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Waseca Bean Bag Tournament Sept. 18

The Greater Mankato Area United Way is hosting the fifth annual Waseca Bean Bag Tournament Thursday, Sept. 18 from 3 - 5 p.m. at The Mill Event Center. Call Diane Beckmann at 507-835-9899 to register.

Greater Mankato Area United Way and Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Sept. 18

Greater Mankato Area United Way and Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm invite community members to "United Way Night: Making a Difference One Piece at a Time" from 4-7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 18 at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm. Live music by TJ Brown, "The Kindness Booth" books available for purchase with author book signings. Greater Mankato Area United Way partner agency booths. Fall photo opportunities and door prizes and activities.

Family Tradition at Janesville Veterans Memorial Park Monday, Sept. 18

Musical group Family Tradition will play at the Janesville Veterans Memorial Park from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18. This event is part of the free "Songs in the Park" series.

Mother-Daughter Book Club at Waseca Public Library Thursday, Sept. 18

Girls in grades 3 to 6 are invited to bring a significant adult female to join them as we discuss great new books, do activities, and enjoy treats. Participants are invited to stop by the library to pick up this month's book, "Glass: A Cinderella Tale" by Kathryn Lasky. Book club begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 at Waseca Public Library. An ASL interpreter will be provided.

Sacred Heart Fall Festival Sept. 19, 20, 21

Fish and pulled pork meals, a pancake breakfast, children's games, bingo, raffles, silent and live auctions, dances, and a children's choir worship service are all part of the Sacred Heart Fall Festival scheduled across Friday, Sept. 19 to Sunday, Sept. 21. More information online at the Sacred Heart Church website: https://sacredheartwaseca.org/parish-news-items/1778-life-rotator-38

Waseca Bluejays Marching Classic Parade and Festival Sept. 20

A parade featuring about 100 units including 9 marching bands will begin in downtown Waseca at noon. A Field Show competition will be at 5:30 p.m. at the high school football field. Admission is $8 with a wristband purchased in advance, $10 at the gate. Fireworks will follow the completion of the field show, probably about 9 p.m.

A word from The Word

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

SAFETY LESSON - Both Jacob Atzund and Matt Levisay from Northland Farm Systems attended the Waseca Farm Bureau's Farm and Home Safety Day at the Waseca fairgrounds on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025. They demonstrated yard tools for fifth graders from all over Waseca County. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Farm and Bureau Home and Safety

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The Waseca County Farm Bureau's Farm and Home Safety Days took place during an overcast Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Waseca fairgrounds. The day featured volunteers demonstrating safe procedures for things around the farm and home including chemical, electrical, animal, chainsaw and lawnmower safety, ATVs, snowmobiles and tractors. What started out as a roam-the-fairgrounds sort of morning turned into an inside day because the rain started a little after noon, forcing the still cheerful and full-of-energy fifth-graders inside the giant fair buildings. Fifth-graders from around the region came through during different time slots: in attendance across the day were young students from Waterville-Elysian-Morristown, Waseca Intermediate, TEAM Academy, Trinity Lutheran Janesville and Janesville Public Schools.

Reese Boucher, employee of Crystal Valley Coop and expert volunteer was in the 4-H Barn. As groups arrived, he handed each of the students a single soybean, allowing them to experience the size, color, consistency and texture. Many accidentally let the small sample slip through their fingers and asked for a replacement. Others pulverized their bean. But that was okay because Boucher had plenty. With everyone listening, he presented three plastic bottles filled with similar color liquids, red, yellow and orange. One was anti-freeze, one was gasoline, and another was Mt. Dew. The children did a pretty good job identifying which was which. He gave students a clear warning: "You will encounter different and dangerous chemicals wherever you go every day." He also demonstrated using safety goggles and gloves whenever handling dangerous chemicals. Said Boucher, "If I can save just one kid from getting hurt, that makes all this worth it."

HANDS-ON LEARNING - Maverick Hoy tried on special gloves used when handling electrical lines which might be live. Guiding him was Peter Hanes, a lineman with the Steele-Waseca Electric Cooperative. The demonstration took place during the Waseca County Farm Bureau Farm and Home Safety Days at the county fairgrounds on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

From Kibble Equipment was Jared Prestegard; he led children on a tour to see real-life heavy equipment like a tractor up close. He also started the engine and ran an attached auger, using it as a

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Markeson and Vought named "Friends of the Classic"

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Organizers of the thirty-eighth Waseca Marching Classic this Saturday have selected Penny Vought and Kris Markeson, recently retired and current Waseca Chiefs of Police as this year's "Friends of the Classic."

The selection, organizers explain, is in gratitude for the "security and safety" Waseca police and police reserves have maintained each year for nearly four decades.

"It's nice to have our work acknowledged," stated Vought, who had been with the department for 40 years prior to stepping down late last year. "The Classic is part of who we are here in Waseca, and we're glad to help out."

Markeson observed, "We care about our community and the people who visit it, so we're glad to be part of the Classic's success every year."

"Many of our officers have or have had children in marching band, and so they especially don't mind supporting the event."

With that said, the two go on to summarize the various steps needed on the department's part as the parade approaches. "We have to be aware of the date months in advance," Markeson said, "because part of the route is on a state highway. That means we have to apply with the state to have the road closed. That has to be approved and we have to get verification back."

About a month beforehand, all city police officers and reserve members are notified they will be working during the parade; a presence of nearly 25 representatives is created. Most are assigned to maintain order and manage any traffic problems at 20 or more intersections along the route. A lead car is placed at the front of the parade lineup to define the route and to call in assistance if any is needed.

The department is not in charge of putting up signs, but does confirm the signs are doing a good job of guiding drivers as they try to navigate closed streets. Any cars parked along the parade route are dealt with, "We try to find the owners and get them to move the cars," said Markeson. "But we have the authority to have them towed if we need to."

ALL ABOUT SAFETY - Penny Vought, recently retired from her role as the City of Waseca Chief of Police, and Kris Markeson, who now holds the position, are being honored as "Friends of the Marching Classic" for their work ensuring public safety during the Marching Classic parade and events. This year's parade is expected to have 75 to 100 units, and will begin at noon on Saturday in downtown Waseca. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

A role many officers enjoy, Markeson said, is that of "a walking, talking information booth," able either to answer people's questions or to help them find the source for those answers.

Speaking of questions, Markeson says the route map for the parade is posted on the police department Facebook page. He mentions the best place for audience members to position themselves is along State Street downtown, since that is where the bands perform their routines.

"It's a busy day for everybody," Vought mentions. "We have the extra traffic in town, the closed streets, and the two different events– the parade downtown and the field show at the high school football field. Many people are going in many directions all day long."

A big difference this year, Markeson points out, is that the usual traffic detour, Second Street Northwest, is closed by construction. "We have a new route figured out," he says, "and we'll help people find their way.

"Just be patient, leave some extra time, and use safe driving habits."

Waseca Chamber welcomes visitors

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The newly renamed Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism (WACCT) held an open house Sept. 9 to introduce area residents to its new location and its expanded name and priorities. The new office is attached to the Suburban Furniture store on North State Street. More than 60 interested area residents attended. There were cookies, fudge, lemonade and plenty of smiling faces inside. Outside, a light rain saw more than one person running to the door trying to stay dry.

Inside, a service counter which would normally be staffed by WACCT executive assistant Kristie Biehn was instead occupied by a smiling Mikhail Rostislavovich, president of the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce, ready to shake hands in welcome. He started the tour in the conference room saying the new space has "more room, more office space and better accessibility, We can lend the conference room to anyone who needs to talk about tourism; both it and us are always here when they need it." When asked about the organization's former location at 210 North State Street, he said it is now available to interested renters. Of the WACCT, he said, "We moved here in the early part of July and absolutely love it."

Next on the tour was the community room, which offers a dining table and extra storage space. All guests were offered refreshments and had a chance to admire photographs of local attractions hung for display. Among the modern-day photos were vintage pictures showcasing changes that have taken place to local streets and buildings, and progress that's been made and hopefully continues.

Theresa Sunde was there, Waseca Chamber Ambassador, she's the one responsible for the Waseca Chat on Facebook. In Rostislavovich's words, "So far [the Chat] has been very well attended and community oriented." She was welcomed as she started her tour.

Organization president elect Jodie Thompson was also present; Since 2018, Thompson has served as a Waseca Area Chamber Ambassador and is also an active member of the Waseca Area Chorale and the Waseca Area Lions Club. Thompson chairs the WACCT membership committee and is a member of the workforce development committee. Said Rostislavovich, "She's brought in 17 more members since January 1."

Robin Dulas, executive director for the Chamber, has more than 25 years of experience as a church administrator: "I bring expertise in financial management, organizational leadership, event planning, and effective communication. My passion for fostering connections and creating meaningful experiences extends beyond my professional role into my community involvement. I am an active member of the Waseca County Fair Board and the Holiday Lights Committee. "Family is at the heart of everything I do. My

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Fools rushing in

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

I go to the gym four days a week.

I don't have a gym membership. I work out at home.

Good for you. How many pushups can you do?

I can do four if they're cherry-flavored and three if they're orange, but only one if it's grape.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I'd gotten off an interstate highway where the conversion rate to 70 mph on a sign equaled 90 mph in reality, and turned onto a rural road where the pickup ahead of me was driving so slowly, insects were smashing against its rear window. The driver's head was on a swivel. He was doing a neighborhood crop watch and trying to count 33,000 corn plants in each acre. I waved at everyone, including some cows. It's a rural law. The cows were Holsteins, Rorschach tests on the hoof. I drove through a sea of corn sweat and storage units to get to a grocery store. Steven Wright said, "You can't have everything. Where would you put it?" We know where it's put—into storage units. Inside the store, I grabbed an item from a shelf that a vertically challenged woman was unable to reach. I pointed out the path to be taken by a shopper who had asked, "Could you direct me to the ketchup aisle?" And I still didn't get to have a prime parking place for employees. It seems unfair that you have to work there in order to get one of those prized places to plop a vehicle. While I searched for the organic Twinkies, I encountered a friend who was calling his wife in a neighboring aisle to make sure he was getting the right kind of rolls. There were too many choices. Name brand or store brand? That was a close call. I concluded my shopping chores and headed home. The cat greeted me at the door. She was likely unaware that I'd been gone, but was happy to see bags that might hold feline food. The wonderful writer Anne Tyler wrote, "Ever consider what pets must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul—chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!"

I'VE LEARNED

I asked the cat what two minus two was. She said nothing. That feline is a genius.

A guy told me the moonwalk was faked, but he's wrong. I saw Michael Jackson do it.

To drink upstream from the herd.

If there is someone you should thank but haven't got around to doing it, today is the day to show your gratitude.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

I accidentally inhaled deodorant spray this morning. Now, I speak with an Axe scent.

My wife says I ruined her birthday again, which is crazy, because I didn't even know yesterday was her birthday.

Why do vampires avoid corporate jobs? They're afraid of stakeholders.

When does butter become an insect? When butter flies.

NATURE NOTES

"Why do birds mob hawks and owls?" It may look as if fools are rushing in, but it's a defense mechanism. Songbirds hope predators will leave once their cover has been blown. The feathered mob uses alarm calls to attract a mixed species of birds willing to set aside their differences and confront a common enemy. Adults might demonstrate correct behavior to immature birds, and it might be an opportunity for a bird to impress potential mates.

The blue jays lifted the peanuts in a shell to find a heavy, meaty one. They're like me picking up watermelons in an attempt to discover melon perfection. Blue jays are beautiful, but don't lend them any money.

Deer begin molting in August and September, which is triggered by hormonal changes that reflect the changing seasons. The reddish summer coat turns into a faded gray or brown color as the winter coat grows.

Jewelweed or spotted touch-me-not blooms in late summer, signaling the beginning of hummingbird migration. Hummingbirds begin to migrate south as early as mid-August, with most leaving the state by the end of September—although stragglers remain into October. The stems and leaves of jewelweed have a clear sap that's soothing to minor skin rashes and insect bites. That's a good thing because jewelweed hangs out in the same places that poison ivy and stinging nettle do. Jewelweed can ease the itch caused by poison ivy and stinging nettles.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway."—Kent M. Keith. Be kind.

Adventures at Six Flags: Wrath of Rakshasa

In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

After my very enjoyable ride on an Amtrak passenger train a week ago, it wasn't long before I was taking the ride I had been looking forward to all summer.

A roller coaster named "Wrath of Rakshasa" opened at the Six Flags Great America theme park in Gurnee, Ill., in June: I had been looking for my chance to ride it ever since. Fortunately for me, my sister-in-law Joan lives only 15 minutes from the park, and has an extra bedroom she's willing to let me use. Even more fortunately, she also loves roller coasters.

There are 11 or more at Six Flags, and we've ridden them all together numerous times.

If you've ever been to a theme park, you know a large percentage of your time there is usually spent standing in line waiting for your turn. That's why it's nice to have at least one companion–so you have someone to talk with while waiting. One topic which comes up at least once each trip is trying to decide which of the many coasters are our favorites. We never manage to choose one favorite, you see, because sometimes it is a certain feature of the ride we like, as opposed to the ride as a whole.

For example, some have "cars" (the arrangements of seats) which include a side by side bench for two and a fairly simple seat belt. Riders sit in a (very fast) carriage holding on to a grab bar with their hands while their feet are planted on the floor. Other cars harness the riders in with over-the-shoulder metal rigs and leave the riders' feet dangling in space. One ride at Six Flags, named "Superman," is even designed to mimic flying free through the air, so the riders are harnessed in seats from the buttocks upward, their legs are held in place from below, and then the whole car tips forward so everyone is facing downward.

Joan and I have been enjoying the rides together for at least two decades, so we have seen different versions come and go. We have also noted that the rides on coasters become less smooth as their structures age.

All these elements are up for discussion as we work our way through lines which sometimes have hundreds and hundreds of people in them, leaving a great deal of time for analysis and debate. Another way to phrase it would be "anticipation."

This past weekend, we had other items on our schedule, and so planned to squeeze in only three to four hours at the park. Thus, we walked right past some of our other favorites and went straight to Wrath of Rakshasa.

At least for the time being, the ride holds two world records. Riders experience five inversions, meaning, they turn upside down five times. Near the beginning, riders are taken 171 feet in the air. Their car is sent just over the curve of a long drop and held there for a brief moment, then flies downward along a "more than vertical 96-degree drop." In other words, not just "straight down" but slightly inward. The five inversions and the 96 degrees are the records. Also impressive, though not records, are the two-minute duration and the top speed of 67 miles per hour.

Rather than having me spend any more time trying to describe the ride, let me recommend a YouTube "point of view" (POV) video taken from the front row; just search for "Ride of Rakshasa POV." Watching it gives a strong feel for the actual experience.

Approaching the ride, one gets an impression of a gigantic maze of twists, turns and loops which builds tremendous anticipation.

So, Joan and I arrived at the park and walked straight to our objective. As we got in line, we walked past many empty switchbacks for the line, only reaching other people about halfway in. Perhaps it was because we were enjoying our conversation, but we were both surprised at how quickly the line advanced. Joan had already taken the ride three times before, and so shared some of her impressions and experiences.

For one thing, there were three cars, also known as "trains," in operation; each one holds up to 21 riders in three rows, each seven seats wide. The loading process is quite streamlined, so it takes only a few minutes to get everyone into their seats and harnessed. So at any given time, one train is loading, another is on the track for its two-minute run, and a third one is returning to the station, ready to unload its passengers and allow the next set on.

All our circumstances aligned in such a way that it was almost exactly 30 minutes from the time we walked through the entry gate to the time we were being unloaded from our completed ride. We were very pleased, having waited two hours and more for other roller coasters during their first seasons.

Knowing we had to leave the park for a few hours for a family get-together, we worked our way back toward the entrance, stopping for an icy treat and to take two other rides along the way.

When the party was over, we were uncertain whether it was worth it to return to the park. By the time we would arrive, there would be only about 45 minutes before the park was due to close. We decided no, then yes, then no, then finally yes, and dashed back.

With such a short time left, I said we should ride Wrath of Rakshasa again, and so we headed to the line entry. We walked past a few more empty switchbacks than we had earlier in the day, and found ourselves seated and full of anticipation after only about 25 minutes, at which point it was about 10 minutes to closing time at 8 p.m.

As our train returned to the station for unloading, people in the car were shouting "one more time" in unison. The ride operator made a statement something like, "If you really want to go one more time, go around and get back in line. You should still have time to do it before they put the chains across the entry."

So we took him up on his suggestion. Policy at the park, you see, is that if you are in a line before closing time, you get to take your ride. We got back to the entry gate and walked on in, right past even more empty switchbacks than either of the other two times.

Thus it was that we found ourselves "closing down" the ride–that is, we were passengers on the very last train of the evening, sometime around 8:20 p.m. After a summer of anticipation, three rides in a single day seemed like a triumphant accomplishment.

Harnessed into our seats, I looked over at Joan and, remembering our back-and-forth decision only about 80 minutes before, said, "Boy, I'm sure glad we decided to come back to the park."

Mountain hiking and people watching

To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

I have finally gone hiking again, and I'm finding this is a hobby I quite enjoy.

However, the only place I have gone hiking (the two times I have gone) is in Rocky Mountain National Park, so my enjoyment is based on very singular experiences. But I will say Rocky Mountain is one of the best places to hike that I can even think of. Its beauty is unlike any other. This time around we chose a trail that allowed us to see five lakes and had great mountain views.

Jack and I left Denver around 5:45 in the morning on Saturday, determined to make it to the park before 8 a.m. as our timed entry pass was for 6 to 8 a.m. We made it about 7:30 and found the trailhead parking lot we were hoping for was already full, meaning we had to park early and take the shuttle to the popular trailhead.

Our shuttle going up was packed full and we all got off in a swarm. Jack and I did not dally and gawk but went straight for the trail, beating most of the crowd at our brisk walking pace.

It was chilly that morning, but we weren't worried as we knew we would be sweating soon. As we headed up the trail, we were surprised to see people already making their way down, finished with their hike. They must have gotten the 5 to 7 a.m. pass, but even so, it was shocking to us, who thought it was still quite early in the morning. But good for them, I wish I would have been able to see the sunrise while hiking the mountain instead of on our drive.

The trail consisted of hiking to five different lakes. Dream Lake was absolutely gorgeous–it was like looking at a beautiful computer "wallpaper" background, except we were there. As I hummed the song in Cinderella about dreams, I could easily see how the lake got its name; numerous people could be seen just sitting at its edges, contemplating life or their dreams or whatever they chose to think about. The still-rising sun's rays glinted off the still water, which reflected the green pines and mountainside surrounding it.

Emerald Lake was similar and full of spectators, so we then made our way to Lake Haiyaha, a harder trek up the mountain. The trail ended at the lake, where if you wanted to see the water, you had to climb over a lot of very big rocks.

The best part of the hike though, was watching the people. Because we chose one of the most popular trails this time, we were constantly encountering small and large groups of people, sometimes being completely surrounded. There were people in all shapes and sizes, dressed in all different ways. There were older people, parents with babies, groups of friends, and even students on a field trip. People were dressed in hiking gear, in sweatpants, in shorts and t-shirts, or like one couple, in winter hats and gloves. There was one girl in a floor length white flowy skirt and even one guy hiking in jeans and a button down. There were people in tennis shoes, people in sturdier well-used shoes, and people in brand new hiking boots.

Nature, and people, will never cease to amaze me. As Jack and I pondered people's backstories and the things we overheard, we were surrounded by tall pines, views of the mountains, and splotches of fall colors. It was one of those hikes that made me appreciate life, and appreciate the fact that I live only about two hours from such beauty while others have to travel many hours or days to see the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park.

New, exciting, expensive hobbies

STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

Tuesday afternoon I had the pleasure of attending the Waseca Exchange Club meeting. The day prior, Mikhail, the Exchange president, had shared the presentation he was going to be giving with me in advance: it was about his experiences on Sept. 11, 2001. It remained powerful as I heard it for the second time during the meeting. The impact continued as others shared their recollections as well.

I was a pre-schooler in daycare in 2001. My memory of the day is that some of us were in the room where the television was on; our babysitter came in, told us a scary movie was on, and turned the television off. My dad picked me up shortly after.

It was deeply meaningful to me that others were willing to share what they experienced and remembered.

Later on Tuesday afternoon I attended the Waseca Chamber open house. For those who don't know, the organization has a new office; it's attached to Suburban Furniture at the north edge of Waseca along Highway 13. The new space is nice, professional and an excellent fit for the community.

Homecoming is coming up, for, well, everyone.

Waseca celebrates this coming week, Sept. 22 to 26. Festivities at NRHEG and JWP will be the week after, Sept. 29 to Oct. 2. I appreciate the help of local schools as we try to publicize everything to the best of the paper's abilities.

This weekend I drove a jetski for the first time.

My older brother Nathan has a tendency to get into new, exciting, expensive, dangerous hobbies. This past winter we went snowmobiling. Now, we're jet skiing.

As we got onto the water, I asked Nathan, again, what rules/safety precautions should be taken. He told me not to fall into the water.

After about 15 minutes, I started to get the hang of things. Thirty minutes in, I was holding the throttle down the entire time, without letting up, screaming and yelling with joy. I felt like a kid again.

The jet skis only topped out at about 35 mph, thankfully. But still, one can have a lot of fun jumping waves at 35 mph.

After about an hour and half, my entire body hurt. I had a slight sunburn/tan and fresh blisters on my hands–but that did not diminish my gratitude and appreciation for new experiences.

This past Monday, I spent the entirety of my day taking care of numerous different newspaper tasks. As Amelia puts the paper together, I get to focus my attention on improving the quality of everything the paper does. I was working on advertising sales in addition to additional content, and, also, last-minute additions to this week's paper. It's very rewarding to have my time back to get these tasks taken care of.

Previously, I would spend my entire weekend, in addition to all of Monday and Tuesday putting the papers together. This was very draining, especially given I used every other day of the week taking care of necessary responsibilities. I've gotten my first few real Saturdays off in four years this past month. Through that time, if I happened to fill my Saturdays with other activities, it meant I would make up for it by putting in 12- to 16-hour days on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

I'm incredibly grateful for the reprieve, and the added energy and relief I am now able to enjoy.

In other news, I received more results from last month's endoscopy.

On Tuesday I was scheduled for an MRI and Friday a stomach specialist. Some fluids that weren't supposed to be in my stomach were discovered along with some irritation. Hopefully, I'll get some answers and solutions this week to my two-and-a-half years' worth of frustration and discomfort.

"When I finish writing a piece of work, it provides a sense of relief, knowing that something previously unknown and unthought of has come into existence."

— Suman Pokhrel

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Waseca Car Show at Club 57 Sept. 20

The Waseca Car Show will take place at Club 57 beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

Books and Brews at Half Pint Brewing Company Sept. 20

Waseca Public Library is combining bookworm babble and beer. Interested participants are invited to stop by the library to pick up this month's book discussion selection, "Heartwood" by Amity Gage. Book club begins at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Half Pint Brewing Company. Drinks and food are not provided, but can be purchased.

Minnesota Deer Hunters Association annual banquet Saturday, Sept. 20

The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association South Central Chapter will hold its sixteenth annual banquet at Sweet-Sommers VFW at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Limited tickets at the door. Funds raised promote Youth Outdoor Education, Scholarships, Local Habitat Projects and Local and Regional Trap Shooting Teams.

Los T at Indian Island Winery on Saturday, Sept. 20

Los T will perform at Indian Island Winery from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. They perform a variety of music including Tex Mex.

Flavors of Fall Festival at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, Sunday, Sept. 21

The Flavors of Fall Festival at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm will take place from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. Cooler days, golden rays and calm vibes. Music provided by Dan Israel and Nate Boots. Fall beers and wines and an apple cider bar.

Bluejay Booster Breakfast at Waseca American Legion Sunday, Sept. 21

A Bluejay Booster breakfast at the Waseca American Legion from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 has admission prices of Adults $10, kids ages 12 and under $5. Tickets available from student council members or at the door. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, juice or coffee.

Waseca Garden Club meeting at Southern Research and Outreach Center Sept. 22

The Waseca Garden Club will meet at the Southern Research and Outreach Center's meeting room at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. This will be on Home Wine Making, the public is invited to attend, this event is free.

Romp and Rhyme Baby Lapsit Story Times at Waseca Public Library Tuesday, Sept. 23

Waseca Public Library will hold baby lapsit story times on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. from September 23 through the end of November. The Library uses movement, STEAM activities, curiosity, imaginative play, and active learning to keep kids ages 0-3 engaged. Free and open to the public.

HOMECOMING CHEER - The 2025 Waseca High School Homecoming court, from left, Paige Dufault, Cyrett Long, Chloe Roemhildt, Jordan Johnston, Katie Olson, Ethan Hiller, Layla Keith, Deron Russell, Meraina Hiller, Slade Barnett, Ellery Waldron, Caleb Wulf.

Waseca High School Homecoming 2025

Waseca Homecoming 2025 kicks off next week. Coronation is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 25 at Waseca High School, when royalty will be crowned based on a vote of the student body grades 9-12. The new king and queen will reign over homecoming activities including the parade scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Friday starting at the Waseca County Fairgrounds. The homecoming football game will be at 7 p.m. Friday against TCU.

This year's king and queen candidates are:

Queen Candidates

Paige Dufault, daughter of Jared and Stacy Dufault

Meraina Hiller, daughter of Randy Hiller and Kristine Christiansen

Layla Keith, daughter of Joe Keith and Muriah Miller Keith

Katie Olson, daughter of Christopher Olson and Mary Jo Stangler

Chloe Roemhildt, daughter of Bill and Stephanie Roemhildt

Ellery Waldron, duaghter of Chris Waldron and Kara Waldron

King Candidates

Slade Barnett, son of Scott Barnett and Stephanie Barnett

Ethan Hiller, son of Scott and Deanna Hiller

Jordan Johnston, son of Lee and Diane Holthus

Cyrett Long, son of John Long and Christine Sanchez

Deron Russell, son of Derrick Russell and Bambi Jes

Caleb Wulf, son of Rick and Jill Wulf

Junior Attendants

Lillian Schultz, daughter of Nathan and Ashley Schultz

Evan Bryon, son of Ben and Jenna Byron

Schedule

Monday, Sept. 22: Dress Up Day – Class Colors

Tuesday, Sept. 23: Dress Up Day – Adam Sandler Day

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Dress Up Day – Rep Your Tam (Vikings/Twins, etc.) or Your Bean Bag Team (pick your theme for two); Coronation practice (during Bluejay Connect time); Grades 9-12 vote for the King and Queen; Bean Bag Tournament "Under the Lights" for grades 9-12 from 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Dress Up Day – Music Genre Day (rock, 80's, country); 7:30 p.m. Coronation, $2 admission; Student dance in the commons from 8:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26: Dress-up day theme - Blue and gold day; 12:50 p.m. Pep rally. The homecoming parade begins at the Waseca County fairgrounds at 2 p.m. Parade Coordinators will be Craig Kopetzki, Joe Hedervare, John Hanson and Kent Harris. The Homecoming football game versus TCU begins at 7 p.m.

Bruce and Lorraine Wick: Turning 91 together

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

LIFETIME OF LOVE - On Sept. 24, 1934, Bruce and Lorraine Wick were born within 30 minutes of each other in homes less than a block apart; the same doctor oversaw both deliveries. They dated throughout high school and married on Oct. 15, 1955. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

Both Bruce and Lorraine Wick say they have trouble believing they have been married almost 70 years. The photos verify the facts, though. The couple was married on Oct. 15, 1955 in Le Center, Minn., their home town. Both had graduated there along with about 28 others as the community's class of 1952; they had gone to prom together, twice, and had been dating all throughout high school.

In fact, Bruce claims he was smitten with Lorraine from the first time he saw her, when she began attending "town school" in second grade. "I got one look at her and I thought, "Wow!" he recalls. Then he goes on to describe the blue jumper she was wearing and the placement of the ribbons which held her braids in place. It was part of family lore that Lorraine once claimed Bruce couldn't really be remembering those details, but he states his recollections were proven correct when a photo turned up among some others Lorraine's mother had taken when her children were young.

Lorraine was a country girl, born to Lewis Thur and his wife Frances. She had only one sister who was about 10 years older than she was. Bruce was raised in town; his father, Ralph, owned and operated a number of different businesses while he and his wife Mildred raised their family of seven children. Mildred was a full-time homemaker. As fourth to be born, Bruce was the very middle child.

Coincidentally, Mildred and Frances were pregnant at the same time. When the delivery seemed to be approaching, Frances came into town to her parents' house to be nearer to the doctor. Back in 1934, doctors still made house calls. When Frances and Mildred happened to be in labor at the same time in houses a block and a half apart, one physician was able to attend both of them, moving back and forth between them as things progressed. The two babies were born within half an hour of each other- Lorraine at 4 a.m. and Bruce at 4:30 - on Monday, Sept. 24, 1934.

After graduating high school, the two knew they planned to marry, but decided they would wait until the time was right.

Lorraine attended Mankato Commercial College, following a track which taught the skills needed to be a secretary; high on the list were typing and shorthand. She finished in less than a year and was offered a job at the Green Giant Central Office in Le Sueur, which she accepted.

Bruce began attending what was then "Mankato State Teachers College" in the fall after graduating in 1952. Although the lower campus had had two dormitories for women for some time, Bruce said he felt privileged to be among the first occupants of a newly built men's dormitory. He signed up to major in business administration. For his freshman and sophomore years, Bruce said he was able to get by fi-

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WALDORF CITY COUNCIL

Waldorf changes animal registering requirements

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The first order of business at the Waldorf City Council meeting the evening of Monday, Sept. 8, was a public hearing to modify city ordinance 87 with two objectives. One was to give the council greater flexibility when adjusting fees. The other was to establish a $50 fine for any residents who keep an animal within city limits but fail to follow through with the required no-fee registration process.

Carrie Ferch, council member and organizer for the Waldorf Sweet Corn and Burger Feed, reported the event had gone well. There are four tables missing from the Waldorf Community Center and this became an issue during the burger feed; it is not known how the tables have gone missing since they never leave the building. Using a rebate from Menards, new tables will cost around $72. The council approved the purchase of five tables.

Ruthie Webster, hairstylist and owner of Studio on Main, asked if the city could plow her walk during the winter so she doesn't have to outsource anymore. The council discussed a price and settled on $40 with a sliding scale, "The more you need plowed, the more we'll charge." Webster was happy with the result and told council members there is space on her property where plowed snow can be piled.

There will be a meeting to discuss future Waldorf Days events at 7 p.m. on Nov. 6. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

The council voted on Paid Leave employer/employee percentage. The state of Minnesota recommends that the employer and employee each pay half the cost. They also needed to decide how to notify employees of the new paid leave law-to which they decided to hang a poster in Waldorf City Hall. A stipend for the city clerk, city maintenance worker and the mayor in the amount of $10 for mayor, $20 for the clerk and maintenance was approved because they are using their personal phones for work related issues.

Maintenance staff reported the creamery in town has done some cleanup work, but the amount is insufficient; council members decided to send the owners a letter stating city expectations. There were 13 no-pays for water/sewer.

An update for the Christmas lights: the city is waiting to see how long the solar panel-powered streetlights last in comparison to the old ones before making any more light purchases. The meeting adjourned by 7:35 p.m. for a closed session and everyone was reminded the Vikings were playing the Bears at 8 p.m.: Vikings won, 27-24.

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OBITUARIES

Susan Paniagua

Susan (Powell) Paniagua, of Sun City, AZ, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2025 at the age of 77.

Born and raised in Waseca, MN, Susan was the daughter of Eugene Powell and Monna (Bonnie) Powell. She graduated from Waseca High School in 1966, where she was a proud and passionate member of the school choir—her love for music staying with her throughout her life. After high school, Susan spent her life caring for others, both in her work and in the way she lived. As a registered nurse for 43 years, she touched countless lives with her kindness, patience and quiet strength. She took great pride in her work, always striving to provide comfort and dignity to those in her care.

Susan found joy in life's quieter moments, long drives through the countryside, and returning annually on solo road trips to the place she always called home. Her love for the familiar roads and open skies was only matched by the love she held for her daughter, with whom she shared an incredibly deep and unshakable bond. Their connection was one of life's rare treasures—built on mutual respect, unconditional support,

Susan Paniagua

and an endless well of love.

Susan's legacy is one of quiet strength, enduring kindness, and a life well lived. She touched the lives of many—patients, friends, and family—with her kind heart and gentle spirit.

She is survived by her beloved daughter Laura, and countless others who were fortunate enough to know her, learn from her, and love her. She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make donations in memory of Susan to HonorHealth Foundation at HonorHealthFoundation.org/tribute.

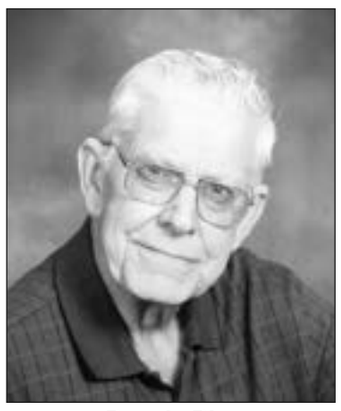
Dennis Dinse

Dennis Ewald Dinse passed away peacefully on September 12, 2025, at Medford Senior Care, with his loving family by his side.

Born on May 25, 1934, in Waseca, MN he was the son of Ewald and Erma (Eggers) Dinse. He attended country school. In 1955, he began working for the Meriden Creamery Association, hauling canned milk. In 1957 he was drafted into the United States Army and took a break from milk hauling until his return from service in 1959; he continued serving in the reserves for two more years. From 1970 until his retirement in 2022, he owned and operated his own trucking company, D & D Enterprises, continuing to haul milk for local dairy farmers. Dennis' children often rode along with him as he hauled milk, sharing in the experience that would later become a family tradition by teaching his two sons how to drive and eventually passing the family business on to his son, Darel. When Dennis became a grandfather, the tradition continued as he often invited his grandchildren to ride along. On every trip, they would "hit a blizzard" — his playful way of making sure they stopped at the Dairy Queen in Dodge Center on the way home. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were his most treasured possessions, and he loved each of them deeply.

On June 28, 1959, he was married to Darlene Hagen in New Richland, MN. They made Meriden their home where they raised their five children, Dwain, Dawn, DeAnn, Darel, and Denise. With a strong and unwavering faith, Dennis read his Bible daily and was a proud member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he also served on the church council.

Dennis will be lovingly remembered by his children; Dawn Stadler of Medford, DeAnn (James) Larson of Waseca, and Darel (Kim) Dinse of Ellendale; grandchildren, Dominique (Ben)



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Jewison, Chelsey (Andy Jones) Stadler, Tyler Larson, Garrett (Gabby) Larson, Taylor (Chris) Conlin, Nathan (Skylah) Larson, Dylan Wigham, and Brandon (Jasmine Burkhart) Wigham; great-grandchildren, Oriana, Violet, Oliver, Isla, Montgomery, Emberlynn, Asher, Lena, Paisley, Oakley, Ebony, and two on the way; daughter-in-law, Jayne Dinse; son-in-law, Steve Wigham; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Darlene in 2010; daughter, Denise in 2011; son, Dwain in 2018; brothers, Robert (Darlene J.) Dinse and Irvine Dinse, in infancy; and son-in-law, Ted Stadler.

A funeral service will be held on September 19, 2025, at 11:00 AM at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Meriden, MN; Pastor Billie Jo Wicks will officiate. Dennis will be laid to rest at St Paul Lutheran cemetery following the service. Dennis' family will greet guests at a visitation on September 18, 2025, from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Third Street Chapel of the Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral Home in Waseca, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Medford Senior Care for the compassionate and attentive care they provided to Dennis during his time there. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be given to St Paul Lutheran Church in Meriden, MN.

Sandra Flitter

Sandra M. Flitter, born to Margaret B. and Merrill Carson on September 8, 1945, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2025, at her home in Elysian, MN. It was just shy of her eightieth birthday. Sandra grew up in Minnesota and graduated with the Waseca High School class of 1963.

Sandra was married to the love of her life Ivan T. Flitter of Janesville and they were married for 49 years. Together they shared a devoted partnership marked by kindness, quick wit, quiet strength and unwavering support. They had a true love story.

Sandra and Ivan made their first home in California, then Arizona before moving back to Minnesota where they built a life filled with love, family and friendship.

Sandra Flitter always worked hard, first doing what seemed like everything at our parents' restaurant "The King Melody" in Waseca. Sandra also bartended at the Horseshoe Bar and Bardens Bar in Waseca. She was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Legion and Eagles. Once Sandra and Ivan moved to California, Sandra did the neighborhood watch program, she also was teaching neighborhood children to swim. Sandra and Ivan opened their home fostering children in need. Sometimes all those government agencies just didn't have room for all those children in need, but Sandra and Ivan always did.

Sandra loved her crafts, she made beautiful Faberge Eggs and Porcelain Dolls. The crafts were complicated, and she did them beautifully. Sandra loved to play cards, and she was very competitive! Boy did we have fun playing!

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents Margaret B. Carson and Merrill V. Carson and her nephew Robert Sheehy Jr., her sisters Jean Howell and Yvonne D'Ambrose, and her husband Ivan T. Flitter. Sandra is survived by her stepdaughter Michelle Rousseau and her three children Marissa Rousseau and her husband Seth Alan and baby Daesin, Cassandra Rousseau her partner Zack and their son Parker and Seath Rousseau, and her two sisters Patricia Carson Rhodes and Mary Kay Goettl, Mary's children Andy Goettl Jr., Christopher Goettl, Jeff Goettl, Matthew Goettl, and Mike Goettl, her nieces Tammy Foels, Tammy's children Megan Landkammer, Matthew Foels, Mitchell Foels and Debbie Harty, her sons Shaun Harty and Kevin Harty, Sandra's brother-in-law Robert Sheehy and his wife Marlys Sheehy, Robert Sheehy's children Brianna Sheehy and Michael Sheehy, and cousins Larry Walker and Ellen Sackett.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Janesville.

Sandra Flitter

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery with lunch following at the Frenchman's.

Exchange Club Honors 9/11 Responders

APPRECIATED - The Waseca Exchange club honored local Waseca Fire Chief Jason Forshee and Police Sergeant Tim Schroeder with certificates of appreciation for fire responders active during 9/11/2001. A presentation was made during the regular exchange club meeting, Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at Waseca Pizza Ranch. From left, Exchange Club President Mikhail Rostislavovich, Chief Forshee, Sergeant Schroeder and Exchange Club Vice President Jay Bulfer.

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■ Safety

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jumping-off point to discuss grain bin safety.

Waseca County Sheriff Jay Dulas, members of the Janesville fire department, and Waseca Ambulance emergency medical technicians showed students the inside of emergency vehicles and discussed life saving measures taken after serious accidents.

Representatives from Northland Farm Systems in Owatonna demonstrated proper safe operation for lawn mowers and weed eaters; children were instructed to step back so they could run their machines with safety goggles, gloves, and sturdy pants and footwear.

Debbie Roemhildt, volunteer and the day's coordinator, was a little disappointed with the rain but said, "We cannot control the weather, but it looks like the little ones are doing just fine." Roemhildt is a lifelong county resident who started out as a farm girl and then became a farm wife. "If we can prevent an accident, great. If not and an accident happens, maybe we can save a life. This is a perfect time of year to do this because the kids see the big equipment in the fields and it's on their minds."

Waseca County Sheriff's Deputy Josh Langr was sharing information about fire extinguishers, flares, road cones, life jackets, inflatable life jackets and emergency flotation devices. After he had answered questions regarding his belt, pistol, pepper spray, and taser, one child asked, "Is your kid in scouts?" Langr replied with a smile, "I have two sons in scouts, and I have attended scout meetings in my uniform, so that's probably where you've seen me." Not far from Langr's group was Peter Hines, lineman for the Steele Waseca Electric Cooperative; next to him, young Maverick Hoy was wearing two large leather sleeves. Hines was teaching youngsters about the dangers of electricity, how to insulate and what not to do. "Live wires can look harmless," he warned, "but they are anything but."

Outside, Lilly, a smaller-than-average short-horned steer was lying in the grass; a light drizzle caused many of the few children left outside to pull up their hoods. A representative from Summers Ridge Veterinary was sharing information about safety measures when interacting with animals; her information included some about the rabies virus and the effects it can have on animals. She told the children, "Possums cannot catch rabies." And all of the kids were amazed, one child commented, "It's like that's the possums' superpower." Many of the other kids nodded their heads in agreement. She then asked for a volunteer so she could demonstrate with her dog Penny how to act when they're around a dog they suspect has rabies. She said, "Just move real slow and back away, don't show aggression, no sudden movements, no loud noises." Penny the dog played her part very well, wagging her tail the whole time.

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Waseca County Mounted Sheriff's Posse fundraiser

SWEET SUPPORT - Members of the Waseca County Sheriff's Posse worked at the Waseca Dairy Queen during their fundraiser event on Sept. 11. They served more than 185 customers in a three-hour period, raising hundreds of dollars to support organization events and causes. Ten percent of each sale went to the Posse.

Superintendent's Corner

by Eric Hudspith

Welcome back, Waseca Public Schools families!

As we turn the page from summer to fall, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all of our Waseca Public Schools students, families, and staff. The beginning of a new school year always brings a sense of excitement and possibility. It is a time for fresh starts, new friendships, and opportunities to grow both inside and outside of the classroom. Whether your child is stepping into kindergarten for the first time, transitioning to middle school, entering high school, or continuing their journey in between, we are grateful to partner with you in supporting their education and success.

Our staff has been working hard to prepare classrooms, lessons, and activities that are engaging, challenging, and welcoming. We want every student to feel a sense of belonging from the moment they walk through the door. As families, you play a vital role in this partnership, and your encouragement and involvement make a difference every single day. If you ever have questions about school supplies, back-to-school routines, or simply how to best support your child's learning, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's school. Clear communication and a strong home–school connection are essential to ensuring each student thrives.

As we settle into fall, I'd also like to remind families to keep Minnesota's ever-changing weather in mind. Mornings and evenings can already be cool, and soon the temperatures will dip even further. Please send your children to school in clothing that allows them to be comfortable throughout the day, whether they are learning in the classroom, walking to and from school, or enjoying recess with their friends. When students are dressed appropriately, they can focus more fully on their learning and enjoy their time at school without distraction.

This year, our district continues to be guided by the shared vision of providing excellent opportunities for every student, every day. We know that education is about fostering character, building resilience, and helping students discover their passions. Together, with the support of families, staff, and our community, we can create an environment where every student feels safe, supported, and inspired to achieve their best.

On behalf of Waseca Public Schools, thank you for entrusting us with your children. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working together to make it a successful and memorable one.

Welcome back, and here's to a great school year!

YOUTHFUL HARMONY - The Sacred Heart Fall Festival's main mass will be the Children's Choir Mass set for 5 p.m. Sept. 20. Pictured here are the students who tried out for the choir during its first practice: (first row, from left) Bailey Ulschmid, RaeAnn Konz, Amelia Kummerfeldt, Autumn Smith, Emery Weber, Mary Lenz (second row) Roberto Beltran, Lilli Berry, Adelyn Jensen, Evelyn Sommers, Elaina Berg, Nolan Monson, (third row) director Marlys Froehle, Leighton Humphries, Evee Johnson, Stacy Sandoval, Sophia Smith, Gavin Condon, and Lina Berry. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Children's Choir warms up for Fall Festival

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart Fall Festival will be taking place Sept. 19, 20 and 21. Organizers say it is a chance to enjoy the fall outdoors, eat, celebrate, worship, and shop. The event will include a concession stand, fish fry, bingo, raffles, children's games, spirit wall, silent auction and much more.

The main mass for the Fall Festival will be the Festival Children's Choir Mass set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

To help the children's choir prepare, director Marlys Froehle decorated the floor of the choir room with a circle of baseball-sized, multicolored dots. Prior to a practice the afternoon of Sept. 10, she told about preparations in progress. "This will be our first practice starting tonight. At Sacred Heart school our grades only go up to fourth grade; the choir students with me today are from all grades 1-4."

Elaina Berg was the first little lady to show up for choir, a third-grader who was asked about her favorite song in church. She replied, "I like the song, In the Breaking of the Bread." She was told to find one of the dots on the floor and wait for others to arrive, which she did.

Froehle continued, "Our children's choir sings once a month in church. I work for the church, not the school, but I help out over here all the time." Amelia Kummerfeldt, a second-grader, was the next choir member to arrive. She was asked about her favorite church song and replied, "I love them all so much." Total numbers for children practicing with the choir that day were were four first-graders, two second-graders, six third-graders and two fourth-graders. Said Froehle, "To be ready for church on Saturday night on the twentieth, we will have to make a few cuts to get the choir down to six or seven students." She was optimistic because, "I've worked with some of these kids for two or more years, I'm really looking forward to Saturday night."

Some of the songs on the roster for the Festival Children's Choir Mass will be "Come, Now is the Time," "Praise the Lord, O My Soul," and "The Cry of the Poor." The Sacred Heart Fall Festival is open for anyone to attend. The Festival Children's Choir Mass will take place at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, and in the words of Pastor Glenn Frerichs, "You don't have to be a Catholic to attend!"

OPEN HOUSE - Mikhail Rostislavovich, Robin Dulas, Jess Klinger and Kristie Biehn at the Waseca Chamber Offices Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

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husband, Jay, serves as the Waseca County Sheriff, and we are blessed with three daughters and a granddaughter. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with loved ones, reading, and pursuing creative projects like diamond art."

Each tour ended back at the entry room; there were flyers and brochures for new and existing businesses.

The leadership team for the Chamber includes President Mikhail Rostislavovich; President Elect Jodie Thompson; Vice President Dr. Jay Bulfer; Treasurer Heath Miller; Board Secretary Katie Gonzalas; and directors Jamie Beckstrand, Jessica Klinger, Aaron Omtved, Shannon Kuball; Executive Director Robin Dulans and Executive Assistant Kristie Biehn.

REIVER WIN - Kaeden Johnson, number 26, played in the Iowa Western game against Georgia Military College on Aug. 31. Among his supporters were a large number of family members.

Kaeden Johnson goes from Gopher to Reiver

Waseca High School graduate Kaeden Johnson, a recent Minnesota Gopher football player, has decided to change schools.

Johnson decided to leave the Minnesota Gophers on April 22 this year to seek an opportunity to get some significant playing time. The Gophers have a stacked running back room, and a new running backs coach, and it was apparent that he would be 5th or 6th at best on the depth chart. His decision to enter the portal did not come lightly, he loves the Gophers and what Gophers Head Coach PJ Fleck is trying to build, but being competitive and wanting to improve his game, he made the decision to opt for the Portal. After receiving some inquiries from some D1 and D2 programs (Drake, UM Duluth & Pitt State to name a few) KJ decided to go back and talk with The Iowa Western Reivers who had shown some interest in him before he committed to the Gophers. After a follow up visit to the campus and a meeting with Head Coach Scott Strohmeier and Offensive Coordinator Tristan Speer, he decided to commit and play with the Reivers for the 2025-2026 season. They are currently the #1 ranked JUCO in the nation and have multiple players bouncing up to D1 and the pros every year. Most recently Iowa State transfer Quarterback Hunter Dekkers, who played for the Reivers last year and was recently drafted by the New Orleans Saints along with current Minnesota Viking Andrew Van Ginkel who also spent time with the Reivers program. Kaeden will be wearing #26 for the Reivers this season and is looking forward to helping in any way he can to bring home a National Championship. The link for his player page with photo is below and he has social media on X @KaedenJohnson15 The upcoming schedule includes #2 ranked Hutchinson Community College on Sept 13th, Dodge City Community College on Sept 20th and Iowa Central Community College on Sept 27.

Constitution Week Sept. 17-24

CONSTITUTION - Mayor Randy Zimmerman, left; Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) member Mary Wilkus; and City Manager Carl Sonnenberg are pictured together after the Sept. 2 city council meeting when "Constitution Week" was proclaimed in the City of Waseca. Wilkus, a Waseca resident, requested that the city commemorate the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America. She said the local DAR chapter has been considering ways to celebrate, and has three goals surrounding proclaiming a Constitution Week. The first is to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the constitution, the second is to remind the public that the constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life, and third, to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the Constitution.

The council passed the motion, proclaiming Sept. 17 to 23, 2025 as "Constitution Week."

The Pastor's Column

God's Grace and Spirit

By PASTOR MICHAEL JAMES GRANNIS

Last month in my article I spoke of us being God's stewards. I pointed out that God is our Creator and Redeemer who has not only made us but who has put all that we have into our hands in order for us to be blessed and to bless others. In short, all that we have and all that we are belongs to God and is to be used for His purposes. Remember, we are not our own. We were bought with a price. Therefore we are to honor God, even with our very bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

As I reread my note on being God's stewards I noticed that there was a lot about what we are to do and not much about what God has done for us. I certainly mentioned that God is our Creator who provides all things to us. I also mentioned that He is our Redeemer who has saved us through Christ's perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection over sin, death, and hell. But I didn't speak much about where our ability to even desire to do God's will comes from (Why would we ever want to live out the truth that we are His stewards?).

Scripture is clear about this though. We love (both Him and others) because He first loved us (1st John 4:19). We live as humble stewards by the power of His Holy Spirit working in us and conforming and reforming our wills to reflect His will. The driving power that motivates and refreshes and renews our love for God and our neighbor is not the law of God that expects it of us, but the Gospel of God which shows us all that God has done for us in Christ. Yes, we love (and act in love) because He first loved us and sent His only Son to be the willing and fully sufficient sacrifice for our sins. He freed us from sin, death and hell. Trusting in this truth empowers us to desire to live as stewards and to live out that desire.

Christ freed us from sin, death, and hell. But He also freed us for righteousness, life, and salvation. God made you. He loves you. He loved you from before eternity past. He determined to send Christ Jesus to be your Savior so that you could live forever as an heir of His heavenly Kingdom – forever as a beloved child of Your heavenly Father. As we grow in this eternal identity as beloved children of our heavenly Father, it is only natural that we would desire more and more to do that which pleases Him and honors His greatness, rather than bringing dishonor to Him by our sin.

When we do sin, it is natural that we would feel grief and shame because of our sins. This grief over our sins is natural because we know His love for us in Christ and all that He endured to save us from our sins. Just as the Holy Spirit gives us a new nature to lament our sins against God, He also gives us confidence through the Word that there is relief and peace for us in the Gospel of forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God, He has given us the assurance of the Gospel that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1st John 1:8-9)."

God gives us this faith in His faithfulness. He gives it to us through His Holy Word and by the working of His Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds. The Holy Spirit brings to remembrance all that Christ has lovingly done for us and He enlivens and strengthens our faith in all of God's promises to us in Jesus' name. Having this faith, the Holy Spirit continues to work in us by His Word of grace and truth so that we seek to do the will of our heavenly Father every day in all that we do. Yes the Holy Spirit works in us so that we both feel convicted when we sin, and so that seek the forgiveness that God has for us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

This is all grace. Grace, upon grace, upon grace. God has made us and given us all things. He has redeemed us through Christ Jesus our Savior. He has given us His Holy Spirit so that we may trust in Christ as Savior and grow in our identity as God's beloved children. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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25 YEARS - Pictured here are the Waseca Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors congratulating ICAN on reaching 25 years of service. Front row from left: Theresa Sunde, Jodie Thompson, Mikhail Rostislavovich, Tiffany Lynch, Taryn Sack, Mike Jevning, Linda Ebnet, Nicole Rux and Kristie Biehn. Back row from left: Larry Johnson, Kevin Walter, Tom Sankovitz, Bernie Gaytko, Carey Root, Jen Williamson, Molly Erdman and Marcy Buchele.

Ambassadors celebrate ICAN's 25th anniversary

The Waseca Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors proudly congratulated ICAN of Waseca on reaching a significant milestone—25 years of dedicated service to the community. Since its inception in 2000, ICAN has been a beacon of compassion and innovation, enriching the lives of individuals and families by promoting independence, inclusion, and personal growth.

"Congratulations to ICAN on 25 years of outstanding service to our community," said Robin Dulas, Executive Director of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce. "Their unwavering commitment to empowering individuals and fostering a culture of inclusion has made a profound impact on countless lives. We are thrilled to celebrate this remarkable achievement with them."

ICAN's remarkable journey over the past quarter-century reflects not only its dedication to service but also the collective efforts of its staff, volunteers, and supporters. The organization has continually adapted to meet the evolving needs of the community, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Mikhail Rostislavovich, President of the Board of Directors, stated, "Celebrating 25 years of ICAN is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. This milestone highlights the positive change they have brought to our community and the lives they have touched. We look forward to seeing them continue to make a difference for many years to come."

As ICAN celebrates this remarkable achievement, the Waseca Chamber Ambassadors extend their heartfelt congratulations and support. Here's to 25 years of making a difference—and to many more years of impact and success!

About ICAN of Waseca:

ICAN is dedicated to promoting independence, inclusion, and personal growth for individuals and families in Waseca and surrounding areas. Through innovative programs and compassionate support, ICAN has been a vital resource for the community since 2000.

For more information about ICAN and its services, please visit www.icanmn.us.

Child's History of Waseca County

Continuing Chapter II, 1854-5: First White Settlement – Mr. A. G. Sutlief and Family – Journey from Dodge County, Wis. – Judge Green's Narrative – Judge Lost and Prepared for Death – Sutlief's Return – Big Boot Creek – Crossing the Mississippi on Ice

Lost on the Prairie

"After dinner Mr. Sutlief wanted me to go with him and look for a suitable place to cross the river. We went to the river, and, finding no desirable crossing, concluded to cross further up, near what seemed, by the appearance of the timber, to be a very considerable bend in the river, apparently some five or six miles away. It was agreed that Sutlief should go back and guide the teams, while I should cross the river and travel up to the proposed crossing.

Without thinking much about the company, I went slowly on until I came to the place where Dr. Kenyon afterwards lived. I could see or hear nothing of Sutlief or the company, not even a cow-bell, several of which I knew were in use on the cattle and sheep. I tried as well as I could to find their whereabouts. Although but a short distance below the proposed crossing, I could not find any trace of them before it was dark. As fate would have it, I had neither coat nor blanket, jack-knife nor matches, ax nor hatchet.

Tired out and hungry, I laid myself under a tree to rest, and was very soon asleep. With no breakfast, I renewed my search for the company, going on up the river to a point where a Mr. Bennett afterwards settled, but found no signs. I then concluded to follow down the river as long as my strength should last, unless I found something more desirable. Before proceeding, however, I pulled off a boot and, with a pin, wrote upon a smooth part of the boot-leg my name, thus: 'G.W. Gree, Beaver Dam, Wis.,' not knowing but that some one would find my bones and boots, and thereby my friends might hear from me. I had a little matter of $700 in my pockets, which, in case I should be lost, this act might be the means of my family getting. I had no other way of writing. After this preparation for the worst that might befall me, I started down the river, traveling slowly until nearly sun-down, when I found the trail where the company had crossed the river, not over half a mile where I had left Sutlief. With new courage and zeal I started on this trail. I followed it a short distance without any trouble, but, darkness coming on, the trail became invisible and I lost it. In hunting for it I stumbled and fell, and my weariness and exhaustion were such that I did not feel disposed to rise. I unconsciously feel asleep.

When I awoke the sun was high up and shining brightly. Reinvigorated by my sound and restful sleep, I soon found the trail, and, following it slowly a short time, I observed two men approaching me. They were of our company. Looking up towards the timber, about three miles from where they had crossed the river, I saw the wagons and the remainder of the company. They had camped there early in the afternoon of the day I was lost, expecting I would see and come to them. When night came and I did not appear, they built a large fire and kept it going all night, hoping thereby to attract my attention. The next day they spent on horseback looking for me without avail.

When I arrived in camp, they represented to me that my eyes were staring, and my lips and tongue swollen. Mrs. Sutlief prepared me something to eat, but I had no appetite and could eat nothing of it, instead thereof calling for a cup of sour milk which I drank with relish. I took but very little nourishment except sour milk the rest of that day. My appetite slowly returning, the next day I ate sparingly, but it was some three or four days before I could partake of an ordinary meal."

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Monday - 9 a.m. Quilting
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Janesville

1925

- About 40 men and boys turned out for the first meeting of the band Tuesday evening. No practicing was done at this first session, the time being taken up with a survey of the material and an outlining of plans. Director Johnston has since interested a great many more, so it is likely that about 50 will begin work in earnest in the next week. Many are beginners, thought there are plenty of the old timers to provide a nucleus about which to build a strong organization. There are a great many of our young ladies who would find band work interesting and who will be welcomed if they decide to join the new classes. Prospective members should see Mr. Johnston or Walter Hollmichel so that the necessary arrangements may be made at once.

-While there is considerable corn acreage that will show a poor yield, yet it is surprising to note the excellence of several samples that have found their way into town this week. Tom Nicholson brought in about a dozen ears the other day that are about as good as any raised in the county. They have good length of cob, are well filled and the quality is high grade. The Nicholson corn is on display at the Citizens State Bank.

-The peddler nuisance is something that is receiving attention at the hands of city councils in many cities and towns throughout the country. There is absolutely no excuse for municipalities permitting these itinerant hucksters to drop into town, peddle a lot of inferior wares, take the cash and move on. Janesville needs some action to restrain these peddlers. Hardly a day goes by but what some non-tax-paying bell-ringer works this town.

1950

- The Rev. Fidel Galang, pastor of a large Methodist church at Tarlac Province, Philippine Islands, will speak at the Janesville Methodist Church next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. the pastor was a chaplain in the Philippine army during the Japanese occupation and up to late 1946. He came to America as a crusade scholar of the Methodist church in August, 1949. Rev. Galang is a fine speaker and has good use of the English language.

-An estimated 6,000 people jammed the 240-acre farm known as the Art Byron place northeast of Janesville last Thursday, for the six-county Soil Conservation Day program. Sunny skies and moderate temperatures gave the program grounds the atmosphere of a county fair as machines of all shapes and sizes whizzed about the grounds giving demonstrations or were displayed before the thousands of interested farmers in attendance. Demonstrations featured fence sitting, woodlot-shelterbelt management and pasture improvement, post-treating, contour strip cropping, tree planting, tiling, terracing, grassed waterways, and gulley control.

-Edward Weckwerth, 63, of Wilton Township, passed away Friday night, September 8, at 11 o'clock of a heart attack. He had been in ill health for the past 15 years and was confined to the Emil Theelke home in Janesville. The deceased was born May 30, 1887, in Wilton Township and was the son of Gottfried and Augusta Weckwerth. He was engaged in farming throughout Waseca County during his entire lifetime.

1975

- Both a grain and a tonnage appraisal may be used on determining eligibility for disaster payments for disasteraffected field corn and grain sorghum harvested for use other than grain, according to Emil Meyer of the local ASCS office. Under a recent ASCS rule change, farmers filing loss claims who elect to salvage disaster-affected corn or sorghum for grazing, silage, green chop, fodder or other livestock feed use other than grain, will receive both a grain and a tonnage appraisal – unless the crop is to be harvested as silage and tonnage production can be determined by measurement.

- Dennis Gustafson, Janesville, and James Mathews, Owatonna, have incorporated a new liquor store soon to be built just east of the Janesville Dairy Queen. The new corporation has been named B-G Liquors, Inc. The "B" in the name stands for "Beaner," Mathew's nickname. The "G" is Gustafson's first initial.

-The Golden Bears volleyball teams came home winners when Janesville and the St. Clair Indians met on the St. Clair courts last Thursday. The "B" team won their match with two out of three games, 18-10, 2-18, and 18-7. The varsity also brought home a victory in a two-game match, 18-2 and 18-9.

2000

- Since the birth of their quadruplets on Father's Day, Janesville native Joe Schmidt and his wife Erika, have been waiting for the day all their babies would be at home. That day came on August 6, when the two babies remaining in the hospital, Christian and Izik, were discharged. Their brother and sister, Austin and Melina, left the hospital on July 24.

-When Shelly Schultz resigned as Middle School Principal this past July, it wasn't clear what direction would be taken to fill that position. Dr. Hainlen, Superintendent of the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school district, indicated that the position may not be filled exactly the way it had been in the past. That worked out well for Mike Meihak. Meihak has been teaching social studies at JWP High School for the past seven years. He was considering returning to school to pursue a Master's Degree, but hadn't decided on a specific course of study. In discussions with Dr. Hainlen, Meihak expressed interest in the position of Graduation Rule Technician, a role Schultz had also filled. After Meihak accepted that position, further discussion led to the Dean of Students idea.

-The Janesville-WaldorfPemberton football team was an extra point away from ending a 12-game losing streak Friday. The Bulldogs led nearly the entire game, watched MadeliaTruman tie the game late in the final period, and go on to a 14-13 victory in overtime at Madelia. "Our program needs a win badly, so this was a tough loss to take," said JWP coach Mike Muedeking. "Our kids just couldn't put it away when we had the chance."

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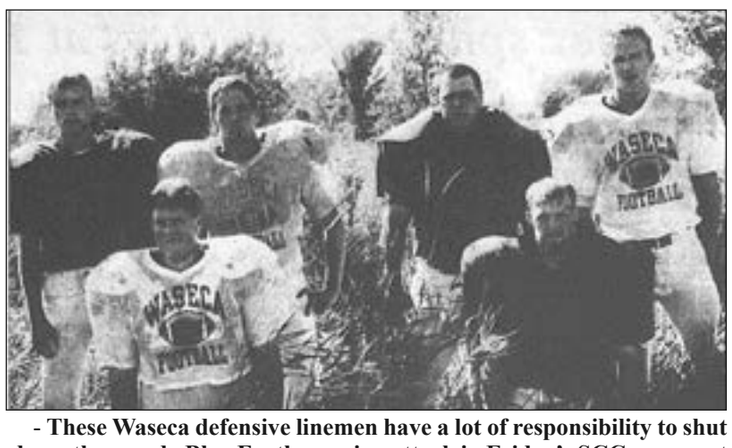
Waseca

25 years ago

- On Thursday, Sept. 7, multiple burglaries of businesses in downtown Waseca were reported to the Waseca Police Department. WFD Officer Mike Anderson said, "We believe they all happened in the early morning hours of that day." Local businesses hit include the Busy Bee at 214 North State St., Golden Touch Beaute Salon at 106 South State, the Chamber of Commerce Office at 108 East Elm Avenue, Nelson's Farmer Insurance at 104 North State St. and Haefner Accounting and Tax Insurance at 108 Second Avenue Northwest.

- Two-term Waseca Mayor John Clemons quietly filed for re-election at city hall early Monday morning. He declined to be photographed during the filing process. Clemons said he had given a lot of thought to whether or not to run for a third term and was convinced by many people in town to make it a three-way mayoral race. "During the past two weeks, I have had way too many people ask me to run again to ignore it," he said.

- Primary day 2000 will soon be history. The polls are open tonight until 8 p.m. for anyone who still wants to vote. Registration may be done right at the polling locations. When the votes are counted , the races will finally be set for the main attraction in November. It has been the most expensive primary election in Minnesota history, making yet another case for campaign finance reform.



- These Waseca defensive linemen have a lot of responsibility to shut down the speedy Blue Earth running attack in Friday's SCC opener at Waseca. Front row (from left) are Dan Peterson and Andy Guse. (Back row): Theron Bonneur, Jake Renze, David Miller and Jake Bjerke. The Jays are hoping to get off to a 2-0 start, and average a 10-7 defeat to the Buccaneers last season.

50 years ago

- After little talk, but much caucusing at last night's contract talks Waseca teacher negotiators agreed to accept the school board's 17 per cent increase in salaries and fringe benefits is to be proportioned over a two year period. Teachers will receive a 9.38 per cent increase the first year and a 7.62 per cent increase the second year, which amounts to $141,354.91 dollars the first year, and $125,603.27 the second year.

- "We've had a biologist in who says we can clean up Clear Lake if we get rid of the storm sewers," City Manager Bob Haarman told the Chamber of Commerce board of directors yesterday noon. In the main topic of conversation, the chamber was discussing the outlook and the feasibility for cleaning up the lake.

- James Hesch, 19, of 216 14th Ave. N.W., and Bradley N. Halleck, 19 of 813 9th Ave. N.E., ended up with more trouble than they may have bargained for last Friday when they reported to police at 3:30 a.m. the collision of Halleck's car with a tree in the south parking lot at UMW at the corner of 5th St. and 10th Ave. S.W. Both have now been charged with possession of a controlled substance, allegedly marijuana, as a result of the ensuing investigation by Waseca police officers Ed Kubat and Steve Prescher.

- Bluejay girls swim team will open their 1975 season when they host Rosemont at the high school pool Thursday at 7 p.m. The team is pictured with their coach Carol Naegeli in the front row at the far right. Members of the team are: Linda Hutchins, kathy Kohnert, Cheryl Means, Carrie Rethwill, Wendy Ahlfors, Debbie Allen, Laura Hanson, Julie Hutchins, Jane Knutson, Lori Rieck, Jolene Rietfort, Gayle Wold, Sheila Ostendorf, Debbie Rohde, Rachel Wobschall, Sally Ahlfors, Kathy Fog, Marilyn Hecht, Susan Knish, Jeannine Ostendorf, Nancy Brase, Barb Erwin and Jaymie Mitchell.

75 years ago

- Betty Guyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Guyer, entertained eight little friends after school Tuesday, September 12, 1950 the occasion being in celebration of her eighth birthday. The children played various games and presented Betty with may lovely gifts. Supper for the guests was served by Mrs. Guyer.

- Junior Leaders were praised this week by COunty Agent Cletus Murphy as "the indispensable young men and women in Waseca county 4-H club work." Progress of 4-H club work in Minnesota has closely paralleled the strengthening of junior leadership, the county agent said point out that farm boys and girls who join a 4-H club during the current membership drive will be given opportunities to develop their own aptitudes for leadership.

- Ah, yes! We have left more than a week of school in the past already. I guess the expression "Time Flies" is certainly true. We all complain about school just aplenty, but it's the older folks who tell us that our high school days are the happiest and most carefree. Perhaps we ought to start appreciating what our parents, superintendents, principals, teachers and coaches are doing for us. Just sit down and think about it sometime, kids and maybe we can make out high school days happier for our teachers and ourselves.

100 years ago

- Miss Irene McCarthy, who is soon to be a bride, was given a kitchen shower at the home of Mrs. John Zimmerman on Tuesday evening. A number of neighbors and friends were in attendance and the bride elect was presented with many very nice and useful gifts. A social evening was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

- Mrs. W. F. Byron and daughter Lilian, Helen Maloney, Pearl Lewer and Freddie Schwenke and Wm. Echternach returned from the latter part of last week from the twin cities, where the young people took part in the club work at the State Fair. They were entertained at a banquet at the Radisson hotel Thursday evening, which was given by the Civic and Commercial Association and this was only one of the many enjoyable features of the week.

- Miss Halvor Tollefson, an old resident of Otisco township, died at her home, Tuesday, Sept. 15th, after an illness of about two weeks. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Tollefson and was born Sept. 1st, 1865, and passed away at the age of 60 years and 14 days. The funeral services were held this Thursday afternoon from the late home, with Rev. Ramseth of this city officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in Otisco cemetery. Sincere sympathy is extended to the two sisters who survive.

New Richland

25 years ago

- Stacey Peterson, daughter of Adryn and Julie Peterson of NewRichland, has had a great year at the Minnesota State Fair. She participated in the 4-H and open class lamb lead. Lacey took Grand Champion in the senior Division in the 4-H lamb lead and also Grand Champion in the middle class division of ages 12-18 in open class. The purpose of the lamb lead is to show wool from the raw product on the animal to the finished wool outfit Lacey constructed.

- Thursday was a very good night for the Panther girl's Volleyball team. They won their opening match of the season over Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 3-2. Game scores were 15-11, 5-15, 15-11, 10-15 and 15-7. All the members of the Panther squad contributed to the win. The team serve received at 77%, which with their free ball passing, allowed the offense to speed up play, according to Schultz.

- 50th Anniversary. Marilyn and Roger Light are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 15th. They will be commemorating the occasion with their immediate family.

50 years ago

- Officers of the Waseca County Farmers Union are pictured here as they visited with Dennis Forsell of the state office (the right), who was guest speaker at the convention held, here, Monday evening. They are from the left: outgoing Vice Chairman Gerald Donelan, Chairman Harold Priebe, and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Harlan(Suzanne) Gekeler, who were re-elected and newly elected Vice Chairman Wendell Armstrong.

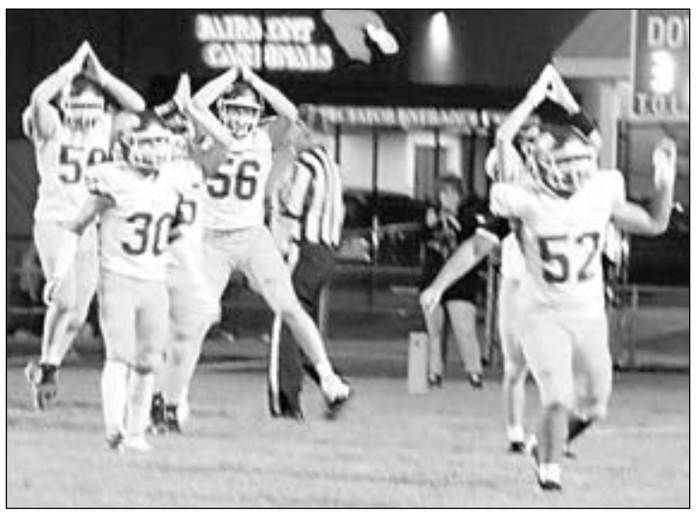
- Mr. and Mrs. Roger Buchholtz of Goodhue, are the proud parents of a son, born Saturday evening, September 13, at St. Johns Hospital in Red Wing. The little fellow weighed 6 lb and 8 oz and has been named Brendon Roger. Mrs. Buchholtz is the former Jolene Tukua. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Tukua, of Hartland, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buchholtz, Goodhue. Great grandparents are Mrs. Emma Tukua, Ellendale and Mrs. Marie Buchholtz, along with Mr. and Mrs. Peder Thompson, both of Goodhue.

- Waldorf-Pemberton High school girl's A-Squad Volleyball team is pictured here with their coach, Mrs. Lyle Bergner. The team is 1-1 for the season. They are from the left, front: Lorrie Berry, Cindy Bartelt, Carol Frantum, Bev Tesch; team managers, Marilyn Manthe and Shelby Neitzel; back: Kim Hoffman, Jodi Kelling, Jeannie Floden, Julie Haakinson, Debbie McCoy, Janice Olson, Cindy Kruse and Coach Bergner. Absent were Sally Marquardt and Jan Kunkel.

75 years ago

- Ben Shurson arrived in New Richland a week ago Wednesday after having spent a few weeks in Alaska working as a carpenter erecting Army barracks near Anchorage. He enjoyed the trip up there and back, which was made by the way of Minneapolis to Seattle, Wash., where they changed to another plane which flew them to their destination.

- A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sponberg, of Mankato, at the Emmanuel hospital, Thursday October 5. Mr. and Mrs. Sponberg have another daughter, Miriam, and have a son, Micheal.



SAFETY! — The Bluejays celebrate a third-quarter safety at Fairmont last Friday. From left: Brady McKenna, Jacob Root, Kaden Garza and Julius Oviedo.
Waseca Football Association photo

Jays win a big one at Fairmont

Waseca prevails in clash of unbeatens

By JIM OUTGENS
Sports Editor

The battle of unbeatens went the way of the visitors.

In a thrilling come-from-behind effort, the Waseca High School football team improved its record to 3-0 with a 21-14 triumph last Friday at Fairmont.

"The coaching staff is very proud of how the kids have worked the last couple of weeks," said WHS head coach Brad Wendland. "We have demonstrated tremendous improvement. We really battled and were up for the challenge, overcoming adversity and beating a very good team on the road. I think we are developing an identity as a team and that's exciting. We still lots of room to improve."

It was the third straight win for Waseca, which edged St. Peter 7-6 in the opener and blew out Belle Plaine 37-6 last week.

After a scoreless first quarter that saw neither team punt, the Cardinals finally put the first points on the board with 4:05 left before halftime, scoring on a 17-yard pass that followed a 13-play, 87-yard drive. The PAT kick was good and Fairmont took a 7-0 lead into the intermission.

The Bluejays wasted no time answering as Deron Russell - who has committed to North Dakota state - returned the opening second-half kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown. Fairmont blocked the PAT and it was 7-6.

The Cardinals then took it 53 yards on six plays, scoring on a 22-yard touchdown pass and kicking the extra point for a 14-6 lead with 8:56 left in the third period.

Waseca responded with a third-and-20 touchdown run by Jordan Johnston that covered 76 yards. A two-point conversion was unsuccessful.

Devon Parpart delivered a great punt that pinned the Cardinals on their own 1-yard line.

Two plays later Kaden Garza gave the Bluejays two points for a safety, and it was 14-14 with 4:01 to play in the third quarter.

After taking the free kick on the Fairmont 45, the Bluejays went 44 yards in eight plays, with Johnston taking it in from the 4. Owen Rupe kicked the PAT, giving Waseca a 21-14 advantage.

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> **— Brad Wendland**

Fairmont, taking the ball on their own 27 as the third quarter expired, turned the ball over on downs on the Waseca 35.

Parpart eventually punted again, this time putting the Cardinals back on their own 9-yard line.

A fourth-down pass fell incomplete, the Bluejays knelt on the football as time expired and Waseca fans celebrated a hard-fought victory.

The Bluejays are back on their home field this Friday against Norwood-Young America. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Waseca 21, Fairmont 14
First Quarter
No scoring
Second Quarter
F - Vincent 17 pass from Long (kick successful)
Third Quarter
W - Russell 85 kickoff return (kick blocked)
F - Harvey 22 pass from long (kick successful)
W - Garza safety
W - Johnston 4 run (two-point conversion unsuccessful)
Fourth Quarter
No scoring

Waseca 21, Fairmont 14

F	0	7	7	0 — 14
WAS	0	0	14	0 — 21

	WAS	FMT
First downs	15	12
Total Yds.	245	133
Penalties	5-55	8-80

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing – WAS: Johnston 13-47; Klinger 20-72; F: Long 13 —7; Tymbleson 16-46

Passing – WAS: Klinger 7-17, 26; F: Long 11-20, 94

Receiving — WAS: Russell 4-11; Worke 1-9; Long 1-4; F: Harvey 1-22; Pommerenke 3-14; Terfehr 3-34; Williamson 1-17; Traetow 1 —5; Geerdes 2-12

Waseca Defense – Noble 1T; Mansfield 9T; Russell 1T; Glynn 5T; Rohl 1T; Root 4T; Rupe 1T; Jeske 3T; Oveido 5T; L.Selthun 4T; Garza 6T; McKenna 2T

NRHEG cross country runs at Blooming Prairie

Karl, Wobbrock again pace Panthers

The NRHEG cross country teams ran at Blooming Prairie Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Teams participating included Blooming Prairie, Austin Pacelli, NRHEG, Medford, Randolph and Triton.

The Panthers' Jacob Karl place third with a time of 18:10. Colton Lermon, running his first varsity meet, finished 32nd with a time of 22:59. Delvin McWillimans was 43rd in 25:28.

Again, Julieann Wobbrock led the girls' squad, winning the race with a time of 19:32.

Holly Bartness was 18th in 27:30. Josie Tufte and Rylee Cromwell ran their first varsity meet and finished 20th and 21st, respectively, with times of 28:30 and 28:45.

Violette Botten and Tiffany Jewison competed in the junior varsity race and finished second and third, respectively, clocking 12:14 and 12:55 while earning some hardware in the process.

"It was another nice afternoon for a run," said NRHEG coach Larry Nydegger. "Jacob and Julieann continue to put up some strong times, and the younger athletes gained some valuable experience."

The Panthers hosted a meet Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Riverview Golf Course.

Girls soccer triumphs

Members of the Waseca High School girls soccer teams celebrate a victory at Worthington last Thursday. Photo by Debbie Rodriguez

Bulldogs blank BEA, 32-0

JWP football team improves its record to 2-1

The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School football team registered its best game of the season so far, shutting out Blue Earth Area 32-0 last Friday in Janesville.

The Bulldogs, 2-1, led 20-0 after a scoreless first quarter. It was 32-0 after three periods.

Michael Walker scored the Bulldogs' first touchdown, on a 71-yard touchdown pass from Daulton Bauer. A two-point PAT was unsuccessful.

Bauer threw for another touchdown, this one going for 33 yards to Caleb Quast. A two-point PAT try was no good as Bauer's pass fell incomplete.

Bauer then carried 1 yard for a touchdown and his brother, Gavin, ran for the conversion.

In the third quarter, Chase Gerdts ran for an 8-yard touchdown. A two-point conversion was stopped 1 yard short.

The Bulldogs' final score came on a 38-yard interception by Chase Gerdts. Again, the two-point conversion fell 1 yard shy of the goal line.

Daulton Bauer finished the night 9-for-13 passing for 159 yards. He ran for 16 yards on six attempts.

Gerdts led the team with 81 yards rushing on 11 carries. Tyson Kronbach gained 48 yards on 11 tries, Benelli Schultz 11 yards on three carries.

Walker had a big night receiving with 92 yards on three catches. Quast gained 45 yards on five receptions, Gerdts 16 yards on two catches.

Aiden Rider led the defense with nine tackles.

The Bulldogs host WEM for Senior Night this Friday in Janesville, with the kickoff set for 7 p.m.

JW 32, Blue Earth Area

JWP	0	20	12	0 — 32
BEA	0	0	0	0 — 0

First Quarter
No scoring
Second Quarter
JWP —Walker 72 pass from D.Bauer (two-point conversion failed)
JWP - Quast 38 pass from D.Bauer (two-point conversion failed)
JWP — D.Bauer 1 run (G. Bauer run)
Third Quarter
JWP — Gerdts 8 run (two-point conversion failed)
JWP — Gerdts 38 interception return (two-point conversion failed)
Fourth Quarter
No scoring

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing – JWP: D.Bauer 1-16; Quast 1 —5; Weedman 1 —1; Dahlberg 1 —1; Kronbach 11-48; Gerdts 11-81; Schultz 3-11

Passing – JWP: D.Bauer 9-13, 159

Receiving — JWP: Quast 5-50; G.Bauer 2-7; Weedman 1-0; Walker 2-92; Schultz 1-6; Gerdts 2-9

JWP Defense – Hood 1; G.Bauer 3T; Scholl 4T; Weedman 2T; Geariety 5T; Dahlberg 2T; Kronbach 3T; Gerdts 9T; Rolfson 6T; Rolfson 6T; Rider 9T; Cummins 1T; Huber 4T, Johnson 1T; Wheelock 4T

WHS CC teams 8th at Mayo

Omtvedt leads girls, Collins paces boys

The Waseca High School cross country teams competed Thursday, Sept. 11 in the Mayo Invitational at Eastwood Golf Course.

Both the Bluejay girls and boys finished eighth in a very competive field.

Girls' varsity results:
Stella Omtvedt, 28th, 21:20.5
Maren Schimmin, 37th, 21:47.6
Ellie Kopischke, 59th, 22:56.2
Quinn Yoder, 61st, 22:56.2
Ava VanDenHemel, 63rd, 23:00.9
Taylor Markeson, 66th, 23:13.5
Jenna Yoder, 68th, 23:22.7
Junior varsity girls:
Megan Tegmeier, 30th, 24:57.0
Kelsey Draeger, 40th, 25:22.0
Violet Rowher, 51st, 25:56.7
Boys' varsity:
Keenan Collins, 95th, 20:17.7
Wyatt Hager, 99th, 20:30.3
Luke Fandkamp, 107th, 21:08.4
Boys junior varsity:
Ryan Yoder, 203rd, 23:18.5
Sam Feldkamp, 233rd, 24:07.2.

Bluejay tennis girls defeat Marshall 5-2, fall at Northfield

The Waseca High School girls' tennis team improved its record to 5-4 with a victory last Thursday, winning 5-2 at Marshall. The Bluejays' JV lost 5-0.

Singles:
No. 1 - Vivian Mader, Waseca def. Brooklyn Mauch 4-6, 6-2, 6-2
No. 2 - Ava Miller, Waseca def. Kathryn Coudron 4-6 , 6-4 , 6-2
No. 3 - Kyra Bailey, Marshall def. Pearl Moore, 6-4 , 2-6 , 6-4
No. 4 - Layla Keith, Waseca def. Cora Medina 6-2 , 6-0
Doubles:
No. 1 - Paige Dufault and Maddy Benson, Waseca def. Jazilyn Steinberg-Jones and Emry Weller 6-4, 6-3
No. 2 - Hannah Rugger and Anna Benson, Waseca def. Peyton DeMuth and Emerson DeMuth 6-2 , 6-2
No. 3 - Emry Jans and Julia Pafko, Marshall def. Madison Rasche and Chloe Hagen 6-3 , 6-3

The Northfield Raiders defeated the Waseca Bluejays 5-2 in Northfield last Monday. The JV also lost 3-2.

Singles:
#1 Vivian Madern, Waseca defeated Maia Richardson 6-2, 4-6, 10-7
#2 Maddy Benson, Waseca, lost to Kate Grant 6-2, 6-2
#3 Pearl Moore, Waseca lost to Lindsey Clark 6-0, 6-0
#4 Lily Sanchez, Waseca lost to Lavinia Nunes 6-0, 6-0
Doubles:
#1 Paige Dufault and Ava Miller, Waseca defeated Elsa Mitchell and Kate Sand 6-3, 2-6, 10-5
#2 Hannah Rugger and Anna Benson, Waseca lost to Katie Nesseth and Kate LaCanne 6-7(4), 6-4, 10-7

It was the first loss of the season for Rugger and Benson

#3 Layla Keith and Madison Rasche, Waseca lost to Gwen Tupper and Izzy Paulson 6-3, 6-3

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WHS spikers fall at TC

The Waseca High School volleyball team faced Tri-City United last Tuesday and fell 3-0 at Montgomery.

TCU won 25-15, 25-14 and 25-14.

Upcoming matches for the Bluejays:
- Sept. 23 vs. New Ulm, 7:15
- Sept. 29 vs. St. James, 7:15
- Sept. 30 vs. Belle Plaine, 7:30
- Oct. 2 vs. Blue Earth Area, 7:30
- Oct. 7 vs. NRHEG, 7:30

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Volleyball Panthers bounce back, shut out Medford 3-0

The NRHEG High School volleyball team swept Medford 3-0 in New Richland last Thursday, winning 25-12, 25-13, 25-14.

"The girls have all the tools to excel as the season continues, showing steady growth in both offense and defense," said Panthers coach Bethany Tennis. "The team is exploring different looks for its hitting options, creating more versatility at the net. With strong fundamentals already in place, the Panthers are focused on sharpening their execution and building confidence with each match. The foundation is there for continued success, and the team is eager to put it all together as the season progresses."

NRHEG's individual statistics: Gabby Schlaak 4K, 9D, 1B; Camryn VanMeldeghem 6K, 6D, 2A, 1B; Anika Ladlie 1K, 2D, 3B; Nora Flatness 1K, 1D, 1A, 2B; Quinn VanMaldeghem 2K, 4D, 2B; Kyra Eustice 1K; Addy Stadheim 2K, 4D, 19SA, 1B; Chloe Stork 3K, 5D, 3A; Brooklyn Sommer 3D, 3SA; Meela Budach 3D, 1B; Chloe Riewer 3D.

The Panthers fell just short against WEM at Waterville Tuesday 3-2. The final in favor of the Bucs was 17-25, 23-25, 25-13, 25-16, 15-13.

"The match was filled with momentum shifts and exciting rallies," said Coach Tennis. "Senior outside Gabby Schlaak led the way defensively, recording a team and season-high 28 digs, with 14 kills at the net. Setter Addy Stadheim also had a season high with 42 set assists and added four aces from the service line."

The Panthers came out hot in the first two sets with strong play at the net, but as the match went on, NRHEG's defensive coverage broke down at times, giving WEM the opportunity to take advantage of vulnerabilities. Throughout the entirety of the match, the Panthers continued to battle hard and put together some great volleyball.

"Overall, it was a competitive night between both teams and the Panthers look to keep building on the positive as we move forward," said Tennis.

Individually for NRHEG: Schlaak 14K, 28D, 1SA, 2B; Camryn VanMaldeghem 9K, 16D, 1SA, 1A; Anika Ladlie 12K, 6D, 1A, 2B; Nora Flatness 2K, 1B; Quinn VanMaldeghem 10, 9D, 2SA, 5B; Kayden Warke 2D, 1SA; Addy Stadheim 5K, 11D, 42 SA, 4A, 2B; Chloe Stork 5K, 2B; Meela Budach 2D; Chloe Riewer 14D.

BLOCKING WALL — NRHEG'S Anika Ladlie (3) and Quinn VanMaldeghem (6) go up for the block as Medford's Jade Laue (2) attempts a spike during the Panthers' 3-0 victory last Thursday. Pioneer photo by Jim Lutgens

RUNNING ROOM — NRHEG's Calvin Nissen (7) looks for running room at Southland last Friday. Nissen had a big night with eight pass receptions for 112 yards and a touchdown. Photos courtesy Steele County Times

Football Panthers fall at Southland, dropping to 1-2

The NRHEG High School football team ran into a buzzsaw last Friday at Southland, falling 56-20 at Adams.

"Southland played a great game en route to the 56 points," said Panthers coach Marc Kruger. "We really struggled defending the pass and gave up a few big run plays. Southland was very impressive. Their quarterback had a great game. As a team, we are pretty banged up now. We need a good week to get healthy and back at it for Lewiston-Altura."

The Panthers kept it close early, matching the Rebels' first touchdown, but the home team scored again in the first and led 16-0 after two successful two-point conversions.

Southland scored 26 in the second period to lead 42-6 at halftime.

It was 49-20 after three periods.

While each team had 17 first downs and the Panthers totaled 71 plays to Southland's 42, NRHEG was outgained 182-85 on the ground and 316-191 through the air.

Calvin Nissen totaled 112 yards receiving on eight catches for NRHEG while Mack Gilliland was the top ball carrier with 67 yards on seven carries.

Brooks Gilliland completed 18 of 35 passes.

The Panthers, 1-2, face Lewiston-Altura this Friday for Homecoming in New Richland at 7 p.m.

Southland 56, NRHEG 20

NRHEG	6	0	14	0 — 20
S	16	26	7	7 — 56

First Quarter

S — 30 run (two-point conversion successful)

NRHEG — Nissen 21 pass from Gilliland (two-point conversion unsuccessful)

S — 38 pass (two-point conversion successful

Second Quarter

S — 57 pass (two-point conversion unsuccessful

S — 40 pass (two-point conversion unsuccessful)

S — 45 pass (kick successful)

S — 50 run (kick successful)

Third Quarter

S — 38 run (kick successful)

NRHEG — Bartlett 61 pass from Gilliland (two-point conversion failed

S — 3 run (kick successful)

Fourth Quarter

S — 3 run (kick successful)

	NRHEG	SLND
Total plays	71	42
First downs	17	
17		
Rushing	85	182
Passing	191	316
Third Down	2-12	3-5
Fourth Down	3-7	1-q
Fumbles lost	0	1
Penalties	5-46	4-37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — NRHEG: M.Gilliland 7-67; Whiteside 1-13; Lassahn 3-5; Deen 1-3; Nissen 9-2; Wyrun 1-2; B.Gilliland 3 — 12

PASSING — NRHEG: B.Gilliland 18-35, 191

RECEVING — NRHEG: Nissen 8-112; Deen 3-31; Schmidt 1-18; Lassahn 3-17; Bartlett 1-6; Meyering 1-5; M.Gilliland 1-2

NRHEG defense — Conroy 4T; Deen 3T; Meyering 2T; Nissen 2T; Larson 1T; Weller 1T; M.Gilliland 1T; Lassahn 2T; Bartlett 1T; D.Schlaak 1T; Brouwers 1T; Hudson 1T; Holland 1T; Hanna 1T.

WHS boys' soccer

Above, the Bluejays' Diego Toapanta (11) battles for the ball against Tri-City United's Gavin Phelps (2) during Waseca's 6-1 loss last Tuesday, dropping the Bluejays' record to 1-6. Below, the Bluejays' Jostin Toapanta advances the ball against a TCU defender. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

INCLUSIVITY - A young student enjoys one of the play pieces already in place at the NRHEG inclusive playground. The Color Fun Run this week will help work continue on the second and third phases of the playground construction.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

NRHEG Color Run F'run'draiser

NRHEG is holding a second annual one-mile Color Run, Walk or Stroll event in Ellendale on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. The fun, family-friendly event is a fundraiser for the community inclusive playground. Participants can walk, run, stroll, skip or somersault through a course and get blasted by color dust along the route. Event check-in will start at 4 p.m. and the race will begin at 5 p.m.

There will be music, face painting, a food truck and more to help collect donations for the inclusive playground. Parking is available in the north school lot, football field, and street. The registration fee is $30 per person and includes a t-shirt and race entry. Registration can be done online or by scanning the QR code and is due by Sept. 26.

NRHEG physical education teacher and coach Wendy Schultz explains fundraising events have been underway for the past two years.

"Through donations, fundraisers, and grants we have been able to raise $84,000 and complete the first phase," she said.

The first phase included purchasing and installing all pieces of equipment, except one. The second phase will be purchasing the last piece of equipment called the Sway Fun Glider. There is ample room for two wheelchairs plus two large benches for plenty of other passengers. Schultz said the cost to purchase and install it is about $43,000 with about $31,000 already raised.

Once phase two is complete, phase three will begin, which will be putting either turf or poured-in-place (PIP) rubber. The cost of phase three is approximately $84,000 for turf and $112,000 for PIP.

Use the QR code below to register. For more information email wschultz@nrheg.k12.mn.us.

ZED (and his cartoonist Duane Abel) celebrate 30 years

Cartoonist Duane Abel and his comic strip ZED, are celebrating their 30th anniversary together. ZED first appeared in Duane's hometown newspaper, The Free Press Standard located in Carrollton, OH, the first week of September in 1995. One month later Duane signed a contract with a small newspaper syndicate, offering ZED to newspapers nationwide and making him the youngest syndicated cartoonist ever at the age of fifteen. The syndicate went out of business before placing the comic strip in any further newspapers but Duane was too busy being a high school student to notice such adversity. Following Duane's high school graduation he went to his mailbox to find a letter offering him a full tuition theatrical scholarship to The University of Akron and a book contract from Plan Nine Publishing. As a testament to the family work ethic, Duane still found himself on the back of his grandfather's hay wagon that afternoon. While attending college and appearing in several stage productions and donning the costume of The University of Akron's mascot, Zippy the Kangaroo, Duane still created ZED for weekly publication.

ZED's first book was released in the spring of 2000 with a forward by PICKLES creator Brian Crane. Before ZED's second book could be released, Plan Nine Publishing dissolved. This led Duane to form Corkey Comics Publishing in 2005, and ZED has been available in book form ever since, receiving an Ignatz Award nomination the following year. ZED currently appears in nearly 75 weekly newspapers nationwide and has been published in several book collections. With thousands of books sold, Duane has personally autographed every single copy. An original ZED comic strip which honored the 100th birthday of PEANUTS creator Charles M. Schulz is housed inside of The Charles M. Schulz Museum.

Duane and ZED have traveled to over 1,700 schools nationwide presenting the student assembly "DRAW YOUR DESTINY" promoting goal setting, literacy and power of education. The assembly is presented with a large easel and a pad of paper, utilizing zero technology, a technique Duane learned from famed author Dav Pilkey when the DOGMAN creator appeared at Duane's school when Dav was still in college at Kent State University! In addition to ZED's comic strip, Duane's cartoons have appeared in several leading publications including Woman's World Magazine. He is the author of several stage plays available for performances worldwide from Silver Birchington Plays, based out of London, England. Duane's children's book "BOWLERS: The Cereal Mascot" drew rave reviews from BIG NATE creator Lincoln Peirce, who wrote "Bowlers is full of heart and brimming with charm."

As an actor Duane has appeared in several feature films including the romantic comedy feature film HEARTLAND HARMONY, which he also wrote and co-produced, and can be enjoyed on Amazon and Tubi. Duane's latest screenplay A CHRISTMAS DRAWN TOGETHER, will begin production this January in time for a holiday 2026 release.

Duane is a proud member of The National Cartoonist Society and has been inducted into Carrollton High School's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2023. This April, Duane was honored with the The University of Akron's Distinguished Alumni Award. He is the proud father to two boys, Zack and Clayton, and has been married to his college sweetheart Coral for over twenty years.

ZED is created from the same drawing board Duane has had since he was a child, and with the goal to draw the comic strip for at least 85 years (making Duane 100 when that feat is achieved) they have many more years of laughs and smiles ahead!

ZED - Duane Abel's comic strip ZED first appeared in Carrollton, Ohio, the first week of September in 1995.

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nancially by working very hard and saving his money during the summer and then "living on practically nothing" for the months college was in session. Despite its benefits, though, Bruce admits to having broken the pattern during the summer prior to his junior year. "I bought a car," he shares. "A used car, but a nice one."

When he found himself without finances after the first quarter of his junior year, he turned to the idea of joining the Air Force and being eligible for the G.I. Bill-a program which helps cover the cost of post-secondary schooling for veterans. After basic training at Parks Air Force Base in Calif., he was sent to Francis E. Warren Air Force Base at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Today, the most visible tasks there are associated with missiles, but Bruce's training there centered around warehouse supply; the receiving, storing and shipping of supplies.

Bruce and Lorraine decided the "right" time had arrived; they scheduled their October wedding back home in Le Center; Lorraine left her job at Green Giant. During a quick visit to Cheyenne they were able to find an apartment and make arrangements to move in after the wedding.

"We call that our eight-month honeymoon!" Bruce remembers. His training and work at the air force base went so well he was offered a position as an instructor - which seemed to mean he would be stationed there for his entire time in the service. It took Lorraine only days to find a job in Cheyenne.

For the next several months, things seemed to have fallen smoothly into place - until Bruce and the other instructors were surprised by orders sending them to France. With the "honeymoon" suddenly ending, Lorraine moved back to Le Center.

When Bruce returned 16 months later, he had one year remaining in the service. Offered a choice between Wisconsin and Duluth, he chose Duluth. He and Lorraine purchased a trailer house. "It was less than 40 feet long," Bruce describes, "and if I stood in the center, I could almost stretch out my arms and reach both sides." It suited their needs and their budget, though, and was destined to provide their dwelling place for about three years.

When Bruce's military service was completed in 1958, the couple moved back to Mankato. Bruce changed his major to teaching - he says his experience as an instructor in the military had been positive, and had given him what turned out to be some unrealistic ideas about student motivation. However, he wouldn't learn that until 1960.

In the meantime, the couple brought their first child, Patty, into the world. She was born in Mankato in 1960. Society's expectations being what they were, Lorraine would not return to professional employment for about the next 16 years.

That fall, Bruce was offered a position as a social studies teacher in Minneota, a small town northwest of Marshall. When they decided to rent a house there, the plan was to sell the trailer and use the money to buy furniture. Instead, the store owner offered a trade: a certain value of furniture in exchange for the trailer. To this day, the couple owns and uses a few of those pieces. The two say their time in Minneota was marred by being 130 miles from home, and in a small town with limited local offerings. Their family had also grown with the addition of their son Bob, who was born in Marshall in 1961. "If I had known how well they were going to turn out," jests Bruce regarding their children. "I might have gone for three or four. But we stopped at the two of them."

So when Bruce learned of a teaching position in Waseca, only 35 miles from Le Center, the family relocated. They rented their dwelling for a while, but within five years had the good fortune to purchase a house only two blocks from Central High School in one direction, and two blocks from their church in another. "And that was our home for the next 38 years," summarized Bruce, who

continued as a member of the Waseca district's high school social studies department until retiring in the spring of 1993.

When their children were teenagers, Lorraine returned to the professional world, finding that typewriters had been replaced by computers. She says she joined the staff of Waseca Mutual Insurance Company just as the company began the process of transferring its paper records to computer files. She apparently learned quickly, since she went on to serve as a department manager working with data entry and retrieval for more than 20 years before she also retired in 1994.

The two eventually sold their first home so that they could purchase a different one with fewer levels.

After retirement, Lorraine describes taking some pleasant trips together. They bought a used motor home for the purpose of driving to Alaska. They spent a month sightseeing there, as well as the drive up and back. They also later joined a tour to Nova Scotia. While doing genealogy they took a long trip to visit family across a wide area of the United States. These days, Lorraine says, they're content to live a quiet life, with their weekly gathering for coffee with some friends and fellow retired teachers. They also attend church when they can. Visits with their children and grandchildren are always looked forward to. The couple has two grandchildren, Ross and Emily, ages 29 and 30, and one great-grandchild with another on the way.

Of Bruce, Lorraine says, "Bruce continues to impress me with his long term memory. He can recall things from a long time ago that I have forgotten."

Bruce says he still has a soft heart for his childhood sweetheart, naming one of her strengths: "She has amazing thoughtfulness and caring about others. She always puts others first."

Their long life together means they have celebrated their shared birthday, "oh, in so many different ways," comments Lorraine with a smile, seeming to hint she does not plan to look for any more special tweaks for their party in September.

"Living to 91," comments Bruce philosophically, "doesn't seem to be such a big deal anymore. Thanks to modern medicine, many people live to that age. "But being married for 70 years, that's a bit more of an accomplishment." We're both still alive and in reasonably good health. Our lives are so intertwined, it's almost as if we've lived one shared life."

IN BRIEF

Grace Lutheran Church blood drive Sept. 23

Grace Lutheran Church of Waseca will hold a blood drive from 11a.m. till 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Appointments preferred at redcrossblood.org but some walk-in appointments will be available as well.

How about Them Apples? Event at Janesville Public Library Sept. 23

Teens will discover a variety of apples as we hold a tasting with local varieties and toppings at Janesville Public Library at 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 23. Free and geared for teens.

Minnesota's Hooded History at Waseca Public Library Tuesday, Sept. 23

Local historian and librarian Nancy Vaillancourt has spent years researching the presence of the Ku Klux Klan in Southeast Minnesota and will present some of what she has learned during a talk at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23. Vailliancourt will speak about this forgotten history and the organized traditions of prejudice and nativism in our region.

Trains! Event at the Waldorf Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 24

Put on your conductor hat while we get to work on the railroad's newest projects at Waldorf Public Library at 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 24. Kids will build trains, sort cargo, draw tracks, name trains, and more! This free event is geared for ages 3-6.

Waseca Wellness Summit at The Vibrant Collective Sept. 24

There will be a Wellness Summit at the Vibrant Collective at 201 S State St. in Waseca from 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24. Eight guest speakers, from Gut health to chiropractic, mental clarity to holistic living, this isn't your typical wellness event. Refreshments, raffles and exclusive event discounts.

How about Them Apples? at New Richland Public Library Sept. 25

Teens will discover a variety of apples as we hold a tasting with local varieties and toppings at New Richland Public Library at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 25. Free and geared for teens.

City Wide Garage Sales in New Richland Saturday, Sept. 27

There will be city wide garage sales in New Richland on Saturday, Sept. 27. Registration forms are available at City Hall or email Heather at hchristensen@newrichlandmn.gov to receive form. Register by Monday, Sept. 22 at 3 p.m.

All You Can Eat Dad's Belgian Waffles Church of All Saints Sunday, Sept. 28

There will be an all you can eat Dad's Belgian Waffles in New Richland at the Church of All Saints from 9 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. $10 per person, 5 and under free, includes beverage, waffles with all the toppings and sausage with takeout available.

Free Salmon Dinner at Real Life Covenant Church Oct. 8

A free-will dinner featuring Alaskan salmon will begin at about 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at Waseca's Real Life Covenant Church, 620 W. Elm Avenue. A presentation will describe life in Nome, Alaska, and share information about Christian radio station KICY. Everyone is invited.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Waseca City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 7th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m**. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093 to consider the following Resolution:

Resolution 25-59– **Resolution of the Waseca City Council on Proposed Assessments**

A complete copy of Resolution 25-59 and Assessment Roll 25-99 is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093. Information for the meeting can be found on the Website Calendar at www.ci.waseca.mn.us .

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AN ORDINANCE WHEREBY A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES
FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, LICENSES AND PERMITS
FOR THE CITY OF WALDORF, MINNESOTA

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Waldorf will be adopting by resolution the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances as it has been amended and supplemented to be its city code and that code permits the city to adopt by resolution a schedule of fees and charges for various services, licenses and permits,

Now Therefore, the City Council of the City of Waldorf, Minnesota, ordains:

Section 1. All fees and charges in effect as of the date of the adoption of the city code for the city shall remain in effect unless otherwise modified by the provisions of a resolution.

In addition one fee was amended and an additional fee was added:
20. The fee for snow removal shall be a minimum of $40.
22. The fee for known unlicensed pets will be $50/month until the pet is registered.
Please see the city website www.cityofwaldorf.com, select the Government tab and then select Fee Schedule for the complete Ordinance.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Burger nite 5-7pm	3 6pm BAR Bingo VJ DAY	4 7pm HALL BINGO	5 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	6
7	8 7 pm Post & AUX. Meeting	9 Burger nite 5-7pm	10 6pm BAR Bingo	11 7pm HALL BINGO	12 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	13 PATRIOT DAY
14	15	16 Burger nite 5-7pm	17 6pm BAR Bingo	18 7pm HALL BINGO USAF BIRTHDAY	19 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	20
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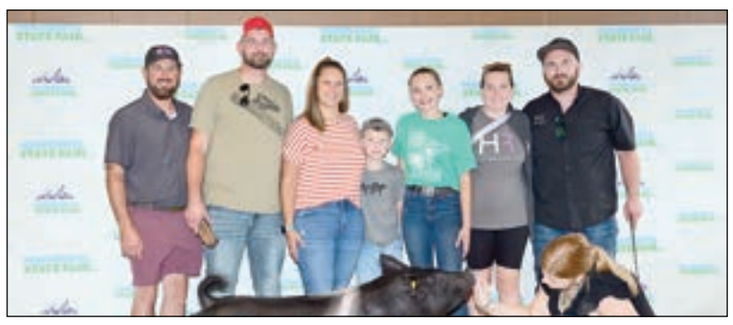
Crossbred Breeding Gilt - Hadley R

Beef Shorthorn Heifer - Violet J

Reserve Champion White Face Market Lamb - Karley H

Meat Goat Reserve Champion Middleweight Market Doe - Ty K

Dairy Goat Intermediate Showmanship - Rylie C

Dairy Goat Reserve Champion Advanced Showmanship - Alexis M

Dairy Goat Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Junior Doe - Jacob K

Meat Goat Reserve Champion Lightweight Dairy Wether - Adler B

Meat Goat Jr Yearling Breeding Doe - Sam F

Heavyweight Market Lamb - Hannah S.

Dairy Judging Senior - AJ J, Claire B, CHarley K

Dairy Jersey Summer yearling - Charley K

General Livestock Judging - Hadley R, Olivia E, Oriana J

Waseca County 4-H Minnesota State Fair winners

Minnesota 4-H'ers from 87 counties arrived with over 2,671 animals at the 2025 "Great Minnesota Get-Together" for this year's 4-H livestock encampment, which was held Wednesday, Aug. 20 through Sunday, Aug. 24.

Minnesota 4-H'ers have been preparing for this event all summer long. Members consider several components when deciding to exhibit livestock, including selection and preparation of the animal; educational programming; scholarship applications; and participation at county fairs. Results from the Minnesota 4-H State Fair Livestock Shows include:

Beef

● Brielle Gunsolus - Commercial Junior Yearling - 2nd place, purple ribbon; Beef showmanship participant ● Paige Gunsolus - Registered Junior Yearling - 2nd place, purple ribbon; Beef showmanship participant ● Hailey Levos - Registered Junior Yearling - 3rd place; Beef showmanship participant ● Jax Gereau-Mulcahey - Registered Fall Calf - 1st place, purple ribbon; Beef showmanship participant ● Paige Johnson - Registered Junior Yearling - 2nd place, Beef showmanship participant ● Violet Jewison - Registered Spring Calf - 2nd place, Beef showmanship participant ● Addison Kelm - Registered Junior Yearling - 6th place, Beef showmanship participant ● Mackenzie Levos - Slick-Shorn Steer - 3rd place, Beef showmanship participant ● Peyton Sommers - Market Heifer - 3rd place, Beef showmanship participant ● Olivia Johnson - Registered Maine Anjou Steer - 9th place, Beef showmanship participant Dairy ● Claire Bartelt - Registered Winter Calf - 5th place, Blue Ribbon ● Charley Kietzman - Jersey Junior Yearling - 1st place, Purple Ribbon

Dairy Goat

● Rylie Cromwell - Lamancha Milking Doe Three or Four Years old - 1st place, Best in Show Senior Doe, Champion LaMancha Senior Doe; Dairy Goat Showmanship Intermediate purple ribbon, Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship 2 ● Alexis Myers - Lamancha Milking Doe Five years and older - 2nd Place; Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Showmanship Advanced ● Jacob Klaras - Nigerian Dwarf Senior Doe Kid - 2nd place, Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Junior Doe; Dairy Goat Showmanship Senior purple ribbon ● Memphis Schlaak - Nigerian Dwarf Senior Doe Kid - 4th place; Dairy Goat Showmanship Senior blue ribbon ● Kenley Gehrke - Nigerian Dwarf Dry Yearling Doe - 3rd place; Dairy Goat Showmanship Senior purple ribbon

Meat Goat

● Adler Bethke - Dairy Market Wether - 2nd place, Reserve Champion Lightweight Dairy Market Wether; Dairy Wether showmanship participant ● Ty Krautkremer - Meat Market Doe 1st place - purple ribbon, Reserve Champion Heavyweight Market Doe, Reserve Champion Overall Market Doe; Market Goat and Wether Dam showmanship participant ● Sam Feldkamp - Junior Yearling Meat Breeding Doe - 2nd place purple ribbon; Meat Breeding Doe showmanship participant ● Olivia Eaton - Senior Yearling Meat Breeding Doe - green ribbon; Meat Breeding Doe showmanship participant

Rabbit

● August Bethke - Dutch Senior Doe - blue ribbon, Showmanship Finalist blue ribbon ● Luke Feldkamp - Flemish Giant Senior Doe - blue ribbon, Showmanship Finalist blue ribbon ● Isabel Berg - Holland Lop Senior Buck - blue ribbon ● Audrey Gray - Holland Lop Senior Buck - blue ribbon ● Kaden Peirce - Mini Rex Senior Buck - red ribbon ● Brody Gray - Small Breed Purebreds Senior Buck - blue ribbon

Sheep

● Avary Hopper - Registered Yearling Ewe - 5th place; Lamb Lead Senior - green ribbon; Breeding Ewe Showmanship participant ● Cole Gartner - Market Lamb Black Face - 6th place ● Kelton Peirce - Market Lamb Black Face - 8th place ● Hannah Sommers - Market Lamb Black Face - 2nd place purple ribbon ● Karley Hamilton - Market Lamb White Face - 2nd place purple ribbon, Reserve Champion White Face Market Lamb ● Landen Haefs - Wether Dam White and Speckle Face Ewe Lamb - 7th place ● Avary Hopper - Breeding Ewe Showmanship Senior, green ribbon

Swine

● Jacob Knutson - Duroc Registered February Gilt - 3rd place ● Hadley Roeker - Crossbred Breeding Gilt - 2nd place; 3rd place Gilt Showperson Intermediate Division ● Jaiden Johnson - Market Barrow Berkshire Registered - 6th place ● Kayla Knutson - Market Barrow Crossbred - 9th place ● Owen Schlaak - Market Barrow Crossbred - 7th place ● Oriana Jewison - Market Gilt - 6th place ● Mikayla Lewer - Market Gilt - 5th place ● Jacob Lewer - Market Gilt - 9th place ● Aiden Merritt - Market Gilt - 2nd place ● Aaron Merritt - Market Gilt - 5th place

Education is integral in the "learn by doing" philosophy of 4-H. As part of the educational component, Minnesota 4-H requires every youth participating in the livestock encampment to participate in a livestock interview. Examples of the interview process include an online knowledge test, skill-a-thons, and personal interviews about their project area. Youth from Waseca County who were recognized for their knowledge with interview callbacks included:

● Beef - Olivia Johnson ● Dairy Goat - Alexis Myers, Jacob Klaras (Interview Champion) ● Rabbit - August Bethke, Luke Feldkamp ● Sheep - Karley Hamilton ● Swine - Jaiden Johnson, Mikayla Lewer, Oriana Jewison

Along with interviews, all 4-H youth participating in livestock programming are required to complete the Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics (LQA&E) Training. Through this certification, youth are educated on biosecurity, educating the public on the role of livestock, and caring for their animal's welfare.

Quality animals, quality kids, and quality buyers made the 46th 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction, the annual parade of champion beef, lambs, goats, swine and poultry set 8 new record prices. This year the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction went over $1,300,000 in additional premium dollars from 115 head for Minnesota 4-H youth and Animal Science programs. A huge thank you for all of the sponsors throughout the whole state in support of the exhibitors. The Minnesota 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction is sponsored by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association each year. Ty Krautkremer of the Homegrown Explorers 4-H Club with his Reserve Champion Market Doe was selected to participate in the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction. Additionally, Hannah Sommers of the Riverside Ramblers 4-H Club with her purple ribbon market lamb was also selected to participate in the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction. 4-H not only produces purple ribbon animals, but more importantly is focused on producing purple ribbon kids.

4-H youth from across Minnesota again showcased their learning in the 4-H Building at the Minnesota State Fair. Over 160 demonstrations were delivered and over 1,900 general exhibits were on display. In a continuation of the virtual state showcase format developed in 2020, over 110 of the general exhibits were judged virtually this year.

Throughout the year, 4-H youth select project areas that reflect personal areas of interest and pursue hands-on learning in both self-directed and guided environments. The results of their learning are exhibited at county fairs and other showcase events across the state. A collection of the best exhibits from each fair and showcase are brought to presentations in the 4-H Building at the Minnesota State Fair.

Exhibiting project work and delivering public presentations at the state fair provides youth an opportunity to showcase their achievements and continue learning through interactive conference judging with project experts and team experiences.

4-H members who participated in Public Presentation contests during the state fair included:

● August Bethke - Livestock Demonstration: "How to Handle a Rabbit" - blue ribbon ● Rylie Cromwell - Livestock Demonstration: "Review of the ADGA Scorecard, Parts of the Goat" - red ribbon ● Audrey Gray - Livestock Demonstration: "How to show a Holland Lop Rabbit" - blue ribbon ● Brody Gray - Livestock Demonstration: "How to show a Himalayan Rabbit" - blue ribbon ● Jacob Klaras - Livestock Demonstration: "How to and Why you Band a Dairy Wether" - red ribbon

The presentations, exhibits and presence of 4-H youth from diverse communities across Minnesota brought renewed and welcomed energy to the 4-H Building. Waseca County had youth participating in exhibit judging in the following areas:

● Audrey Gray - Clothing and Textiles - Constructed Clothing - Blue ribbon; Fashion Revue - Participation ribbon ● Isabel Berg - Clothing and Textiles - Upcycled Clothing - Red ribbon; Fashion Rebue participant ● Waldorf Peppy Peppers 4-H Club - Club Banner - Blue ribbon ● Homegrown Explorers 4-H Club - Club Banner - Purple ribbon ● Kinley Thostenson - Crafts - Blue ribbon ● Gavin Hodgkins - Creative Writing - Blue ribbon ● Foods - Julia Alvarado - Purple ribbon ● Health & Wellness - Kashton Gehrke - Red ribbon ● Natalia Rivera - Home Environment - Blue ribbon ● Alexis Olson - Geology - Purple ribbon ● Rylie Cromwell - Dog - Red ribbon ● Kaeson Gehrke - Self-Determined - Blue ribbon ● Brody Gray - Video - Blue ribbon ● Treysen Tietje - Wildlife Biology - Blue ribbon ● Alexis Myers - Youth Leadership - Blue ribbon

A group of youth, under the direction of volunteer Steve Scheffert, also participated in the 4-H State Fair experience via Arts-In. The members in Arts-In put together a show of song and dance, which they practice and perform at various places during the summer, with the final performances taking place at the State Fair. This year they performed "Music's Magic" Participants were Willow Bartelt, Addison Anderson, Elaina Berg, Isabel Berg, Audrey Gray, Jaxson Lewer, Jayson Lewer, and Director Steve Scheffert.

Waseca County 4-H youth were chaperoned by adult volunteers Brian Knutson, Jennifer Peirce, and Ryan Gehrke. See the full results and photos at z.umn.edu/4h-state-fair-results.

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