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Sports



Tina Hoppe looks out over standing water outside of Trapper's Lanes bowling alley in New Richland. Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

## Overwhelmed

**By ELI LUTGENS**  
Publisher/Editor

The city of New Richland declared a state of emergency Thursday after more than five inches of rain fell over an eight hour period Thursday morning, May 11.

A press release from the city said that the rain event, coupled with rapid snow melt, saturated the ground.

"Since that time, they have been working non-stop with our county,

emergency management and other partners to ease the impact on the system," read the release.

According to city administrator Anthony Martens, dozens of homes have basements that are flooded. Some, he said, may have sewage leakage.

Residents say their morning started off with a surprise.



New Richland city crews work to alleviate water pressure in municipal water lines along highway 30. Photo by Eli Lutgens

Flooding continued on 4

### Memorial Day photos request

The Pioneer intends to run a special section honoring those who served in the armed forces in a special Memorial Day edition of the paper. We are kindly requesting people call, email or write the Pioneer to request who they would like to see pictured in this year's edition.

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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.

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### 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.

### 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.

Fish served until 7 p.m. or gone.

### Spring choir concert May 22 at PAC

The Waseca High School Spring Choir Concert will be 7 p.m. Monday May, 22 in the performing arts center.

### A word from The Word

No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

1 John 3:9

## Waseca fixture in new hands

**By ELI LUTGENS**  
Publisher

Five seconds of courage, a facebook message, and a lot of crazy were all part of the process for the new owners of one of Waseca's oldest restaurants, Barney's Drive-in.

For 81 years, Barney's has stood the test of time. Over the past couple years, previous owner Troy Bent has been trying to find someone local to purchase the property/business location located on Old Highway 14 across from Clear Lake.

The new owners? Joe, 43, and Audra, 48, Veroeven.

"We wanted to do something," the Veroevens agree.

"We wanted to invest in something and Joe found this on Facebook," Audra explains. "We joked about it at first, and then one thing led to another. We came and looked at it [Barney's] and then we kind of freaked out and bought it."

"We're still freaking out," Joe says. "But...I think we'll be just fine as long as we don't do something stupid."

"A lot of folks never take their chance," Joe adds. "I like to say it takes five seconds of courage to do something great. Make the phone call, go see that person, or... send a Facebook message."

Audra claims that if she had been asked a few weeks ago whether this level of activity was normal, she would have told you it isn't. "Hold your nose and go for it. There's been a lot of that these past few weeks."

Together the Veroevens have six children and three grandchildren.

Their oldest, Veronica, is 26 and hopes to begin working as a manager at the restaurant in the coming weeks. A major influence in the whole family is 2-year-old Arthur.

"He's the real CEO," Audra jokes. "He really dictates all of the decisions."

Veronica is a 2015 graduate of Waseca, followed by: Crystal, a 2019 WHS graduate who lives in North Carolina with her fiancé (they plan to get married in August); Jillian, 21, who lives in



Barney's Drive-in has been a piece of local culture since 1942.

Waseca and graduated from WHS in 2020. Matthew, 14, is a freshman at the high school; readers may recognize his name from his recent trip to the state high school wrestling tournament; Delilah is 12, and currently in sixth grade. The Veroevens say she's already taking an interest in helping however she can at the restaurant. The youngest, Arthur, turns 3 in September.

So what about the new owners?

Joe and Audra met in 1995 when things were "a little different."

"It was a time you didn't have to worry," Joe recalls. "I was asked to help someone move—that

Barney's continued on 12



Joe and Audra Veroeven  
Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens



Jeff Yalden, a teen motivational speaker and former teacher of 32 years, spoke to Waseca High School students, staff, and later the general public, about mental health Thursday, May 11. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

## National expert shares mental health insights

**By MICHAEL ROY**  
Editor

Mental health is a very tough subject to tackle, especially when it concerns children and teens.

But many organizations in Waseca and beyond banded together to have the conversation at Waseca High School on Thursday, May 11. Jeff Yalden, a former teacher of 32 years and a teen motivator, was the featured speaker. His presentation was organized by Free Flags for Vets with contributions from Waseca County Public Health, Waseca High School, and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Owatonna.

The day started with Yalden speaking with Waseca High School students and staff. That was followed by a public event at 7 p.m. that evening.

As far as the turnout for the event, it admittedly wasn't high. Up to forty people arrived to hear the evening talk.

"It takes a community to have this conversation."

— Jeff Yalden

Although Jeremiah Miller, event organizer, was somewhat disappointed, Yalden explained that he shouldn't be.

"Everywhere I go, if you get fifty people, I call that a good turnout," he said. He joked that it was a beautiful day outside, so that may be why people are out. But in a more serious explanation, he said, "This is not a conversation where we get home after a long day and

Yalden continued on 5

## WAF awards grants

The following awards were given out during the Waseca Area Foundation grant awards presentation May 10 at Waseca Intermediate School. The following organizations received the grant for the amount specified, followed by the donor/s:

City of Waseca Heritage Preservation Commission, Collaborative Project Creating \$5000 Videos Local History, Waseca Area Foundation (\$2000) Waseca Area Foundation Project Fund (\$3000)

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mentoring Support \$4918, Barb Penny Youth Fund (\$2000) Waseca Area Foundation (\$2918)

Waseca County 4-H, Animal Science/Ag Program Enhancements \$1512, Barb Penny Youth Fund (\$1163) Waseca Area Foundation (\$349)

Waseca Public Library, Summer Reading Program \$1500, Barb Penny Youth Fund Waseca Jr/Sr High, Courage Retreat \$2163, Barb Penny Youth Fund

Jr. Achievement, Programming at Sacred Heart/Hartley/Team Academy \$1500, Waseca Area Foundation (\$1500) \*Keen Bank (\$600)

Farm Bureau Foundation, Safety Day for 5th Graders \$500, Waseca Area Foundation Farmamerica, Spring Field Trips 3-5 Gr. \$1500, Waseca Area Foundation

Waseca County Historical Society, Dehumidifier \$1000, Waseca Area Foundation

Waseca County Free Fair, Annual Flowers \$1000, City of Waseca Beautification (\$500) Waseca Area Foundation (\$500)

Discover Waseca Tourism, Lakefest Support \$2000, John Priebe Community Event Fund

Waseca Lakes Association, Lakefest Freedom Run \$1000, John Priebe Community Event Fund

Waseca Waterpark, Special Event Support \$1000, John Priebe Community Event Fund

Waseca Waterpark, Picnic Tables \$2000, Waseca Area Foundation Project Fund

City of Waseca, Flowers for City \$2351, City of Waseca Beautification (\$1351) Tracy Jevning Memorial Fund (\$1000)

Woodville Cemetery, Annual Flowers/Mulch \$350, Waseca Area Foundation

Waseca Sleigh & Cutter, Fireworks, Kite Show, Parade \$3000, John Priebe Community Event Fund

Free Flags for Vets, Mental Health Speaker \$3000, Waseca Area Foundation (\$3000) \*Keen Bank (\$500)

Awards continued on 4





**OBITUARIES**

**Thomas Stewart**

Thomas Arthur Stewart, age 77 of Greenfield, formerly of Waseca, passed away at his home on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

Tom was born in Waseca on February 27, 1946 to William and Frances (Blowers) Stewart. He grew up in the 1950's on his family's Waseca farm. He had a rich childhood and attended country school until the sixth grade and later Waseca public schools in town. Following his high school graduation Tom served in the United States Navy Reserves. He went on to study at Stout University and Dunwoody College. In addition to many years of farming, Tom owned and operated Royalton Heating and Cooling. He enjoyed traveling and had taken many fun trips with family and friends. He was a generous, hardworking man, and his loss will be closely felt by all of his family and friends.

Tom is survived by his wife, Laura Link-Stewart of Greenfield; children Jennifer VonEnde, Laura Stewart, Amy Breazeale, Brady Stewart, and Ryan (Asma) Stewart; sixteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Daniel (Patty) Stewart; sister, Liane (Matt) Keane; sister-in-law, Debbie Cowles; nieces and nephews; and former spouse, Susan Stewart. He was preceded in death by both of his parents, William and Frances Stewart; son, Brent Stewart;



**Thomas Stewart**

brother, William Stewart; two sisters, Judy Cyr and Nancy Anhorn; mother-in-law, Dolores Link; and grandson, Joshua Stewart-Anderson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 22, 2023 at Faith United Methodist Church in Waseca, with Rev. Carolyn Doering officiating. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca. Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca is handling the arrangements. dsfuneral.com  
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**The Waldorf plant sale on Saturday, May 13, at the Waldorf Community Center featured an assortment of succulents, bulbs, tomatoes, and a plant seed exchange.**  
 Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

**Petal Pushers plant sale**

By **MICHAEL ROY**  
 Editor

Despite a lot of heavy rain and a few claps of thunder, many were rushing into the door for a chance to support the Waldorf Spring Plant Sale the morning of Saturday, May 13 at the Waldorf Community Center.

The plant sale was conducted by the members of the Waldorf Petal Pushers Plant Club.

"We have already served a lot more people than we thought would show up," Julie Tesch said fifteen minutes after the doors opened.

But that statement wasn't because of the rain. "We had quite a few cars parked out front waiting for us to open," Tesch explained. "So we decided to open a little early."

The plant sale had just about everything one could want, including annuals, tomatoes, succulents, houseplants, bulbs and more. There were also seeds so that people could grow their own plants. Customers were also encouraged to bring extra seeds to swap.



**Beverly Janike (standing) visits with a few people at the plant sale.**

Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

Once everyone was done shopping at the plant sale, the club had coffee and rolls for everyone to enjoy before hitting the road.

"It's always a good time," said Doris Waknitz. The proceeds from the plant sale will go right

back into the community, says plant club member Patty Gartner. "We will use the money we raise toward projects around town."

The projects will help beautify Waldorf even more with a variety of flowers and plants.

**■ Awards**

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Neighborhood Service Center, In A Pinch Program Support \$1000 Back Pack Program Support \$2000, Food Shelf Purchases \$2000, Waseca Area Foundation (\$5000) \*Keen Bank (\$1000)

Lutheran Social Services, Food Security for Older Adults \$5000, Waseca Area Foundation

Bethlehem Inn, Replace Flooring & Door \$1000, Waseca Area Foundation

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Santa's Workshop, Program Support \$450, Waseca Area Foundation

Infants Remembered In Silence, Bereavement Support Packets \$1000, Waseca Area Foundation JWP Baseball, Turtle Baseball Shell \$2000, John Priebe Education Fund

New Richland Commercial Club, Downtown Light Poles/Banner \$5000, Waseca Area Foundation Project Fund

TEAM Academy, PE Heart Rate Monitors \$500, John Priebe Education Fund

Sacred Heart School, Smart Boards \$4162, Homer & Betty

McIntire Fund (\$1135) John Priebe Education Fund (\$3027) \*Keen Bank (\$2000)

Hartley Elementary, Flexible Seating- Spec Ed \$2000, John Priebe Education Fund

Hartley Elementary, Author Visit \$1000, Waseca Area Foundation

Hartley Elementary, Books Including Diversity \$500, Waseca Area Foundation

WIS Reading Intervention, Desodible Books \$1039, John Priebe Education Fund

Waseca Int School Art Dept, High Quality Ceramic Glaze \$500, John Priebe Education Fund

Waseca Int School PE Dept, Archery Equipment \$1800, Tracy Jevning Memorial Fund (\$1000) Bluejay Public School Fund (\$800)

Waseca Jr Sr High, New Engineering Course \$5000, Bluejay Public Schools Fund (\$1019) John Priebe Education Fund (\$200)

Waseca Area Foundation (\$1981) Waseca Strength & Conditioning Program, Weight Room Equipment \$1000, Waseca Area Foundation

Waseca Schools Band Program, Band Student Support \$4015, Herb Streitz Memorial Band Fund

\*Keen Bank is a local bank who is awarding additional grants to various organizations and has partnered with our granting awards celebration. They are not affiliated with the Waseca Area Foundation Funds.

**■ Flooding**

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"Our baseball diamond is underwater," said Desiree Medrano, who lives nearby a flooded field.

"It came up so fast — it was kind of unexpected," said Alex Wagner, who grew up in the area. He said something like this happens every other year.

Amber Lewer has a small wall of sandbags protecting her business from the rising creek. A small army of community members built it.

"That's huge to us," said Lewer, who said dozens of high schoolers came to help build the wall.

The "wall" was by the crick, next to Neighbors Meats.

Owners of Neighbors Meats complained at a previous New Richland City Council meeting to voice their concerns about flooding. If the water from the most recent flood had gotten into Neighbors this time, the results could have forced the business to shut down for an unknown period of time.

"If any water had come into the building, we would have had to shut the business down in order to test the facility to make sure it was clean," Dan Lewer said. "Simply put, it could have been catastrophic."

"What's in the past is in the past. What we want to do is look forward to the future to find a solution that



**The New Richland Care Center was fortunate to escape any damage after the severe flooding last Thursday.**  
 Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

prevents it from happening again. Lewer added that they simply "have to come up with a solution."

Multiple roads were closed down and numerous other businesses were also affected. The cars at Midwest Repairables were all moved to the parking lot at Budach Implement to avoid the flooded area.

Fortunately the local Care Center was unaffected.

"New Richland Care Center did not suffer any damage after the heavy rains last week," Care Center Administrator Robert Johannsen said. "It did make for great conversations throughout the following few

days for the residents. As Administrator, I kept in close communication with the City Administrator, Mayor, and Fire Department as they monitored water levels regularly throughout the day and well into the evening."

All home softball and baseball games last week were canceled, rescheduled, or moved to alternative sites.

However, some fun did come out of the situation as the baseball and softball teams released some entertaining comments and videos online.

A response from the baseball team read: "Well, today's game probably

won't be played at Jeff and Carol Reese Field today, but NRHEG is searching for possibilities for our game vs. Kenyon-Wanamingo or maybe paddle boards will be used!"

A video released on social media also showcased NRHEG softball players enjoying the flooded conditions on the field as they participated in a "mock" practice as they played in the water on the softball field.

Looking forward, city administrator Martens said the city is currently working on clean-up efforts, as well as identifying any damages which may have occurred.

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# Bluejays rally past Sibley East

## Teague delivers big blow as WHS plates winning run in sixth inning

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

It was a roller coaster of a game for the Waseca High School baseball team.

But the Bluejays finished on top. While Waseca hit several solid shots in the early innings, the biggest blow came in the sixth, a go-ahead two-run single by Sebastian Teague, set up by a swinging bunt by Max Neaves and a long double by Grant Cox.

It led to a 6-4 triumph over Sibley East Tuesday evening at Tink Larson Community Field in Waseca.

"It was a nice comeback," said Larson, now a WHS assistant coach. "We had a big sixth inning."

Sibley East put the first run on the scoreboard in the top of the first with two solid hits.

The Bluejays wasted no time tying it in the bottom of the first as Tyson Reger led off with a walk and scored on a Ryan Krautkremer single.

Waseca made it 3-1 in the second as Keaton Roeker singled and scored, as did Cox, on a two-out, two-run go-ahead single by Oliver O'Brien.

The visitors retook the lead in the fourth, taking advantage of a Bluejay fielding miscue.

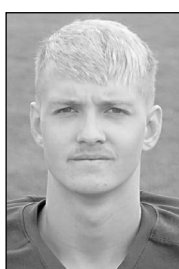
Neaves led off the bottom of the sixth, and Cox promptly doubled. Teague drove in both with a base hit. Reger walked and scored on a single by Payton Garza.

Sophomore right-hander Colton Ruedy started on the mound for the Bluejays, allowing four runs - three earned - on four hits while striking out three and walking three through three innings. Teague was impressive in relief and earned the victory,

"It was a nice comeback."  
— Tink Larson



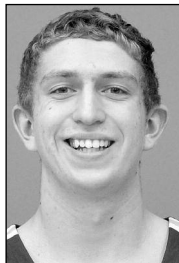
Krautkremer



O'Brien



Teague



Reger

giving up no runs on three hits, with three strikeouts and no walks. Reger set the visitors down in order in the top of the seventh.

The Bluejays overcame three fielding errors. Sibley East had one.

Cox and Krautkremer led a 10-hit attack by the Bluejays. Cox was 2-for-3 with two runs, Krautkremer 2-for-4. O'Brien, Garza, Kendrick Volkman, Keaton Roeker, Neaves and Teague had the other hits for Waseca. Cox scored two runs.

The Bluejays ran their record to 7-5 overall. They're 2-4 in Big South Conference play. They hosted Belle Plaine Thursday, May 18. Section play begins next week.



COMEBACK VICTORY — The WHS baseball team rallied past Sibley East 6-4 Tuesday at Tink Larson Field. Above, Bluejay catcher Payton Garza applies the tag late in a close play at home plate. Below left, Colton Ruedy fields a ground ball from his pitching position. Below right: Keaton Roeker is congratulated by assistant coach xxxxx at first base. Far below right: Oliver O'Brien shows the ball to the umpire to no avail.

Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



# Bulldog boys win 2 of 3 golf matches

## Dimmel twice takes medalist

By MICHAEL ROY  
Staff Writer

The JWP golfers were glad that they weren't hosting any meets in the latter part of last week. They would have had to make it up otherwise.

Instead, they traveled to Kenyon on Friday, May 12 where they faced Kenyon-Wanamingo/Goodhue, Maple River, and New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva.

It didn't take much for JWP's boys to win first place even with the absence of top golfer Logan Thell. The team took the title with 163 strokes for nine holes, defeating Maple River who had 194 and NRHEG, who had 259.

Junior Steven Dimmel took the mantle for the Bulldogs, firing a 37 and winning medalist honors.

Alex James and Carter Miller tied for third with 41 each, with Ryan Kronbach taking sixth with a 44. Jeffrey Simonson took ninth with a 53. Tyler Nelson, one of the newer golfers, recorded a personal best; his score was not available at the time of print.

It was a tight contest on the girls' side. Hope Dimmel tied with NRHEG's Meela Budach for second place with a 52. Both were one shot away from tying Maple River's Mackenzie Walters.

The JWP golfers went to the NRHEG Invitational at Waseca Lakeside Golf Club Monday, May 15. They took second out of mostly Gopher Conference opponents (St. Peter was also part of the meet), with rival Triton taking the top spot with a score of 325. Eighteen holes were played.

Dimmel led the way again, taking medalist honors by firing a 76. Thell tied for second with Hayfield's Sam Tucker with a 77. Miller took tenth overall with an 83, his personal best in an 18-hole meet. Simonson, firing a 101, and Nelson scoring 131 rounded out the day for the Bulldog boys.

Hope Dimmel took sixth overall in the girls' competition with a 104. Three strokes were the deciding factor between sixth and third, with NRHEG's Grace Wilkenson taking the bronze with 101. Rebecca Walters of Maple River was the medalist while Triton's Tessa Tushaus took second.

NRHEG hosted another meet on Tuesday, May 16, this time at Riverview Golf Course in rural New Richland.

This time, the JWP boys' team tied with United South Central, both firing a 166.

Miller once again hit a personal record, this time on a nine-hole course with a 39. He tied with USC's Kadyne Neubauer and teammate Steven Dimmel for first place.

Simonson earned one of his first top-five finishes in his career, firing a 41 to finish in fifth. Kronbach and James finished 12th and 13th, respectively scoring 49 and 49. Nelson, who shot a 62, rounded out the scoring for JWP.

Hope Dimmel fired a 53, finishing fourth overall. Budach of NRHEG took first with 50 while Emma Heggen of USC and Wilkenson of NRHEG tying for second with 52. Dimmel beat out Ella Farr of Blooming Prairie, who fired a 55.

The JWP golfers returned to Waseca Thursday, May 18 for the Gopher Conference tournament.



Dimmel

# Waseca softball team refuses to fold

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

If you're a big fan of stellar pitching and defense, last week's Waseca High School softball game against Sibley East was not for you.

If you prefer a lot of offense and plenty of action on the base paths, that's another story.

The Bluejays hit the ball hard early and often, building a 7-1 cushion that lasted until the sixth inning, when the Sibley East bats

## Late-inning runs pave way for 13-8 blowout victory against Sibley East

came alive to score seven runs and take a 8-7 lead.

The Jays responded with six unanswered runs to claim a 13-8 victory.

"The outcome of this game could have been entirely different had our girls not buckled down and executed in the seventh inning," said Waseca coach Abby Bloomquist. "Our offense really pulled out the stops today."

Haylee Sommers led the hit parade, going 4-for-4 while scoring three runs. Riley Ruedy homered and doubled while going 2-for-3 with two runs. Emma Williamson also hit a home run, going 2-for-4 with two runs. Siri Kuhns was 2-for-4 and scored twice. Hannah Thursdale, Grace Below, Lauren Grant, Cameron Stagman and Ella Bartelt contributed one hit apiece for the Bluejays.

"All girls contributed to the offense," said Bloomquist. "But the highlights included a 4-for-4 performance by Haylee Sommers along with home runs by Riley Ruedy and Emma Williamson."

The Bluejays were scheduled to play Thursday at WEM, weather permitting. They travel to JWP Friday, May 19. The section tournament starts next week.



Ruedy



Sommers



TOURNEY TIME — It's already time for the Section 1A tournament for the WHS boys' tennis team, which dropped a 5-2 decision to Lake City Monday in Waseca. From left: Corbin Connors looks on as his No. 2 doubles partner Jenaro Delgado executes a shot. Otto Schoenrock sets up for a forehand in his No. 4 singles match. Henry Huttemier concentrates on his forehand.

Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

# WHS tennis boys carry losses into section tourney

By JIM LUTGENS  
Sports Editor

The Waseca High School boys' tennis team dropped an important match to a Section 1A opponent, but the Bluejays won't have to wait long for a rematch.

Waseca, which drew the No. 6 seed in the section tournament, traveled Thursday to third-seeded Lake City, which beat the Bluejays 5-2

Monday on the WHS courts.

The doubles teams provided victories on Monday, with Jenaro Delgado and Corbin Connors winning 6-4, 6-0 at No. 2. Ahmet Farooq and Armann Bhatti won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3. Jacari Jellum and Oliver Rohwer lost 4-6, 6-3, 6-5 at No. 2 doubles.

The Tigers took all four singles matches in straight sets, with Tyler

Jellum at No. 1 for the Bluejays, followed by Henry Huttemier, Dominic Grunzke and Otto Schoenrock.

Waseca's junior varsity won 5-1. The Bluejays traveled to St. Peter Thursday, May 11 and lost 6-1. The win was by Huttemier, an 8th-grader, who rallied for a 5-7, 6-2, 10-2 triumph at No. 2 singles. Schoenrock took a tough loss at No.

3 singles, falling 7-6 (2), 3-6, 10-7. Tyler Jellum lost in straight sets at No. 1 singles while Bhatti, a 7th-grader, played No. 4 singles and was defeated 6-0, 6-2.

The Saints dominated in doubles, winning all three in straight sets. Jacari Jellum and Rohwer were at No. 1, Delgado and Grunzke No. 2, and Connors and freshman Allen Kopetzki at No. 3.

The Bluejays' junior varsity won 5-4.

St. Peter won the Big South East Conference title with a 4-0 record.

The Bluejays, 7-7 overall, finished 1-2 in Big East South play.

The winner of Thursday's match at Lake City advances to the Section 1A semifinals in Rochester Tuesday, May 23.











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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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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...

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.

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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## CRAFTY SENIORS



The Waseca area senior center held a spring craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. There were many items for sale, from baked goods like scotcheroo bars to hand-stitched portraits of owls by Waseca area resident Jackie Storbly. It was a pretty steady start to the day which brought in many area residents. Each year the senior center expects anywhere from 100 to 200 people. Photos by Michael Roy

## YOUNGEST OFFICER



Dustin Baumgard of Waseca walked along last Sunday afternoon while his 2-and-a-half-year-old son Laidon "drove" his police car several blocks to the Walmart parking lot and back. The Baumgards have had the small car for a little over a year. As the son and grandson of former Morrystown chief of police Randy Baumgard, the father and son not only enjoy the fun of the remote-controlled car, they enjoy honoring a family legacy. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently



The Waseca Music Department presented their annual Pops Concert Friday, May 12, at the Performing Arts Center. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

# Final performance of the year

By MICHAEL ROY  
Editor

Every year, the Waseca Music Department ends its concert band productions with the Pops Concert under the direction of Devon Lawrence.

On Friday, May 12, the Concert and Symphonic Bands had their last concert of the year.

"It's been great working with these kids all year," Lawrence said. "I'm blessed to get to teach all of them."

The pops concert includes different popular classical and modern pieces with at least one piece selected by the band members themselves. The concert band chose to do "Spiderman: No Way Home" by Michael G. Giacchino, arranged for band by Michael Brown. The symphonic band chose "Avengers: Endgame," composed by Alan Silvestri and again arranged for band by

Brown.

Lawrence admitted that while he knows the music of the two pieces for the Marvel movies, "I haven't seen them yet. I will make that my goal this summer."

The other pieces the concert band performed were "Fanfare for a New Era" by Pinkzebra, "Flying Away" by Yukiko Nishimura, "Foundry" by John Mackey, and a very special composition "Journey in the Meadow" by Waseca senior Ryan Leigh.

Lawrence shared a story about Leigh's piece before handing off the baton to him to conduct the band. "One day, Ryan walked up to me after class and asked if the band could perform one of his pieces later in the year. I said sure, thinking that, you know, maybe he'll write something this year, maybe not. If he didn't, it wouldn't be a big deal."

It turned out Leigh was waiting for his moment, as he handed him the composition "Journey in the Meadow" about two weeks later.

The symphonic bands' other pieces were "The Gum-Suckers' March" by Percy Aldridge Grainger, "Before the Sun" by Julie Giroux, and "Danzon No. 2" by Arturo Marquez and arranged by Oliver Nickel. "Before the Sun" featured senior trumpet player Joe Feldkamp on violin.

Before the conclusion of each concert, Lawrence gave out awards to recipients chosen by their fellow students as the best, most motivated musician in the band. Bass trombonist Andrick Balderas won the award in the concert band and French horn player Lindsey Kopetzki won the award, dubbed the "John Philip Sousa" award, in the symphonic band.

Lawrence also recognized all the seniors in both bands. He gave a very touching speech before each senior received a flower, a certificate, and a handshake or hug.

"While every grade and every band are special to me, these groups of seniors hold a special place in my heart. They were my first group of freshmen when I came to teach here. They're an awesome group of kids. We went through Covid-19 together, and they completed all their sight reading assignments when I asked them to."

To wrap things up, he thanked the audience for coming. "And a special thanks to the parents who told their kid to pick up the trumpet and encouraged them to grow in their playing," he said.

## Barney's from Page 1

someone was Audra. The rest is history."

The couple married in 1999 and currently reside in rural Waseca, near the famous "Pink School House."

Audra grew up in rural Waldorf and graduated from JWP in 1994. She remembers the former Waldorf school well and was in school when Waldorf-Pemberton consolidated with Janesville.

Both Joe and Audra intend to continue holding down their regular jobs in addition to taking turns manning the grills at Barney's.

Audra is a site manager for Palmer Bus Service and Joe, a site manager for Schilling Graphics in Owatonna.

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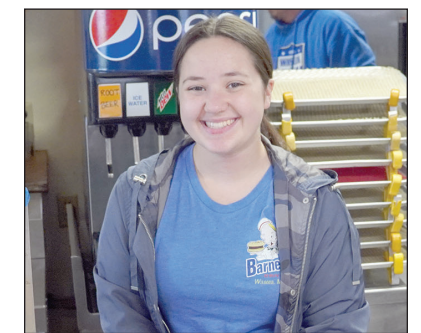
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