmanship – Paige Gunsolus, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Senior Beef Showmanship – Addison Kelm, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Intermediate Beef Showmanship – Brielle Gunsolus, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Intermediate Beef Showmanship – Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

• Grand Champion Junior Beef Showmanship – Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Junior Beef Showmanship – Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

SWINE SHOW RESULTS – Friday, July 14, 2023

• Grand Champion Registered Breeding Gilt – Jaiden Johnson, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Registered Breeding Gilt – Presley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt – George Roesler, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Market Barrow – George Roesler, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Market Barrow – Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Market Gilt – Presley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Market Gilt – Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Junior Swine Interview (Grades 3-6) – Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Junior Swine Interview (Grades 3-6) – Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Senior Swine Interview (Grades 7+) – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Senior Swine Interview Grades 7+) – George Roesler, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Swine Rate of Gain – Presley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Swine Rate of Gain – Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

• Grand Champion Junior Swine Showmanship – Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Junior Swine Showmanship – August Roesler, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship – Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship – Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

• Grand Champion Senior Swine Showmanship – George Roesler, Waldorf Peppy Peppers



Teagan Tietje Res Champion

• Reserve Champion Senior Swine Showmanship – Olivia Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

DAIRY SHOW RESULTS – Friday, July 14, 2023

• Grand Champion Overall Dairy Animal – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Overall Dairy Animal – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Grade Holstein – Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Grade Holstein – Maia Bartelt, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Registered Holstein – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Registered Holstein – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Crossbred – Maia Bartelt, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Crossbred – Kendall Johnson, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Dairy Interview (Grades 3-8) – Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Interview (Grades 3-8) – Owen Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Dairy Interview (Grades 9+) – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Interview (Grades 9+) – Maia Bartelt, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Junior Dairy Showmanship – Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Showmanship – Owen Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Intermediate Dairy Showmanship – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Intermediate Dairy Showmanship – Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers

Dairy Showmanship – Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Senior Dairy Showmanship – Maia Bartelt, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Showmanship – Jady White, Riverside Ramblers

STATIC JUDGING RESULTS

• Overall Grand Champion Agronomy – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Reserve Champion Agronomy – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Grand Champion Animal Science – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Overall Reserve Champion Animal Science – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Grand Champion Environmental & Natural Resources – Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers

• Overall Reserve Champion Environmental & Natural Resources – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Overall Grand Champion Expressive Arts – Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers

• Overall Reserve Champion Expressive Arts – Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Overall Grand Champion Family & Consumer Science – Hunter Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Overall Reserve Champion Family & Consumer Science – Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Grand Champion Food & Nutrition – Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Overall Reserve Champion Food & Nutrition – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Overall Grand Champion Gardening – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Overall Reserve Champion Gardening – Nora Olson, Palmer Sunbeams

• Overall Grand Champion Horticulture – Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Reserve Champion Horticulture – Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Grand Champion Personal Growth & Development – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Reserve Champion Personal Growth & Development – Kenley Gehrke, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Grand Champion Photography & Video – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Reserve Champion Photography & Video – Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Grand Champion STEM & Mechanical Sciences – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Overall Reserve Champion STEM & Mechanical Sciences – Kaylee Ahna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Grand Champion Agronomy: Corn – Jacob Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Agronomy: Corn – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Agronomy: Soybeans – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Agronomy: Soybeans – Nick Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Agronomy: Weeds & Pests – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Agronomy: Weeds & Pests – Jacob Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Consumer Education & Money Management – Kenley Gehrke, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Crafts – Julia Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Crafts – Angel Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Elements of Photography – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Elements of Photography – Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Engineering Design – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Engineering Design – Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Exploring Animals – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

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• Reserve Champion Exploring Animals – Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Fine Arts – Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Fine Arts – Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Flower Gardening – Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Flower Gardening – Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Food – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Food – Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Food Preservation – Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Food Preservation – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Food Revue – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Food Revue – Avery Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Health & Wellness – John Olson, Palmer Sunbeams

• Reserve Champion Health & Wellness – Kenley Gehrke, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Herb Gardening – Nora Olson, Palmer Sunbeams

• Grand Champion Home Environment – Hunter Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Home Environment – Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Indoor Gardening – Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Indoor Gardening – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Industrial Technology: Metal – Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Industrial Technology: Wood – Kaylee Ahna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Reserve Champion Industrial Technology: Wood – Landen Haefs, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Largest Vegetable – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Mechanical Science – Hunter Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Mechanical Science – Isiah Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Natural Resources – Entomology – Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Natural Resources – Entomology – Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Natural Resources – Exploring the Environment – Alexis Olson, Vista Busy Bees

• Reserve Champion Natural Resources – Exploring the Environment – Alexis Olson, Vista Busy Bees

• Grand Champion Natural Resources – Geology – Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Natural Resources – Geology – John Olson, Palmer Sunbeams

• Grand Champion Natural Resources – Water Resources – Nora Olson, Palmer Sunbeams

• Grand Champion Needle Arts – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Needle Arts – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Performing Arts: Performance Based – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Performing Arts: Performance Based – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan



George Roesler

• Grand Champion Performing Arts: Non-Performance Based – Jemssie Rugger, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Pets: Cat – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Pets: Cat – Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Grand Champion Pets: Dog – Teagan Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Reserve Champion Pets: Dog – Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Pets: Pet – Josephine Olson, Palmer Sunbeams

• Reserve Champion Pets: Pet – Matthew Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Grand Champion Photo Manipulation – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Photo Manipulation – Eliza Sankovitz, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Potato – Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Potato – Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Purchased Clothing – Isabel Berg, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Quilting – Addison Anderson, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Quilting – Gemma Eaton, homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Safety – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Safety – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Science of Animals – Other Exhibit – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Science of Animals – Other Exhibit – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Self-Determined – Maya Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams

• Grand Champion Sewn Non Garment – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Vegetable Gardening Box – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Vegetable Plate – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Vegetable Plate – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Veterinary Science – Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Veterinary Science – Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Grand Champion Wildlife Biology / Management – Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Wildlife Biology / Management – Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers

ADDITIONAL AWARDS & CHAMPIONS

• Overall Grand Champion Beef Promotional Poster – Nick Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Overall Reserve Champion Beef Promotional Poster – Noah Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Grand Champion Beef Promotional Poster – Nick Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Beef Promotional Poster – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Dairy Promotional Poster – Noah Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Dairy Promotional Poster – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Grand Champion Dog Promotional Poster – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Dog Promotional Poster – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

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WASECA BRAVES SCHEDULE & RESULTS – 2023

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	RESULTS
Sunday	May 21	Minnesota Lake	Away	2:00	W 4-1
Wednesday	May 24	Blue Earth	Home	7:30	W 6-0
Sunday	May 28	Lake Crystal	Away	2:00	W 14-2 (7)
Wednesday	May 31	Owatonna	Home	7:30	L 2-1
Sunday	June 4	Eagle Lake	Away	2:00	W 10-8
Wednesday	June 7	Wells	Home	7:30	W 7-2
Saturday	June 10	Stewartville	Home	7:00	T 1-1 (12)
Sunday	June 11	Lake Crystal	Home	2:00	W 10-0 (8)
Wednesday	June 14	Eagle Lake	Home	7:30	W 10-3
Sunday	June 18	Cleveland	Away	2:00	W 5-1
Wednesday	June 21	Blue Earth	Away	7:30	W 10-0 (7)
Friday	June 23	St. Louis Park	Home	7:30	W 8-7
Monday	June 25	North Mankato	Home	7:30	L 12-1
Wednesday	June 28	Minnesota Lake	Home	7:30	W 4-1
Friday	June 30	Cleveland	Home	7:30	W 9-3
Wednesday	July 5	Wanamingo	Home	7:30	L 6-5
Friday	July 7	Rochester	Home	7:30	W 12-2 (7)
Sunday	July 9	Morristown	Home	2:00	W 4-3
Wednesday	July 12	St. Clair	Home	7:30	L 17-5 (7)
Friday	July 14	Owatonna	Away	7:30	W 6-2
Sunday	July 16	Waterville	Away	2:00	L 14-3 (7)
Saturday	July 22	Cleveland	Home	2:00	W 11-1 (7)
Sunday	July 23	Blue Earth	Home	2:00	L 5-4
Saturday	July 29	Minnesota Lake	Home	2:00	W 4-2
Sunday	July 30	Morristown	Home	2:00	L 8-1
Saturday	August 5	Jordan	Jordan	7:00	L 7-1
Monday	August 7	Waterville	Jordan	6:00	L 6-0
Blake Nelson	Manager	612-396-2390	nelsonblake29@gmail.com		
Tink Larson	Coach	507-838-5645	tlarson@hickorytech.net		

OPPONENTS	27	4	1	1	9	17	1	140	87		215	156	210	27	224.67	3.49

NAME	G	AB	R	H	E	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	SLG%	OB%	AVG
Hitting																
Anderson, Seth	23	79	14	13	7	0	0	0	2	6	13	10	4	0.165	0.283	0.165
Cromer, Danny	18	13	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	1	0.077	0.294	0.077
Cunningham, Kodi	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0.000	0.200	0.000
Feeney, Alex	25	63	8	15	4	0	0	0	2	1	13	25	7	0.238	0.368	0.238
Garza, Payton	16	25	0	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	2	0.160	0.192	0.160
Glynn, Chris	23	92	22	31	10	5	0	1	1	3	13	14	11	0.424	0.419	0.337
Glynn, Geno	9	14	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.286	0.214	0.214
Hanson, Ryan	23	46	5	8	6	0	0	0	1	5	3	12	4	0.174	0.224	0.174
Hoehn, Zach	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
Larson, Tink	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Loonan, Jimmy	23	81	15	13	8	2	0	1	2	2	14	22	12	0.222	0.284	0.160
McQuery, Carter	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.000	1.000	1.000
Nelson, Blake	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Nelson, Kelvin	25	83	18	31	2	4	1	1	3	4	23	10	17	0.482	0.509	0.373
Possin, Uriah	23	42	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	10	18	2	0.143	0.308	0.143
Reger, Jason	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Reger, Tyson	26	93	19	28	10	2	0	0	8	6	11	10	12	0.323	0.375	0.301
Schoenrock, Ben	20	37	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	3	6	16	3	0.135	0.256	0.135
Simmons, Eric	12	31	6	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	6	4	0.161	0.257	0.161
Teague, Sabastian	11	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0.200	0.333	0.200
Verduzco, Chaz	2	7	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	0.714	0.500	0.429
Wangen, Ryan	24	59	2	13	0	0	0	0	1	1	14	16	11	0.220	0.370	0.220
Waugh, Kyle	27	87	23	33	3	7	0	5	6	2	22	33	31	0.632	0.505	0.379
TOTALS	27	864	140	215	61	23	1	8	30	39	156	210	124	0.306	0.364	0.249
OPPONENTS	27	888	114	197	74	27	6	8	26	9	112	193	94	0.293	0.309	0.222
NAME	G	CG	SH	S	W	L	T	R	ER		H	BB	SO	HBP	IP	ERA
Pitching																
Cromer, Danny	11	2	1	0	6	4		40	30		66	29	52	7	67.00	4.03
Garza, Payton	2	0	0	0	0	1		7	4		6	2	3	1	6.00	6.00
Hanson, Ryan	9	0	0	1	0	1		11	7		16	19	24	3	26.00	2.42
Hoehn, Zach	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	2	4	0	2.00	0.00
Loonan, Jimmy	2	0	0	0	0	0		2	2		2	2	0	0	2.00	9.00
McQuery, Carter	4	0	0	0	1	0		4	2		7	11	21	2	21.00	0.86
Nelson, Kelvin	12	5	1	1	8	3		20	11		55	17	70	8	70.67	1.40
Possin, Uriah	4	0	0	0	1	0		11	11		21	9	1	0	10.33	9.58
Reger, Jason	2	0	0	0	0	0		10	10		12	4	1	3	4.00	22.50
Reger, Tyson	3	0	0	0	1	0		2	2		3	3	4	2	4.00	4.50
Teague, Sabastian	1	0	0	1	0	0		2	2		3	2	2	0	6.67	2.70
Verduzco, Chaz	2	0	0	0	0	0		5	2		6	12	11	1	10.00	1.80
TOTALS	27	7	2	3	17	9	1	114	83		197	112	193	27	229.67	3.25

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- Grand Champion Dairy Goat Promotional Poster – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Meat Goat Promotional Poster – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Horse Promotional Poster – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Llama-Alpaca Promotional Poster – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Poultry Promotional Poster – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Poultry Promotional Poster –Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Rabbit Promotional Poster –Claire Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Rabbit Promotional Poster – Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Sheep Promotional Poster – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Swine Promotional Poster – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Champion Premier Showmanship – Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Premier Showmanship – Kloe Wadd, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Bale Decoration Contest – Janesville Jacks & Jills 4-H Club
- Reserve Champion Bale Decoration Contest – Palmer Sunbeams 4-H Club
- Champion Club Banner – Palmer Sunbeams 4-H Club
- Champion Club Community Pride – Homegrown Explorers 4-H Club
- Champion Herdsmanship – Dairy: Abby Sommers, Caden Sommers, Charley Kietzman, Evelyn Sommers, Hadley

Rocker, Hannah Sommers, Kendall Johnson, Maia Bartelt, Owen Sommers, Presley Rocker & Jady White.

SOIL & WATER YOUTH CONSERVATION AWARDS

The Waseca County Soil and Water Conservation District awarded select exhibits with Youth Conservation Awards for their accomplishments in conservation. This year award winners were:

- Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Genevieve Coon, Palmer Sunbeams
- Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- John Olson, Palmer Sunbeams
- Mikael Nelson, Vista Busy Bees
- Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers
- Noah Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Waseca County 4-H awarded \$1,000 in scholarships to youth members who graduated High School in the spring of 2023. The scholarship recipients were:

- Joe Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Kloe Wadd, Homegrown Explorers
- Samuel Carlson, Palmer Sunbeams

MARKET LIVESTOCK BLUE RIBBON AUCTION

Several representatives from local businesses gathered at the recent Waseca County Fair to purchase the ribbons of 4-H market livestock animals. 4-H youth who earned a blue ribbon on their animal participated in the sale, with the ribbon being sold on 59 dairy steers, beef steers, swine, sheep, poultry, rabbits, and goats. Area auctioneers Larry Born, Ray Rew, and Bill Harguth volunteered their time as auctioneers for the event.

The Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction is the biggest fundraiser for the Waseca County 4-H Federation. This year \$39,210.00 was raised for youth in market livestock projects with the 4-H Federation receiving \$13,070.00 to be used for programming and scholarships to camps and leadership development op-

portunities. It will also support existing 4-H programming, like clubs, adventures, project workshops, and adult volunteer trainings. All 295 youth in Waseca County 4-H will benefit from profits raised at the 2023 auction.

Individuals and businesses who were buyers at the 2023 Waseca County 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction included Ag Partners, Androli Ag, Barney's, Ben Srp, Condon Farm Service, Crystal Valley Coop, Dead End Cattle Company, Double O Farms, Eaton Farms LLC, Holland Ag, James Brothers Construction, Farmer's Feed & Pet Supply, Frankson Investment, Janike Seeds, Johnson Berkshires, Jule & Wendy Johnson, Keen Bank, Kuball Dairy, Let's Ride Boots & Apparel, Lyle Kuhns, Matt Groskreutz, Minnwest Bank, Moen Farms – Mike & Julie, Neighbors Meats LLC, O'Brien Tax & Accounting, Roesler Seeds, Schlaak Seed, Smiths Mill Implement, Southfork Seed, TDL Farms, Todd Norton Construction, Vista Farms, Waseca County Fair Food Vendors, Whitewater Creek Grain & Feed.

Waseca County 4-H would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors, buyers and volunteers who took part and helped with the Auction. Without them, Waseca County 4-H wouldn't be able to support the youth program members in such an enormous way.

2023 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR TRIP WINNERS

Youth advancing to the Minnesota State Fair August 23 – August 27 with livestock projects are:

- Beef – Addison Kelm, Brielle Gunsolus, Hailey Levos, Mackenzie Levos, Olivia Johnson, Paige Gunsolus, Paige Johnson, Siri Kuhns, & Sydney Lever
- Dairy – Charley Kietzman, Jady White & Maia Bartelt
- Goat – Alexis Myers, Bailey Hodgkins, Cole Schlueter, Jacob Klaras, Olivia Eaton, Sam Feldkamp & Ty Krautkremer
- Rabbit – August Bethke, Angel Myers, Chloe Vogt, Isaac Feldkamp, Joe Feldkamp, Mackenzie Moorman & Mya Gartner
- Sheep – Avary Hopper, Cole Gartner, Hannah Sommers, Karley Hamilton, Jaiden Johnson & Kloe Wadd

- Swine – Aaron Merritt, Aiden Merritt, George Roesler, Jacob Knutson, Landen Haefs, Mikael Nelson, Nathan Hager & Oriana Jewison

Youth advancing to the State Horse Show from September 15 – September 18 are:

- Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- Bailey Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Jady White, Riverside Ramblers
- Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Sydney Lever, Riverside Ramblers

Youth advancing to the State Dog Show from September 23 – September 24 are:

- Angel Myers, Riverside Ramblers

- Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Youth advancing with static projects will participate in the Minnesota State Fair August 27 – August 29 include:

- Alexis Myers – Veterinary Science
- Alexis Olson – Food Preservation
- Angel Myers – Crafts
- Avary Hopper – Fine Arts
- Hunter Myers – Home Environment
- Isiah Alvarado – Mechanical Sciences
- Julia Alvarado – Foods
- KayleeAhna Berg – Industrial Technology
- Kenley Gehrke – Consumer Education & Money Management, Presentations & Speeches
- Landen Haefs – Woodworking

- Molly Volovsek - Entomology
- Oriana Jewison – Needle Arts

Youth advancing to the State Fair to participate with Waseca County Arts-In Performance titled "Celebrating Connections" at the State Fair include:

- Addison Anderson
- Alexis Myers
- Angel Myers
- Audrey Gray
- Avary Hopper
- Elaina Berg
- Isabel Berg
- Julia Alvarado
- Mandi Root
- Rylie Cromwell

Clubs advancing to the State Fair with their exhibits:

- Homegrown Explorers – Club Community Pride

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100 Years Back - 1923

D.M. Walrath and family went to Kasson Sunday where they joined in celebrating the 97th birthday of Mr. Walrath's mother. Recently a farmer west of town added to his already large land holdings forty acres by purchase at \$190.00 per acre, paying the cash. Every once in a while we hear an old-timer berating everybody in general for being so extravagant as to own an automobile. But he forgets that today a dollar does not represent the same value that it did in the days before the auto. The auto has been a positive benefit and has given people a new joy in life.

Mr. Edward Schumacher, the contractor, tells us that the work on the new church edifice has been delayed a week or more on account of the roofing contractor's failure to show up. The roofing is a new substance, a slate and asbestos material with a special design as to the manner of laying.

A western man has designed a single-wheeled vehicle on the gyro-scope principle, with which he expects to make 250 miles an hour. This will reduce the pedestrian's chance by about 100 per cent.

Fourteen gallons of booze, the genuine stuff, was turned into the Janesville sewer at the pumping station at about one o'clock in the morning. The county attorney, Sheriff Alfred Waad and Marshal Frank Klinder were there to see that the destruction was effected in accordance with official sanction and the law. The corks were pulled by the County Attorney, with the other two officials as witnesses. One gallon was kept for evidence.

Dr. Delaney is having the building recently purchased overhauled, papered on the interior and furniture put in. So soon as completed he will move in.

Harold Shepherd and Mell Randall represent the local American Legion in the fifth annual convention as delegates. The convention is in session at Faribault this week for three days.

75 Years Back - 1948

The Janesville Public Schools will reopen for the school year 1948-1949 on Tuesday, Sept. 7. New staff members this year include Miss Jeanne Thorpe of Minneapolis as our new Home Economics Instructor, Miss Marie Larson of Munising, Michigan, as English instructor, Miss Edith Crane of Pemberton, and Miss Lora Lamp of Mapleton.

A fire which started around three o'clock Tuesday afternoon destroyed the fine barn that was located on the A. C. Ewert farm three miles south of town. The Janesville fire department reported with the farm truck, but when it look as though other buildings were in danger the large fire truck was also sent out. Damage is reported to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The Janesville baseball team won their protest which was filed before the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Association. On August 8, the Directors of the Blue Earth Valley League forfeited two games on Janesville, and an appeal protest was filed by Attorney Gardner, manager of the team. The result of the ruling by the State Association means that Janesville will be back in the play-off.

The purchasing power of Minnesota farm products now stands at 50 per cent above the pre-war level.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habeck, Joan and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Marpe, Darold, Darlene and Harriet Habeck joined Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fogal of Peterson, Mrs. Minnie Habeck, Betty Marpe and Bonnie Skelton for a picnic dinner at Sibley Park in Mankato Sunday.

The Birthday club was entertained by Mrs. Lyle Owen on Friday afternoon. Mrs. F. Harcey and Mrs. Arlo Anton were the honored guests of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Burns are the parents of a son born Thursday, August 5 at the Memorial Hospital in Waseca.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Goodrich and children of Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Goodrich of Mankato, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ulman and Mrs. Bates spent Sunday in Minneapolis where they enjoyed a picnic.

50 Years Back - 1973



Fresh from a European AAU Wrestling Tour where he won 11 matches and tied two, Janesville's Jack Eustice is turning his attention to college wrestling at Mankato State College.

The Veterans Administration has resumed approving GI home loans as a result of the President's signing of Public Law 93-75, which extended the VA's authority to set interest rates.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hinton and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Nissen of Waseca helped Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nissen celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary in New Richland on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Crum and children of Prior Lake, Mickey Toussaint of Fridley and Mr. and Mrs. George Witham spent the weekend camping at Camp Dells at Waterville.

Janesville taxidermist, Gary Roemhildt, showed some of his work at the Upper Midwest Taxidermy Show held over the weekend at Madison East, Mankato. Gary works at taxidermy during the winter and whenever he can squeeze in time during the rest of the year.

25 Years Back - 1998

Lucas Dimmel of Janesville will have lots to share with his classmates at Trinity Lutheran School after having participated in the U.S. Space Camp in Florida this summer. He joined other students from around the world for the basic training camp, which is open to students in grades fourth through sixth. Lucas traveled with his parents, Dave and Laurie Dimmel.

Telephone options for Janesville residents are now available from competitive telephone companies. The current communications provider to the area is Frontier Communications of Minnesota. However, Crystal Communications, Inc., a subsidiary of Hickory Tech Corporation of Mankato, will soon be offering its services to Janesville residents.



50 YEARS AGO - Tony Pazera, president of the American Cancer Society of Waseca, was presented with a check for \$24.36 from children in the Southview Addition Monday morning. The money was the result of a Cancer Carnival sponsored by the children Aug. 1. Left to right: Kris Malecha, Jeff Jellum, Tony Pazera, Rhonda Glaser and Kelly Wabner. Missing from the photo is Tammi Kubat.

Polio within eight miles of Waseca

100 Years Back - 1923

Important steps towards the erection of a new Junior-Senior high school for Waseca were taken when Wm. B. Ittner of St. Louis, the architect employed by the school board, spent the day inspecting the location and going over plans with Supt. Huffman and the school board. Mr. Ittner has developed plans for a three-story building which will be located in about the center of the Central School property.

A drop of 6.6 cents in the price over night was the pleasant experience which confronted motorists last Monday morning. Common gasoline was selling at 23.4 cents Sunday, but on Monday morning the price was 16.8 cents per gallon at filling stations and 14.8 cents where bought by the barrel from tank wagons.

The delegates and alternates of the Waseca American Legion and Legion Auxiliary returned home yesterday from the fifth annual state convention at Faribault. Ambrose Maguire and Robert Kelleher, delegates, and E. C. Ward and D. M. Coughlin, alternates, represented Waseca Post No. 228, where the Auxiliary was represented by Mesdames M. C. Brozik, J. P. Coughlin, Wm. Herbst and Henry Barden, delegates, and Mesdames A. J. Sweet, Geo. McCall, Owen Durigan and M. R. Kakuske, alternates.

Paul Sage of Janesville made the 110 yard--8th "hole in one" shot at the golf links Tuesday evening. This is the most remarkable shot ever known on the golf links. In fact there are just 489 others in the entire United States who have ever made such a shot.

Boys, too handy with rifles, have been shooting up some windows in some of the homes north of the city. At one place two windows were broken and two 22 bullets were found in the wall. Unless this practice is stopped the boys with the guns are going to feel the cruel and unsympathetic hand of the law.

Surrounded by all his children and grandchildren, the venerable Carl Bauman, pioneer settler in Otisco township, observed his 90th birthday in a pleasing manner Sunday on the old home farm, now conducted by his son Carl.

Mrs. W. K. Mickelson and children are taking her vacation with relatives at Elysian for the rest of the week. The editor of this paper is open to any and all chicken dinner engagements in her absence.

75 Years Back - 1948

Sale of a war surplus hemp mill near Wells, Minn., to the California Packing corporation for \$29,650 was disclosed today by the War Assets Administration. The former hemp mill will be used for the storage of materials used in the operation of a nearby canning factory and for the storage of canned goods during the packing season.

Polio made a jump from the southern fringe of the county to within eight miles of Waseca when Norbert Zimney, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Zimney, southwest of this city in Wilton township, was stricken with the disease Saturday morning. The farm lad was the 4th afflicted with polio in Waseca county.

The Waseca school board announced this past week that K. O. Dahlager, formerly of Farmington, has been selected to head the Waseca school system as superintendent to succeed H. R. Enestvedt.

"Any man or woman who completes a four-year course at the Mankato State Teachers College could be placed at present in positions paying 300 dollars per month and better," said Dr. C. L. Crawford, president of the Mankato college, in a recent interview.

In a special study of Waseca county individual income taxpayers it was revealed that 1,103 individuals in Waseca county filed taxable individual income tax returns in the 1947 fiscal year. The number of individuals paying a state income tax increased 50% from 1946. The total amount of state income tax paid amounted to \$63,647, an average of \$57.70 for each state income taxpayer in Waseca county.

Mrs. Edward Bethke spent several days last week visiting in Waldorf with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Krueger.

Mrs. Alvin Dumdei of Janesville spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Anna Clayton.

Robert Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch, returned home Sunday from a week's vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McCabe of St. Peter.

Miss Evelyn Reinhardt began employment with the National Tea Company Monday morning.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Ida Goltz were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Will of Lakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Peterson of Albert Lea and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Marzahn and family of Waterville.

For the past three weeks we have been making trips to nearby towns, visiting newspaper plants, looking over business sections, observing civic progress. The result...we are firmly convinced that Waseca is on the threshold of one of its greatest advancements in years. Building in the residential section of Waseca is ahead of most every town visited. Business building probably isn't ahead of other towns but it is keeping pace pretty well. Add to all this the Southern Minnesota School of Agriculture, to be built between 1949 and 1952 and you have in Waseca the greatest potential of any city we visited.

50 Years Back - 1973

But for the fast work of two lifeguards Linda Stangler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stangler of Kilkenny, might not have been alive today. Linda was taking her regular swimming lessons on the beach of Lake Tetonka Wednesday morning when she was noticed missing. Lifeguards Dan Hoolihan and Steve Kendardi found her on the bottom of the lake and pulled her onto the beach. Linda was revived about 30 seconds before the Waterville rescue squad and ambulance arrived on the scene.

Looking back

100 Years Back - 1923

A co-operative livestock shipping association was organized in New Richland last Tuesday evening. The following five were elected to the board of directors: C. S. Shurson, C. M. Fuller, Glen Root, Otto Martin and Oluf Liane.

There is talk at Emmons of employing an extra teacher and establishing a high school course in the public school.

Mrs. Wm. Rietman received a letter one day last week from a nephew in Germany. He stated that he had saved his money and had enough so that a year ago he could have bought a bicycle with it. Money had depreciated so fast in value that this year it could only buy a glass of beer. Saving money is hardly what could be called a popular amusement in Germany.--Mazeppa Journal.

Traffic was tied up on the M & St. L. railroad yesterday for several hours when the local freight ran through an open switch at Otisco and jumped the tracks. The engine was derailed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Betchwars and baby boy, Fred Harrington and Miss Rosy Tondl drove to the twin cities Sunday morning.

Jimmy Murray left last evening for Gilmore City, Iowa, where he is to play ball Friday and Saturday. He will return to be with New Richland at Mankato Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Winegar and granddaughter, Vidamae, drove to Waterville Wednesday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Heckes.

Emil Fetchenhier is busy this week painting the Lampert Lumber Company's office building.

77 Years Back - 1946

Waseca county's 4-H Fair has been called off--or indefinitely postponed. That was the information telephoned to The Star yesterday morning by secretary Leon Sexton of Waseca. The epidemic of polio was the reason for the decision of the directors. The decision would seem to be a wise one.

Word comes to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Swiener, that their daughter, Miss Elaine, who recently went to Miami, Florida, has secured a position with Pan American Airlines as a stewardess.

Borgen Post is out for revenge over Ellendale having tasted defeat to the tune of 9 to 13 in a game a few weeks ago. In the second game the Post will face the slants of Joe Eustice whom many fans will remember pitching here in the pre-war days (remember way back when?). Friday evening the Borgen Post will face the highly touted Knights of Columbus team of Owatonna. As "Red" Crumb has defeated this team twice in league play he is expected to turn the trick again, this time playing under the colors of Borgen Post 75.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bakken and daughters, Margella and Rose Marie, spent Sunday afternoon at the Martin Westeng home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mogensen and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christianson at Ellendale Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Wood was here Monday preparing to make some much needed repairs at the old home farm, the Roger B. Wood farm northwest of New Richland. Art has lived in Minneapolis for a long time. Not so many years ago he bought a very good but old house for \$3,000. Just before coming to New Richland Monday he was offered \$11,000 for the place. He is holding it for \$13,000.

50 Years Back - 1973



Randy Supalla won the splendid trophy he is holding when he took first place in the FFA Garden tractor pulling contest (under 800 lb.), Saturday, during Farm-City Day. His trusty tractor is nearby.

Burglars escaped with 61 cartons of cigarettes, \$60 in change and the money from a pop machine in a break-in at Abraham's Store Sunday morning. The burglary happened sometime between 2:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday. The front door was pried open and the door frame broken in the entry.

Merle Hendrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Corley Hendrickson, Hartland, won Grand Champion with his lamb at the Freeborn County Fair last week. A member of the Hartland Hi-Liners 40H club, Merle purchased the lamb from LeRoy Kofstad. The lamb sold for \$3/lb. To Howard Jensen of Albert Lea.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swenson and Bruce, Mrs. Hannah Espee and Katherine and John Swenson joined Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Armstrong and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Swenson, Mark and Dennis at Clear Lake at Waseca last Wednesday evening for a picnic supper.

Mrs. Orvin Stadheim had coffee with Mrs. Virgel Johnson Saturday afternoon.

25 Years Back - 1998

Residents of Hartland and the surrounding community have planned a Get-Together for Saturday, Aug. 29, beginning at 4 p.m. with a Kiddie Parade, followed by a Classic Car and Tractor Parade. Also featured: Bingo games at the Community Center, the East-West softball game, a licorice eating contest, a "Kiss the Pig" contest, Hartland's annual Variety Show, and a dance in the park.

Michael and Mary Granowski of New Richland announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Jane of New Richland and Mark Alan Domeier of New Richland, son of Roland and Karen Domeier of New Ulm. An October 10, 1998 wedding is planned.

A son was born to Thomas and Suzanne Koziolk of New Richland on Wednesday, Aug. 12. The husky little fellow has been named Koleton James. He joins a twin brother and sister, Kameron and Cassandra, 20 months old.

Katie Oftedahl was crowned Miss Pemberton Saturday evening in one of Summerfest's final events.

Winona State University head volleyball coach Amy Fisher has announced that Lisa Kyte has signed to compete for the Warriors during the 1998-99 season. Kyte, a middle hitter, is a graduate of NRHEG. She was an academic All-State and academic All-Conference pick. She also was a two-time All-Area selection, two-time All-Area MVP, three-time All-Conference and All-Conference best blocker, two-time MVP and team captain.



The
Pastor's Column

Time is valuable

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

Have you ever had your day or week thrown off? Where your plans just don't get done or accomplished? Where your life has been interrupted?

Sometimes we feel like our lives are turned upside down by an event or adventure. The last trips of the summer are happening, the golf course is calling, school shopping is happening, and the harvest is starting to come in. Our plans are set, but then there are travel problems, rain days, busy malls and tractor problems that slow us down.

In James 4 there are a series of verses that challenge me and inform my theology more than most:

13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."16 As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil.17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

The first two verses challenge me to think about my plans. I make plans that are good for my family, the church, my relationship with God and my friends. In these plans I have recreation, rest, work, and growth. At the same time what happens when they get interrupted? I remember getting upset when

plans changed, getting frustrated that things didn't go the way I planned.

There is a warning in these verse that our time is limited, we do not know when our days will end nor what they will entail. We are temporal beings, one day will be our last and then we will face judgment. We must transform the way that we think about each day. Not loathing the end of days but anticipating the work of God for today, every day and all eternity.

So what do we do with the time we have? We adapt, we share, we invite, we celebrate, and we build faith into every activity. Every change that happens, every barrier we face, every frustration and joy we experience is there for God's glory, not our own. Take time in the interruptions not to get frustrated, but to look at what God is doing around you.

Every interruption in our plans that we face is an opportunity for God to work through us, it gives us time to pause and look at what God is doing next. We are instructed not to brag or boast about what we have done, but to focus on the good we can do. In our lives there are many things to be proud of, the foremost of which is Christ's work of redeeming our lives.

The interruptions and frustrations in our lives are opportunities for us to do more good. Set aside time to be interrupted and give God the glory. Make space in your daily life to continue to do good.

Going beyond at Christ Comm. Church Aug. 26

Waseca, MN — Christ Community Church confirms the Going Beyond Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer, an event that brings women together for a day of powerful teaching, worship with Anthony Evans, and prayer will take place on August 26, 2023.

The simulcast event begins at 9:00am — 3:45pm with multiple breaks. The cost of tickets are \$20 for event plus \$10 for box lunch.

To find out more information about attending the Going Beyond Simulcast, visit www.cccwaseca.org or contact OfficeManager@cccwaseca.org or 507-835-2235.

Christ Community Church is an Evangelical Free church located in Waseca, MN. For more information please visit our website www.cccwaseca.org or Facebook page Christ Community Church of Waseca.

ABOUT PRISCILLA SHIRER

Priscilla Shirer is a wife and mom first but put a Bible in her hand and a message in her heart and you'll see why thousands meet God in powerful, personal ways at her live events. With a master's degree in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary, Priscilla brings the depths of Scripture to life. She is the author

of best-selling Bible studies, including Elijah, Discerning the Voice of God, The Armor of God, Gideon, and Jonah, as well as the author of many books, including Fervent and the New York Times best-seller The Resolution for Women. She and her husband, Jerry, lead Going Beyond Ministries. They count it as their greatest privilege to serve every denomination and culture of the church.

ABOUT ANTHONY EVANS

For two decades, Anthony Evans has voiced the gospel with a melodic, thought-provoking style, and has emerged as one of Christian music's premier worship leaders and singer/songwriters. Along the way, Anthony has released ten solo projects, (the last two climbing all the way to #1 on Billboard's Top Gospel Album charts), released his first book, Unexpected Places, done numerous music videos, acted in two movies, and performed as "Beast" in Disney's Hollywood Bowl production of Beauty and the Beast. In addition, he has collaborated on inspirational events with his father, beloved pastor and international speaker, Dr. Tony Evans; his sisters, Priscilla Shirer and Chrystal Evans Hurst; and his brother, author and speaker Jonathan Evans.



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Electric time at Trinity church

By MELANIE PILTINGSRUD
Staff writer

The sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland witnessed a rare performance of Latin music on Sunday, August 13 from 3:30 — 5 p.m. when the Twin Cities based group Salsa del Soul performed there as part of the Summer Burst Concert Series. Although the concert was originally scheduled to take place at the New Richland City Park, the rainy weather chased the music indoors.

Five of the nine-piece orchestra performed on Sunday, including Bryan Rossi on keyboard, David Martin on bass and guitar, Frank Rivery on vocals and congas, Shai Hayo on timbales, and Leann Lingren on saxophone and flute.

Salsa del Soul was formed over 20 years ago to provide a great source of Latin music to the Twin Cities area. "Summertime is super busy," said Hayo of the number of concerts the band performs. Although the

band says they're lucky to perform four concerts over the course of a winter, summer has them performing more than 10 concerts per month.

According to Hayo, the group brings in an eclectic mix of audience members. Some listen to the music as part of their cultural background, while others are part of the dance culture. "You have this kind of mix between those two worlds," said Hayo. "And then when we have the outdoor stuff, then you have people who are just interested in coming out[side]."

Dance is indeed part of the attraction with Salsa del Soul. The group brings a dance instructor with them to concerts. Professional Cuban Instructor Yeniel Chini Perez taught audience members young and old to cha-cha and salsa their way through music from Columbia to the Dominican Republic, a perk that proved popular on Sunday.

This isn't the first time the group has performed at churches. Hayo



Audience members file down to dance at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland during the Sunday concert.

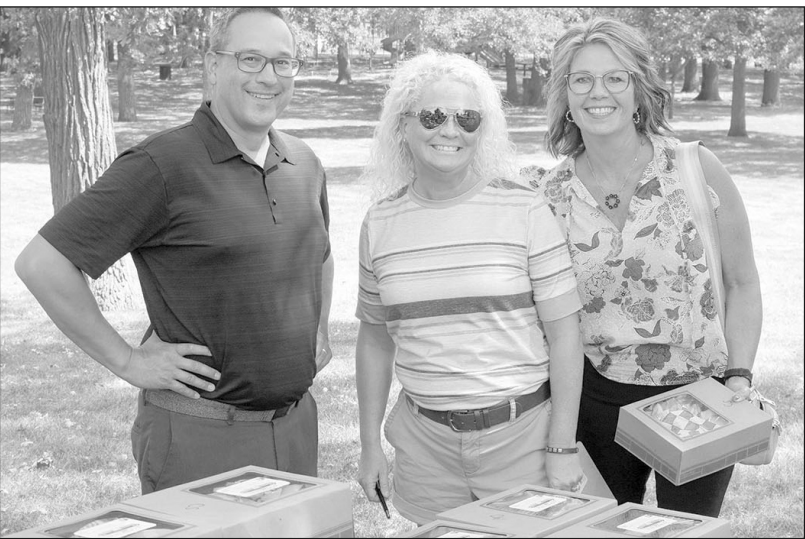
Photo by Melanie Piltingsrud

said Salsa del Soul has relationships with a few churches, where they perform for special services like Epiphany and Pentecost. Two Lutheran churches have a repertoire of favorite hymns that the group performs as salsa. "It's really cool," said Hayo. Melissa Williams, who helps to or-

ganize the Summer Burst Concert Series, spoke of the audience's enthusiasm for Sunday's concert. Per Williams: "We had several that said, 'Get them back!'"

Hayo was enthusiastic about the idea, and added, "If you ever make it to the Cities, come and see us."

Walk to the Park



The annual Walk to the Park that happened August 3 is an event put together by the chamber of commerce as a way for people to network and get out of the office during the summer.

"It's just an opportunity for chamber members to get together outside and eat lunch," said Ann Fitch, the executive director of the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce. She explained that with around 100 to 125 participants, it's a summer networking opportunity to get out of the office, walk to the park, listen to music provided by Jim Kozan, and eat a catered lunch from the Starfire Grill. Directly above, from left: Larry Johnson, Kristie Biehn, and Amy Potter.

Pioneer photos by Amelia Roessler



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Attending Saturday's Farmamerica event were, from left: Christensen Farms' Amber Portner, Tricia Gieseke, Josh Anderson, and Marnie Mackey. Photos by Jonah Stafford



Colette Draget, left, of the Meatery and Tami Stadtherr participated in Farmamerica's Meat-A-Palooza.

■ Event

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with those involved in the agricultural industry has remained the same. In Meat-A-Palooza's first year, Rollins said that she set up the vendors and representatives as stations, with guests rotating through at regular intervals. "The feedback was that guests would rather converse at their own pace," Rollins said. In response, the next year, guests were given passports to stamp at each stop instead. This year's Meat-A-Palooza had an open outdoor setup, allowing guests to socialize and explore at their leisure.

Waseca County Dairy Princesses Katy Eldeen, Allie Eldeen, and McKenna Eich were present at Meat-A-Palooza. The princesses handed out free samples of various local cheeses, along with informational pamphlets about the dairy industry.

Bushel Boy Farms, which has a facility in Owatonna, offered samples of its hydroponically grown produce. Company representative Emily Andes explained that the produce is "grown without soil," with its roots solely in water. She added that in recent years, technological advances have allowed Bushel Boy to increase the variety of produce it offers. Andes said that until about four years ago, the company could grow only tomatoes hydroponically, but has been able to add strawberries, cucumbers and apples, among other produce.

Christensen Farms, a chain of midwestern pork producers based in Sleepy Eye, invited visitors to enjoy a virtual-reality experience at its stand. VR headsets allowed guests a 360-degree view of the

company's hog barns.

Inside the visitor center, Lindsey Loken of Blondie's Butcher Shop hosted a live pork-cutting demonstration throughout the evening. Other participating businesses included Mousse Sparkling Wine Co., Morgan's Meats, The Meatery, Brat Dogs, and the Indian Island Winery.

After a summer filled with field trips and events, Farmamerica has begun planning its fall activities. Rollins said that, since goat yoga classes filled up rapidly in July, the activity will be scheduled again in September; a "pumpkin party" is slated for October.



From left, Mathilde, Juliette, Waseca County Sheriff Jay Dulas, Francoise and Nicholas Lecourt. Below, former classmates Christin Meeks and Lecourt embrace. Pioneer photos by Amelia Roessler

■ Student

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tivities such as music, art or sports, are done outside of school or privately. Meeks laughingly told Lecourt's two daughters Juliet and Mathilde that prom in America is different from the movies. Lecourt agreed, saying she even went to prom with a random boy she had asked from the movie theater in Owatonna because she hadn't known anyone from the school well enough.

When Lecourt left after the ten months of her exchange program here, she wrote a Letter to the Editor saying, "I really have enjoyed my year in Waseca and have met so

many great people. Also I will miss Waseca High School, but I have so many wonderful memories that will live on. Certainly, my senior year will always remain a part of them. I really appreciate the opportunity that I, as an exchange student, have had to learn about your school system and your community."

Sheriff Jay Dulas tagged along on the school tour, and afterwards showed his squad car to the family, allowing them to even sit in the back seat.

After everything was finished, Lecourt talked about why her experience in Waseca prompted her to return and share it with her family, a place she calls home.

Lecourt and her family visited from Friday, Aug. 4, through Wednesday, Aug. 9. Next on their travel agenda were two western cities.



"San Francisco and Los Angeles are going to be vacation. Here, I'm home," Lecourt said emotionally. Lecourt kept talking about being home and feeling at home in Waseca,

calling Herbst her sister, who promptly burst into tears as the two shared a hug.

"I never had a sister," Herbst laughed between the happy tears.

Changes in "non-compete" agreements

Among the many laws passed by the 2023 Minnesota Legislature is one prohibiting the use of most non-compete agreements by employers in the state. One common use of a "non-compete" clause is to have an employee who is leaving a business sign an agreement not to start a business which competes with the previous employer, or not to share information regarding the current job

with any future employer. The new law was effective July 1. Here's a summary:

The ban on non-compete agreements is not retroactive. In other words, it only affects agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2023; non-compete agreements that were entered into before July 1 remain valid.

The law covers any person who

lives or works in Minnesota, and it applies to both employees and independent contractors, regardless of what they are paid.

Only agreements restricting employees and contractors from working for a competitor over a specific period of time are covered by the law. Employers can still enter into agreements with employees and independent contractors to protect the

company's other employees, customer relationships, goodwill, confidential information, trade secrets, and intellectual property, by using non-solicitation, confidentiality and intellectual property covenants.

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Annual

Hamburger & Sweet Corn Feed

Friday August 25th, 2023

Waldorf Community Center

Meal: 5:30-8pm • Dance: 8:30-12:00am

Red Dirt Road to Follow after Meal

Cost:

Meal	\$10
Dance	\$10
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