



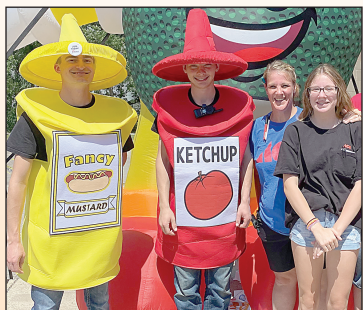
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Appreciation

Filing period for local offices open through Aug. 16

The filing period for anyone seeking to run for local office, city council, mayor, supervisor, or town clerk, ends Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

As of Wednesday, August 10 at 6 p.m., the following candidates have declared candidacies in their respective elections:

Waseca

Mayor: Randy L. Zimmerman (File date 8/2/22)
Council Member Ward 1: Jeremy Conrath (File date 8/9/22)
Special Election for Council Ward 1: Stacey Schroder (8/2), and Robert Tackett (8/5)
Council Member Ward 2: James Ebertowski (8/5)
Council Member Ward 3: Daren Arndt (8/3); Chad A. Schlueter (5/17)

Janesville

Mayor: Andrew Arnoldt (8/4)
Council Member: Daniel Frenk (8/2); Ivan Maas (8/2)

Waldorf

Mayor: Rob Wilkening (Announced on Facebook 8/9)
Council Member: Carrie Ann Ferch (8/8)

Elysian

Mayor: Tom McBroom, Sr. (8/2)
Council Member: Dante Rand (8/5), Dennis Schnoor (8/5)

Woodville Township

Town Supervisor: Rodney Born (8/3)
Town Clerk: Andrew R. Miller

Polka Service in Waldorf August 28

The Waldorf Days and All School Reunion Event is welcoming everyone to the Waldorf Community Polka Service on Sunday, August 28, at 10 a.m. at the Waldorf school. Polka music will begin 30 minutes prior to the service and continue 30 minutes after and will be followed by a pancake breakfast at the Waldorf Community Center.

Memorial Ride and Benefit Sept. 10

A memorial ride and benefit dinner will be held in honor of Hunter Alexander Frank, a 2018 graduate of Owatonna High School who was killed in the line of duty in 2020, at the Waseca American Legion on September 10.

Money raised will support the nonprofit program which provides caregiver respite, veteran training, and other services to veterans and their families.

To donate, or for more information about the benefit, contact Flores at 507-363-1569 or haf-memorial@outlook.com.

Correction

In the July 15 edition of the *Pioneer* it was erroneously reported that Rick and Sheila purchased Waseca Greenhouse in 1972. Rick was married to Linda at the time and Rick and Linda are the parents of Eric and Andrea. After Rick's divorce in 1979, he married Sheila and they have a daughter Erin.

The *Pioneer* apologizes for its mistake.

A word from The Word

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5

Social pressures devastate teens

Suicide now the second leading cause of death among high school students

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

"I didn't really plan it," remembers "Lily," an anonymous Waseca County teenager who attempted suicide in 2019. "I just...did it."

"It" in Lily's case, was to acquire the contents of a wide array of pill bottles. "I swallowed them and then I just sat there for, I don't know how long. A half hour or an hour."

"Then I decided I should go tell someone."

Except that she couldn't actually bring herself to say the words. In-

stead, as tears streamed down her face, she responded to her mother's questions about what was wrong by pointing to the bathroom and letting the empty bottles speak for themselves.

Lily was far from alone in her attempt to commit suicide. According to Erin McHenry of the Minnesota Department of Health, somewhere around 5,000 Minnesota teens are hospitalized every year for self-inflicted injuries. According to an annual survey distributed to Minnesota students in grades 8, 9 and 11, nearly 4% of our state's teenagers report

having attempted suicide within the past year.

Another organization, the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), has found that nearly 20% of American high school students have seriously considered suicide and about 9% have made a serious attempt. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, 111 youth ages 10 to 24 committed suicide in our state in 2019, the most recent year for which published statistics are available. The rate of suicide among young people has been rising for decades.

Fortunately, interventions occur in

a strong percentage of suicide attempts, as happened that day for Lily when her family saw the empty pill bottles. What followed was an immediate flurry of activity as her family rushed her to an area hospital, working hard the whole time to keep her awake. "I puked on the way," she remembers. "It hurt so badly I thought I was going to die."

Once at the hospital she was given "a really awful tasting" emetic meant to help her throw up the contents of

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Grand Opening



RIBBON CUTTING - The Waseca Chamber of Commerce held a grand opening at Clear Lake Park Monday, August 8 to unveil the completion of the new playground project. The Chamber credited the City of Waseca, thanking the "many departments which contributed," and extending special thanks to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for providing the necessary grant.



Jenna Krassin, a 2016 graduate of Waseca, is taking over the role of administrator previously held by Pete Madel.

'We want to continue operating as Pete did'

Monarch acquires Lakeshore Rehabilitation

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

"We want to continue the legacy created by Pete [Madel] and keep building," says Marc Halpert, Chief Executive Officer of Monarch Healthcare Management, Inc. The corporation, based out of Mankato, owns 44 facilities across the state of Minnesota. It took ownership of the two aspects of "Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center" as of July 15. The Waseca facility offers 42 beds for vulnerable adults: Its associated "assisted living" apartments have 18

units for more independent seniors.

Lakeshore, which has been available to area residents since 1960, was begun as a traditional "nursing home" by Pete Madel's grandfather. His father, R. Pete Madel, Jr., was the facility's administrator until 1997, when Madel took on the position. After a time, he also started a management company that helps with the operation of numerous southern Minnesota facilities, including Whis-

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Feeling a revival

Nations Glory Barn brings in thousands

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

For the last several years, JR's Barn of rural Waldorf has made a name for itself as a prime location for weddings, parties, and other social gatherings.

This summer the venue is also opening to the public in another way: ministry.

Owner Renae Groskreutz wants the public to know that, in addition to continuing operations as JR's Barn, the facility now also offers itself as "The Nations Glory Barn." When operating under this alternate name, The Nations Glory Barn is car-

rying out a type of ministry which Groskreutz calls "revivals."

Many may be acquainted with the term: internet sources explain that carrying out a "revival" is an effort to reawaken people's faith and "revive" their connection to the Holy Spirit—the member of the holy trinity who is credited with opening people's hearts to belief and trust in God.

Groskreutz puts it this way. "When you're filled with the Holy Spirit, God takes over, and things start moving. It's a very intense process."

"Revival speakers usually start at 6 p.m. and most of their meetings go

until two in the morning. People drink in the spirit, the glory, and they don't want to leave."

A total of 30 ministry events have been planned, and/or taken place throughout the summer, each featuring speakers from varying backgrounds with different numbers of followers.

Depending on the speaker, anywhere from 150 to 500 people attend. Speakers from all around the world have visited the barn, including Bishop William Waschira from Kenya.

People from throughout the country and Canada attended one event



Thousands of people have attended "revivals" hosted by the Nations Glory Barn in rural Waldorf. Submitted photo

held in June. "If we have 110 people here, I might only know 20 of them," Groskreutz admits.

"This summer we estimate about 8,000 people at this location for weddings," Groskreutz claims. "We expect our ministry events to draw another 8,000."

She explains that the name, "Nations Glory," came from one of the ministry's prophets. The gatherings have not only proven to be popular among area residents, but have drawn attendees from the entire Mid-

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A new Waldorf

Ambitious mayor has big plans for small town

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

Waldorf is known throughout Waseca County as a tight-knit community.

However, the town's been declining in population since the 1970s. After peaking at 285 people according to the 1970 census, it's lost almost 100 people, with the 2020 census setting its population at 201. If Waldorf had dipped below 200, the city would have lost the privilege of qualifying for federal funding.

The town's decline has residents speculating that their humble village might become a ghost town and be forgotten.

Mayor Rob Wilkening wants to quell those concerns.

Wilkening comes from a different place outside of Waseca County, meaning another point of view. He grew up in Appleton, Minnesota, and has been around the state.

His most significant experience in politics and city administration came from his involvement in Watertown's planning commission. A town half an hour from the Twin Cities, Watertown was not much bigger than Janesville two decades ago. However, Wilkening was ambitious, as was everyone else on the town's board, and their work helped the city grow from 3,000 people in 2000 to around 4,500 people as of 2019.

"I helped with planning the city," he says. "Going there now, it's different than how it was even ten years ago."

That was one of his many lessons in government. He also served on the Watertown school board and was part of the private

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Looking in the Mirror

by Jonah Stafford
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Happy birthdays

This week's Pioneer is dated August 12, which means that it coincides with my birthday. I am turning 20 today! In the grand scheme of things, 20 is kind of a filler age. There's nothing new I can do legally. However, it still feels monumental: my teens are finally over. For my birthday column, I thought it would be fun to recap the highlights of each of my teen years, from 13 to 19 as I celebrate the beginning of my 20s. So sit back, grab some popcorn, and let the Looking In The Mirror birthday special begin.

Without further ado, let's start with 13. The main way this year served me was the multitudes of creative writing assignments in Mr. Domeier's English class at NRHEG. I turned in some pretty high quality work, though much of it was nonsensical. I also had my first season as a long distance runner on the NRHEG track team. I was a disaster as an athlete, but it was still a fun experience for the 3 years I did it.

Year 14 was a rollercoaster! Building upon my previous writing in Mr. Domeier's class I crafted a superhero-themed, semi-autobiographical 10,000 word story for National Novel Writing Month in November. It was my magnum opus at the time but it was also an incoherent mess. I also dyed my hair blue weeks before both the Annie Get Your Gun musical at NRHEG and my own confirmation, leading to a series of unnecessary, stressful hair color changes. That year, I would often hide my phone inside my books during SSR (silent sustained reading) time and watch anime like Sword Art Online and Sailor Moon when I wasn't supposed to. Another stand-out is the Russian history documentary we watched in Mrs. Buendorf's Geography class. The completely true twists and turns intrigued me and grew my interest in history, which is something I am still into to this day. My plans to study history as my major in college got axed by the time I was 18, but watching documentaries and reading about historical figures and topics remains a hobby of mine to this day.

After 3 hair color changes in less than 4 months, we have arrived at 15. This first year of high school was actually pretty fun and good to me. My sister Solveig and I got to be in band class together, in addition to the relationships class taught by short-term FACS teacher Ms. Holmes. Ms. Holmes is also the reason I used Canva for all of my graphic design needs to this day. I also got my portable CD player that year, along with a copy of Blackout by Britney Spears and started collecting CDs. Five years later, I have now accumulated hundreds of pieces of obsolete physical media.

For me, being 16 years old was defined mostly by the music I listened to and not much else. I was always following the pop charts and was an early adopter of many of the early/mid 2019 megahits (Sweet but Psycho, Juice, Old Town Road, Señorita, etc.) I may

have shown up to the 10th grade gym class bowling unit donning a southern accent in a homage to the aforementioned Old Town Road, but I wasn't really dedicated to planning for my future at that time.

Year 17 was probably the most monumental of my life at that point. The Pokémon Sword/Shield Nintendo Switch I got for Christmas, the San Antonio band trip, the beginnings of my college search, the AP European History essays, and who could ever forget the pandemic? I actually bleached my hair about 4 days into lockdown. By the time that was over, my hair had grown enough that after a big chop, I still had a full head of natural hair left. Dua Lipa's Future Nostalgia album and Studio 2054 livestream concert, along with the Animal Crossing: New Horizons video game (and the Panther Press story I wrote about it) somewhat redeemed 2020 for me, but it was still a trying time.

Year 18 started out somewhat unremarkably: Rather than going back to attending classes in person, I chose to do my entire senior year via distance learning. I got to watch Survivor during my school lunch hour (and during a few class periods on the down low) and really enjoyed writing my Panther Press articles, but I wasn't very interested in most of what I was supposed to be "learning." I did, however, get to go on some college visits that spring and settled on Saint Mary's University and a Public Relations & Digital Media major. I also graduated high school, but that didn't do much for me. I had my eyes on the future, which brings us to....

Age 19! A couple of weeks after my birthday, I was off on my own in Winona and even when I wasn't hitting the books, I certainly learned a lot. For the first time in my life up to that point, I genuinely felt like I was progressing forward. The things I was learning in my classes actually felt relevant to my personal career aspirations and I exhibited a lot of personal growth. Who knew I had to be thrown to the lions in a Minnesota private Catholic college to finally show years of untapped potential? This summer, upon returning home, I started writing for the Star Eagle in New Richland and later the Waseca County Pioneer. Working for these newspapers has afforded me experiences that sometimes felt a bit beyond my years, but as I write and interview people, I feel like I've been given these opportunities for a reason. If I started my teens completely clueless and directionless, I'm ending them basically set for life: I just need to keep going. My dreams of writing professionally and entering the communication field have a great foundation and in my 20s I hope to achieve every single one of my goals. I'm a soon-to-be sophomore in college, but my eyes are already on the years beyond. Going forward, as I get older and celebrate more birthdays, I can only see myself continually progressing personally and career-wise for years to come!

A kid at heart, trying to figure it all out

Let's talk for a second about adulting. Now I know that most of you have been adults for a time, but as I am only eighteen (soon to be nineteen), this adulting thing is still kind of new to me and I don't know how to feel about it.

Yes, the freedom is great. Granted, I still live with my parents during the summer, but that's something else.

Adulting is weird, especially at this age. It's like half of me needing to take care of my own things and half still relying on my mom to find my insurance card.

Number one thing when turning an adult is having to make phone calls. There are so many phone calls to make: as a member of Gen Z, I prefer texting. Appointments, ordering things, getting information—it's a lot of calling. Or, if you're like us in the office, it's a game to see who has to order the food. Oh, you wanted this for lunch? Then you get to call and order it. In those cases, I usually just backtrack and say I don't want any food then because I don't want to call. Although one time I did offer to call because I really wanted Chinese food for lunch.

So there's that. Then you have cal-



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler
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ling for appointments. If they ask me questions I usually just give the simplest answer or whatever's easiest. I called to make a doctor appointment a few weeks ago. I was informed it was time for my annual checkup and I was like yeah, that's why I'm calling, just sign me up for that and I'll be on my way. It wasn't until I was actually there that I told folks about my specific question, but they can deal with that on their own.

And then there's work. As an adult you need a real job (or so I was told). We "adults" are supposed to have something that can help our careers while also earning some real money so we can pay rent. Rent. I'm only 18, why do I have to pay rent?? Plus, in the Cities, rent for an apartment is much higher than it needs to be, let's be real.

But the two jobs thing. Currently, I do this job for the Pioneer and I also bartend on the weekend. Having two jobs, it turns out, takes a lot of work, time, and energy. I tell myself it's nothing because I look at my dad and other people and see how they work tirelessly for long, long days and never complain. It's weird though. I've come to realize sleep deprivation from work and sleep deprivation from fun have two different dynamics. My household is usually in bed before the 10 o'clock news, so I used to be the one still up at midnight by myself, wondering how people are already in bed by nine or ten. Now, I'm in bed too, with no energy to do anything otherwise.

Another big thing about being an adult means knowing (and being expected to know) things. Oh, you

don't know this person? You don't know your social security number by heart? You don't know what insurance you have? Come on, now. At what age do I finally know what I'm supposed to know?

The one thing I especially don't like about being an adult is the politics. You grow up expecting or believing one thing, and then you become an adult and everything is thrown at you from all different sides. Why do people in politics like conflict? Or am I just reading too much into it? But then again, you're expected to pick a side and stick with it. What if I just want to live peacefully in my little bubble like I did when I was a kid, blissfully ignorant of political and social issues? (I don't want to know that the FBI raided Trump's house. Or that Biden fell off his bike and people made memes about it.) I don't want to know about all the deaths and shootings that this world has. It's just so depressing and I'm still just a kid at heart, which bleeds from the pain of the world.

"I'll tell you the truth and it's up to you to live with it." – William Goldman, *The Princess Bride*

Parades preferable to thunderstorms

We've all had those times when the weather ruined our plans or canceled an event. It happened to the city of Pemberton this past Saturday.

I was covering the small town's annual "Summerfest" last weekend as dark clouds loomed over the town all Saturday morning. About an hour before the parade was supposed to start, the skies opened up. The town was resilient, though.

Despite looming thunder and occasional nearby strokes of lightning, the parade took place. Pemberton residents weathered the literal process of "raining on your parade." But, even though Mother Nature failed to defeat the spirits of those taking part in and watching the Pemberton parade, she did manage to cancel the rib cookoff planned for the next day. What a shame: I really wanted to judge some ribs.

The past few weekends haven't been favorable for fairs or festivals. Madison Lake had to cancel its parade for "Paddlefish Days" when severe thunderstorms battered the region the whole morning beforehand. I think they still could have held the celebratint if they had wanted, since



Well, like I said...

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the skies cleared during the publicized "backup" time.

I can tell you this much. Trying to cover parades during a rainstorm or before a thunderstorm is not fun. I remember last year's Hay Daze nearly got delayed when storms approached from the west. From what I understand, the last of the floats finished their route just in time for the heavens to rain down. Thank goodness I wasn't in charge of taking parade photos that day!

I am not a fan of thunderstorms, as many people who have met me already know. I can stand heavy rain, and I can even tolerate hail. But I don't like thunder or lightning. They have made me jump out of a deep sleep many times.

I think my fear of thunder and

lightning stems from watching storm chaser TV shows from as early as five years old. Seeing tornadoes and hearing all of the horror stories about people getting struck by lightning left a lasting impression on me. I do my best to avoid storms at all costs.

The weather fascinates me; people joke all the time that I should've been a meteorologist, since that's the gig that pays people for being wrong most of the time. My relationship with it is...quite complicated. While I am absolutely astonished by the power of Mother Nature, I cannot fathom for the life of me why something like lightning exists. Out of all things to produce essential chemicals for Earth's ozone layer, why did it have to be something five times hotter than the surface of the sun that

can strike out of storm clouds anywhere and anytime?

Speaking of lightning, rest in peace to the three victims killed by a lightning bolt in our nation's capital. It is absolutely scary how powerful Mother Nature can be sometimes. Quite fascinating, but scary.

This week in music

Before moving on to this week in music, we missed a big milestone in rock and roll history last week. While we went to press Wednesday, August 4, Def Leppard's fourth studio album Hysteria turned 35 years old. Released in 1987, it became the band's top-selling record of its career, selling over 13 million copies in the United States and 20 million worldwide. It topped the United Kingdom charts in its first week.

Later on in the month, the band released the second single from the album, "Women." It was the only one of seven singles off the album not to chart in the Top 20 on the Billboard Hot 100. It only reached number 80 in the United States while failing to make the charts in the band's home country of the United Kingdom.

Return of a familiar feeling

Tink Larson sent me a nice thank you for the *Pioneer's* coverage of the Braves, which began in July.

The first game I went to, I encountered some family members with whom I had lost touch. During the next game I ran into the family of Braves catcher Ben Schoenrock and a second energetic conversation ensued. I believe it was finally during the third game I attended that I actually started taking photos.

It was then that I asked Braves' coach Blake Nelson whether I could just come into the dugout. He consented. Since then, I go directly there, otherwise I would spend the majority of the game talking to folks.

This new opportunity provided a new set of challenges.

The first night I stationed myself in the dugout was the Friday night during the Waseca County Fair. One of the players made a comment to another player, likely not knowing or caring if I overheard: "Don't get used to the cameras."

I took him to mean that he didn't expect on-going coverage.

But what he didn't know, and what anyone who knows me doesn't need to be told, is that *I love* baseball. In fact, I love sports. Not only that, but I was trained by an award winning sports editor, my father.

Something unexpected happened when I found myself among the players. It started out small and by the time the final pitch was thrown last Saturday, the knot—the gut-level



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens
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intensity the game inspires in me—came back full force.

I've been a baseball fan since the age of seven. My dad tried really hard to get my siblings into sports, and well, that didn't work so he didn't try with me. But seeing what he tried to do for them made me jealous. So I had to play.

And then there were the hundreds of events we got brought along to as a result of his work as a sports editor. First in Albert Lea, but more importantly in New Richland.

So let me tell you about the knot in my stomach.

My senior season I played only baseball, foregoing other sports I had previously taken part in. Beginning already with our first game that year, I was keenly aware it would be my last season. I had worked very hard to ensure a good senior campaign. I had lost 50 pounds and was in the best shape I had ever been for baseball. I was also building on the best fall baseball season I had ever had, 2015. (I graduated in 2016.)

Throughout the year I felt an intestinal pressure that came from the

combination of wanting to hold on to every moment and knowing I could not. That feeling, that "knot," grew and grew and grew to the point I felt queasy the majority of May in 2016. I didn't want my baseball career to end.

Standing in the dugout with the Braves reminded me why I now work very hard to assure high school athletics are covered. Experiencing that intensity again also reminded me that my baseball career didn't really have to end in high school.

Sitting in the dugout transported me to my senior year. I felt like I was a part of something I haven't had in a long time. The knot—the gut-level pressure—returned.

I had become part of baseball again.

Thinking back to my final baseball game as a senior, I'm reminded of what our coach said to us after the game. "If this is the saddest moment in your lives, think about how blessed your life must be."

After the final game this year, after the Braves lost in heartbreaking fashion, I stuck around for awhile. The

end of this Braves season felt familiar. It was the same feeling I had every summer from the age of seven through my senior year. I talked with starting pitcher Kelvin Nelson, and Tink, but mainly Kelvin—who happens to be my cousin—for a while after the game. I think he may have thought it was for the newspaper, but really it was just for me.

Tink said it best, "You never want to go home after the last one. You don't want the season to end."

Honestly, just from those three games with Tink and the team, I understand why people speak the way they do about Coach Larson. I'm grateful I get to see him coach up close.

From just that handful of games I already have a handful of memories I won't soon forget.

When the Reds, New Richland's town team, closed up shop during my freshman year in the spring of 2012, I took that to mean I had lost all hope of connecting with baseball after my senior season.

But standing there in the dugout, listening to the banter and being surrounded by the anticipation of each play, I learned my hope was not lost. I now have the Braves. Although New Richland's town team has been gone for most of a decade, the gut-level intensity that has always been there when I played is still there. So, Braves, I want you to know: feel free to get used to the cameras.



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ARRIVING AND DEPARTING - Andy Waugh, left, will be taking the reins at Ace Hardware in September. Cam Swanson, right, is leaving the manager position at the end of August.



ACE APPRECIATION - Enjoying customer appreciation day, are, from left, Aidan Sharp, Hunter Meyers, Jen Michael, volunteer Chelsea Michael, Jon McCabe, Samantha Hammer, Scott Arndt.

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Bidding farewell

Appreciation, going-away party at Ace

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

The Waseca Ace Hardware store celebrated two “appreciations” in one on Friday, August 5: Departing manager Cam Swanson was honored for his four years of service, and store customers were thanked for their patronage and loyalty. Food catered by Morgan’s Meat Market was served from 10 to 2 p.m.. “Bucket deals” were offered, and representatives from Benjamin Moore, Big Green Egg, TORO, and STIHL were available for consultation.

“The customer appreciation was a long time coming, but with Covid we weren’t able to do it,” explained Ace employee Andy Waugh, who is slated to move into the manager position.

Swanson moved to Waseca four years ago to manage the Ace Hard-

ware store, and is departing now because of some opportunities which have become available to him. He will be moving to the Cities at the end of August, leaving his 11-year career in hardware behind. “It’s a bummer for sure,” said Swanson, “I’m a small town guy, and I have a lot of friends here.”

Swanson believes customers will barely notice the change in leadership at the store. Although small managerial details may be altered, the business will remain “the same old Waseca Ace Hardware.” As Waugh prepares to step into the manager position, he says his focus will be on assuring customers’ needs are served. “It’s fun to see the community support we have,” Waugh says. “Thanks to the loyal customers, staff, and everyone who made this day possible.”

Dear Editor,

Back in the 1980s, I worked for a midsized newspaper in Illinois. The death-knell of the newspaper industry was a constant topic and newspapers searched for ways to combat the threat from the internet and “free” news sources. This was not the first time, by any means, that this industry was “dying” – similar challenges appeared with the advent of the radio and, later, television.

Some newspapers did go out of business. Many of them were in small towns throughout the country which relied on them for local information. These small-town papers died as much from the stagnation of their towns as from any nation-wide threat. As the downtowns shuttered and the factories moved to larger labor pools, the vital advertising dollars that kept the newspapers alive dried up. When the local owner/publisher was ready to retire, or needed to retire, there was no market for his/her small-town struggling business.

In the 2000s I was privileged to sit on the Governing Board of the Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library System, headquartered here in Waseca. We were told that libraries were passe’, no longer vital to our communities; that books were going electronic and anyone with a computer could read them. So, libraries all over diversified, included more electronics, more programming, fewer print books. And guess what, the system in our town has flourished. And books,



the actual, physical product resulting from the 1440 AD invention of the Gutenberg printing press, remain popular among diverse age groups.

Over the years many people have told me they would like to be published. Some write poetry as a hobby, some dabble in fiction or write essays about topics they enjoy. Several have actually succeeded in being published even though they work in vastly different professions from the literary world. The vast majority of them are not web-based books, but can surely be purchased on the web. There is just something special about being able to hold that tactile, three-dimensional product, be it a newspaper or a hardcover book.

It takes vision, innovation, youth, boldness, and sweat-equity to recreate or create a viable product. The Waseca area is blessed with generations of folks who fit that bill, from Bumps Brown and the Johnsons through Rick Morris and the Kozans all the way down to the Meatery folks and the Pioneer’s own Michael Roy and Eli Lutgens. Doing what they loved, they helped keep the area viable for generations to come.

I guess that’s one of the big reasons I still live here!

-Mary Zlabek

Meet your neighbor, Miguel

Name: Miguel Beltran	Favorite Food: Sushi
Town: Waseca	All Time Favorite Movie: <i>Ready Player One</i>
Age: 18	Favorite Sports Team: Minnesota United FC
Hometown: Waseca	Favorite musical artist: J. Cole
Family: Dad, Miguel Beltran; Mom, Gabriela Salazar; brothers, Gabriel, Hector, and Roberto Beltran	My favorite activities when I was growing up: Playing sports and video games
Occupation: Lifeguard/framer	My biggest pet peeve: Chewing with mouth open
Hobbies: Soccer, volleyball, art	The best advice I’ve ever received: Don’t stop until you’re satisfied.
My dream vacation would be: Japan	If I could have lunch with any one person, living or dead: My grandpa (my father’s father) because he didn’t live long enough to meet me and was so excited to hear my father had me.
The best thing about small town living is: You get to know the community really easily	Something about me that would surprise people: I couldn’t speak English until 4th grade
Last Good Book I Read: <i>The Outsiders</i>	
Favorite TV show: Breaking Bad	



Miguel Beltran was born in Owatonna, but has been a Waseca resident nearly all his life.

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her stomach. “I had a sore throat for days,” she remembers. She, however, was fairly “out of it” as doctors and nurses worked with her. She remembers fairly little, but does recall imagining she saw cartoon-like monsters coming down from the ceiling. She also may have flirted rather shamelessly with male members of the medical staff.

“Here everyone was trying to save my life,” she observes, “and I barely even knew what was going on.”

Lily spent one day in an intensive care unit, another in a hospital room, and then she was transferred to an inpatient mental health facility.

“That’s where the most important treatment came,” she says. Schedules and programs at the mental health center gave her no choice but to open up and talk about herself, something Lily had previously found a very hard time doing.

At the time of her suicide attempt, she had been living in Waseca County only about 6 months. During much of her time growing up, her family had moved fairly frequently. “Every time we moved, I think I withdrew into myself a little more,” she says. “By 2019, when I was a junior, you could barely get a peep out of me.” She had only a few friends and never spoke her deepest feelings to them out loud.

Also contributing to her shyness was a history of having been bullied. “I would say something and some-

one would shut me down,” she remembers. “So finally I just made it my habit not to say anything.”

Increasing her feelings of being an outsider was the on-line behavior of certain anonymous individuals. She remembers posting some statements she thought were clever or uplifting on one site and receiving responses that she was “stupid” and “should go kill” herself.

“I saved a screenshot of it on my phone for a long time,” she says. “I just couldn’t believe the kinds of things people would say.”

At other times, communicating among a small group of friends, Lily remembers sharing her feelings and impressions online. “Sometimes they were really dark, depressing things and I’m not sure anyone knew how to respond.” She suspects that, not knowing what else to do, her friends would “scroll right by” many such statements.

“I’m not sure I would have accepted help then, anyway,” she says. “They might have asked ‘Are you okay?’ and I’m not sure I would have known how to answer.”

Looking back on it, Lily says that rather than texting or posting her feelings, she should have found someone she was ready to speak with face to face, and then engaged in a genuine conversation.

But that’s not how teens do things these days, and it especially wasn’t how it was during the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“More of their social interaction is online than it is in person,” she says of typical teenagers. “It’s really not healthy.” Along with the lack of face-to-face communication is the type of material teens expose themselves to.

Lily mentions the fairly recent case of a teen who used a live feed during a suicide attempt.

“No one should see some of the things that get posted online,” she says. “Yes, you get to see puppies and kittens, but you also see a lot of really bad stuff. You’ll be scrolling along through your feed, and all of a sudden there it will be.

“Of course you’re not looking for it, but once it starts it’s like a bus crash. You can’t look away.” Lily also speculates that the negative impact social media has on teens is magnified by the speed and frequency at which the bad news is delivered.

“There it comes, one thing after another. There’s so much of it and it doesn’t stop. How can it not give you a negative outlook on things?” she asks.

Even today, when she has the perception she uses it much less than before, Lily’s phone indicates she spends an average of 6 hours a day sending text messages, checking online sites, and referring to social media. Survey results published by various agencies online claim that American young people spend between 7 and 9 hours a day on social media.

“It worries me,” she says, “when I think about my younger siblings who still follow some of those sites.”

Lily’s recollection is that, once her first thoughts of committing suicide crossed her mind, they never really went away. In fact, they still surface occasionally. But thanks to the therapy she has received and the habits of self reflection she has learned, she has a system for containing them.

“I picture harmful ideas as being

in a bubble,” she explains. “And I just sort of watch them float by.

While the idea might cross my mind, genuinely considering suicide now would be like a slap in the face to everything I’ve learned and how much I’ve grown.”

In addition to conversations with therapists and a course which required her to share her feelings with family members, Lily says she’s a much different person today than she was in 2019. “I hated having to do those things,” she admits, “but I realized as I was doing them that they were exactly what I needed.”

She also feels she is more attentive to the kinds of statements fellow teens and folks in their early twenties are sharing. “If I see something that I believe is dangerous,” she comments, “I say something.” And not just on-line, but through friends and family. “I don’t care if someone might find it irritating,” she says. “I reach out.”

Another concern Lily has is for any young people who say they need help, but who are told by others—including parents—that professional help is unnecessary.

“We’ve got to change that stigma,” she says. “If someone says they need help, they need it.” Professional therapists, she says, have the knowledge and tools to recognize difficulties and initiate change. The conversations she had with her therapists made a genuine difference in her outlook, and provided tools that she uses all the time to evaluate her perspective.

She can see now that “They’re there to help,” she says. “Not judge you or irritate you on purpose.”

■ Wilkening

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school there. “The public school had a \$57 million project, with \$30 million alone going into the elementary school. It was an amazing school they built there. They added a brand new theater with 650 seats.”

Watertown went from being a small-town “bedroom” community to an entertainment hub all on its own. Wilkening believes that the same opportunities they had in Watertown could come to Waldorf.

“Mankato is a straight shot from Waldorf on Highway 83,” Wilkening states. “We’re also half an hour from Owatonna and close to other growing communities like Albert Lea and Waseca.”

The town’s mayor since 2020, Wilkening envisions a thriving little community in Waldorf. One of his first steps was the city improvement project involving upgrading utilities

and streets and tearing down abandoned buildings. The city will complete the project’s first phase on July 31 and begin Phase II shortly afterward.

Wilkening hopes to get approval for an industrial park with a station. But he doesn’t want to stop there. He’s looking for a Dollar Store to come into town hopes to have a truck stop along Highway 83.

“We have about 900 trucks coming through Waldorf a day, with many of them going to and from Janesville,” he claims. “A truck stop would be perfect for bringing some business into town.”

And he’s all about business. “We have a three-year tax abatement program. People who build will get free taxes for the county and city. It helps improve anything.”

He’s also about incorporating character. “People will drive to places that are unique. That’s what I want to bring to Waldorf.”

At first, some residents were concerned about how much Wilkening’s plans would cost them, but many got

on board once they learned the price tag for the city’s street and utility improvement projects.

“We’ve been blessed to do this without raising taxes by much,” Wilkening says.

What does he credit that success to? Covid-19.

“It was a perfect storm,” he claims. “When Covid-19 came and shut everything down, the government offered all this free money. It allowed us to take on projects the city had needed for a long time. It also allowed us to look into ways we could grow Waldorf.”

Some businesses are already seeing success in Waldorf, especially small engine and repair businesses. He’s also seen an uptick in volunteerism throughout the community. “I can’t do it all myself. And I think people know that here. They’re coming to help, bringing up ideas and investing in our town.”

Wilkening also credits the members of the Waldorf City Council for their work ethic. “The biggest thing is that we have a good team

here. We have a great city council that works together and respects each other’s opinions. I’ve helped paint a picture, and the council and residents see it. It’s been go, go, go since then.”

Wilkening’s term as mayor ends in 2023. On Tuesday evening he announced via Facebook his intention to run for reelection.

Wilkening is thankful for the opportunity to kickstart Waldorf’s potential regrowth. “I think what’s going to happen in Waldorf is that the average resident won’t be on the lower-income side anymore,” he says. “I think once we get more businesses back, the town will grow in population and wealth.”

He adds, “If anyone wants to invest in Waldorf, let me know. I have several developers already in place, but we could always use investors for our community. I’m excited to see what Waldorf will look like in five years.”



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Gerald Jellum

Gerald “Jerry” A. Jellum, age 86 of Waseca, passed away on the morning of Sunday, August 7, 2022 at Colony Court in Waseca.

Born in Waseca on October 24, 1935, Jerry was the son of Lawrence and Ella (Nyberg) Jellum. He attended school in Waseca and graduated with the class of 1953 before serving in the United States Air Force. On January 29, 1959, he was united in marriage to Delores Ketchum in Waseca. They made their life together in Waseca until her passing in April 2022. Jerry spent most of his working life driving truck and school bus, and he enjoyed bowling, playing softball, caring for many animals over the years, and following Minnesota sports. As a younger couple, he and Delores enjoyed traveling up north and visiting friends and family in Arizona and Colorado. A lifelong resident of Waseca and former member of the Waseca VFW and American Legion, Jerry had many friends who will miss him dearly.

Gerald is survived by one son, Gary Jellum of Owatonna; one granddaughter, Heather Jellum and her husband Brian Borglum of Waseca; two siblings, Lorraine



Gerald Jellum

Harter of Waseca and Richard (Jellum) of Midland, MI; and four special grand-pets, Angel, Bella, Claudia, and Daisy. Jerry was preceded in death by both of his parents; his wife; and one son, Michael Jellum.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be directed to the Waseca County Animal Humane Society. Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca is handling the arrangements. dennisfuneralhomes.com

Charles Smith

Charles William Smith, age 78 of Waterville, passed away at his home on Thursday, August 4, 2022.

Born in Webster, FL on August 5, 1943, Charles was the son of John and Beatrice Smith. He attended Sumter County Senior High while he was young. Following his education, he joined the US Army, earning the rank of sergeant. He served in the Vietnam War where he received a purple heart. After his military discharge, he moved to Minnesota where he met the love of his life. On May 29, 1978, he married Susan K. Frykman in Bloomington. They

were married for 42 years until Susan passed away on January 6, 2021. Charles worked at Supra-Color Labs for some time before becoming a computer operator at B. Dalton Books which later became Carlson Companies and Optum Health. He retired in 2019 and spent his free time reading and spending time with family and friends.

Charles is survived by his daughter, Alexis F. Smith of Waterville; siblings, Barbara of Florida, Kathy of Florida, and Steven (Sheila) of Florida. He is preceded in death by his wife, Susan Smith; and parents, John and Beatrice Smith.

Tracy Fredenburg

Tracy Louis Fredenburg, age 60, passed away on the morning of Monday, August 1, 2022 in Waseca.

Born in Faribault on February 17, 1962, Tracy was the son of Richard and Beverly (St. Martin) Fredenburg. He grew up in Waterville and attended Waterville-Elysian-Morristown High School before continuing his education at Faribault Vo-Tech where he studied mechanics. Tracy owned and operated Main Street Service and Exhaust in Waterville for many years and he also volunteered with the Waterville Fire Department. He was married to Paula Schuster for several years before their divorce. In his free time, he enjoyed repairing small engines, motorcycles, and bikes, racing, and gardening. More than anything though, he enjoyed spending time with his grandkids.

Tracy is survived by his son, Cody Fredenburg of Ely; his stepchildren, Natasha (Shane) Southard of Waseca, Taya (Harley Hawks) Rux of Kilkenny, David (Melissa Goldsmith) Schuster of Waterville, and Mike (Shylah)



Tracy Fredenburg

Cassidy of Elysian; fourteen grandchildren; and four siblings, Pete Fredenburg of Florida, Cheryl (Dan Filan) Adams of Morristown, Paul (Deanna) Fredenburg of Waterville, and Nellie Fredenburg of Faribault. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; and one brother Richard, Fredenburg, Jr.

A celebration of Tracy’s life was hosted by his family from on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at the Waterville Event Center.

Eilene Johnson

Eilene Genievieve (Evenson) Johnson passed away peacefully at her home with loving family by her side on Sunday, August 7, at the age of 96. After a lifetime of good health, she left this world as she had lived, enjoying final visits with beloved family and friends.

More than anything else, Eilene loved her family. She cherished their visits and phone calls, stayed current on their activities, never forgot a birthday, and covered her house with their pictures, including one wall that boasted nearly 200 5x7’s that told the stories of their accomplishments and precious times together. She was a special aunt and great-aunt to dozens of nieces and nephews, and they included her in their lives until the very end.

Eilene was a devoted, life-long member of Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca. She and her husband raised their daughters at Grace, and over the years she taught Sunday School, participated in Ladies Aid and helped with Christmas programs. In the last two years when she was unable to attend in person, she and grandson Jason never missed watching it on TV every Sunday morning.

Eilene spent her entire career teaching in the Waseca School District, beginning in a one-room country school, followed by kindergarten at South Side Elementary, and primarily as a first-grade teacher at both South Side and Hartley Elementary. She found magic in the moment her young students first realized they could read, understanding that the door to lifelong learning had just been opened. She loved her students, and they loved her. She was living proof that teachers are among the best people, touching the hearts and minds of over a thousand students.

Eilene was proud of her Norwegian heritage. Her parents spoke Norwegian at home, especially when discussing things their seven children didn’t need to hear, and was baptized and confirmed in Norwegian at the LeSueur River Lutheran Church outside of New Richland. To the end, she conversed in Norwegian with her brothers and sisters, and took pride in teaching those who cared for her simple Norwegian commands.

Widowed at the age of 54, Eilene continued to live life to the fullest. She taught 10 more years, traveled abroad with family and dear teacher

friends, maintained her beautiful home and garden, and found time for family, as well as, numerous friends and neighbors.

In her final days, Eilene often said she wanted to go home, where she was lovingly embraced by her husband, Maynard, daughter Ruth Ann Hager, her parents, Arthur and Alice Evenson, brothers Roger and Ellsworth and countless other family members and friends. Sister Joanne promised her a Norwegian family reunion in heaven someday, which brought a smile to her face.

Eilene is survived by her daughter, Sandra Connolly (Patrick), grandchildren Jason Hager (Tahlia Anderson), Courtney O’Brien (Andy), Cameron Hager (Jen Woyda), Quinn Buum (James) and Evan Connolly (Rachel Moulds), and great-grandchildren Griffen Hager, Alix and Joe O’Brien, Arlo and Iris Woyda Hager, Charlotte and Maeve Buum and Greyson Connolly; brothers Winston and Charles Evenson, sisters Joanne Cherrington and Kathryn Parriott, and their families.

Eilene’s family would like to thank the dedicated staff of Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice, and personal caregivers, for the loving care they provided. She was able to



Eilene Johnson

comfortably remain in her home and able to say good-bye to loved ones until the very end.

Eilene will be remembered for her warm smile, quick wit, determination in all things, and her love of life, family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

Memorial Service was on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca. Interment was in Woodville Cemetery. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

Cynthia Ann Coy

Cynthia Ann Coy, age 65, life long resident of Waseca, passed away on August 8, 2022 at her home with her family by her side.

Cindy was born on June 24, 1957, to Leland and JoAnn (Larson) Root, in Waseca, Minnesota. She attended school at Sacred Heart and graduated from Waseca High School in 1975.

Cindy has enjoyed a fulfilling life with her loving husband Scott Coy. They have spent much of their time attending and supporting their grandchildren in all their activities. Together they proudly cheered at softball games, baseball games, volleyball games, as well as dance recitals, and many more. They looked forward to visiting TX each year, and other travels to see friends and family. They spent many weekends in their classic cars, dinners out with lifelong friends that were there

through the end. Toasting her bedside with her favorite chardonnay. Earlier in her life Cindy was married to Curt Yess and had 5 children together and continued to support each other as an extended family.

Cindy worked at a variety of jobs and obtained her Social Work degree in 2001 and enjoyed giving back to others to help them. She advocated for children with special needs and helped to pass legislation that supported infants and children with developmental disabilities.

She is survived by her loving husband, Scott Coy of Waseca; father, Leland Root of Waseca; children, Jillian (Jon) Stagman of Waseca, Jeremy (Kelsey) Coy of Savage, Jocelyn (Zac) Karbo of Aledo, TX, Jennifer (Colby) Schmidt of Saint Peter; grandchildren, Cameron Stagman, Kaiya Stagman, Tyler Stagman, Kaylee Coy, Paxton Karbo, Hudson Karbo, Brooklyn Schmidt,

Roslyn Schmidt, Adalyn Schmidt, and Kendelyn Schmidt; sisters, Denise (Paul) Peterson, Mary (Lyle) Anderson; brothers, Chuch (Lora Root), Doug (Barb) Root; brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, Kevin (Katrina) Coy, Tracy (Bess) Coy, Brad (Vlasta) Coy; and many nieces and nephews.

Cindy was preceded in death by her sons, Jacob and Jason Yess; mother, JoAnn Root, mother & father-in-law, Burt and Lois Coy; brother-in-law Keith Coy.

Visitation will be from 4 – 7 p.m. on Friday, August 12th at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral & Cremation Service in Waseca and continue Saturday August 13th one hour before services at the church.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Saturday August 13 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Waseca with Pastor John Omans officiating. Cremation



Cynthia Ann Coy

and burial will be held at a later date.

Casket bearers: Jon Stagman, Jeremy Coy, Zac Karbo, Colby Schmidt, Chuch Root, Doug Root, Curt Yess, and Paul Peterson

Donald Sotebeer

Donald J. Sotebeer, age 86, of Byron, Minnesota passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at his home.

Donald John Sotebeer was born September 22, 1935 in Waseca, Minnesota the son of Andrew and Ethel (Schultz) Sotebeer. He was a graduate of Waseca High School. Don worked for the Minnesota Highway Department prior to accepting a position at IBM. IBM sent him to New York for initial training and he later traveled to Germany for additional training. Donald was the first line manager for disc manufacturing and his love for people earned him numerous awards during his prolific career at IBM over the span of 30 years.

Donald married Lois Voss on August 29, 1959 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Meridan, MN. They were blessed with two daughters, Lisa and Lynne. He was later blessed with four granddaughters that were his pride and joy. He enjoyed celebrating Christmas and daily coffee with family along with taking family vacations including Disney World where his favorite ride was “It’s a Small World” and camping at the river. He was a great cook inside the house and on the grill along with smoking meats. Donald enjoyed woodworking, fishing and hunting, and took great pride in maintaining his property and caring for the wildlife out in the country.

He was a member of the Lions Club and cooked at the annual Lions Club Chicken Roast. He was also a charter member of Christ Lutheran Church in Byron, MN.

He is survived by his daughters, Lynne (Dave) Baumann and Lisa Sotebeer; four granddaughters, Rachel (JC) Banea, Gabriela Schweizer, Lauren and Lindsey Baumann; sister-in-law, Tommie Sotebeer along with extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Lois; brother, Andrew Jr. and brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mardell Sotebeer.

The family wishes to express their deep gratitude to all the friends, family and caregivers.

A Celebration of Donald’s life will be held 11:00 AM, Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Frontage Rd. NW, Byron, MN 55920. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Woodville Cemetery, Waseca, MN.

Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Sotebeer family; to share a special memory or



Donald Sotebeer

condolence please visit www.ranfranzandvinefh.com.

In lieu of flowers please direct memorials to Christ Lutheran Church of Byron, or an animal charity of your choice.

Child’s History of Waseca County

Chapter 14

Town site booming – Wilton Village Platted by Cornell and Abbot of Owatonna, and John and D. J. Jenkins and child of Waseca County – claim-jumping – house body torn down – many settlers arrested and taken to Owatonna – Land suits at Winona – war on the Le Sueur – buildings torn down in Wilton.

The first year’s settlement did not pass without a town-site boom in this country. Speculators were abroad then as now. In October, 1855, A. B. Cornell and John H. Abbott, then of Owatonna, came to the settlement and prevailed upon D. J. and John Jenkins and the writer to join with them in platting a town site. Mr. Abbott was a surveyor and the parties proceeded to survey and plat the village of Wilton, the first-born city of the county. It soon became evident to John Jenkins and me that A. B. Cornell, the moving genius of the firm, intended to get persons to come on from various places and take possession of all the land in the ., and that, too, without regard to the rights of others. D. J. Jenkins sided with Cornell and Abbott, and it was quite ev-

ident that they proposed to jump claims if they could not get what they wanted in any other way. John Jenkins and I withdrew shortly after the survey was made, and men from Owatonna took our places.

D. J. Jenkins built, that fall, the first house on the new town plat, or, rather, adjoining it, and it was expected then that, like Jonah’s gourd, it would grow to almost a city in a day. But, unfortunately, the prime movers of the enterprise so managed their affairs that the settlers of the surrounding country, even up to the boundary line of the village plat, refused to countenance the building of the new city. As evidence of the feeling that existed at the time, a few facts will be given, which, though not very creditable, perhaps, will show the extent to which men will sometimes proceed when thrown together promiscuously beyond the controlling influences of courts and law. In the latter part of January, 1856, the Owatonna proprietors of the Wilton plat hired some fellows to jump the claims of four settlers – Robert and Hugh McDougall and George and Bill Robbins – who had

settled along the river, just east of the village plat. The claim jumpers commenced the erection of houses on these lands, and set up counter claims to them on the ground, as they said, that those young men had claimed more than 160 acres each, that because they were foreign born and had not declared their intentions of becoming citizens prior to their settlement. The former of these charges was false, the latter true. The men had not declared their intentions to become citizens simply because there was no court nearer than Mankato, and also because they expected to do so as soon as they could get to the land office at Winona.

As soon as it was noised about that claim-jumping had commenced, an impromptu meeting of the boys was held and they concluded to visit the claim-jumpers and inform them that claim-jumping would not be tolerated at all in the settlement. The agents of the “city speculators” were at the time putting up a log house on the claim since known as the O’Brien land. It adjoined the village plat, on the east, and lay immediately on the road leading to Owatonna.

Nearly every man in the settlement was present at the meeting. They all proceeded to the place where the claim-jumpers were at work, and informed them what had been decided upon. The claim-jumpers were acting under the legal advice of Mr. Cornell and conducted themselves accordingly. They evinced none of that blunt, out-spoken honesty so common to western pioneers, but observed a studied purpose to overreach the boys in legal points and yet preserve themselves from physical harm. They showed no fight, but quietly stepped aside when told to do so, by the original claimants. The latter then proceeded to tear down the building forthwith. Cornell’s gang quietly withdrew from the premises after witnessing the tearing down process. As soon as possible thereafter warrants were sued out before an Owatonna justice (they was then a part of Steele county) for the arrest of five of the men; to-wit: John Jenkins, Hugh and Robert McDougall, and George and William Robbins – all but Jenkins having an interest in the claims jumped.



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5:45PM Ready, Set, Grow
7:00PM Deal or No Deal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- 12:00PM Moogician
1:20PM Women's Nail Driving
2:00PM Ready, Set, Grow
3:00PM Moogician
4:00PM Ready, Set, Grow
5:05PM Bean Bag Charity Challenge
5:45PM Ready, Set, Grow
7:00PM Deal or No Deal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 12:00PM Moogician
1:20PM Women's Nail Driving
2:00PM Ready, Set, Grow
3:15PM Moogician
4:00PM Ready, Set, Grow
5:05PM Bean Bag Charity Challenge
5:45PM Ready, Set, Grow
7:00PM Deal or No Deal

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- 12:00PM Moogician
1:00PM Deal or No Deal
2:15PM Ready, Set, Grow
3:15PM Moogician
4:00PM Ready, Set, Grow
5:05PM Bean Bag Charity Challenge
5:45PM Moogician
6:45PM Deal or No Deal

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 12:30PM Moogician
1:00PM High School Robotics Team
3:15PM Ready, Set, Grow
4:15PM Moogician
5:15PM Ready, Set, Grow

UNITED PRAIRIE BANK STAGE
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 5:00PM Flag Raising Ceremony
6:00PM Owatonna Community Band
7:30PM Steel Canyon Band

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 12:00PM Branded: Hot Country
3:15PM UPDS Dance Studio
4:15PM Stix of Fury
5:15PM Black Dog Road
8:00PM Power of 10

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- 11:30AM Senior Citizen Recognition
12:30PM Wendinger Band
4:00PM The iPolka Band
8:00PM The White Sidewalls

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 11:30AM Rad Zoo
12:00PM Dan Stursa Band
2:45PM Blue Dream
6:00PM Just Friends
7:30PM Janelle Kendall & The Perfect Storm
- (formerly Walter's Wheelhouse)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- 11:00AM Dee Miller
1:15PM Scottie Miller Band
3:45PM Harrison Street Band
6:15PM White Wolf
8:00PM Transit Authority

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 11:00AM Community Church Service
12:15PM Taekwondo
1:15PM Eclipse
4:00PM The Chubs
6:30PM United Way
7:00PM Owatonna Football Team

VILLAGE OF YESTERYEAR STAGE
All Village of Yesteryear Stage events are FREE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 6:00PM Todd & Roger Uptadel - Folk

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 12:00PM Nate & Virginia Page
3:00PM Karen Kasper Children's Book Reading
6:00PM Lights of Litomysl - Christian

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- 12:00PM Dan Stursa Band
3:00PM Pat Meisel Orchestra Group
6:00PM Read Around America

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 12:00PM Allan O'Malley
3:00PM The iPolka Band
6:00PM Just Kidding

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- 12:00PM Tim Penny Band
3:00PM Read Around America
6:00PM Dave Williams

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 9:30AM Traditional Church Service
12:00PM Grass Run Band
3:00PM Dunnell Lenort

OTHER EVENTS

- Equine Hall of Fame
- Livestock Hall of Fame
- Jurassic Kingdom Dinosaur Show - Tuesday at 8pm, Wed-Sun at 2pm, 5pm & 8pm
- The Wells Fargo Auto Museum
- A-Z Exotic Petting Zoo
- Otter Adventure - Tuesday - 7PM, Wed - Sun - 1, 4 & 7
- All Star Stunt Dog Shows - Tues 6PM, Wed-Sun Noon, 3 & 6
- Gandy's Old Iron Show - Next to Village of Yesteryear
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Little thought given

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS’ CLUB MEETING
Do you know the difference between a shower curtain and toilet paper?
No.
Then please don’t use my bath-room.
DRIVING BY BRUCE’S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Not all drivers were constructed of patience as I drove to where I needed to be.
There, I visited with a fellow from Vermont. He said he was a woodchuck. Not everyone admits to being a woodchuck, groundhog or whistle-pig. In Vermont, a Woodchuck is a native Vermonter and a “Flatlander” is a recent immigrant. A Woodchuck likely chuckled wood. I was a Minnesota Woodchuck as I grew up chopping, sawing, splitting, dragging, carrying, stacking and burning firewood. I chuckled wood.
Back when kid intelligence was in its infancy, I came down with a raging case of fake hypochondria. Mother was off on some important mission, so Dad was left to deal with me and he had just the thing. He made “graveyard stew,” which was milk toast—toast with a pad of butter in a bowl covered with warm milk. He added cream, sugar and cinnamon to get me to eat it. It helped, I think.
I’VE LEARNED
According to research from S&P Global Mobility, the average age of a car on US roads is now 12.2 years. I saw an abandoned shopping cart parked in the handicap space next to a 12.2-year-old car. Some people aren’t good at self-governing, but I don’t judge people as it’s not my job, but if I start, I’ll be judging the people who don’t put their shopping carts back into their corrals in parking lots. It’s your right to return them. Do what’s right. Shopping carts aren’t intended for highway use and don’t belong wherever.
Everything takes longer than it should except getting older.
NO DIY
I called around to find a tradesman to work on the hovel. I called two. Neither one returned my phone calls. I asked a friend who knows about that sort of thing what he thought about one guy I’d called.
“He’s OK,” he replied.
Two words sharp enough to carve a turkey. It was as clear as glass. It’s another way of saying, “Meh.” That meant the fellow was nice enough, but unexceptional. I dragged a pen through the guy’s name on my list of potential hires. He still hadn’t returned my call.

THOSE THRILLING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR IN HARTLAND
Mark Light of Albert Lea said that, when he attended grade school in Hartland, Shirley Sibilrud of that fair city brought a dead opossum (It had been hit by a milk truck.) into Crystal Sibilrud’s class, so the kids could see what one looked like.
THOSE THRILLING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR
Gas was 33 cents a gallon when I became a licensed driver. It was 34 cents the next year and 35 the year after. I never gave much thought to the price of gas. I gave little thought to anything. I never thought I’d ever give much thought to the price of gas. We’re not meant to know everything. I used to know a guy who named his dog Kenneth. I asked the man why he gave the dog that name. He didn’t know.
THE FAIR WAY
I donated 33 bird houses to the Freeborn County Fair’s Conservation & Conversation Building where I’m the lowly superintendent. During the fair, I was interviewed about bald eagles by the Chilkat Valley News from Haines, Alaska, about birds and climate change by a writer from the Christian Science Monitor, and was asked to offer a remembrance of Merrill Frydendall for the Mankato Free Press. Merrill was my hero and an extraordinary ornithology professor at Minnesota State University-Mankato.
I volunteered at the Audubon Society’s booth and at the Freeborn County Historical Museum & Village. Kenny Van Riper of Albert Lea won the “Are you smarter than Al Batt?” contest. Kenny is brilliant, but that was one contest everyone could have won.
I visited the Jan Reed Livestock Arena, named after the late Hartland businessman.
NATURE NOTES
Why is a group of crows called a murder? The Egerton Manuscript and The Book of St. Albans, both dating from the mid-1400s, list collective nouns terms still in use today such as a charm of goldfinches, a pride of lions and a murder of crows. Crows are scavengers and feed on carrion. Folklore says crows form tribunals to judge and punish the bad behavior of another. If the crow was found guilty, the bird was murdered by the flock. No doubt a crow has killed another crow, but no trial was involved.
MEETING ADJOURNED
“Silence and smile are two powerful tools. Smile is the way to solve many problems and silence is the way to avoid many problems.”—Everyone has taken credit for saying this. I think it was you.

Calendar

Upcoming Events:
Farm Hop Live Music Aug. 13
Live music every Saturday at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Saturday August 13 beginning at 1:30 p.m.
Music on the Prairie Aug. 20:
Folk/Americana Edition at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, Saturday August 20 beginning at 1 p.m. Music by Matt Hannah Duo from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.; Mother Banjo 4-piece from 3:30-5:30; and Brianna Lane 3-piece from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. \$10 suggested donation, no reservation needed, no dogs, and shaded tents are welcome. Kitchen will be open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Willow Bense and Family Benefit Aug. 20:
A silent auction is the works, but first a meal including pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and a cookie for \$8 a plate at 110 E. 3rd St in Janesville. Donations and cards will also be accepted to help with financial burden.
Elysian’s Farmers Market Aug. 13:
Every Saturday on Main Street in Elysian is a Farmer’s Market featuring fresh produce and home made products.
Sacred Heart Fall Festival Sept. 17:
Los Tequileros will be playing from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. under the big tent.
Worship in the Park Aug. 14:
Summer outdoor Service and Picnic at Loon Lake Park beginning

with coffee at 10 a.m., worship at 10:30, followed by a fellowship picnic.
Movie in the Park Aug. 19:
Please join members of the community on Friday, August 19 (rain day Saturday, August 20) at Tink Larson Community Field for a screening of *The Princess Bride*. Sunset on August 19 is at 8:14pm and twilight ends at 8:43pm so we expect to begin the show around 8:30pm. Seating will be in the stadium seats only. Thanks to the Waseca Area Foundation for helping us in putting on this event.
Waseca JV/Varsity Boys Soccer Team Car Wash Aug. 13-14:
The Waseca soccer team is holding a car wash and bake sale fundraiser at Bomgaars Saturday and Sunday in order to raise money to purchase new warm up uniforms.
RC Demolition Derby Aug. 28:
Another demolition derby is scheduled for Aug. 28 at the Boxcar Bar beginning at 1 p.m. Spectators are welcome and entrance to participate is \$10.
Tai Chi for ages 65 and up Aug. 29:
Waseca Area Caregiver Services will host a Tai Chi balance, strength, flexibility and mobility training course for adults ages 65 and up, beginning Monday, August 29, 2022. Course times are 8 – 9 a.m., 10 – 11 a.m., 1 – 2 p.m. or 2 – 3 p.m.

Waseca All-State Band and Choir



ALL STATE: Left, Ryan Leigh, Addie Bombsta, Hannah LaCroix of Waseca were part of the All-State Symphonic Band that performed at Concordia College in Moorehead the first week in August. They participated in a high intensity, full week camp with fantastic student musicians and well known conductors and educators from around the State. The week ended with a concert Sunday morning.
Right, Lindsey Kopetzki and Cece Huttemier sang with the MMEA All State Choir St. John’s University the same week.

Another week finished

Marching Jays wrap up second week of band camp

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

The Marching Jays have just wrapped up week two of band camp. After ten days of working 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., they’ve learned a lot.
Spat camp is a tradition going back to when the band first started more than 50 years ago. During the annual training event, band members spend the day on the field practicing the movements and memorizing the music used in the field show to create a smooth performance.
“Before Spat camp I used to just sit around and do nothing all summer,” explained junior Britney Ross, a clarinetist in the Marching Jays. “As soon as I joined the marching band, my summer was all taken up and filled with fun. The number of life-long friends I’ve gotten because of it makes my heart warm. Friends like the clarinets don’t come by often.”
“We made a lot of progress,” said sophomore Leah Scheffert, a mellophone player. By the end of week one, the first movement of the group’s field show was done, both playable and movable – an impressive feat for the band. “I think the show has a lot of potential and I think it could be really good,”



SAXOPHONES - The Marching Jays’ saxophone section dressed all in blue as their color for the day. From left: Cyrus Guse, Tarun Ewest, Paige Dufault, Katie Olson, Ellery Waldron, Alyssa Kilmer, Madelyn Larabee, and Logan Reger. In front are Josie Perrizo and Kya Hoof.

“As soon as I joined the marching band, my summer was all taken up and filled with fun.”
— Britney Ross, Clarinetist

Scheffert exclaimed.
Up next for the band is a short parade Saturday, August 13, to the fairgrounds for their garage sale there. After that, evening rehearsals will begin for the Marching Jays as they prepare for competitions starting in the fall.



FRONT LINE - Back, from left: Brayden Hoof, Sadie Schimming, and Norah Schimming, Front: Oliver Rohwer, Kacee Perrizo, and Miranda Breck. Pioneer photos by Amelia Roessler

Finstad wins special election; primary results

In Tuesday’s elections, Brad Finstad—farmer, former state lawmaker, and Trump-appointed Minnesota Director of USDA Rural Development from 2017-21—secured a pair of wins: He was granted the Republican nomination for a two-year term up for election in November, and claimed victory in a special election to fill the remaining months of the late Rep. Jim Hagedorn’s term.
With 98 percent of precincts reporting early Wednesday, the Associated Press called the special election for Finstad who held a lead of about 5,000 votes—about 4 percentage points — over his DFL opponent, former Hormel Foods CEO Jeff Ettinger.
“I’m humbled to receive the support of my fellow southern Minnesotans to represent them in Congress,” Finstad tweeted Wednesday. “Our country faces extraordinary challenges, but I am confident that we can come together to overcome them and ensure the 21st century is yet another great American century.”
Analysts and news outlets were paying close attention to this week’s

race, since an upset in the “likely Republican” seat could have suggested strong opposition to the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.
Finstad describes himself as a “strong supporter of the Second Amendment, defending the unborn, and keeping government out of the way so entrepreneurs, farmers, and small businesses can thrive,” per his website. He calls himself “a conservative fighter running for Congress to fire Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House and put the brakes on the out-of-control Biden/Pelosi agenda that is fueling inflation and hurting Southern Minnesota families.”
A former chief executive of Hormel Foods, Ettinger now oversees the food processing company’s charity foundation. The 63-year-old lawyer is a California native who joined the Minnesota company as a corporate attorney.
Ettinger boasted that he is “not a politician.” He noted that he had never run for office before and said he joined the race “to address the problems that politicians seem un-

able or unwilling to fix.”
“The voters of Southern Minnesota have spoken, and I want to congratulate Brad Finstad on winning the special election last night,” he tweeted Wednesday. “Though I had hoped to celebrate different news with you all, there is plenty for which to be hopeful.”
In their respective primaries, both Ettinger and Finstad won easily and will square off again in the November election.
In other local races, the following candidates won their respective primaries and will move on to represent their respective parties in the November elections:
Governor:
GOP: Scott Jensen (288,542 votes) over Joyce Lacey (21,309), Bob Carney (13,214)
DFL: Tim Walz (416,963 votes), over Ole Savior (14,983)
Secretary of State:
GOP: Kim Crockett (190,176) over Erik van Mechelen (110,965)
DFL: Steve Simon (285,329) over Steve Carlson (108,163)



Jensen



Finstad



Walz



Ettinger

Attorney General:
GOP: Jim Schultz (163,970) over Doug Wardlow (108,548) and Sharon Anderson (39,729)
DFL: Keith Ellison (378,395) over Bill Dahn (45,118)
State Senate District 23:
GOP: Gene Dornick (5,874 votes) defeated Lisa Hanson (2,342)
DFL: Brandon Lawhead



Banned book duo Ryan Estrada and Kim Hyun Sook
Photo by Haps Magazine

Waseca library hosts author-illustrator duo

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

At a virtual event Tuesday evening, the Waseca-LeSueur library system hosted married illustrator/author duo Ryan Estrada and Kim Hyun Sook who are located in Busan, South Korea but, thanks to modern technology, were able to discuss their graphic novel *The Banned Book Club* and the true story that inspired it with local library patrons.

The pair were interviewed by LeSueur librarian Jessi Zimmerman, who offered questions and thoughtful commentary, while attendees were able to ask questions through Zoom’s chat feature.

While Estrada has a lengthy resume as a cartoonist, *The Banned Book Club* was Hyun Sook’s first foray into authoring.

With their graphic novel receiving numerous awards and international press attention, Estrada joked that his wife thinks that “this is what happens when you write a book,” as she was a novice author striking gold with her debut.

The Banned Book Club is based on Hyun Sook’s experiences as a college student in South Korea in the 1980s, when she was part of the titular banned book club. This book club represented resistance during a time of censorship when her country’s government was under the control of dictator Chu Doo-hwan.

“Nowadays, of course, South Korea is this wonderful democracy,” said Estrada. He went on to explain that after the Korean war, both North and South Korea dealt with controlling dictators whose leadership profoundly affected the everyday lives of their citizens. While South Korea has improved substantially since then, North Korea remains a communist dictatorship veiled from most of the world.

Before meeting Estrada and talking to him about her time in the banned book club, Hyun Sook thought her story was “not that interesting” or notable. However, it was truly a story worth telling and Hyun Sook said that in addition to being a fun read, it was important to make her story of resistance accessible to those in other countries who may not know about this time in Korean history.

Hyun Sook added that keeping stories like this in circulation en-

courages the continued improvement of not only her country, but others around the world.

Hyun Sook was initially unaware that the book club was reading banned materials. She was invited to join by some of her friends and she enjoyed reading and discussing the literature; she eventually realized that her participation in the secret group was an act of resistance.

The club never met in open spaces; membership was invitation only; copies of books were acquired clandestinely.

Estrada likened the club to a “nerd-to-freedom-fighter pipeline,” which allowed the readers to examine varied perspectives in a setting which demanded that citizens conform. Their reading led them to realize that the South Korean government was wrongly censoring and controlling the information citizens could access.

To prepare to write the book, Hyun Sook reunited with her banned book friends, family members, teachers, and more, interviewing them and taking notes. The story found in *The Banned Book Club* is an amalgamation of real stories and facts, with the identity of the real-life lawbreakers protected.

While the graphic novel is set in a time when South Korea was under the iron fist of a dictator, the authors said that their goal was not to make a dystopian book, but rather to highlight the ways everyday life is influenced by outside forces.

“It’s fun to read and know the culture of other countries,” said Hyun Sook.

In an age when books are beginning to be banned once again, even in the United States, *The Banned Book Club*’s 2020 release was timely.

Estrada highlighted that in particular, books which feature LGBT characters are regularly challenged.

Zimmerman chimed in saying that “We are feeling the pressure of a small but loud minority,” in the fight for books that represent the varied lived experiences of people all around the world.

Estrada and Hyun Sook’s next semi-autobiographical graphic novel, *No Rules Tonight* is set to be released next year.

Furry hope

Speech therapy through animals

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

With three decades of experience as a speech language pathologist, Laura Allen is the owner of Let’s SPEAK, LLC, an independent, animal-assisted practice based out of an office on her Janesville farm property. Allen has had this residence since 1994, when she married her late husband Bill Borneke, with whom she shares two daughters.

After her first husband’s death, Allen later married rural Janesville resident Scott Allen, who she describes as a “wonderful, wonderful man” with whom she shares a “strong faith background.” She also said that Scott has been “very supportive,” in her business venture with Let’s SPEAK, which has been open for nearly 3 years.

The “SPEAK” in Let’s SPEAK is an acronym, standing for Speech language Pathology with Equines and Animals for Kids. Due to the involvement of animals in her speech therapy, Allen describes her methods as having a “different approach” from other facilities, employing the assistance of dogs, cats, horses, and other animals for the various benefits their presence brings to patients as they undergo therapy.

For example, Allen’s dog Bean greets guests as they come into the office and helps calm kids with “high anxiety” during therapy sessions. Other animals on the farm include chickens, cats, a miniature donkey and both miniature and full-sized horses. Due to links between physical movement and successful learning, various outdoor activities—including brushing and leading horses—are a big part of Allen’s practice.

Allen is trained in PROMPT, a speech therapy approach focused on tactile cueing to correct speech



Let’s Speak owner Laura Allen holding one of her colts, one of many animals at Allen’s farm.
Pioneer photo by Jonah Stafford

sounds that are in error. She also has a background in visual phonics, which cues speech sounds visually; she is trained in working with patients with autism and other disabilities.

Language processing, articulation, sound production, inability to be understood, social language, and social problem solving are just some of the concerns brought to Allen by patients and their families. Due to what she describes as her out-of-the-box approach, general affordability, and the stability of working with one therapist consistently, Allen said her office is often the destination for families “at the end of their ropes.”

When it comes to starting a business, Allen said that “the first step is believing in yourself.” Allen said that she took a number of business courses before getting started and

“A strong language foundation is a basis for success in life.” — Laura Allen

after getting logistic and legal concerns in order, she’s focused a lot of energy on advertising and finding new clients.

One of Let’s SPEAK’s biggest supporters has been Janesville Journal owner Tracie Rosacker, who Allen described as an “amazing source” in terms of building connections in the community.

Allen’s favorite part of her job is seeing the look on kids’ and parents’ faces as breakthroughs are made and the satisfaction of knowing she was part of it. A devoted Christian, Allen said that she believes God put her on this earth to help families and kids overcome communication challenges. She says she often prays for clients and their families.

“A strong language foundation is a basis for success in life,” said Allen, who emphasized the crucial nature of her work as a speech therapist.

“Don’t be afraid to call and ask for help,” Allen said, inviting families who have concerns regarding their childrens’ language development to touch base with her office for assessments and speech therapy—with the assistance of a helpful staff of animals.

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Friday was made notable in Janesville for two reasons- first, that it had been unusually quiet for several days, and second, that this quietness was suddenly broken when two irrepressible pushers, E. H. Smith and James McGuigan, broke the spell by putting in an appearance and by giving the be-nighted denizens the benefit of their superior and superb personality as it was disclosed in their commendable efforts to advertise the county fair.

Interest in the Farm Club meetings still continues in spite of the rush of work on the farms. The Old Town Club enjoyed a picnic at Lake Francis on the Fourth, which was highly enjoyed by old and young.

Demonstrations of the use of picric acid and other explosives in removing stumps and stones will be given near Mankato Saturday, August 12, and near Waseca Monday, August 14, by A. J. Schwantes, professor of land clearing, University of Minnesota, assisted by two staff men.

C. H. Rickerman was taken much worse yesterday morning about four o'clock. He was rushed to the hospital at Waseca where he now lies in a critical condition.

People are beginning to call for rain. It has been many years since we have seen a season so dry.

Service on the new bus line through the place began last week. It was established by Edward F. Priebe of Waseca.

Meeting held to urge council to buy Winter's Point: the meeting was called to order by Mayor Swartwood, who acted as chairman. In explaining the reason for the meeting the Mayor gave five points, which he wished al the people to seriously consider, namely: the disposal of sewerage and storm water, the clarifying of Clear Lake, the filling in of the present dumping grounds, the building of a school for the future, and the stretching of a park system along the lake shore.

The Armstrong Motor Car Co. is the name of a new firm which has opened an automobile salesroom this week in the Gillis building, formerly occupied by the St. Paul Clothing Store. W.J. Armstrong, the head of the new firm, has been handling the Chandler cars for some time.

In spite of the fact that it was the busiest part of the season on the farm and that F. D. Morrill's threshing machine had been operating in the neighborhood all the week, a large and enthusiastic crowd assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garlick on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the regular meeting of the Old Town Farm Club.

No "freak" vegetables will be given prizes by judges at the Waseca County Fair, Waseca, August 28-30. The "funny" potato with a big head, and arms and legs like a fat boy, will be thrown out by judges, even before the judging begins. The big potato, two or three times as big as it ought to be, will have no better chance of winning a ribbon. Only smooth, even, well-sized potatoes, of pure-breed will be accepted by show officials.

Judging by the vote being collected by The Literary Digest, there are a large number of people in this country who favor the modification of the eighteenth amendment to permit the lawful manufacture and sale of light wines containing ten per cent and beer containing 2.5 per cent alcohol.

75 years ago

Sixty-four members of two pioneer families, the Gunsolus and Yeadon families met at Mineral Springs Park near Owatonna, where they enjoyed a family reunion on Sunday July 20.

Keeping this date in mind (Sunday, August 9) you baseball fans as that will be the day Janesville of the Blue Earth Valley League, will tangle with Madison Lake of the Le Sueur County League. The game will be played at the local Northside Park.

The Steele County Fair opens next week at Owatonna with free admission to the grounds and exhibits and runs from August 12 through August 17.

Unless a farm has a well balanced rotation for its fields, the chances are that the farmer who works the land is depleting the soil and getting lower yields of the crops he grows.

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The Waseca County Library story hour conducted by Nellie Yantes at ten o'clock Tuesday mornings is given for children only and not adults. Janesville children have become so interested in the Story Hour that they have requested that the same be continued through the hot weather period.

Sales of Series E savings bonds in Minnesota during July showed an increase of almost \$400,000 over a year ago, making a net gain for the first seven months of 1947 of \$12,800,000 over last year.

Although total traffic in the long daylight hours in July was five times as great as at night, more serious accidents occurred in the hours of darkness. Twenty-one were killed in motor accidents in Minnesota between dusk and dawn and 16 in the daylight hours according to reports compiled by the State Highway Department.

The Janesville Board is required by law to charge \$110.00 tuition for First through Sixth grades and \$165 tuition for Seventh and Eighth grades for non-resident pupils for the school years of 19147 and 1948.

50 years ago

Dig your attic out ma... Janesville's Flea Market is comin' up Saturday, August 12!

Everyone in Janesville and the three surrounding rural routes will receive an Argus next week as the local weekly goes all out to publicize Janesville's 2nd annual flea market.

The annual Stankey reunion was held at Tourtellotte Park in Mankato on Sunday, July 30 with 68 people attending.

"I've been around over 40 years and this is the first 'road warming' I've ever been to!" That was Waseca County Engineer Fred Stinger talking as he and his wife joined dignitaries and farm families in what is undoubtedly the first 'road warming' ever held in this area.

Janesville City Council accepts petition for sewer on North Street. "Gone Fishin'" I will be on vacation from August 6-13. Dr. Roy Hendricks.

25 years ago

Visions of green grass and root beer floats dance in the heads of bicyclists as they approach Doug and Colleen Gerdt's home on Waseca Road 9. The Gerdt's volunteered their residence as a stop for bicyclists participating in "The Ride Across Minnesota" (TRAM) for multiple sclerosis.

This year three girls are vying for the title of Miss Pemberton 1997. The queen candidates are Allison Fude, Laura Gaffier, and Angie Zernechel.

Pemberton's Summerfest events will offer something for everyone. Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate my 80th birthday with your presence and cards- Wilbert Steinke

Estate Auction- Saturday Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. Owner: Lillian Metzler Estate of Alma City, MN.

Sixteen 4-H boys and girls will represent Waseca county at the Minnesota Sttaa Fair this year, August 23 to September 1 county agents Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Wyman announced today.

A modern "traveling schoolroom" or general instruction car designed for training and instruction of Chicago & North Western railway enginemen, trainmen, mechanics and other classes of rail employees will be in Waseca August 25 and 26

The Waseca County Fair indicated that it is definitely on the comeback route last week. Crowds that were attracted to the grounds exceeded all records. The first two nights, The KSTP barn dance and the 4-H club program and fireworks brought out profit making crowds at the grandstand..

MISCELLANEOUS: will the person who picked up the artificial grass rug Sunday evening on or near Fair grounds please return to the Penney Store.

Waseca archives

100 Years Ago – Waseca Herald August 3, 1922

-Three special police employed by the Northwestern Railway Co. in guarding property at the Waseca shops, had a hearing in municipal court Monday on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and were bound over to await the action of the grand jury at the fall term of court. Ever since the shopmen's strike started, the Railroad Company has had guards employed at the round house and shops. Young men out of college were first employed but they did so much target practice that they endangered the life of the trainmen and were let out and older men hired. The three men arrested were Bert Dibble, H. Hanson, and Robert Dardis, all well-known locally.

-About a thousand Owatonna and Waseca Elks and their families accompanied by some of their friends enjoyed a big picnic out at Clear Lake last Sunday. This was their annual picnic and the Lakeside pavilion and grounds proved an ideal location for a gathering of this kind. Long before noon automobile loads of people began to arrive and as they began to unpack their cars it could easily be seen that an Elk's picnic dinner is an elaborate affair.

-The Waseca Cubs defeated the Matawan town team 17 to 2 at the local fair grounds last Sunday. The Cubs clearly outclassed the visitors in every department of the game. The Cubs were fielding in wonderful style and the way they hit the ball was something terrible – so the Matawan boys thought.

75 Years Ago – Waseca Journal August 6, 1947

-As Waseca county and the entire upper Midwest continues to swelter in an extended heat wave which started July 23, the lack of moisture is showing its effect on the crops of this section. While the results are not serious all agree that moisture is greatly needed.

-The cost of road building, which has jumped from between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a mile in 1939 to between \$8,000 and \$9,000 a mile in 1947 is largely responsible for the increased tax levy that the Board of County Commissioners were forced to approve at their meeting Tuesday. Not alone new construction, but maintenance as well has increased in about the same proportion. Members of the state legislature realized this

fact when, at the last session, they passed a law which will permit for a two year period only, a road and bridge levy of 15 mills. Previously this was limited to 10 mills and will return to that figure after the two years.

-If all of the irate subscribers of The Janesville Argus could only have been around Sunday to see Dame Misfortune put the head on Editor Denny Bowe. For most of us, Sunday was a sweltering hot day. For Editor Bowe it was hotter. He was driving alone on the road from Faribault through Morristown and to Waseca via what is known as the "Snake Road." Before he reached Rice and Watkins lakes Denny thought the heat was being more and more intense. The closer he came to Waseca the hotter it got. When he neared the shore of Watkins lake and the cooling breeze off the lake failed to offer any relief he glanced back to find the back of his coupe a raging inferno. Jumping from the car he could do nothing but stand helplessly by and watch it burn beyond repair. The cause of the fire is unknown.

50 Years Ago – Daily Journal August 4, 1972

-Bill Walker, DFL endorsed candidate for Public Service Commissioner, walked into Waseca last night to visit with county citizens. Walker, 32, Pine River, is walking across the state in his bid for public office. He came into Waseca last night meeting State Senate candidate Harry Lillesve, New Richland, at the edge of town and walking to the downtown intersection of Highway 13 and 14. Both Walker and Lillesve met with people in Waseca last night.

-P. Kenneth (P.K.) Peterson, Minnesota's Public Service Commissioner for the past six years, told Rotarians Thursday why the commission is important to the public. He said, "The Commission is judge, jury and prosecutor and because of this, it is an awesome authority we have." The Minnesota commission is the oldest in the United States being 101 years old. It is exceedingly important as it is in charge of power and gas rates, weighting of livestock and grain and testing of grain and weights and measurers. They test all scales in Minnesota once a year, and Peterson said they find very few that are off because of tampering. Also gas stations are all checked periodically by commission employees.



IN 1972 - Peggy Reese led Jim's Lanes of New Richland to a double victory Wednesday night as she blasted four home runs.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK - On August 12, 1997, Waseca County News asked, "What is your favorite farm animal, and why? Cody Dobberstein of Waseca, left responded, "Holsteins. My uncles raise them." David Quiram of Waseca, right, responded, "The horse. I just always liked them because they're fun to ride."

25 Years Ago – Waseca County News August 5, 1997

-While most of Waseca was sleeping early Friday morning one person or group of people were out wreaking havoc on citizens in nearly every quadrant of the city. As a result, the Waseca Police Department received almost 40 reports of vandalism Friday. "The majority of incidents were tires being punctured on one or two tires of a vehicle," Police Chief Jim Staloch said. It was mainly citizens' vehicles that were vandalized, but two businesses also had damage.

-Bob Otto believes in miracles. He figures he's one of them after battling two forms of cancer and climbing out of death's bed at least once. He's thrilled to still be around to talk about it, and to appreciate all the

days he never expected to have. "I'm really enjoying life more than I ever was," he said. "It's a hard way to learn lessons and grow," said his wife Jan, adding that she wishes they never had to go through it. Bob discovered a lump in his thigh 14 years ago and found out he had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The disease can spread quickly throughout the body via the lymph glands. Fate was on his side six years later when he dawdled in scheduling his lymphoma checkup. It was then they discovered leukemia. If he had gone in for his checkup on time, doctors would have missed it. "If I had waited a week longer, I would have been dead," he said. "The type of leukemia I had was very fast-acting."

Star archives, New Richland

100 Years Ago

Another good ball game was taken out of the lost column in the ninth inning at Blooming Prairie when the Champs won an uphill battle 6 to 5. Blooming Prairie held a 5 to 3 lead when the ninth opened and at the close the game was won by New Richland.

New Richland made it two out of three by defeating Amboy on the last day of the three day base ball tournament on Thursday. The last game proved to be one of the best contests of the three and one of the hardest fought battles of the season. Amboy was held in the 10th when Gute struck out two men and forced Goodge to ground out. Kaplan then won the little old ball game for New Richland when with Gute and Kreuze on base and two men down he laid the pill over the fence for a home run.

The first poultry culling demonstration of the season was held at the John Mackey home and the second one at the Lynn Rollins home in Freedom township. Since this the local leaders who were present have held culling demonstrations in their own communities. Other culling demonstrations have been held in various points in the county.

A set of calf club ribbons have been received from the Holstein-Friesian association of America, to be awarded to the successful winners in the boys and girls calf club show at the county fair. The national Holstein association is very much interested in this activity and are using this method of encouraging the dairy calf club work in connection with the various county fairs throughout the country.

75 Years Ago

Mrs. Kristen Sybilrud, one of the pioneer residents of New Richland township since 1866, died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law,

Lillian and Alf Midje of Kenyon, Minnesota, on Saturday morning, August 16, 1947, at the age of 81 years, 5 months, and 28 days.

The association to promote the permanent construction of Trunk Highway No. 13 met Thursday evening at Waterville with several representatives from New Richland in attendance. It seems there is a counter movement emanating from the larger towns along Highway 65 to divert Highway No. 69 coming up from the south to near Albert Lea, to that highway. By all that is logical, No. 69 should be routed over No. 13 which is fast approaching the "good highway" stage and which must be permanently surfaced before improvement can be made on No. 65, now a long way from a modern road.

The faculty for the New Richland high and grade school is now complete with a staff of fully certified instructors. There will be three new teachers in the high school and six in the elementary grades.

Eighty-two names have been signed to the petition seeking oiled streets in the residential section of New Richland. A preponderance of these signatures were affixed without any solicitation. The object of the petition is merely to show the Village Council the desire of the people in regard to the dust nuisance. It is not expected that the streets will be oiled this season but the petitioners would like that their desires be known so that preparations may be made for next season.

50 Years Ago

The Rev. Eldon J. Underdahl, Hartland Pastor, has resigned and taken a call extended to him by Faith Lutheran Church, Dodge Center. Mr. and Mrs. Underdahl and family will be leaving the Cross of Glory and West Freeborn charges of Hartland in August with the 27th as the pastor's last Sunday in leading the congrega-

tions in worship.

Superintendent Earl Hedman of New Richland-Hartland high school announced the appointment of Norvin H Rueckert as vocational director for the Waseca County Secondary Vocational Center representing Janesville, New Richland-Hartland, Waldorf-Pemberton and Waseca. Mr. Rueckert taught Vocational Business and Distributive Education in the Waseca public school system for the past two years. Before coming to Waseca, he taught three years as Vocational Business and Distributive Education Instructor at Cannon Falls high school.

Social Security benefit payments to residents of Waseca county will be increased by \$54,000 per month as a result of the 1972 Amendments signed into law July 1, Emil C. John, social security district manager, said. Monthly benefit checks totaling \$272,000 are now being paid to 2670 county residents. The twenty percent increase included in the Amendments will raise this county's total monthly benefits to \$326,000. Checks showing the twenty percent increase will reach beneficiaries on October 3rd, the regular date for delivery of checks covering September – the month for which the increase is effective.

Luis Fernando Laverde has already pitched in to help with the chores on the Dean Knutson farm, south of Hartland where he will spend the 1972-73 school year as New Richland-Hartland's AFS student – and he has blisters to show it! He is anxious for school to open. Fernando comes from Medellin, a city of 1,006,000 population, so that living on a farm near a village of 340 is a great change for him. The city of Medellin is located in a valley surrounded by the Los Andes mountains in northeastern Colombia.

25 Years Ago

New Richland City Council members were informed Monday evening that there will be no small cities grants available. Deb Borham of the Minnesota Valley Action Council explained with the flood damage in northwestern Minnesota this year full allocation will be sent there.

As Sprint puts the finishing touches on its new computerized switching equipment, New Richland area customers are reminded to dial all seven digits beginning September 10. Patricia Brown, customer relations manager for Sprint, said the dialing change is the only change for customers. "We want to make sure customers remember to dial the 465 prefix when calling a New Richland area customer," Bown said.

Pemberton will celebrate Summerfest Saturday, August 16 with lots of exciting events including a parade, a supper and the coronation of Miss Pemberton 1997. All events will be held on the grounds of the former Pemberton school. All proceeds from the affair will go to the Pemberton Firefighters Relief Association which provides a small benefit fund for retiring firemen.

Guest speaker Wednesday evening, August 6, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in New Richland was the Rev. Susan M. Adams. Now in her eighth year as a missionary in Japan, Susan teaches at Keiwa College in Niigata, performs pastoral work at the high school and in churches of the Niigata District and helps with English language correspondence. "I teach English and some Bible classes, as well," she said. "I enjoy my work, I enjoy where I live and the wonderful rice fields."



AUTHOR - Sean Jensen made trips to each of Waseca County's Libraries to speak about his series, *Middle School Rules*, on July 21.

Middle School Rules

By TRISTAN JENSEN
Staff Writer

Author Sean Jensen traveled around Waseca County's public libraries on Thursday, July 21, to share his books with kids and families. His series, *The Middle School Rules*, features colorfully illustrated non-fiction narratives following professional athletes through the highs and lows of their childhoods. Presently, six books are available with a seventh in production, and Jensen is already on the lookout for a feature for his eighth installment. Jensen, already finding success as a sportswriter covering the NFL, says he was inspired to write for children when his son got to an age where he was interested in both sports and books. The majority of sports books for kids, Jensen found, were limited to surface-level information which would bore many young sports fans. His goal was to write sports books for kids with information a person couldn't find with a simple internet search.

In pursuit of this goal, using connections forged as a sportswriter, Jensen wrote *The Middle School Rules*. He stated he interviewed as many as forty people for a single one of his books – seeking out stories that weren't already widely published. Stories of these athletes before they were professionals, including how they navigated childhood troubles such as family separations and bullies. Each book highlights life lessons learned from these and other hardships and triumphs, which inspired the title. While far from a comprehensive guide – as that was never the goal – these rules for middle school (or elementary or high school) give kids a stepping stone to relate to these athletes and examples of how people they may already idolize overcame the same issues faced by kids everywhere. In this fashion, the books come across as relatable and entertaining for sports superfans and casual enjoyers alike.



Painting and spiritual growth

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS
Pastor's Column

There are some things that I just don't like to do. Painting is one of them. Don't get me wrong, I can cut and paint a room quickly, but it is the process and time commitment that I don't like. Needing to go to the paint store, finding the perfect shade of the color you want, taking it home and checking it against your lighting, going back to the store, mixing and buying paint, putting out tape and drop clothes, finding your rollers, brushes and pans, then taking the time to actually paint, dry, and touch up. I am exhausted just thinking about it. The things that I like about painting are the transformation of the room, a new color, the freshness coupled with a feeling of cleanliness. I have only changed the color, but emotionally it was a journey. Even today, I love the change new paint brings, but I dread the process. The process of spiritual growth is one that no one likes to think about but is not something to take lightly. We all want the end result, like a fresh coat of paint, but we struggle to understand how to get there. Sometimes we actively fight the transformation that God is working in our lives like Jonah did. He ran in the opposite direction that God was calling him, but God used a whale to transform his heart and put him into a position to preach to the city of Nineveh and see it transformed for God's glory. The process of spiritual growth starts with simple things, but changes everything in our lives. Prayer may seem like a chore,

scripture reading just a way to pass time, and fellowship at church as a waste of time, but these are the things that God uses by the work of the Holy Spirit to transform hearts and minds. When we pray we align our hearts with God's, it brings us to a point where we can understand Him and His purposes. Reading our bibles clarifies who God is and how He works, the scripture we read can be applied to our life or someone else's as we live in relationship with each other. That is the point of fellowship, to share one another's burdens and strengthen each other in faith. Paul prays for the church in Ephesians 1 in this way, "17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe." Paul's prayer is for incremental growth in knowing God in better ways, that we may understand Him and the hope He brings, and that through His power the fellowship of the church may gain the inheritance He has planned. This passage paints a clear picture of where God wants us to end up, but the task of getting there is complex. Let us commit to doing the hard simple tasks every day, read your bible, pray and take time to encourage one another.

Fluffing for a good cause

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

A lot of pillows were cleaned last Saturday, August 6, at Sacred Heart as part of the Catholic Daughters fundraiser that went from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Professional Mike Carlson stationed his trailer near the church and offered his unusual service. Carlson's process involves removing the feathers from each pillow, then using filters, ozone and ultraviolet light to clean the feathers in a two-and-a-half minute cycle. After that, the feathers are typically put in a new cover, ending up fluffier than before. Carlson can also add or remove feathers to meet owners' preferences for firmness. Purchased over twenty years ago from a family friend, this fundraising business of Carlson's travels all over Minnesota and into surrounding states such as Iowa, Wisconsin, and even the Dakotas. To the best of his knowledge, he is the only traveling pillow cleaner left in Minnesota. Based in Willmar, Carlson has been coming to Sacred Heart as part of the

Catholic Daughters' fundraiser each spring and fall for around 22 years now. The Catholic Daughters use this event to help raise money to give back to the community. "It started as a fundraiser for the religious education program," explained Vice Regent Lori Mickelson, volunteering at the time to help people with their pillows. Management eventually transferred to the Catholic Daughters, who center their projects around unity and charity. Namely, they are "united to help others who need help," according to Sue Harguth, another volunteer. The Waseca Catholic Daughters court has about 110 members. Their meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. For anyone interested in learning more about one of the largest women's organizations in the Americas, the group's newsletter and links to web-based information are on the Sacred Heart website. Any female 18 or older is encouraged to find out more.



Representatives of Waseca's Catholic Daughters, from left, Sue Harguth, Linda Groh, and Lori Mikkelson stand with Mike Carlson, showing off newly fluffed pillows.

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—Randy Fox and Family.

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SERVING - Alice Hunt, Logyn Gifford, Tala Schaal, Ronan Gifford, Alayna Gifford, and Kiara Carlson manned a lemonade stand on the corner near Charter Oaks Apartments on the north side of Loon Lake from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The kids plan on using the money for activities such as going to the waterpark. According to the aspiring business owners, they had quite a few customers. Photo by Amelia Roessler



FEELING THE SPIRIT: Renae Groskreutz, top, takes part in a baptism at Nations Glory Barn. Above, seen from one of the guest speakers. Photos submitted by Renae Groskreutz

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west.

About 175 people attended each event at the Barn when Youtube speaker Deborah Williams of “Midnight Cry with Deborah” came to share her message. There was so much demand for the event, she ended up staying for three weeks instead of the intended two days.

So far attendance has exceeded Groskreutz’s high expectations. The weekend of July 31 – August 1 featured Julie Green ministries; the Barn was filled to capacity for the two-day event. Although it was anticipated about 500 people would attend, more than a thousand showed up from all over the nation to hear Green’s message.

Groskreutz’s daughter, Amanda, lavishes, “That’s not a normal number for around here. That’s a lot.”

It’s not every day people from across the country travel to Waldorf, Minnesota, for an event.

More than 28 states were represented; more than 100 people chose to be baptized.

“It was breathtaking,” Groskreutz emphasized.

“Word of Faith Church” of Lake Mills, Iowa, was one of the churches which took part in the Green Ministries’ weekend. They were the first church to participate in any event hosted by Nations Glory Barn. Groskreutz hopes more area churches will consider becoming involved in these revivals. “We are always looking for more participation from all area churches,” she says.

Groskreutz acquired her enthusiasm for revival gatherings after taking part in a similar one held in the region. A “Contagious Love” event led by Jennifer Martin inspired her to begin making her site available for this new use.

“She [Jennifer Martin] listens to people. Those who feel hurt, neglected, traumatized—all of those things—come to her service. She loves on them with the Holy Spirit and helps them pray through all of that baggage.

“I saw so much compassion in

this woman’s eyes,” Groskreutz reveals. “We have all this hurt. We can’t take in anything good if we’re holding onto all this bad. When I saw her do this, I thought, ‘That’s it. People need deliverance. In order to move forward, they need to have someone to walk with them through the process.’”

Groskreutz says that revival meetings and special ministries are a great way for people to get closer to God. Her daughter, Amanda, agrees. “Our grandparents laid the foundation and instilled in us that if we have the ability and the resources to help, we should do it,” Amanda expands. “It’s the way we grew up, doing what we could to support and assist people in need. So, when the opportunity to start gathering and praying for people arose, we were driven by the spirit to do it.”

Groskreutz believes everyone should give revival a try.

“I want people to know that this is a safe place,” she emphasizes.

For those hesitant about attending a revival, Groskreutz said she understands if people are skeptical. “I would love for them to come and see what’s going on. We want people to come with skepticism and come discover God’s love for them.

“It’s amazing,” she continues. “God has called us to be a regional hub so people all over the Midwest can come. It doesn’t matter where anyone is in their faith walk.”

Groskreutz wants to emphasize that JR’s Barn and Nations Glory Barn – while sharing the same location – are two different entities. “JR’s Barn is focused solely on weddings. Nations Glory is focused on ministry, outreach, and revival.”

The well-received revivals will continue through the summer.

From August 14-17, revivalist Christa Elisha with Arise Kingdom Ministries will be at the Nations Glory Barn. Groskreutz expects a “powerful weekend of revival fire, healings, miracles, and encountering the Holy Spirit,” with baptisms performed each evening. For readers curious to find out more, the ministry’s website is thenationsglorybarn.org.

These events are free to anyone who wishes to attend. Donations are welcome.

Horses in the back



HORSES IN THE ROUND - Jack Kuhns, 13, found himself surrounded by horses seeking his attention Sunday afternoon when he stepped briefly into their pasture. Quarter horses Blondie, Samika and Roxy and Percherons Bonnie, Legend, and their foal James, all stood by awaiting their turn. The horses are owned by Lyle and David Kuhns whose farms are located south of Waseca.

■ Monarch from Page 1

pering Creek in Janesville.

Madel says he decided to pass ownership of Lakeshore to Monarch after researching the corporation and its practices.

“They have a reputation for treating their clients and their employees well,” he observes. “We’re not selling a product, we’re caring for vulnerable adults. Sometimes the ‘right’ thing to do may not seem like a sound business choice. Based on what I’ve learned, Monarch will do the right thing.

“Covid really hurt nursing homes hard, and it seems the world has gone to bigger businesses being the ones which can survive.” Madel comments that, because care facilities must weather “peaks and valleys,” a larger company will be able to offer “more sustainable” service.

CEO Halpert mentions another advantage. “We have 137 employees who are able to move among our various locations. Where smaller facilities would have to outsource the services those folks offer, we’re able to access their skills across the network.”

Monarch has placed area resident

Jenna Krassin at the helm. A 2016 graduate of Waseca High School, Krassin worked at Lakeshore for about four years as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) while attending high school and college. While pursuing her master’s degree, she acted as Madel’s assistant administrator for a time. She has also worked at other facilities managed by Monarch, including the 74-bed Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center in Mankato.

Krassin admits that when she first began attending college, she did not see a job as a nursing home administrator in her future. But as time went on, “I missed the residents,” she says. “I missed greeting them as I arrived and saying goodbye as I went home.”

She says she also missed the caring staff members. “They have a willingness to help each other like no other group,” she says.

The combination of the residents and the workers together make her very glad to be back at the Waseca facility. “I like that I’m staying local and helping our clients to stay local as well.

“Nobody wants to have to send their loved ones far away.”

Says Madel, “Jenna is a hard worker and real go-getter. She’s a strong communicator, which is very important in health care.”

With Monarch’s compassionate

“We want to continue operating as Pete did.” — Monarch CEO Marc Halpert

business practices and Krassin’s return to her “home,” Madel says things were in place for “a nice easy transition.” Krassin reveals that all Lakeshore Inn employees were retained when the changeover occurred.

Comments Halpert, “We want to continue operating as Pete did, with the family atmosphere and the genuine concern for our clients—with service and care as our fundamental values.

“We look forward to making ourselves a part of the Waseca community.”

Madel wants the residents of Waseca to know that he is proud that his family was able to offer such a vital service for so many years. “You trusted us with the care of your loved ones,” he says. “I want to extend a thank you to the community and to the staff at Lakeshore,” he says. “Your loyalty and your trust were a gift which did not go unnoticed.”

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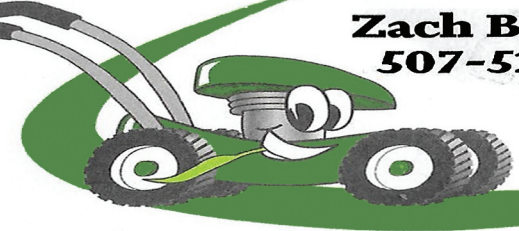
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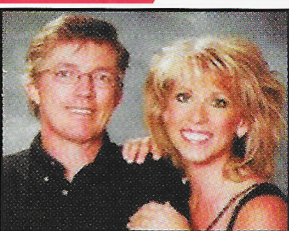
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