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**TAKING BOWS** - Lindsey Kopetzki as Sophie Sheridan (left) and Cece Huttemier as Donna Sheridan, take their bows after the final curtain on Saturday's performance. Photo by Deb Bently

# 'Mamma Mia!'

By **MICHAEL ROY**  
 Editor

"Mamma Mia... here I go again." A line of one of many classic tunes by Abba shaped into the world-renowned musical Mamma Mia!

Fans of the musical got a chance to see the Waseca High School Drama Department's rendition for four performances at the high school's Performing Arts Center from May 4-7.

The 35 cast and twelve crew members spent nearly two months preparing the over two-hour long production for hundreds to see.

And what would a musical be without a pit band? A ten-piece pit band, led by musical director Devon Lawrence, helped bring Abba songs such as "Dancing Queen," "Voulez Vous," "The Winner Takes it All" and plenty of other Abba compositions to life.

Mamma Mia! is the second Waseca musical under the direction of Anna Pollock, the first being Legally Blonde. She had many people to thank, including light technician

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## Barney's is sold



**Barney's Drive-In in Waseca was sold last week. New owners are (center and right) Joseph and Audra Vereoven. Pictured with them are Verronica Vereoven holding Arthur Vereoven.** Pioneer photo by Teresa Rosacker

### Waldorf plant sale set for May 13

The Waldorf Petal Pushers Garden Club will hold a plant sale Saturday, May 13 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Waldorf Community Center.

### Graduation Open house ads available

Celebrate this year's graduates in the paper with a photo and open house announcement. Cost is \$20 for one week or \$30 for two weeks. Please email news@waseca-countypioneer.com or call 837-6767

### The Mill's fifth-year anniversary May 13

The Mill will celebrate its fifth anniversary by bringing back the first band which ever performed at the venue: the Blue Ringers on the evening of Saturday, May 13. Doors open at 7 p.m. No cover charge.

### Thirty-third annual FCA Sports Camp set for Aug. 1-3

The thirty-third annual Waseca Fellowship of Christian Athletes Jr. Sports Camp is set for August 1-3, 2023 for athletes entering grades 3-8. Registration online at www.minnesotafca.org/waseca-jsc.

### Pat Utz benefit June 24 at Purple Goose

Pat Utz cancer benefit beginning at noon Saturday, June 24 at Janesville's Purple Goose. Cash donations can be submitted to GoFundme - Utz Cancer Benefit. Donations also accepted at Elysian Bank - Pat Utz Fundraiser.

### Hartley family night set for May 16

Hartley Family Night May 16 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Food served from 4:30 to 6:30. Students, parents and families are all invited. Events include an art show, literacy activities, BOGO book fair, food. Free meal includes hot dogs, chips, cookie and a beverage.

### Fire Department fish fry June 24 at 4 p.m.

The Waseca Firefighters' fish fry and fundraiser begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

*A word from The Word*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.*

**Galations 5:22**

# Dairy Royalty

## Four princesses crowned Sunday

By **DEB BENTLY**  
 News Editor

To be a dairy princess is to be an ambassador. "We especially want them to interact with children," observes Cindy Clayton, board member for the Waseca County Dairy Association. "There are so many misconceptions out there."

Many young children, when asked where chocolate milk comes from, will answer in all sincerity that it comes from brown cows. Sometimes the calves brought along to dairy events are mistaken for goats.

"We want people to have a stronger understanding of dairy products and what it takes to produce them," says board member Kirsten Sommers.

This year the Waseca County Dairy Association crowned four princesses who are connected with four different farms around the area. "We don't make it a contest," observes Clayton. "This way we have four ambassadors we can send to different events." Each princess is committed to serve at at least 8 events across the year. "It gives us a lot more flexibility," said Clayton.

Three 2023 princesses received their crowns during a ceremony this past Sunday afternoon at The Mill: Katy Eldeen, sponsored by Wiste's Meat Market of Janesville; McKenna Eichorn, sponsored by Lampert Lumber of Janesville; and Allie Eldeen, sponsored by D&D Digger Enterprises. Not able to be present on Sunday was Maia Bartelt, sponsored by Sommers Brothers Custom Baling. Short biographies of the princesses appear below in alphabetical order.

Maia Bartelt: (Parents, Brad and Crystal Bartelt) I am a senior at Waseca High School. I will be attending South Dakota State University in the fall and studying animal science and veterinary medicine. Ever since I can remember, I've always wanted to be a veterinarian. I absolutely love animals and helping them in almost any way. I want to specialize in large animals, mainly because there is a need for large animal veterinarians and because I understand them the best. I really don't



**ROYALTY** - Allie Eldeen, Katy Eldeen, and McKenna Eichorn were simultaneously crowned as Waseca County's Dairy Princesses during a ceremony at The Mill on Sunday afternoon. Pioneer photos by Deb Bently



**AWARDED** - Waseca County Dairy Association board member Larry Clayton presents the "Butter Knife" award to John Mansfield of Peppito's Pizza in Waseca. The Butter Knife award is for a local business which uses dairy products: Peppito's uses about 700 pounds of cheese a week. Right: Clayton presents the organization's "Milk Pitcher" award to Dennis Dinse. The Milk Pitcher plaque is for someone who has shown tremendous commitment to the dairy industry. Dinse first owned and then assisted with an area milk hauling business beginning in 1955, when milk was still being collected in cans. He began using bulk equipment in 1969. Even after selling the milk hauling business to his son Daryl in 1999, Dinse continued to help with the business through 2022.



want to have to deal with rats and guinea pigs, either—although some rats could be considered "large" animals! I'm very thankful to be able to represent the dairy industry—after all my favorite snack...Ice Cream!...is a dairy product. It's important that we

support all our farmers because we'd be nothing without them. I can't wait to see what this year brings and the ways we can help promote dairy products and the dairy industry.

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## WASECA CITY COUNCIL

# Council votes to investigate sales tax

By **MICHAEL ROY**  
Editor

The University of Minnesota Extension office approached the City of Waseca the morning of the Tuesday, May 2 city council meeting with the idea of adding a city sales tax to purchases within city limits.

The possibility led to an energetic discussion, eventually leading to instructions from the council to have city staff research the possibility of implementing the tax.

According to some research, a city sales tax would help speed up the process for some very desirable developments, including a community center and some road improvements.

While city council representative Jeremy Conrath consented that such growth would be beneficial, he said, "You know what else I hear in the community? 'We're taxed too much.'"

"I don't think we're looking at a very good tax levy for 2024," continued Conrath.

Council member John Mansfield agreed. "As a small business owner, I'm not enthusiastic about adding any more taxes." Mansfield pointed out that sales paid for using cards are not as profitable as those where cash is offered, forcing him to raise prices. "I'm wary about adding another sales tax," he said. "I would have to adjust my prices for that." He also stated that, thanks to inflation, people seem to be spending less.

Council member Stacy Schroeder pointed out that any additional tax would be levied on visitors as well as residents. "This is a tax on anybody coming through the city," she said. "People coming to softball tournaments, hockey tournaments... anybody spending money here would get taxed, and it benefits us."

Mayor Randy Zimmerman added to her point by saying that many other cities around Waseca have already implemented a sales tax.

He also pointed out that last week's action was only the start of any process that might lead to a sales tax. City staff was authorized to spend up to \$3,000 acquiring information about the costs and potential benefits of adding the tax.

"It's all community driven," he said. "We'll have community meetings to decide what the

Council continued on 4



**Joel Groskreutz dances with Lilly Galvin during the father-daughter dance Friday, May 5. Joel's wife Renae is clapping and cheering in the background.** Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

# Fathers, daughters share evening out

By **MICHAEL ROY**  
Editor

Even as storms swept through the area, JR's Barn in rural Waldorf held a father-daughter date night on Friday, May 5.

An event that has been going on since the beginnings of the venue, the annual father-daughter date night gives local fathers the chance to dress up nice with their daughters, enjoy a shared dinner, and dance the night away. About thirty father-daughter couples took part.

As folks began to arrive at 5:30 p.m., Amanda Graham, daughter of

Dance continued on 3





## Bits and Pieces

by Dave Zika

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# Fish, flowers, Gyles Randall and pizza

Fishing is a passion with me: I have many different kinds of fishing rods rigged for different species of fish. Line counters for trolling, slip bobbers for fishing live bait, rods for casting crankbaits, panfish rocks, and outfits for lindy rigging. I have two giant and three smaller tackle boxes stuffed with all of the goodies I need to catch the targeted fish. Last summer, my quest for fishing and hours on the water changed; I developed a passion for gardening and growing beautiful flowers.

It all began when Lisa was slowed down in the garden for health reasons. She had to turn over the flowers and gardening reins to me. It was difficult for her, but I showed her I could rise to the occasion! Lisa had learned to be a master gardener from her father. Every spring she'd go with friends to some of the finer greenhouses and come home with a cargo of meticulously selected plants. Some of the flowers would be planted in the sun, some in more shaded areas. My role back then was simply to be a gopher. I'd haul potting soil, plants in containers, fertilizer, and tools she needed to pot and plant. When I complained about the cost of her flowers, pots, and accessories, she'd raise her eyebrows and calmly say "How about your fishing trips and wall-eyes at \$40 a pound?" I was silenced! I did pay attention and I did learn many things from the flower master.

Last summer, I did the flower shopping and came home with the flowers on Lisa's list as well as many of my own choosing. I arranged different pots with flowers everywhere on our Lake Tetonka cabin lot. Lisa's favorite flower is the purple heart; she plants several of them in planters on our deck rails. I was now the planter and said to Lisa "The purple hearts need a flower to go with them." I gave them purple wave petunias for company. They were a real hit, and Lisa was pleased. All of my planted pots and arrangements grew to be spectacular over the summer. The pictures posted on Facebook got rave reviews. I am now a full-fledged, certified flower planter.

Here are some basic tips for beginners planting flowers: The hardest of all flowers is the hosta. They will grow in the worst of conditions and don't need maintenance. We lost a huge tree on our cabin hill. The ground and soil were terrible, so I did some landscaping, got a bunch of hostas from Terry and Carolyn Gilbertson, and stuck them in the ground there. The hill is now covered with a variety of different hostas, I call it "Gilby" hill. My favorite flower is the Mandevilla; I have several pots filled with them. They stand tall in the wind and flower all summer long. These flowers have a tropical appearance with shiny leaves; I am particularly impressed by the magnificence of the red ones. Wave petunias climb over the edge of pots and are really hardy. The flowers come in a variety of color patterns and also flower all summer long. Begonias and hibiscus flowers are also a favorite. The hibiscus has showy, big, beautiful flowers. The begonia is understated in size but is brilliant nonetheless. I can't forget the perennial daisies standing tall on Gilby hill. I have groups of them in different colors and sizes, along with groups of different colored coneflowers. These flowers were a favorite of my late daughter Katie, our beautiful lady. I've already planted several pots at the cabin. This year I'm trying some new flowers, Gailardias, they are supposed to do well in full sun.

I ran into Gyles Randall the other day in the Walmart parking lot. Gyles is a retired professor from the Experiment Station and has a wealth of knowledge about plants and flowers. He used to be my boss, a member of our school board. He reads the paper: a message to you; I've finally taken time out to smell the roses.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Cookie dough is my personal favorite. Random fact: did you know it takes about 3 gallons of milk to make 1 gallon of ice cream?

Time to wrap up this column. The buzzer just went off on the oven. The pizza is ready and we have to get it out before it burns.

really is a blessing."

As the rain raged and the thunder rolled, the clapping of hands, the stomping of feet, and the beat of the music flooded the barn with the sounds of happy fathers and daughters spending a part of their Friday night spending some valuable time together.

Sam Steffel, who brought his daughter to the dance, said he had a good time. "It was nice to have a night out with my daughter for a while," he said.

## Dance

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here with their daughters to enjoy quality time together. That's what we're all about here."

Groskreutz shared that the event has been gaining popularity. "This has been the most people we've had at a father-daughter date night," she said of the crowd. "It

# Music at the Museum

By MELISSA DUNN  
Staff Writer

Spring chores could wait for a couple of hours on Sunday afternoon while folks listened to the sprightly tunes of Mary DuShane and Nick Jordan at the Waseca County Historical Museum.

Sponsored by the now disbanded Bothy Folk Club of Mankato, DuShane's fiddle pairs with Jordan's guitar and foot percussion in a broad repertoire of Southern traditional roots music including old-time swing and Irish dance tunes, Appalachian and jug-band music, and a little spicy Cajun for flavor.

In between numbers, DuShane and Jordan shared information about the origins of some of the pieces they played. One in particular, DuShane said, came from a time when their band was traveling around different areas to learn old tunes that hadn't been written down. "It's important to do that, before that old music is lost. I learned this next one from an old guy in Indiana. When I asked him



Mankato area artists Mary DuShane and Nick Jordan played a wide variety of music this past Sunday at the "Music at the Museum" event. Pioneer photo by Melissa Dunn

what it was called, he leaned over and told me it was 'None of your business!' So that's what we call this next tune," she laughed.

This is the first time DuShane and Jordan have played in Waseca, though both of them have some interesting connections; DuShane had previously played in bands with museum director Joan Mooney's husband ("We both had black hair back

then, didn't we Jerome?") and Waseca resident Lori Pommerenke was a student of Jordan's while she was obtaining her Ph.D. in environmental science. Pommerenke says she has gravitated toward folk music since college. "A few years ago I heard about the Bothy Folk club and their occasional concerts and presentations, so I went. Unfortunately the man who did all the organization for

the club was at the end of his energy for organizing it. The performers said "Do we know anybody who wants to host us?" I said "Sure!" Pommerenke said she briefly considered hosting the performers in her own home, but then had the idea of coming to Mooney at the museum. "Joan's a musician, and married to a musician, so I asked her. She agreed right away."

# Cahill receives Triple A Award

By MICHAEL ROY  
Editor

Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School senior Jack Cahill received the Minnesota State High School League Triple A Award. The honor is given to a district's high achiever in "Academics, Arts and Athletics." To be eligible, a high school senior must have maintained a 3.0 or higher grade point average while also participating in athletic and fine arts activities.

The minimum criteria for the award, aside from the GPA, is that each nominee must participate in at least one "league-sponsored" athletic program and one arts/activity program while also complying with the MSHSL's Code of Conduct. Students go through a rigorous multi-level

process where multiple member schools, their respective administrative regions, and a committee of educators, business leaders, and members from the fine arts and athletic communities go through nominees and make selections.

Jack Cahill more than fulfills the requirements. He's been in football since third grade, in track since sixth, and has been a part of the WEM-JWP wrestling program since seventh grade. He is also regularly featured on the A Honor Roll.

He has been in concert band since fifth grade, is a member of the JWP Athletic Band, and was a pit band member for JWP's musicals for the past three years, doubling as a cast member this school year. Additionally, he is an Eagle Scout and

is a member of the National Honor Society.

Cahill was officially notified of his award on Wednesday, Jan. 18 by JWP Athletic Director Paul Brunner of the achievement. "I was definitely appreciative of it," he explained. "It was good to know my hard work paid off."

Cahill acknowledges that participating in sports has made him a better student. "It helped me develop the right skills to succeed, including integrity, dedication, and work ethic. Work ethic was a big one for me."

He added that keeping busy with



Cahill

sports and other activities has helped him learn time management skills. "Working with a busy schedule, you have to know how to handle it."

Cahill mentioned that if he had to pick one thing he learned throughout his time at school, it would have to be the many life lessons he has learned from sports. "The leadership part of sports stands out for me," he explained. "I'm glad that I've been able to experience that."

As he nears the end of his high school career, he has some advice he shared for others. "Have a good work ethic. That's definitely something that's important in high school and life in general. Just try to find something you like doing and try to be the best that you can be at it."

## Dairy

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McKenna Eichorn: (Parents: Ken and Julie Eichorn) I am the niece of Terry Groskreutz. I am 19 years old and have two brothers, Mason, 18, and Carter, 16. I grew up and live north of Wells, about a mile from the farm owned by my Grandma Audrey and her late husband, Eugene Groskreutz. This is where my Uncle Terry milks Holstein cows and where I spend a lot of my time.

I am a 2022 graduate of Maple River High School. I participated in FFA, competitive dance, and was also a track and field manager. I was part of the Festag Royalty in Minnesota Lake, where I was first runner up and Miss Congeniality in 2021. I am currently attending South Central College in Mankato, majoring in the dental assistance program. With my major in college, I hope to better educate people on how dairy is good for stronger teeth and bones. In my free time, I like to support my brothers in their activities, spend

time with friends and family, take my dog Rusty for walks, read books, and spend time on the farm.

Allie Eldeen: (Parents: Jason and Cathy Eldeen) I grew up on a farm outside Waseca; we had cows, cats, and dogs. The farm has been in our family for 147 years. We milk about 65 Holsteins in a tie-stall barn and raise all our young stock. We raise about 700 acres of crops. This is my first year participating as a dairy princess.

I am a junior at Waseca Public Schools. I am involved in volleyball, Youth Service and Leadership Skills. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and water sports. My future plans are to attend college and study to become a veterinarian technician.

Katy Eldeen: (Parents: John and

Cassie Eldeen) I grew up next to my family's dairy farm, which my dad and uncle operate as partners. I am a volleyball player and serve as manager for the baseball team. I enjoy hunting and fishing. My favorite thing to do on the farm is to feed the calves. I am looking forward to being on of this year's dairy princesses and going to the various events with the other girls. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences and my love of the dairy industry as we interact with others, and especially with young kids. I want to share how rewarding and much fun it is to be part of a working dairy.

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**MEMORABLE MOMENT** — NRHEG High School softball coach Wendy Schultz was surprised by many people after recording her 300th career softball victory. Below right, Coach Schultz celebrates the moment. Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens

# Schultz registers 300th win

## Many former players turn out to honor NRHEG softball coach

By ELI LUTGENS  
Publisher/Editor

NRHEG High School softball coach Wendy Schultz unknowingly notched her 300th career victory Thursday night in New Richland when the Panthers defeated JWP 14-4 in six innings. Waiting to celebrate the milestone with her were former players, alumni, friends, family, players and fans.

"It's just super special," Schultz said. "I just can't say thank you enough. It's so special that so many people come back and show their support. We just have such a won-

**"You don't get 300 wins by not having dedicated kids. It's all about the kids. That's who win the games."**

— Wendy Schultz

derful community and wonderful kids." Schultz, of course, had no idea she was about to earn her 300th victory. "I honestly did not know," Schultz continued. "I never really

look out into the stands. I just kind of focused on the game and what's going on." Schultz started coaching in 1992, when she was Wendy Lerberg, hired by then athletic director Ted Pelzl. The superintendent at the

time was Rick Lorenz. This season is Schultz's last season coaching, her 25th over the past three decades.

"I don't think you think of the years as they go by," Schultz said. "All of the years have been enjoyable seasons. The kids are just such hard workers. It's a good culture to be in and it's because of the kids. And you don't get 300 wins by not having dedicated kids. It's all about the kids. That's who win the games. We've had a lot of great kids, hard workers, who never give up."



# Softball Bluejays blanked at Marshall

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

The Waseca High School softball team expected solid offense from the Marshall Tigers.

The Bluejays also saw some steller pitching.

Marshall's pitcher did not allow a hit Saturday as the Bluejays again struggled to find momentum and lost 13-0 at Marshall.

"We always expect strong offense from the Tigers, and we experienced just that," said WHS coach Abby Bloomquist. "They really don't have any holes in their lineup, and they capitalize on any and all errors."

The Bluejays are hopeful they can shore up their play in remaining regular season games, which are winding down fast.

"We hope next week brings the return of 'Bluejay Ball' and our offense and defense starts clicking again," said Bloomquist.

The Bluejays bounced back to beat St. Clair 9-3 Tuesday. They traveled to Sibley East Thursday, play Tuesday, May 16 at WEM and May 18 at Tri-City United.



**BEARING DOWN** — Waseca's McKyla Hasselquist delivers a pitch in Tuesday's victory over St. Clair. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

# TCU rallies past baseball Bluejays

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

There have been more than a couple highlights this season for the Waseca High School baseball team.

Thursday, May 4 was not among them.

The Bluejays hosted Tri-City United at Tink Larson Community Field and surren-

dered seven runs in the final two innings while losing 11-7.

The Bluejays got started early, scoring three times in the bottom of the first after Tyson Reger shut TCU down in order in the top of the inning. Kendrick Volkman, Griffin Krautkremer and Grant Cox scored for Waseca.

It remained 3-0 until the top of

the fourth, when TCU tied it. The visitors took a 4-3 lead in the fifth.

The Jays responded with some late-inning runs, plating three in the fifth and one in the sixth, but TCU batted around the order while scoring six times in the sixth. The visitors added one in the seventh.

Sebastian Teague took the

pitching loss in relief of Reger.

Payton Garza led the offense, going 3-for-4. Krautkremer and Cox had two hits each. Volkman, Oliver O'Brien and Reger added one hit apiece.

The Bluejays have a Saturday doubleheader at Marshall.

### WASECA BRAVES SCHEDULE — 2023

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sunday	May 21	Minnesota Lake	Away	2:00
Wednesday	May 24	Blue Earth	Home	7:30
Sunday	May 28	Lake Crystal	Away	2:00
Wednesday	May 31	Owatonna	Home	7:30
Sunday	June 4	Eagle Lake	Away	2:00
Wednesday	June 7	Wells	Home	7:30
Saturday	June 10	Stewartville	Home	7:00
Sunday	June 11	Lake Crystal	Home	2:00
Wednesday	June 14	Eagle Lake	Home	7:30
Sunday	June 18	Cleveland	Away	2:00
Wednesday	June 21	Blue Earth	Away	7:30
Sunday	June 25	North Mankato	Home	2:00
Wednesday	June 28	Minnesota Lake	Home	7:30
Friday	June 30	Cleveland	Home	7:30
Wednesday	July 5	Wanamingo	Home	7:30
Friday	July 7	Rochester	Home	7:30
Sunday	July 9	Morristown	Home	2:00
Wednesday	July 12	St. Clair	Home	7:30
Friday	July 14	Owatonna	Away	7:30
Sunday	July 16	Waterville	Away	2:00
Wednesday	July 19	League Play-in Game	TBD	7:30
Saturday	July 22	League Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Sunday	July 23	League Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Saturday	July 29	League Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Sunday	July 30	League Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Saturday	Aug 5	Region Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Sunday	Aug 6	Region Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Saturday	Aug 12	Region Playoffs	Blue Earth	TBD
Sunday	Aug 13	Region Playoffs	Blue Earth	TBD
Friday	Aug 18	State Tournament	Delano	5:00
Saturday	Aug 19	State Tournament	Dassel	10:00
Sunday	Aug 20	State Tournament	Litchfield	10:00
Friday	Aug 25	State Tournament	Delano	5:00
Saturday	Aug 26	State Tournament	Dassel	10:00
Sunday	Aug 27	State Tournament	Litchfield	10:00
Friday	Sept 1	State Tournament	Delano	5:00
Saturday	Sept 2	State Tournament	Dassel	10:00
Sunday	Sept 3	State Tournament	Litchfield	10:00
Monday	Sept 4	State Tournament	Delano	11:00

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# Waseca boys' tennis team runs season record to 7-5

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

The Waseca High School boys' tennis team improved its record to 7-5 last week, splitting Saturday matches at Stewartville two days after winning handily at Worthington.

The Bluejays stopped Stewartville 6-1. Waseca took all the singles matches in

straight sets, with Tyler Jellum at No. 1, followed by Henry Huttemier, Jan Schoen and Otto Schenrock. The Jays lost only seven games at singles.

Jacari Jellum and Oliver Rohwer won in straight sets at No. 1 doubles, as did the No. 3 team of Corbin Connors and Armaan Bhatti. Jenaro Delgado and Dominic Grunzke lost at No. 2 doubles.

Waseca junior varsity players went 3-0. Winona Cotter, another Section 1A foe, beat the Bluejays 5-2. Victories were by Delgado and Grunzke at No. 2 doubles and Connor and Bhatti at No. 3 doubles. Cotter took the rest of the matches in straight sets.

On Thursday, the Bluejays won 6-1 at Worthington

Huttemier, an 8th-grader, defeated a

senior 6-3, 7-6 (4) at No. 2 singles while 8th-grader Schoenrock upended a junior 6-7 (8), 6-0, 10-6 at No. 3 singles, Bhatti, a 7th-grader, took down a sophomore 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 singles. Tyler Jellum lost in three sets.

Jacari Jellum and Rohwer rolled 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles, Schoen and Grunzke were victorious 6-0, 7-5 and Connors and Ahmed Farooq won 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 3 doubles.

The Bluejays' junior varsity won 5-0. The Bluejays were scheduled to host Lake City Tuesday, May 9 but were postponed. They were slated to play Thursday at St. Peter and Friday at home against Fairmont. Section starts next week.

## JWP softball team drops two of three

By MICHAEL ROY  
Staff Writer

They say defense wins games, but it doesn't hurt to have some offensive firepower. Just ask the JWP softball team, and they players will more than likely agree with you.

However, NRHEG figured out how to shut down JWP's offense when the Bulldogs traveled to New Richland on Thursday, May 4, cutting down an otherwise fantastic week for the Bulldogs. The girls bounced back for a 12-2 victory in five innings against Truman-GHEC-ML Monday, May 8 but were upset in a 7-4 loss to Waterville-Elysian-Morristown the following Tuesday.

### Panthers 14, Bulldogs 4

Maybe the Bulldogs got a little too used to their artificial field and New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva's natural field threw them off. Perhaps it was the fact that the Panthers having a talented softball team was as common as snow in February.

More than likely, it was the Panthers squad wanting to earn head

coach Wendy Schultz her 300th career win as she enters the twilight of her coaching career. It was reported that she allegedly had no idea she was nearing 300 wins. But the occasion was so momentous that KEYC was present at the game to cover the celebration.

In summary, JWP's offense sputtered against NRHEG, while the Panthers had no trouble at bat, ending the 14-4 battle in six innings. It was not meant to be the Bulldogs' day, however, the following game was.

### Bulldogs 12, Jaguars 2

Perhaps a little frustrated that they lost an important conference game, the Bulldogs showed no mercy to the conglomerate of Truman/Granada-Huntley East Chain/Martin Luther the following Monday.

It only took five innings for JWP to take a 12-2 victory against the visiting Jaguars, who came into the game with a seven-game losing streak after starting 3-0. A final toss from third baseman Kayle Langford



IN THERE — JWP sophomore Brielle Dessner slides safely into second with a stolen base.

Photo by Jordan Carillo

to first baseman Autumn Thissen ended things.

"I'm proud of the way we bounced back after taking our loss against NRHEG," JWP coach Megan Christopher said. "This was one of the most solid games we played this season."

Brielle Dessner, Ellah Oliver, and Kayle Langford all had successful hits throughout the game.

### Buccaneers 7, Bulldogs 4

JWP once again played host the next day. This time, it was against Gopher Conference rival Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

The Buccaneers were feeling pretty good, coming into the game with a 7-3 overall record despite going 1-2 the previous week.

An upset bid was not in the cards

for the Bulldogs. An early surge by WEM allowed it to take the lead for good early. Although JWP tried to come back, the Bulldogs lost 7-4, taking another loss in-conference putting the team near the bottom of the conference standings with Medford, Maple River, and Triton.

Despite the 2-6 in-conference record, the 1-2 week puts JWP's softball team at 5-9, the Bulldogs'

best start since 2019 where they finished 9-9.

The team hosted Randolph — the third-place Class A team who they beat for their only win last season — on Thursday, May 11 before hosting a tournament involving Blue Earth, Cleveland, and United South Central on Saturday.

## Two Bulldog golfers score eagles at Prairie Ridge

By MICHAEL ROY  
Staff Writer

It was another great day at Prairie Ridge as the JWP golf teams hosted conference rivals Maple River, Triton and United South Central on Thursday, May 4.

The meet marked the return of Logan Thell to the team. However, this meet was fellow junior Steven Dimmel's moment to shine, as he was one of two golfers on the team to register an eagle. His came off of hole 5 (486 yards) and helped him to tie for medalist honors with United South Central's Brennan Olson, firing +2 on the day. Thell went +3.

Jeffrey Simonson was the second Bulldog to eagle, doing so on the same hole as Dimmel. He ended the day firing +11, just outside of the top 10.

The other JWP boys' golfers had top-10 performances to give the Bulldogs 163 strokes for nine holes, with USC taking second with 171, Triton third with 179, and Maple River last with 228. Alex James cracked the top five with a +5 day with Carter Miller (+9) and Ryan Kronbach (+10) making the top 10.

Hope Dimmel was once again a top-five golfer in the girls' division, firing a +18 for fourth place. Maple River's Rebecca

Walters had an impressive day, firing a +8 with fellow Eagle Mackenzie Walters in second with a +15 and Emma Heggen of USC in third with a +16.

The team traveled to North Links at North Mankato on Tuesday, May 9 and will play at Kenyon Country Club near Kenyon-Wanamingo on Friday.

The boys continued their great play at North Links outside of North Mankato on Tuesday, May 9. It was a tight contest between them and Martin County West, but the Bulldogs took a victory scoring +29 to the Mavericks' +31. Martin Luther-GHEC-Truman went +70.

Thell's medalist performance may have been the difference. He had an even-par day (E) while MCW's best golfer Hunter Schmidt went +2 on the day. The two-stroke difference between the two was the difference between the winner and second-place team on the day.

Steven Dimmel followed up with a +6 day while Miller went +8. Eighth-grader Simonson went +15, finishing eighth overall while Tyler Nelson fired a +32.

Hope Dimmel had a fantastic day taking first overall with a +10, winning the top spot for the day by 20 strokes. Martin County West's Brenna Heifner took second with

+30.

The JWP golfers traveled to Kenyon Country Club to face Kenyon-Wanamingo/Goodhue, Maple River, and NRHEG on Friday, May 12 before going to Waseca's Lakeside Golf Course for a Gopher Conference tournament the following Monday.



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## 'Anything can happen'

### JWP baseball team improves record to 9-3

By MICHAEL ROY  
Staff Writer

"Anything can happen in baseball" is a common saying, and the JWP baseball team stretched that as far as it could go.

Goodhue, a team with only one win going into its game at Janesville, forced the Bulldogs into a 12-inning showdown before the Bulldogs finished it off in a 5-4 victory on Friday, May 5. But in a game against state-ranked Hayfield on Tuesday, May 9, the Bulldogs made it look easy with a 3-1 victory.

### Bulldogs 5, Goodhue 4

Just like Medford played spoiler earlier in the week, Goodhue hoped to do the same and start the JWP sluggers on a losing streak.

But the Bulldogs were not having it. Both teams played "such good defense" according to head coach Cory Jewison, that it took 12 innings to decide the outcome.

Junior Ty Melchior finally called game with a sacrifice fly to drive in Kelton Ertler for the walk-off victory.

"This was a great team win," Jewison said. "The entire team showed a lot of perseverance the whole game."

He highlighted junior Josh Bengtson's performance in the game as a big reason why they won the drawn out matchup. "He played some incredible defense at shortstop," he explained.

Melchior threw 106 pitches in nine innings, striking out the last batter. Ian Barnes was the closing pitcher for the team.

### Bulldogs 3, Vikings 1

Hayfield's Vikings were ranked sixth among the state's Class A teams for a good reason.

The Vikings won the state championship in 2021, lost to Randolph 2-1 in last year's state championship, and prior to the beginning of May, were 7-1.

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva started their losing streak, and Randolph and Kenyon-Wanamingo added on.

JWP can be proud to say they gave the state-ranked Vikings their fourth consecutive loss.

Freshman pitcher Chase Gerdtz deserves most of the credit, throwing for all seven innings. He threw 76 pitches, striking out nine and only walking one.

Meanwhile, timely hits allowed JWP to take a two-run victory in the highly defensive contest.

The 2-0 week puts JWP's record at 9-3 (2-3 in-conference).

With JWP upsetting one state-ranked team, is another upset at Randolph on Thursday, May 11, in the cards? They are last year's champions and are currently ranked No. 1, so it will be a tall order for the Bulldog sluggers.

They travel to Mankato Loyola the following Friday before hosting a late afternoon game against Triton on Saturday.



SAFE SLIDE — JWP's Austin Carda, left, calls for time after sliding safely into second base against NRHEG. At right is the Panthers' Alden Dobberstein. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

## JWP girls blow away competition; boys settle for second

By MICHAEL ROY  
Staff Writer

If one thing's been common so far this season for JWP track and field teams, it's been the wind making a presence.

It was the same deal at the Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial/Nicollet meet on Tuesday, May 2. The meet was so windy that head coach Sam Schruin was happy to report, "We made it through another meet without anyone being blown away... at least by the wind."

However, he was blown away by the results of the meet. The girls took first place with a score of 147, taking away the gold

from a talented LCWM-Nicollet team, who settled for second with a score of 140. It marked the seventh meet where the JWP girls took first place.

St. Clair/Immanuel Lutheran also had a not-too-shabby third-place finish with 98 points. Blue Earth took fourth with 86, United South Central/Alden-Conger took fifth with 72, and Madelia-Truman/GHEC-ML took last with eight points.

The boys had an impressive finish as well, taking second with 114.5 points. LCWM-Nicollet sprinted away with first, breaking 200 with their performance. Blue Earth took third with 87, St. Clair/Immanuel Lutheran

fourth with 79.5, MT-GHEC-ML fifth with 59, and USC/AC last with 10.

Sophomore Lilly Strauss had the best performance taking, first in three of four events she participated in. Her firsts were in the 100, the 200, and the long jump. She also took part in the high jump and took first.

The 4x800 relay team of Lauren White, Kwynn Krause, Faith Olson, and MaKenzie Westphal finished on top, with the 4x100 boys' team of Isaac Gahlon, Isaiah Berndt, Alex James, and Daulton Bauer also topping the stat sheet.

Other first-place finishers were the 4x400 girls' relay (Olson, Nevaeh Weimert,

Presley James, and Westphal), Presley James in the triple jump, Isaac Gahlon in the pole vault, and Westphal in the 1600.

Plenty of individuals and relay teams took second. Relay teams that took second were the boys' 4x800 (Derek Gustafson, Luke Cahill, Memphis James, and Alex Kleve), the girls' 4x200 (Kayleigh Donner, James, Paige Walz, and Weimert), and the 4x200 boys' team (Isaiah Berndt, Alex James, Daulton Bauer, and Michael VanRavenhorst).

Other second-place finishers were Ava Appel in the 100 hurdles, Kaden Baker in the 110 hurdles, Kwynn Krause in the 3200,

Michael VanRavenhorst in the 400, Cahill in the pole vault, Isaiah in the 200, and Olson in the 800.

Third place finishers were the boys' 4x400 (Cahill, Alex Kleve, Dylan McWaters, and Derek Gustafson), Appel in the girls' 300 hurdles, Baker in the boys' 300 hurdles, James in the long jump, White in the 3200, and Aubrey Weedman in the shot put and discus throw.

The JWP track and field teams traveled to United South Central for a section true team meet Tuesday.



**NRHEG INVITATIONAL** — The Panther girls finished first and the boys third in the NRHEG Invitational in New Richland Thursday, May 4. Clockwise from top left: Quinn VanMaldeghem let the Maple River runner lead for two laps before taking over the 1600; Gabby Schlaak participates in the high jump; Devin Nelton runs the 1600; the Panthers' Orianna Degen takes the handoff from Clara Buendorf in the 4x200 relay; Will Tuttle leaves the field in his wake in the 110 high hurdles. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

## NRHEG girls win track invitational

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

It's not all that often that a NRHEG girls' track and field team finishes first in the NRHEG Invitational. That honor has, more often than not, gone to Albert Lea.

Not this year. The NRHEG girls totaled 100 points, edging Albert Lea by eight, to capture the title Thursday, May 4. WEM totaled 83.5, Maple River 45.5, Mankato Loyola 44.

"It was a great night for our Lady Panthers," said NRHEG coach Dwey Ferber. "First place is always nice."

The Panthers garnered five firsts, two by Quinn VanMaldeghem who won the 1600 in 5:44.59 and the 800 in 2:34.20. Evelyn Nydegger clocked 17.56 seconds for first in the 100 high hurdles, and Anika Ladlie cleared 5 feet to win the high jump. Keira Lenort, Sierra Misgen, Clara Buendorf and VanMaldeghem teamed for first in the 4x400 relay in 4:44.17.

Nydegger tripped on a hurdle and did not finish the 300 hurdles.

"She should be good for True Team," said Ferber.

Other Lady Panther placewinners: Malonna Wilson, 2nd, shot put; Lauren Cowell, 2nd, discus and 4th, shot put; Josie Strom, 2nd, triple jump and 4th, 100; Gabby Schlaak, 2nd, high jump, 5th, 300 hurdles and 6th, 100 hurdles; 4x100 relay, 2nd (Strom, Bartness, Schlaak, Paige Johnson); McKenzie Mueller, 3rd, discus; 4x800, 3rd (Elis Aronson, Sierra Misgen, Holly Bartness, Winter Pederson); Misgen, 4th, long jump; Johnson, 4th, 100 and 5th, long jump; Lenort,

4th, 200 and 5th, high jump; Olivia Kofstad, 5th, triple jump; 4x200, 5th (Misgen, Buendorf, Orianna Degen, Ladlie); Ladlie, 5th, 200; Buendorf, 6th, long jump.

Maple River's boys were impressive in taking first with 162 points, followed by Albert Lea with 106, NRHEG 65, Loyola 31, WEM 10.

"The boys had some serious competition tonight," said Ferber. "Maple River is very good, and Albert Lea has a nice team."

Will Tuttle continued to shine in the hurdle races, winning the 110 highs in 16.35 and the 300 intermediates in 42.65. He was third in the triple jump. Jaylin Raab won the long jump at 20-6.

"Will Tuttle continues to impress," said Ferber. "He, with the help of coach Kim Schlaak, has had an amazing season in the hurdles. Jaylin was having a good meet until he hurt his ankle on his final long jump of the night. He will be questionable for True Team."

Other places for the boys: 4x100, 2nd (Aiden Deyle, Sawyer Prigge, Tuttle, Raab); Lucas Hanna, 3rd, shot put; Prigge, 3rd, high jump; Raab, 3rd, 100; 4x400, 3rd (Deyle, Prigge, Harbor Cromwell, Conner Nelson; Levin Kitzer, 4th, 110 hurdles; 4x200, 4th (Parker Bunn, Kitzer, Cromwell, Cohen Riewer); Bunn, 4th, 300 hurdles; Cromwell, 5th, pole vault; 4x800, 5th (Devon Nelton, Jacob Karl, Charlie Fuller, Nelson); Deyle, 5th, 200; Karl, 5th, 3200; Fuller, 6th, triple jump.

The Panthers competed in True Team section Tuesday at USC. They return to USC for the Gopher Conference meet Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m.

## Softball Panthers third at Caswell

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

The NRHEG softball team finished third in the Caswell Park Tournament at Mankato Saturday, winning two of three games. The tourney was scheduled for two days but Friday's games were rained out.

The Panthers picked up an easy 17-0, five-inning victory over St. Croix Prep School of Stillwater.

Faith Nielsen allowed only three hits, striking out eight and walking two.

Isabel Stadheim stole three bases and scored three times while going 3-for-3. Faith Nielsen was 2-2 with a triple and four RBIs, Camryn VanMaldeghem 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, Sidney Schultz 2-3 with two RBIs, Presley Nielsen 2-4 with three stolen bases. Hallie Schultz doubled and drove in two runs. Addy Stadheim, Aryanna Howe and Bree Ihrke added one hit each.

The Panthers had one fielding error to St. Croix's three.

"It was a great team win," said NRHEG coach Wendy Schultz. "We hit well as all starters and a sub had at least one hit. Defensively, the girls played well and Faith pitched well. Addy continues to be strong behind the plate. In the fourth inning

with the bases loaded, she made a great double play to end the inning."

The win advanced the Panthers to the semifinals, where they took a 10-1, six-inning loss to Watertown-Mayer.

"Their pitcher was pretty decent, and threw a nice change-up that kept us off balance," said Coach Schultz.

The Panthers allowed five first-inning runs and never recovered.

Presley Nielsen was 2-3. VanMaldeghem and Sidney Schultz had one hit.

Faith Nielsen took the pitching loss, giving up three earned runs on seven hits.

The Panthers committed three errors, WM one.

The third-place game was another blowout as the Panthers pounded Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop 15-0 in four innings.

Faith Nielsen pitched a three-hitter.

Sidney Schultz, Hallie Schultz, Presley Nielsen, Ihrke and Addy Stadheim had two hits apiece. VanMaldeghem tripled. Isabel Stadheim, Faith Nielsen and Howe had one hit each. Howe drove in four runs. Sidney Schultz stole four bases.

"It was nice to see the girls bounce back from getting beat by

10," said Coach Schultz. "We played errorless defense and hit the ball well, with a combined 14 hits."

The Panthers prevailed 14-4 in six innings at JWP Thursday, May 4.

Collecting two hits apiece were Faith Nielsen, Isabel Stadheim, Sidney Schultz and Hallie Schultz. Adding one each were VanMaldeghem, Howe, Ihrke and Presley Nielsen.

Faith Nielsen was the winning pitcher.

"It was a good team win," said Coach Schultz. "We came out in the first inning and got nine hits, leading to six runs. Our bats were pretty quiet until the sixth inning where we scored seven runs. We had some nice defensive plays by Addy Stadheim at catcher, Isabel Stadheim in center field, as well as a double play by Sid Schultz and a diving stop by Hallie Schultz at second base to stop a run from scoring."

To say the Panthers' bats were lively Monday, May 1 in a 24-11, five-inning victory over Hayfield at Legion Field would be an understatement.

Everything went the Panthers' way.

The Panthers totaled 22 hits, including six for extra bases, but the defense was solid enough despite

four errors, the same total as Hayfield.

"This was a great team win," said Coach Schultz. "The girls hit the ball very well tonight and played good defense."

Sidney Schultz was 4-for-5 with a double, three runs and two RBIs. Faith Nielsen was 3-for-3 with two doubles, five RBIs and four runs. Ihrke was 3-for-4 with a double, three RBIs and three runs. VanMaldeghem, Howe and Isabel Stadheim had two hits each, with one apiece by Presley Nielsen, Addy Stadheim, Hallie Schultz, Payton Bunn, A. Stenzel and T. Smith Vulcan. I. Stadheim stole three bases.

Faith Nielsen gave up two earned runs on eight hits, with three walks and two strikeouts.

"The battery of Faith Nielsen and Addy Stadheim continues to be consistent from the pitching rubber and behind the plate," said Coach Schultz. "A combination of good hitting and pitching struggles for Hayfield helped secure the win."

The Panthers faced Blooming Prairie at the University of Minnesota Tuesday. They play Thursday at Kenyon-Wanamingo and host Austin Friday.



**ALL MINE** — NRHEG softball pitcher Faith Nielsen camps out under a pop fly. Photo by Judy Tweeten



**RELIABLE RELIEF** — Freshman Jered Lee delivers a pitch during the Panthers' 9-6 win last week at JWP. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

## Panthers trim Hayfield, JWP

Phillips continues hot hitting, freshman gets win at Janesville

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

The NRHEG High School baseball team defeated Hayfield 12-10 in a less-than-textbook affair Monday, May 1 at Jeff & Carol Reese Field in New Richland.

"It wasn't pretty, but it was a 'W,'" said Panthers coach Mark Lee.

Hayfield got things moving in the first inning as Aiden Nelson hit into a fielder's choice, driving in a run.

The Panthers plated six runs in the fifth, led by run-scoring hits from Ethan Thompson, Seth Staloch, Jared Lee and Andrew Phillips.

Sam Olson pitched the Panthers to victory in relief. The lefthander went 1 2/3 innings, allowing two runs on one hit, striking out one and walking one.

Isaac Nelson took the loss for Hayfield, surrendering four runs on hit over two innings, striking out two. Corbin Krueger started for the Vikings, giving up four

runs on one hit with six strikeouts.

Daxter Lee started on the mound for the Panthers and was reached for eight runs on five hits over five and 2/3 innings. He fanned five.

The Panthers totaled six hits, with Phillips finishing 2-for-5 with four RBIs. Thompson was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Daxter Lee, Carter Martens, Jared Lee and Jace Ihrke contributed one hit apiece, with Thompson, Ihrke and Jackson Chrz each driving in two runs. Thompson, Chrz, Olson and Jared Lee all scored twice. Phillips tripled and Martens doubled.

Six Hayfield hitters had one hit each.

"The fifth inning was a bit of a turn of the game for the worse for both teams," said Coach Lee. "Andrew had a good day at the plate with two hits. Daxter pitched well, but had to throw a lot of extra pitches."

The Panthers defeated JWP 9-6 at Janesville Thursday.

It was tied 6-6 in the sixth when Alden Dobberstein, on a 3-2 count, singled and drove in two runs.

NRHEG totaled eight hits on the day.

Jackson Chrz started on the mound for NRHEG and struggled a bit but kept the Panthers in the game for three innings. Freshman Jared Lee was sharp in relief, allowing no runs through four innings for his first varsity victory. He yielded five hits and two walks while striking out three.

Phillips was 2-for-3 with a triple, two RBIs and three runs. Daxter Lee also tripled. Ihrke had two hits and an RBI.

The Panthers tore up the base paths, with Dobberstein stealing three bases and two others stole two.

The Panthers were scheduled to host Triton on Tuesday and Kenyon-Wanamingo Thursday. They entertain Sleepy Eye St. Mary's Saturday at 1 p.m., play Monday at Maple River and Tuesday, May 16 at Albert Lea.

## NRHEG girls' golf team 2nd in conference

Coach Brad Root's NRHEG High School golf teams played the second and final round of the Gopher Conference Tournament last week.

The NRHEG girls finished second as a team, led by Meela's 49, which was good for fourth place individually. Grace Wiklenson shot a 55, finishing eighth overall. Tayla Sandra carded a 56 while Ciara Stenzel and Mallory Schlinger both tallied 57.

For the NRHEG boys, Tyler Kress finished with a 63, Shan Hansen totaled 66 and Carter Schlaak 76.





In 1973, Jerome Witt and Jack Eustice were two of the top award winners at the annual Janesville athletic banquet.

## Group of nine attend prom

1923

-While in Rochester Mrs. Willis visited the new high school building. The school exhibition was in full swing. It was a most enjoyable experience. Robert miner acted as guide and conducted her over the building, explaining with pardonable pride the many advantages enjoyed by the pupils she was particularly interested by the youngsters in the department of agriculture, who were giving lectures and answering questions on various subjects, such as milk testing, spraying, cutting and curing meats, pruning, and grafting.

-The following is an excerpt on a historical column about an old settlement called Plum Valley: Of the four families that came to Plum Valley with us in 1855, L. B. Osgood, a whole-souled man and good neighbor with a noble wife, later sold to the Timlins, went south but later came back to Garden City, where he and his wife are now buried. I think, and where their second son, John, now lives. Asa, the youngest, lives in Lake Crystal with William, the oldest, in Portland, Oregon.

-The ladies of the Methodist church will give a bake sale at Mr. Wiste's meat market for the benefit of the Home Missionary society on Saturday, May 12th, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

-Marriage licenses issued for the week ending May 7th are as follows: Ewald H. Fetter, Steele County, and Alice C. Baters; Extra H. Carlton and Nellie Louise Parrish.

1948

-Crews from the Mankato Office of the State Employment Service are starting to cover all high schools and all towns near canning factories in order to secure the largest possible number of local workers for the canning season. It has been a practice of the canning companies to use local help as much as possible. This pre-season registration of people interested in canning factory work enables both the canning factory and the Employment Service to plan accurately the number of people who must be brought in from outside areas to complete the canning operation.

-The Janesville High School baseball team won their second straight game of the season on the home grounds Tuesday afternoon in defeating Ellendale H.S. by a score of 9-3. Billie Quast, Janesville chucker, had a big day, whiffing 13 of the opposing batsmen and giving up only three hits.

-Miss Dorothy C. Kanne of the Isco Livewires 4-H Club and Larry Doyle of the Waldorf Peppy Peppers were chosen king and queen at the Better Grooming Contest, held at the Waseca Community Building on Thursday evening, May 6. Dorothy and Larry will represent Waseca County at the state event, to be held at University Farm, St. Paul, during the week of June 7. Nineteen girls and twenty boys representing their respective clubs in the county took part in the contest.

1973

-Four hundred Janesville voters went to the polls Tuesday and rejected the Sunday Liquor option by a narrow 18-vote margin. If the option would have passed, the Village Council could have issued licenses to sell liquor here on Sunday. As it turned out, voters in the second ward (everyone who lives north of Second Street) did approve the option by five votes. However, a great majority of voters in the first ward turned thumbs down on the proposal and make it fail when votes from both wards were counted.

-Fifteen seniors will be recognized as honor graduates when the Class of 1973 holds commencement here May 31. The list of honor students includes ten girls and five boys and is headed by Colleen Jewison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jewison. Graduating second in the class, academically, is Barbara Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Arnold. The thirteen other honor graduates, listed alphabetically, are David Blasing, Terry Cahill, John Eustice, John Jewison, Janey Manthey, Cindy Miller, Barbara Mulcahey, Debra Priem, Rebecca Schultz, Jane Sexton, Beverly Tolzman, Tom Trahms and Ann Wagner.

-Jack Eustice and Jerome Witt were the two top award winners at the annual Janesville Athletic Banquet Thursday night. Eustice won the coveted Jack Dahl Memorial Award and was named Most Valuable Wrestler. Witt was named Most Valuable Player for both football and basketball.

1998

-An urgent 911 call reporting a two-car accident on Highways 3 and 14 in Janesville broadcasts over the speakers as the sounds of cries echo from two crashed cars. This chilling scene was just the beginning of a mock crash produced and presented by the Janesville Police Department on Thursday, May 7, at the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School football field. After what seemed like 20 minutes, and was in reality only two to three minutes, the Janesville police arrived on the scene, soon followed by the Janesville Fire and Rescue Squad. Although this was just a simulation, the scene was all too real for local police officers and rescue volunteers.

-Travis Anderson accompanied nine juniors to the 1998 Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School Prom on Saturday, May 9. A perfect escort, Anderson presented each of the girls with a flower before the grand march.

-Luther College senior Aaron Sheehan of Janesville has been inducted into the Luther chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda. Sheehan is the son of David and Judith Sheehan of Janesville. He is pursuing a major in music.

-Glenville-Emmons showed the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton softball team why it is among the top teams in the Gopher Conference this season. The Wolverines belted JWP 11-1 and 14-4 in a pair of five-inning games at Glenville during the April 27 doubleheader.

## First for Bluejays

Waseca Herald 1923

-The age-old question as to who struck Billy Patterson is no more of a mystery than who wrote the anonymous letters criticizing Mayor Smartwood prior to the recent municipal election in Waseca. Proprietors of the local newspapers, where the letters were printed, business and tradesmen who folded and addressed them, post office employees who distributed them, all took the witness stand and swore they did not know the author or authors of the letters. George E. Child alone admitted knowing who wrote the letters but insisted that his knowledge was secured in a professional way which rendered him immune from disclosing it. So the question still remains a deep, dark secret.

-The Waseca Telephone Co. have mapped out a plan of improvements for this season which will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000, according to Harry G. Meyers, superintendent. The plan includes installing underground cables for wires in the greater part of the residence district of this city. Orders have been placed for 27,000 feet, or over 5 miles, of underground cable, and the contract for laying it has been let to John Stone of Minneapolis. The labor alone will cost over \$5,000 and this means only the digging of trenches, laying and covering of the cables. All work in changing and connecting wires will be done by the local employees.

-At the city council meeting Tuesday evening, Alderman Wobshall reported that Theo. Grunwald had agreed to give a right of way for the sewer across a corner of his wood lot for \$40. The council voted to accept the offer and pay him the money.

Waseca Journal, 1948

-County Agent Cletus F. Murphy announces that only one entry has been made so far in the Farmstead Improvement program which is being carried out in Waseca County in cooperation with Station WNAJ and the University Extension service. In order to have a county winner it is necessary to have at least five contestants. Contestants are eligible to compete for state awards, however, regardless of numbers of en-



HANGIN' TOUGH — In Waseca's version of "New Kids on the Block" returned for their 1998 world tour as part of the Waseca Central Intermediate School's Talent Show. The band members were Jeremy Harvey, Drew Bonneur, Cassidy Nelemans, Alex Berg, Joel Kunz, Andrew Nelson, Brett Wilker, and Spencer Broughten. A total of 28 entries were part of the show.

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-The Junior Class manifested real ability in decorative powers as evidenced on the evening of the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom. The decorative scheme was called Moon Dream. A penthouse effect was produced by a clever arrangement of blue and white awnings. The people in the penthouse looked out over a city of tall building all lighted up as of night. The silvery moon hung above the city and stars dotted the firmament. Twenty four stars were of great magnitude and in the center of each was a picture of a senior.

-A summary of the school and town registrations taken in the Mankato area of the State Employment service indicates that many workers will need to be imported if the operations are to be completed without loss, according to the statement made today by Benjamin A. Iverson, manager of the Mankato office of the State Employment Service. Since the canning companies are interested in hiring the largest number possible of local people, arrangements have been made to continue the registration of last week through the Employment Security Representative in Waseca, Robert Bagan. Anyone interested in work of any kind if requested to contact Bagan at once and register for whatever work that he desires.

Waseca Daily Journal, 1973

-At today's University of Minnesota Board of Regents committee meeting, regent LoAnne Thrane, Chanhassen presented a resolution in support of University of Minnesota Waseca and Crookston. During the discussion seven of the eleven regents present at the meeting spoke in support of the programs at UMW and Crookston. There are 12 regents in the state organization. In addition to the regents, Vice President Stan Wenberg and President Malcolm Moos spoke in support of the colleges at Waseca and Crookston.

-JANESVILLE - The American Legion First District Junior Auxiliary Conference was in Janesville American Legion Club rooms, April 28. The morning session was called to order by Junior District Secretary, Carol Sloie from Spring Grove. The girls were welcomed to Janesville by the Unit President, Mrs. Marcella Kopischke. There were also welcomes from Mrs. Pearl Glynn, who was representing the Woman's Relief Corp and the M.O.M.S. organizations.

Waseca County News, 1998

-If Kevin Schieffer had "time" in a bottle, then his world would be perfect. As the president of Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad spoke with Waseca residents Monday and Tuesday during a "whistle stop," time was a recurring topic. Time is Schieffer's greatest ally and chal-

lenge at this point as the company undertakes its \$1.2 billion reconstruction of a rail line from Colony, WY to Winona. Plans for the reconstruction project in Waseca County will likely start near the beginning of 1999.

-Anticipation, nervousness, and excitement. Those were the emotions students of Cheryl Read's fourth-grade class experienced Monday as many of the students met their senior penpals for the first time. Approximately 25 Waseca-area senior citizens have participated in a penpal program with the students in Read's class this year. The program began in February as part of the service learning curriculum at the Central Intermediate School.

-"On any given night, anyone in our conference can beat anyone else," Waseca coach Tink Larson has echoed many times throughout his career. Luckily, the Waseca Baseball team didn't have to learn that lesson the hard way. Waseca held off a determined United South Central team at Wells Tuesday, slipping by with a 5-4 win over the last-place Rebels. The Bluejays had pounded USC 18-1 in five innings earlier this season. Waseca nipped St. James in Waseca Monday by a 3-1 margin, the second tough game the Bluejays and saints have played this season. The two South Central Conference wins guaranteed the Bluejays second place in the conference for the second straight year.

## Panther batters superior

1923

-Editor C. C. Campbell of the Ellendale Eagle was honored at the Editor's Short Course at the State University last week by being awarded first place for an essay setting forth the editorial policy of a country weekly. Editor Campbell's versatile pen has long since been entitled to recognition and we extend our personal and editorial felicitations.

-After a two-year search, officials of the Minnesota Cooperative Creamery Association have taken first steps toward breaking up a gang of thieves that have been raiding co-operative creameries in the vicinity of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Butter thieves have been especially active during recent months, one creamery having been robbed of \$1,000 worth of butter in a single haul.

-The home of John Murphy caught fire Sunday afternoon, but owing to the nearness of water supply the blaze was soon under control and the damage was not so great as it might have been.

-Spring had a jolt Monday night when the rain turned to snow and a cold northwest wind made one feel that winter had arrived.

-A few relatives had a surprise party on Mrs. Ed. Schroeder last Wednesday night, it being her birthday. A picnic supper was served at midnight.

-School closed in Dist. 49 last Friday with a nice program and a picnic supper. Miss Fuller, the teacher, has returned to her home east of New Richland.

1946

-The honor students of the class of 1946 of the New Richland High School were announced last week.



OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL — In 1973, Jeff Reese, co-captain of the New Richland-Hartland football team, was chosen by his teammates as the outstanding football player. He accepts the trophy from head coach Jim Simser at the team's banquet. Reese was also chosen as the outstanding basketball player for the Cardinals.

The valedictorian of this year's class is Ruth Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller. Ruth's scholastic average was 3.59. The salutatorian is Jon Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jensen, who maintained a 3.53 average.

-"Bud" Mertz installed a new fruit rack at his Red Owl store Monday forenoon. Progress and improvement are the order of the day.

-Clarence Loken vows vengeance on a thief who in the absence of the family sneaked into their farm home and took four sacks of seed corn from a room on the second floor. Seed corn is precious this year, a fact of which the thief is well aware.

-Request-Please do not ask for medical service on Thursday afternoons except in case of emergency. -Geo. H. Olds, M.D.

-Dynamite-Now is the best time to do your ditching by the new dynamite method. It is quick, safe and reasonable in price. See either for estimate and prices: A. G. Phelps, telephone 19116, or F. E. Caylor, Waseca, Minn.

1973

Top students for the 1973 graduating class at New Richland-Hartland high school were released this week. The class of 60 students has 21 honor students with Terry Lee Winegar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Winegar, valedictorian. Salutatorian is Robert Thomas Yerhot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Yerhot.

Twenty starred ratings were earned by Waldorf-Pemberton high school music students at the Region-State contest held at St. James, Saturday. The fourteen instrumental soloists who starred were LuAnn Ward, Layne Ludeman, Gail Gunsolus, Cindy Bluhm, Denise Goebel, Cheryl Waknitz, Jackie Massop, Marlon Rudolph, Doug Hankerson, Al Roesler, Cindy Murphy, Larry Schubbe, Bonita Tesch and Yvonne Geary.

1998

-In two consecutive Gopher conference contests last week, the Panther girls softball team continued their dominance of the conference. They claimed victory over Glenville-

Emmons May 5, 5-4, and over Alden-Conger May 4, 13-2. When the team defeated Alden-Conger, Amanda Moxon pitched her first no-hitter of the season.

-The Panther boys' baseball team continues undefeated in the Gopher Conference with a 12-0 record after defeating Bethlehem Academy in both ends of a double-header at Faribault.

-David and Karen Lundberg of New Richland are the parents of a daughter born May 5, 1998 at Naeve Hospital, Albert Lea. Anna Grace, as she has been named, has two brothers and two sisters: Isaiah, 15; Sarah, 13; Samuel, 4; and Hannah, 2.

-For the first time in the history of the NRHEG girls' track and field competition, the entire team will be entering State True Team competition in Blaine, Saturday, May 16. In fact this is the first full track and field team entry ever from either of the two districts, which consolidated in 1994.



## The Pastor's Column

### Thank you to all the mothers

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

I owe my Mom my life. Mainly from the fact that she is my birth mother, but also for not ending my life when it would have been so much easier. I put my mom through a lot over the years and was glad that she was a nurse who took care of my bumps and bruises when I got into situations where bumps and bruises were required to learn.

We approach Mother's day this year with a sense of community, relationship, hope, and joy. After a long hard winter, a late spring, and such busy-ness that not everything got done that we wanted to get done. Now we get to slow down for just a few minutes, take time apart from the details of life, allow mom to rest, and celebrate the good that she brings to our lives.

I am not naive though; I understand that parents can bring good to our lives by knowing our strengths and weaknesses, but at the same time could cause us deep hurts. I would encourage you to look to the good that family brings, and when there are hurts forgive and be forgiven. We cannot change how we were treated by our parents, but we can look to our best parent to find healing, hope, and strength to forgive.

At the same time, I want to acknowledge the hurts of the day that is called Mother's day. There are those that long to be mothers, those that have lost children, those that can't speak to their children and many more that struggle with the idea of motherhood. To those in this situation, I see you and see your value, you are loved.

The bible gives us expectations for our mothers, things they can strive for. We have been given great power to encourage the

"Thank you mothers for bringing us into this world and having enough patience not to take us out of it."

— Pastor Ken Andrs

women in our life this weekend, no matter their parental status. So take time to read Proverbs 31 and share with the women in your life how they reflect God's glory in that passage.

Proverbs 31:28-31

28 Her children arise and call her blessed;

her husband also, and he praises her:

29 "Many women do noble things,

but you surpass them all."

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;

but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Thank you mothers for bringing us into this world and having enough patience to not take us out of it. Thank you women for the love you have shown to us, no matter if you have had children, we appreciate you and your care. May God continue to work in and through you as you share your life with us.



## The Pastor's Column

### Peace in return to Colombia

By SANTIAGO RAMIREZ OCAMPO

A week ago, we arrived in Bogota, the capital of Colombia, our time in Minnesota came to an end, and at the moment of leaving the United States, we felt very calm and at peace with the decision we had made because, from the first moment, we have believed that it comes from God. As human beings that we are, with the capacity to think and the reason that we have, we felt confident and motivated to return to Colombia because it is our country, and somehow the blood calls and the customs have accompanied us in our young life. The memories that we had were a significant part of the gasoline of our day to day.

Landing on the plane was much easier than landing our life has been in these first few days. Leaving Waseca, Faribault, and Blue Earth counties, which we traveled through the most, and arriving in a city of approximately eight million people has been somewhat chaotic. Before coming here, I thought I had missed the chaos. However, I realized that life in Minnesota is generally very organized and that winter invites even more order. Coming from 6 months in which at least one day in each of those months snowed, and life settled around such cold temperatures, too, in one week, seeing chaos and eagerness made my wife and I sit and reflect on the future, as our human brains (my wife's and mine, I mean) thought we were prepared for this return, and the truth is that we were not.

From sitting down to talk about our first week back in Colombia, I have two reflections to share with you. The first is that we forgot to rest. This statement makes me think of the people of Israel when they left Egypt and were in the desert; At the same time, they saw God's wonders and complained against Him to the point of saying that it would have been better to stay in Egypt working and eating than to be in the desert dying of hunger (according to them). God freed them from slavery, but they wanted, at least in their hearts, to return to Egypt; that story made me think: are we not identical to the people of Israel? I cannot see my slavery, yet God gives me freedom, and I complain and long to return to slavery because I feel more comfortable in it. I say this because since we planned our return to Colombia, God has provided everything for us to rest, and last week, in the most stupid way, we sought to occupy ourselves to the point that Sunday came and we were utterly exhausted physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Everything was there to rest, and we didn't know how to do it.

The second and final reflection is: thank God for our friends. Amid these days when we feel, as I just shared with you, God has blessed us with a couple of friends where we are staying. Their love in receiving us, sharing with us all they have, opening their ears to listen to us, and advising us in love and with the firmness of truth are a gift from God.

### Good food, crowd

#### Over 200 at salad lunch

By MICHAEL ROY  
Editor

An estimated two hundred people enjoyed a nice, fresh salad luncheon at First Congregational Church in Waseca on Friday, May 5 starting at 11 a.m.

Salads of all kinds were served, from the traditional lettuce-based to pasta and fruit. Nearly any conceivable flavor or style of salad seemed to be available as an option. Along with the varieties of salads, was an equally expansive selection of bars for dessert.

Volunteers came from three generations. Even though it was a Friday, a few high schoolers volunteered to help out as they were given the day off from school.

While there was never a crowd, the luncheon featured a steady stream of people enjoying food. "We often see about 200 people come each year to enjoy the salad



More than 30 church members volunteered for the 38th annual salad luncheon at First Congregational Church on Friday, May 5. With the day off from school, Waseca high schoolers helped serve some of the salads at the luncheon. Photo courtesy of First Congregational Church

luncheon," Pastor Ken Andrs explained.

The salad luncheon has been a tradition at First Congregational Church for so long that many couldn't recall when it began. "I've been here 35 years, and I'm pretty sure it was going on before my time," one congregant claimed.

One longtime member named Millie figured this year marked the 38th annual salad luncheon at the church.

As part of the luncheon, there was also a raffle for a free quilt bed ensemble. After the luncheon, Marilyn Rucker was declared the winner.



A stream of about 200 people enjoyed the salad luncheon at First Congregational Church.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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\*Waseca Vet Clinic is HIRING!!! Do you have a love for cats and dogs? Are you a self-starter and able to work independently? Waseca Vet Clinic is looking to fill a few Kennel Assistant Positions. Hours would include evenings, weekends and holidays, some morning shifts once summer arrives. Some duties include but are not limited to Feeding/Watering/Picking up/cleaning up after animals, dishes, and completing daily task lists. Please Stop into the High School Office or stop in to the Waseca Vet Clinic (1400 State St South) for an Application. You can also return the application to the School office or the Waseca Vet Clinic. We encourage anyone who may have applied in the past to reapply!

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https://jobs.mayoclinic.org/job/mankato/environmental-services-technician-high-school-student-opportunities/33647/33896701712#content

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\*ICAN Inc. of Waseca is hiring Part Time Personal Support Staff. Part Time positions can range from 7 - 29 hours a week. This position does include every other weekend. This is a great position if you are looking into the healthcare field, teaching, coaching, etc.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF WASECA

PROBATE COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Probate Court Division  
Court File No. 81-PR-23-225

In Re: Estate of  
Marcella Rae Goette,  
Decedent.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of June, 2023, at 9:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at 307 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota by Zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated September 18, 1996, and for the appointment of Cynthia K. Christenson whose address is 308 7th Ave., PO Box 37, Freeborn, MN 56032, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent, in an unsupervised administration. There will be no in person appearances.

Any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the

date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT:  
/s/Carol M. Hanks  
Judge of District Court  
Shannon M. Asselin  
Court Administrator

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## SWEET SOMMERS VFW POST 1642

### May 2023

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Cookies were available during the grand opening of Vibrant Chiropractic to commemorate four years since Mackenzie Hoy started the business.



Visitors could buy t-shirts as they arrived at Vibrant Chiropractic's open house on Friday, May 5. Further on, they could individualize it at the do-it-yourself tie-dye station. Pioneer photos by Michael Roy

# Good reason to celebrate

## Vibrant Chiropractic grand opening

By MICHAEL ROY  
Editor

Vibrant Chiropractic had good reason to celebrate this past Friday, May 5.

The day marked four years since Dr. Mackenzie Hoy started her chiropractic business and nearly a year and a half since the business had a physical location in Waseca. To celebrate, Vibrant Chiropractic held an open house from 4-6:30 p.m.

Hoy's first experience with chiropractic medicine was when she had to visit a chiropractor in high school after starting to feel pains in her back at a cheer camp. While she was "amazed by the body's ability to get better with adjustments to the spine," she never considered becoming a chiropractor herself.

"I had always wanted to work in a profession that helps people feel better," she says in her biography. After being rejected from entering a nursing program, she figured it was a sign that she wasn't meant to be a nurse. "So, I did what any 20-year-old college student would do," she explains. "I decided to pick a major that would still get me out in four years and trusted God would take care of the rest."

When Hoy was a junior in college, a chiropractor visited one of her classes to explain his business. According to her, it was the first time a "holistic model of health" made sense.

She turned her attention toward the career field "and never looked back," she says.

The rest is history.

After getting her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire in December of 2014, she attended Life University in Marietta, Georgia in September of 2015, earning her Doctorate of Chiropractic in March of 2019.

She now recommends everyone consider visiting a chiropractor for various reasons, including even such surprising options as the inability to get pregnant or the feeling that one may need allergy shots. And it's not because she's trying to sell her own business. It's because she's seen the results herself.

"I got consistent care," she remembers of that early experience. Though she once believed the shoulder pain from her cheerleading injury would be with her for life, it went away—and so did some persistent allergy symptoms.

Her training and time have led to four years in the chiropractic business, as well as over a year of being at her current location on State Street.

As part of the open house celebrations, there were a free yoga session, a photo booth, a do-it-yourself tie-dye shirt station, and food provided by Blake's Better Spread, a food truck from Waseca.

# Murder and Mayhem in Waseca

## Starfire hosts live action mystery

By JONAH STAFFORD  
Staff Writer

Guests enjoyed an evening of mayhem at the 1950s Murdery Mystery Dinner, held at the Starfire Event Center in Waseca Friday night.

"This is hopefully the first of many," said Mindy Jimenez, the Starfire's owner. Jimenez says she intends to make murder mysteries a monthly occurrence in Waseca and has planned a 1980s-themed one to take place at Club 57 on June 25.

After being served diner-style cheeseburgers, fries, and milkshakes, guests partook in a three-round murder mystery game.

The mystery set before the guests took place in 1955 and concerned four warring gangs of teenagers in Fontaine City: the D-Birds, the Pink Chicks, the Pit Vipers, and the Black Widows. When Sandra (Aubrey Kelling), one of the Pink Chicks, turned up dead from a poisoned milkshake, tensions between the factions mounted.

Each character had a reason to want Sandra dead, ranging from



PINK CHICKS- Four gangs played a part in the live-action mystery presented at the Starfire Event Center May 5. Pictured here are the "Pink Chicks." Pioneer photo by Jonah Stafford

turf wars to relationship drama to jealousy over a prom queen title.

At the end of the night, guests circled up to make their final guesses as to who poisoned Sandra's milkshake. Finchy (Bonnie Miller), one of Sandra's fellow Pink Chicks, turned out to be the killer, doing the deed to cover her tracks after getting caught cheating on her homework.

In real life, Miller and Kelling are mother and daughter, making this plot twist all the more intriguing. Gene Miller, Bonnie's husband and Kelling's father, was also part of the murder mystery game.

After the game wrapped up, guests enjoyed great photo opportunities; a classic car and a backdrop were set up in the Starfire Event Center.



Aubrey Kelling and Bonnie Miller (as Sandra and Finchy) Pioneer photo by Jonah Stafford

# Third annual mingle

An energetic fill-the-house crowd gathered at The Mill on Friday, May 5 to celebrate Cinco de Mayo from 4 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Matthew R. Petsinger Agency, LLC, the Third Annual Margarita Mingle offered something for all ages. A bounce house and bean bag games were set up for children, sponsored That One Place Athletics. Authentic Mexican food was served by Lucia's Cocina; Margarita Flights were offered by Abbe Hoehn.

Along with the luscious food and visiting, a highlight of the evening was the Latin music performed by Mona Montenegro. Dressed in a traditional white dress with green, red



The Matthew Petsinger Agency sponsored its third annual "Margarita Mingle" community get-together at The Mill on Friday, May 5.

and yellow trim, she raised the roof with her rendition of two traditional songs, Los Laureles and Andale.

like to show our support to the community and provide everyone with a relaxing evening of good music, great food, and an opportunity to get

to know our incredible neighbors," Matthew Petsinger said. The event was open to the general public.

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Local wood carver Robin Warburton is opening an exhibition at the Waseca Art Center's Beckman Gallery Friday, May 12.

## Local carver's work displayed at Art Center

By JONAH STAFFORD  
Staff Writer

Local wood carver Robin Warburton is opening an exhibition at the Waseca Art Center's Beckman Gallery this Friday, May 12, with a welcoming reception from 5 to 7 p.m. This display was made with support from an artist grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, which receives funding from the McKnight Foundation.

Warburton specializes in realistic sculptures of birds, which is what she will be displaying in Waseca. She has been featured in Cage and Aviary Birds Magazine, a publication based in the United Kingdom; she is widely recognized for both her artistic acumen and her dedication to wildlife causes. She supports owl conservation and is involved in a movement to protect Duluth's Sax-Zim Bog, which provides habitat for many kinds of birds.

While Warburton enjoys sculpting all types of birds, she says owls are her absolute favorite. In March, Warburton was a featured

artist at the International Owl Center's Festival of Owls.

Warburton started carving in 2011 using knives but did not produce very many sculptures at first because "it was too slow." However, she became increasingly interested over time.

"I decided I really liked this form of art after I saw a carving exhibit in 2014 in Rochester," said Warburton.

Her artistry really got going in 2015, when she switched to carving with power tools. Around this time, she began studying books and magazines about carving and took a master class with carver Floyd Scholz.

"After learning the steps, it is just practice, practice, practice," said Warburton.

Warburton will be demonstrating how she carves a flammulated owl (one with flame-shaped markings) at the Waseca Art Center from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 19, at a special event titled "See How It's Created." Her exhibit will remain open through June 23.

# Pantheon has new president

Pantheon Computers, a leading provider of cutting-edge computing solutions, is pleased to announce the promotion of Reyna Monson to the position of President. Jon Stagman, the owner of Pantheon Computers, stated that "as Pantheon continues to grow, it is necessary to split certain job roles to serve our business and clients well." In her new role, Reyna will have oversight of all areas of the business.

Reyna has been an integral part of the Pantheon team since 2010. She has played a vital role in the company's success and has been instrumental in developing and implementing innovative strategies that have contributed significantly to Pantheon's maturity.

"Reyna's extensive experience, coupled with her excellent leadership skills, make her the perfect candidate for this role," said Jon Stagman. "I have

full confidence in her ability to take on this new challenge and continue to drive our business forward."

As President, Reyna will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of Pantheon's operations, including sales, marketing, product development, and customer service. She will work closely with Stagman, who will continue to serve as Pantheon's Visionary, in the CEO seat.

"I am honored to take on this new role at Pantheon Computers," said Reyna Monson. "I am excited about the opportunity to lead this incredible team of talented professionals and work together to achieve our company's goals. With Jon's guidance and support, I am confident that we will continue to grow and succeed in the years to come."

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## Unapologetic support for law enforcement

The week of May 14-20, 2023 has been set aside to honor, remember and support the law enforcement and those who gave their lives in the line of duty. When Marty Johnson learned there was such a week he started to inquire what was being planned for area enforcement for Waseca.

"I asked around town and found out there were no events being planned," Johnson said. "So I asked some people I knew with food trucks

that if I found a location, would they want to be part of an event?"

Just as Marty figured, they all said yes.

Johnson then set out to find a location, "I contacted Ace Hardware, NAPA and the Boxcar to get their permission to set up in their parking lots for this event. Once again, they all agreed with no hesitation."

When asked who he is so passionate about creating this event, Johnson responded, "I am an unapologetic

supporter of our law enforcement and have wanted to do something as my way of saying 'thanks' for their service and what they do for us day in and day out. I wanted to let them know that despite what the media portrays, there are many people who care about and support them. It's the absolute very least I can do."

All American Gyros, Kelm BBQ and Polly's Pantry are rounding out the food trucks on Saturday, May 20th from 11-7 p.m. in the parking

lots of Ace Hardware, Napa Auto Parts and Boxcar Bar. Kwik Trip West is also helping to sponsor this event.

"Come out to enjoy some food and fellowship while honoring our area officers," said Johnson. For more information, you can reach Marty at martyrichardjohnson@gmail.com

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Dancing during the performance of "Voulez Vous," in the front, are Jackie Mathern, Tegan Flatau, Ava Omtvedt, Cece Bjerke, Aubree Hansen, Avery Madsen



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