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Homecoming Fun

Kanewischer vying for Sheriff position

By JESSICA LUTGENS
Staff Writer

One of two candidates vying for the position of Waseca County Sheriff this election year is Trevor Kanewischer, a 26-year-veteran of law enforcement in Waseca County. Kanewischer, 46, has lived in the Waseca area his entire life, having graduated from Waseca High School in 1994 before entering law enforcement in 1996. He has one daughter, Lexi, and has experience with farm-

ing since around the age of 15, including operating some land of his own. He has also been an owner and manager of rental property for 25 years, along with owning a small business, Waseca Sno Biz, for 27 years.

"I've wanted to [work in law enforcement] ever since I can remember," Kanewischer said. "My

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Trevor Kanewischer and his daughter Lexi

A forum presenting both Sheriff candidates will be 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14 at WHS. The forum will be available online.

Jay Dulas running for Sheriff position

By JESSICA LUTGENS
Staff Writer

Throwing his hat in the ring for the position of Waseca County Sheriff this election year is Jay Dulas, 25-year veteran of law enforcement. Dulas, 47, grew up in Steele County, having graduated from Medford High School in 1994. He has resided in Waseca County for many years with his wife, Robin, with whom he has three daughters: Landi, Madison, and Keegan, all graduates of Waseca High School; and one granddaughter.

Dulas entered law enforcement in 1997, beginning as a correctional officer and dispatcher for the Steele County Sheriff's Office before serving as a police officer for the Waterville Police Department. In 1999, he



Robin and Jay Dulas

joined the Waseca Sheriff's Office, having been a dispatcher before beginning his current role as deputy.

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Difficult choice

When retiring Waseca County Sheriff Brad Milbrath was asked which of the two candidates running for his office he would vote for, he responded that the decision would be very difficult. "I trained both of them in," he commented. "I feel like a parent trying to say which one of my kids is my favorite."

Waseca candidates debate schedule

Candidates for Waseca city government, school board, county sheriff, and county attorney positions will be debating each other at the Waseca High School Performing Arts Center throughout the month of October. All debates will take place at 2 p.m. The following debates will take place:

- City Council: Friday, Oct. 7
- Mayor: Tuesday, Oct. 11
- County Sheriff: Friday, Oct. 14
- School Board: Tuesday, Oct. 18
- County Attorney: Wednesday, Oct. 26

The public is welcome to attend. Debates will also be available to view by video within 24 hours on the school website, <https://www.waseca.k12.mn.us/>.

Family Fun Fest at Autumn Acres Saturday, Oct. 8

On Saturday, Oct. 8, Autumn Acres Farm will have plenty of entertainment, including professional pumpkin carving from Noon-4 p.m., face painting from 1-4:30 p.m., and caricature drawings from 1-4 p.m. There will also be a kids' scavenger hunt and food from Inspire, B-Lo Zero Snow Cones and Minnie Donuts.

CERT Breakfast at the Waseca VFW Sunday, Oct. 9

The Waseca Community Emergency Response Team will hold an "All You Can Eat" breakfast at the Waseca VFW Post 1642 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Fields of Faith (FOF) Oct. 12 at WHS football field

Waseca is hosting a FOF event under the lights at the high school stadium field from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 12. In the event of bad weather the event is to move indoors to the nearby Intermediate School gym.

A word from The Word

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Matthew 24:35

Courtly



Homecoming royalty for 2022 were chosen at Waseca High School Thursday, September 29. At left, Samantha Azure is crowned by last year's queen Alayna Akers. At right, Will King, shortly after being crowned by last year's king Miguel Beltran.

Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens

King, Azure, crowned

Homecoming at a glance

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Waseca's Homecoming week kicked off Sunday September 25, 2022 with the first annual Jaywalk, and was highlighted Thursday evening with the crowning of Will King, son of Brad and Tina King, and Samantha Azure, daughter of Sam and Jamie Azure.

After a Friday afternoon parade featuring 22 different units, the week's events were capped off with an exciting 22-21 win by the football team over Jordan.

During the first-ever "JayWalk" on Sunday, 50 participants set out on the paved city trail that connects to the high school's west parking lot, then walked roughly 3 miles (5k) round

trip to Loon Lake Park and back. The Waseca 2022 homecoming court offered walkers blue and gold beads to wear during the trek and were later joined by the cheerleaders and football players at Loon Lake Park

Throughout the week students dressed according to different themes including Soccer Mom vs. Grill Dad day, Duo Day/Twin Day, and throw-back Thursday. Wednesday evening more than 300 people took part in a bean bag tournament with more than 90 teams of two competing: The duo of Brandon and Titus took first place. On Thursday, coronation was celebrated in the high school gymnasium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The program's emcees included Korbin Schumacher, Haylee

Sommers and Kloe Wadd. They introduced the football team and recognized the school's four foreign exchange students: Jakub Eull from Poland, hosted by Charles Rohwer and Anne Gerber; Lilly Drolsbach from German, hosted by the family of Jill Bartelt; Ines Sanchez Jimenez from Spain, hosted by Ted and Michele Yoder; and Charlotte Steglich from Germany, hosted by Luke and Jack Mathern.

Next, the 2022 royalty were introduced: Brenden Brown (son of Jeremy and Kim Brown); JD Delgado Jr. (son of JD Sr and Alberta Delgado); Payton Garza (son of Raul and Lacie Garza); Will King (son of Brad and Tina King); Oliver O'Brien (son of Ben and Ria O'Brien); Christian Rodriguez (son of Nathan and Debbie Rodriguez); Samantha Azure (daughter of Sam and Jamie Azure);

Aubree Hansen (daughter of Steve and Barb Hansen); Charli Harguth (daughter of Jerry and April Harguth); CeCe Huttemier (daughter of John Huttemier and Kristi Hyink-Huttemier); Avery Madsen (daughter of Chris and Leslie Madsen) and Riley Ruedy (daughter of Wesley and Sara Ruedy). This year's junior escorts are Ella Marlin (daughter of Paul and Steph Marlin) and Emmett Byron (son of Ben and Jenna Byron). Information regarding the candidates for king and queen was shared: Samantha Azure is a member of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. She is involved in student council, FCA, YSL, BPA, captain of the girls soccer, basketball and track teams. She

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Residents respond to THC comments

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

More than half a dozen residents addressed the Waseca City Council during its regular meeting, Tuesday October 4, 2022.

Council chambers were filled to capacity, with public comment dominating the evening as residents addressed the controversial THC moratorium approved 4-3 during the September 20 meeting.

Cindy Gilmore was first to address the council regarding the moratorium—more accurately, she responded to public comments made by council member John Mansfield during the previous council meeting. Mansfield

had made reference to "Dime Bag Dave," and said how, during his youth, individuals who sold marijuana or THC products, were called drug dealers.

"I do not wish the person who represents me (on the city council) to be rude to others," she said after quoting rules and conduct regarding disrespectful behavior towards others from city employees. "Mr. Mansfield said he hopes Mr. Drummer doesn't want to be remembered as Dime Bag Drummer... Expressing your views on the moratorium, that is absolutely fine. As council members I think you should express why you're voting the way you do. However, rudeness

goes against that."

Gilmore also expressed that comments like those made by Mansfield would not be tolerated in her workplace. "If I were to say derogatory things like that, I wouldn't have a job."

Four residents present came to Mansfield's defense.

"I've dedicated my life for the past 20 years to helping people get off addiction," Dean Spies said. "I don't see what John said as name calling. I would say it's describing. If Phyzzer prescribed OxyContin to a patient, then dropped them suddenly and that person became addicted, then I would call Phyzzer a drug dealer too.

John was elected by a community and trusted to make decisions which he thinks best represent his community. He said some words which people take as name calling, and it very well could have been. I say all of this with much respect for Mrs. Gilmore."

Jim Foley said he respects plain talk. "I don't like disrespectful or rude talk. I don't think that conversation (at the last council meeting) was. What I want is someone who speaks plain and respectful and straight. Sometimes council

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WASECA CITY COUNCIL

Public comment dominates discussion

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

"This is your city hall," Waseca Mayor Roy Srp proclaimed during the regular meeting of the Waseca City Council Tuesday, October 4.

More than a half dozen residents addressed the council during the public comment portion of the meeting. Most of the discussion centered around the THC moratorium and comments regarding "Dime Bag Dave," made by council member John Mansfield. An article detailing these interactions can be found on the front page of this week's Pioneer.

First addressing the council, however, were Grant Whisemore and Audra Veroeven regarding the Memorial Day program and the 4-way stop located at the intersection of 4th street and 7th street, by Tink Larson field, respectively.

Whisemore asked the council to, for the first time in more than five years, voluntarily support the Memorial Day program financially.

After Whisemore's impassioned address, the council unanimously approved appropriating \$1,000 in the 2023 budget toward the event. Whisemore had not initially specified an amount, but mentioned many expenses including \$350 for insurance, \$385 for flags, and \$400 for "markers." The program typically has an attendance of anywhere from 200 to 400 people, he said.

Audra Veroeven expressed concerns regarding the newly instituted 4-way stop which replaced a 3-way stop next to Tink Larson field. "Are you familiar with heavy duty vehicles?" she asked, suggesting that the slow starting speed of large vehicles could create a difficulty. "Even a little slippage, and we're gonna have 11 buses lined up and stuck on that hill."

Veroeven also expressed frustrations with the parking zone along the 4-way stop because, when buses meet one another going opposite directions, they take up much of the width of the road.

The council agreed a study session should be scheduled in the near future, given that winter is right around the corner.

State representative and Waseca resident John Petersburg provided an update to the council regarding his past year representing Waseca in St. Paul. An article detailing his presentation, along with reactions shared by

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Compostings

by Al Batt

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Bought a Bing, bought a boom

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

How much do you want for that bucket of bolts you call a lawn mower?

\$50.

Could I get a better price?

Sure, \$100.

Do you call that a better price? It's better for me.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Each day has so many rules and I need to wake up each and every day. This is the greatest day in the history of the world. We're all still here. We got the first frost out of the way in September, but fall still has some aces up its sleeve. The weather had been consistently inconsistent, so I ducked into a library, a wonderful place to lengthen an attention span. As I turned the pages of newspapers, it was impossible to avoid references to pumpkin spice. There was an ad insert that peddled circus peanuts, candy that is orange, squishy and tastes like a bad banana. Bless the people who eat circus peanuts so I don't have to. Soon it will be Halloween, then Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Christmas already! And I have gotten nothing done today.

BAD JOKE DEPARTMENT

Al Pacino stars as a world-class knitter in the movie, "Scarf Face."

A snake walks into a bar. The bartender said, "How did you do that?"

How come we call it a slice of bread but a piece of toast?

I spotted a Bing Crosby album and an ancient boombox in a thrift store. Bought a Bing, bought a boom.

I WONDER

Did Pandora have a junk drawer?

How does an opossum know if its baby is really sleeping?

Do leaves have nightmares about falling?

Does a Bigfoot get a lot of speeding tickets?

I've learned

I have never walked on fire, but I have stepped on my share of Lego bricks.

If everything that happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, where do they put it all?

A new car is any car newer than my old car.

Having an opinion doesn't make one an expert.

Weather is expected tomorrow.

NATURE NOTES

The fall migration differs from the spring migration. In the spring, there is an urgency to move to se-

cure prime nesting sites and a mate. In the fall, birds may travel more leisurely, stopping to rest and feed when conditions allow. A lot of things about birding go over my head, but it's free therapy. I saw no juncolopes again this year. They are mythical songbirds with antelope horns on their heads that are found only in my mind. I saw sandhill cranes working a field and a molting male cardinal. Even with his vibrancy diminished, the cardinal was a color capable of melting the other crayons in the box. I heard a blue jay doing a wonderful rendition of a broad-winged hawk.

I saw holes chewed in the leaves of various plants. That's not a bad thing. The holes show there are caterpillars and caterpillars are food for birds. I picked cherry tomatoes. As I ate the delicious fruits (botanically, tomatoes are fruits, but are considered vegetables by nutritionists), I realized I was eating sunlight.

Folklore says the amount of black on the woolly bear caterpillar in autumn varies proportionately with the coming winter in the locality where the caterpillar was spotted. The longer the woolly bear's black bands, the more severe the winter will be. The longer the middle brown band, the milder the upcoming winter.

Monarch butterflies can fly in the rain, but not for long. When it's raining, monarchs rarely fly. They cling to trees or bushes. If they become wet, they can't fly because their wings become too heavy. Monarchs don't need to stay completely dry. If they get wet, they remain still until the water evaporates from their bodies. They bask in the sun to dry their wings. Monarch butterflies reach Mexico near the Day of the Dead in early November. Some cultures believe the monarchs (mariposas) are the souls of ancestors returning home. When they reach their destination, the monarchs overwinter in oyamel fir trees.

Yellowjackets, paper wasps, bald-faced hornets and bumble bees can sting more than once because they pull their stingers out without injuring themselves. Honey bees have tiny barbs on their stingers that remain hooked in skin. The stinger, connected to the digestive system of the bee, is torn from the abdomen as the bee attempts to fly away. As a result, the bee dies. Yellowjackets cannot be trusted at this time of the year. Expect little waspitivity from them.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Create happy memories by being kind.

Is Waseca's homecoming the best?

I'll be honest with you. I don't think very many schools are as prideful during homecoming as Waseca is...except maybe Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton. (I am a bit biased.)

My homecoming experience as a high schooler was that about 99.9 percent of the people at the pep fests in our high school gym were either students or staff. At Waseca's homecoming, Bluejay alumni were a significant chunk of the crowd. I don't know if they're also part of the school staff, but I still counted at least three dozen people standing up to be recognized.

The homecoming game came down to the wire. The Bluejays did end up beating Jordan 22-21. I didn't go to the game; I decided to take the night off, which is a very rare thing for me these days.

I am excited for JWP to have its homecoming. Ours, however, will be a little awkward this year. It's tradition to have the homecoming football game on Friday night. But this year, it's on a Thursday, with the volleyball team taking the Friday spot instead. I know I'll be yelling just as loudly. I'm sure a ton of the students



Music to my Ears

by Michael Roy

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will be trying to get my attention like the past few games.

For the most part, this weekend was the first time in a while when I got to take a couple of days off. I spent a good chunk of Saturday up in the Twin Cities with my friend Sam jamming and catching up. I spent part of Sunday yelling at the TV because of the Minnesota Vikings.

Speaking of the devil, I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to talk about the Minnesota Vikings. Sometimes, I wonder how I can be a fan of this team year after year.

Yes, we're 3-1. Last year, we were probably 1-3 by this time, losing in close matchups instead of winning them like we have been. But for the love of it all, can't we have more than one game this season with ac-

tion that doesn't inspire high blood pressure? Since we beat Green Bay, every other game has been so stressful it's not even funny.

Again, I know that we're winning, and the Vikings haven't done much of that outside of one season here and there the past ten years. But for a few of these games, I'd like to enjoy the show rather than yelling at the receivers for having butter fingers or Kirk Cousins for missing wide-open receivers.

And can we please have good defense? If we have to rely on Cousins leading us to victory or Greg Joseph kicking all of our field goals, we're doomed.

I think we got spoiled with some pretty good weather this past week. Aside from the occasional showers,

we had some days when we reached the 70s. In my opinion, that's a blessing for October. But we have felt the occasional cold days that are a signature of fall and a foretaste of what's to come. This past week, we dipped to below freezing for the first time in quite a few months. We have a chance to do it again this weekend.

It was nice while it lasted. But for the first time ever, I think I'm ready for the colder weather. It'd be nice not to sweat as often as I did this summer.

This Week in Music

On October 2, 1995, Britpop band Oasis released their second album (What's the Story) Morning Glory? The album was their second to reach the top of the UK Charts, and it reached number 4 in the US. It's their best-selling album of their career, selling four million copies in the United States alone and becoming one of the all-time best selling albums in the United Kingdom. Featured on the album is their most recognizable hit, "Wonderwall."

Walking out of class with a new point of view

Welcome back to Amelia spewing information at you. For this week's episode, I will be talking about race and racism (did she really just say that?) and will start by throwing facts at you provided by my amazing anthropology professor.

"Scientific Racism" is the use of scientific methods to justify hierarchical racial categories.

Scientists start to find that the patterning of genetic variation does not support racial categories.

Variation exists between individuals and cannot be measured using distinct categories (a.k.a race).

Humans can be grouped into local populations, not races.

Human diversity is greater within rather than between groups or populations.

Race is a cultural construction.

Now all of this scientific jargon needs to be interpreted. What it's really saying is that science and the scientists who practice it helped to create racism and racial division between groups however long ago. I'm not saying they are the number one factor in doing so, but in my understanding the work of scientists made the concept of race popular by creating different 'scientific' categories



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

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which also happened to be racial categories. Scientist Carolus Linnaeus classified humans into four hierarchical 'races' based on skin color and 'behavior.' Samuel Morton associated physical characteristics with behavior, intelligence, values and morals, supporting the idea that some people were essentially superior to others.

Eventually, these scientists' theories were disproved. Scientists in the 1900s started to find that those previously defined racial categories were inconsistent with the pattern of human variation, or how diverse people are. As research continued, people learned that the difference in people's genetics came from a history of groups splitting off and creating new groups. All humans share about 99% of their genetic makeup.

Richard Lewontin's study of 17 DNA markers found that humans have more genetic variation within geographical populations than between racial populations. This means that there are more genetic and DNA differences among the people in Waseca County than there are between them and people in Europe.

Sitting in the second row of my anthropology lecture hall, it was almost comforting to think that we are no longer 'racist' in a technical or scientific sense. We have disproved the white, high society, racist scientists of the past. But then the professor went on.

The non-existence of biological race does not mean racism is not real.

Even though race is not a real or accurate representation of human biological variation, social experi-

ences of race and racism obviously continue to exist.

The professor explained that even though, scientifically, we are not racist, and it cannot be scientifically proven that there are differences in humans based on race, it is the social racism practiced by society that has created varieties in genetics and humans based on race. Take pulse oximeters, those little clips that they put on your finger to test your oxygen level in the hospital. It turns out that they have a higher error rate in black patients. Because of that, those patients receive less effective medical care. "When pulse oximeters are systematically less accurate in Black patients than White patients, this design flaw results in racial bias, intentional or not" (Sjoding et al. 2021 New England Journal of Medicine).

Ok, I think that's it from me. I know this can be a heavy topic, but walking out of that class with a new viewpoint into a touchy subject was an interesting experience and something that college is really about in my opinion. It is also something I hope everyone can experience.

My determination: "There is nothing so confining as the prisons of our own perceptions." Shakespeare

Jokes, free speech, and thank yous

I was impressed by the willingness of so many individuals to voice their concerns and opinions during this week's Waseca City Council meeting. It's encouraging.

A reader told me I should voice my opinion in my column, which I did last week, regarding the issue of the moratorium on THC products. I typically wait a week before sharing my thoughts—if I express them at all—regarding anything political happening in the community. I'm in an interesting place. I grew up in New Richland, but have family roots in Waseca. Also, I am a publisher, so whether I should express my opinions in print is a question for me. After speaking with some readers about it, I decided I would, and I did.

Although you did not read them in this publication last week, you may have heard about some "rude" comments made by a council member during last month's meeting. Those statements were not included because I chose not to demean the importance of that important decision by quoting comments regarding "Dime Bag Dave" or "Gummies R



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

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Us."

It was a serious discussion and a more-than-three-hour meeting. It wasn't a joke. Those quotes didn't add any value to the article or topic.

Also a topic of discussion at this week's city council meeting was the value of free speech, the ability to raise and address concerns. I'll be honest, I never would have expected to be writing about this sort of thing. I express my freedom of speech and of the press every week. Through my newspapers, I work very hard to provide a platform where readers can do the same. That was my motive in writing an article about the hour-long discussion between five residents and the city council Tuesday night.

My biggest takeaway is RESPECT. I was impressed by how

level-headed everyone was. The mayor made the comment that Mrs. Gilmore, who spoke first, set a good precedent for composure and decorum.

Some city halls do not encourage public debate like what was seen Tuesday evening. It's not only a privilege, but a right—one I am grateful is both accepted and encouraged.

On another note I have several expressions of thanks to share.

A very nice lady called into the office this week simply to thank us for starting the paper and tell us what a good job we're doing. I never feel like I do enough; the paper can always be better. Regardless, she made my day and I told her so. In addition, I received another nice thank you card in the mail, as did one of our

writers. Reading handwritten notes, letters written with care, means the world to me and our staff. Thank you.

Another reader called in to comment about the lack of our "archives" section where we include tidbits from down through the years, found from old newspapers. Sometimes it's hard to gauge what is important to readers. When I like something, I can't be sure everyone else does. It simplifies things for us when you let us know. And as I say all the time, if you, the reader, ever have anything news related, please send it our way.

Final thought: I read this poem by Rogan Wolf:

It's as if the landscape
has gathered you into its arms
and made you
not just welcome here
but whole.
It has reached out and found
you where you alone could not.
You are never lost
among these contours.
They map your interior.
You are discovered here.

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Contests

VFW 1642 and Auxiliary have announced the 2022 VOD and Patriot's Pen Essay Contests. Any student in grades 9-12 may enter the Voice of Democracy Program and compete for prizes and scholarship money. Each year nearly 5,700 students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students are asked to write and record an audio

script on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is: "Why is the Veteran Important?" Entrants should record their original 3-5 minute essay on CD or flash drive, include their neatly typed essay with name and complete the entry form. (An entry form may be obtained through the school, Karen Pfarr Anderson, Barb Klampe, VFW Chairperson, or

online at www.vfw.org/VOD.) Entries must be submitted by October 31 to Barb Klampe or VFW 1642.

The Patriot's Pen is a VFW Youth essay competition open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8. This contest gives students the opportunity to express their views on democracy. The 2022 theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans." Interested stu-

dents should write and type a 300-400 word essay and attach the student entry form. The deadline is October 31. The top essays are eligible for cash prizes and may be entered at the District level of competition. For details contact Barb Klampe, or visit www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen.



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■ Dulas

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Dulas says that his availability, experience, and dedication to his job and the residents of Waseca County are the main reasons citizens should vote for him in November.

“I’m open to and ready for a new challenge [as Waseca County Sheriff],” he said. “I’ve had preparation over the years through experience, training, and leadership development courses. I’m always available - 24/7, 365; I’ve done that for 25 years.”

Dulas’s reasoning for joining law enforcement, he says, was for the opportunity to help people on a daily basis during their times of need. If he were elected, he says he would carry on with that priority.

“[If elected], I would continue to provide professional law enforcement services to the citizens of Waseca County,” he said, “and continue to grow and enhance the sheriff’s office to be able to provide those services to residents.”

One of the main strengths of the Waseca Sheriff’s Office, according to Dulas, is its ability to protect and serve the public.

“The sheriff’s office is well known for doing a great job, having a great department and employees who do an excellent job,” he said. “[I would] continue to provide the training opportunities, equipment, and technology for all employees to perform their duties safely and efficiently.”

If elected, Dulas says he would also continually evaluate operations within the sheriff’s office. Continued communication and collaboration with the employees and other emergency services would remain a priority.

Dulas has been actively involved in the Waseca community for many years, having been a member of the Waseca Fire Department for 15 years. He has been a member and volunteer with various organizations and boards, including being secretary-treasurer from 2008-2012, and a current executive board member of the state Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #16, participating in the local Shop with a Hero event, reading to and teaching preschoolers about safety with the Waseca Family Education Center, member of the MN Police and Peace Officers Association, member of the Waseca County Agricultural Society, volunteer with the Waseca County Sheriff’s Posse events, contributing to mock crash presentations, FarmAmerica Safety Days presentations with the Farm Bureau, Bicycle Safety Days, the annual ECFE Childhood Fair, and the Waseca County Insurance Committee. He currently serves as

a captain with the fire department, providing leadership and guidance to fire department members.

“I’m dedicated to the Waseca County residents - protecting and serving them,” he said. “I’m focused on building relationships with citizens and employees I work with, and I’m always looking to do better, looking for improvements.”

Dulas has experience assisting with emergencies in the area, both natural disasters and otherwise, through his role as deputy sheriff and as a captain with the fire department, both on and off duty.

“My job as a deputy sheriff is not all I do,” he said. “It’s giving back to the community and being available to the community, whether it’s through the sheriff’s office or the fire department.”

In terms of education, training, and experience, Dulas has an AAS degree from Alexandria Technical College, has continuing education for being a peace officer, completed the state Sheriff’s Association Institute for Credible Leadership Development in 2022 (a four-course, 183-hour training program), the MN Board of Fire-fighter Training and Education Leadership Development in 2016, Homeland Security/Incident Command Training, active shooter preparedness and response training, investigation and prosecution of child abuse and child maltreatment training, crisis intervention training, mental health and wellness training, and National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) FEMA training.

“This is a small sample of the training I have completed and I am always looking for continuous self-development opportunities,” he said.

Dulas is also the current Waseca County Crime Prevention Officer, Patrol Deputy Union Steward, and has experience in disaster response, investigating crimes along with interviewing victims and witnesses, coordinating search and rescue operations, and collaboration with other emergency services during natural or man-made disasters.

Some of the awards and recognitions Dulas has received include Waseca County Employee of the Year in 2022, the Waseca County Sheriff’s Office Medal of Valor in 2018, nominated for the MN Sheriff’s Association Medal of Valor in 2018, receiving the Waseca County Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in 2018, CADA Distinguished Peace Officer of the Year in 2017, an honorable mention with MN Sheriff’s Association Deputy of the Year Award in 2017, and a commendation for response to a violent domestic assault from the Faribault Police Department in 2013.

Meet your neighbor, Lloyd

Name: Lloyd Schoenfeld

Town: Waseca

Family: Wife Ruth; daughters Donna Kitzinger, Diana Osterfeld, Linda Hoecht and Betty Millen; and son Dean.

Occupation: Retired farmer that kept busy

Hobbies: Woodworking, hunting, fishing, and gardening

My dream vacation would be: Germany to see the scenery and friends and Alaska to see the wildlife.

Favorite musical artists: Roy Rogers and Gene Autry

My favorite activities when I was growing up: Anything outside

My biggest pet peeve: People chewing with their mouth open

The best advice I’ve ever received: What you do — do well.

If I could have lunch with any one person, living or dead: Colin Powell — he cares about the people. and he is an intelligent man.

My dream job is: Just enough to keep the mind working.

If I could have one last meal, it would be: Angel food cake with strawberries and ice cream.

Favorite pigout food: Roast beef with carrots, potatoes, and onions all roasted together.

Advice I would pass to my children: Be honest to yourself and all others.

Editorial Note: Lloyd is a former neighbor from the Waseca County News in the 1990’s. His son Dean dropped by the Waseca County Pioneer office with a handful of old photos. Several intended for publication, others just for show and tell. The clipping of his father as a neighbor was for show, but the Pioneer staff decided it should be printed in the paper.



Lloyd’s son Dean brought several old photos into the newspaper office which are printed in this week’s paper. Above is Lloyd, a former Waseca football player.

■ Kanewischer

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mom says the same thing, ‘You’ve talked about that since you’ve been little.’

“At first, as a kid, you think it’s all about helping people, and it looked like a cool job and all that stuff,” he continued. “As you get into it, it really gives you an opportunity to help people in a variety of ways.”

His experience in leadership and supervisory positions is one of the main reasons citizens should consider voting for him, Kanewischer said, along with his years of community service and being an active part of and leading various boards and organizations.

“A lot of times you can just be on the board and go to meetings,” he said. “I’ve had to actually organize the meetings - agendas, behind-the-scenes records, IRS tax reporting. I don’t think a lot of people realize how much goes into leading an organization and trying to make it positive, too.

“When you’re dealing with a committee, or people - their lives come into play,” he said. “Overall, bringing my background with those organizations, along with my skills with the sheriff’s office supervisory role and investigations - I think that’s probably what sets us apart.”

Though the job does pose certain challenges, Kanewischer says that the majority of the Waseca County Sheriff Office’s dealings with people are positive. Two of the main strengths of the local sheriff’s office, Kanewischer says, are community service and public safety.

“I think our staff all know that we try to help people with whatever problem they have,” he said. “Even if it’s maybe not our problem to deal

with, we find the person that they should be dealing with. We go to all calls, no matter what they are - no matter how small it is. You have to address the issues, talk to the people and see how you can assist them.”

For the last 12 years, Kanewischer has served as chief deputy for the sheriff’s office. If he were to be elected as sheriff, Kanewischer says he would first focus on a smooth transition.

“I’ve worked under three great sheriffs who each had their own styles, and I think I would bring my own style,” he said.

Kanewischer noted that he enjoys working as part of a team, and would like to see more staff engagement within the department.

“The more people who contribute, the better the plan you can come up with,” he said.

Some changes are already in the works within the Sheriff’s Office, including in-car camera systems with body cams, dispatch upgrades, body cameras for jailors, and eventually new portable radios for the system county-wide. Some deficiencies within the facility are also being worked on.

One of the biggest challenges for police forces statewide is recruitment and retention of staff, which Kanewischer believes Waseca County is in a good position to face.

“I think we’re in a really good position here in Waseca County because we have such a supportive community,” he said.

Other areas Kanewischer would focus on within the department are more public engagement, including working with community outreach, more special event attendance, and more communication with staff. He also hopes to continue discussions regarding mental health needs in three specific areas: the community, the sheriff’s office, and in the jail among inmates.

“I’ve been involved with community mental health since the flooding,” he said, adding that the floods in years past had a significant impact on community mental health, as have recent negative attention toward law enforcement along with the Covid-19 pandemic. He would also follow through with maintaining a more positive image in social media and traditional media, along with looking into creating a newsletter.

“In all corrections and law enforcement, [media] impacts your life, there’s no way around it,” Kanewischer said. The public image of law enforcement in recent years has contributed to difficulty with staff recruitment and retention, along with a large number of officers retiring early following the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in a huge loss of numbers in the workforce that will continue to be difficult to make up for.

In terms of education, training, and experience, Kanewischer has an AAS degree from Alexandria Tech, is a graduate of the MN BCA Senior Management program along with the Blandin Leadership program, is trained in FEMA/HSEM as well as emergency management, and has attended state Chief Deputy Conferences and School for ten years. He has served as supervisor of records, investigations, jail administrator and sergeant as well as sheriff’s posse liaison and is the current sheriff’s posse supervisor. He worked part time for the New Richland Police Department under Brad Flor from 1997-2000 and has served on the Waseca County Fair Board as a member and president, Don Eustice Scholarship Board as a member and president, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #16 as a board member and president along with rechartering the lodge and growing it from 22 members to over 270 members when he left. He was on the Waseca Area

Foundation board, served as Waseca Lakefest director, Matson Strong Committee, and Waseca Warrior Committee in support of wounded veteran Tom Block. Currently, he serves on the Waseca County Historical Society Board of Directors, as president of the Waseca Lakes Association Board, and trust manager of the Waseca Warrior Trust. He has experience in homicide investigations and served as investigator in many serious crimes, disaster response and emergency operations experience, numerous national incident management trainings, Waseca County flood and disaster response, was a St. Peter tornado responder in 1998, and served on the Waseca County CORE Building Group Committee and Waseca County Class Evaluation Systems Committee. In addition, he was a deputy bargaining unit union steward and served on the wellness committee, as well as having served on the rural domestic preparedness consortium and was a three-year volunteer at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.

Kanewischer has also been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Waseca Police Reserves Scholarship in 1995, Donald D. Eustice Scholarship and Community Service Award, Distinguished Service Award Under 40 in Waseca in 2006, Minnesota Sheriff’s Association Supervisor of the Year in 2017, Emergency Management Advocate Award in 2017, Waseca County Free Fair Outstanding Achievement Award in 2011, Waseca County Free Fair Friend of the Fair in 2018, Waseca County Free Fair Service and Dedication Award in 2010, Homicide Investigation Commendation from the state Attorney General’s Office for Kruger homicides in 2009.



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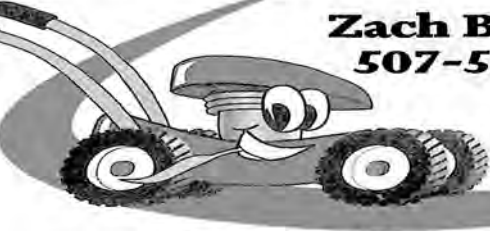
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Thomas Roycraft

Thomas Glenn Roycraft, age 69, of Waseca, died on Sunday, October 2, 2022, at his home in Waseca.

Born on October 29, 1953, in Minneapolis to Glenn and Joyce (Engstrom) Roycraft. Tom attended Baldwin Woodville High School and graduated with the class of 1972. He furthered his education at the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies in 1976. Following his education Tom worked as an apartment manager in Fort Wayne, Indiana before joining the Peace Corps where he was stationed in Guatemala and later worked as a recruiter. It was during his time in the Peace Corps where Tom met his future wife, Kathrine Schroeder. Tom and Kathy were united in marriage on October 26, 1985, in Worthington. Together they were house parents in Boy's Town, Nebraska. In the early 1990's, Tom decided to go back to school and received his teaching certificate from University of Wisconsin in River Falls which led him to teach briefly before working for Crown Cork & Seal in Owatonna. He later worked at Brown Printing/Quad Graphics before working a short time at Bosch. Tom was active with the Waseca Gun Club and was a firearm safety instructor for many years. He enjoyed target shooting, riding bicycles, and tinkering. Tom will be remembered for his witty sense of humor. He was a member of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato.

Tom is survived by his loving



Thomas Roycraft

wife of 36 years, Kathy; children: Emily (Grant Klacan) Roycraft of River Falls, WI, and Benjamin Roycraft (Satarupa Bhattacharjee) of State College, PA; mother, Joyce Knippenberg of Woodville, WI; siblings: Ann (Duane) Russett of Baldwin, WI, and Mark Roycraft of Menomonie, WI; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation was from 5- 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Funeral Service was at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022, at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato with Pastor Michael Omtvedt officiating.

Lois Gossman

Lois Delores Gossman, age 93, of rural Janesville, died on Monday, October 3, 2022, at Whispering Creek in Janesville where she was receiving rehabilitation therapy for a planned return home after developing heart trouble in midsummer.

Born on March 2, 1929, at home in Alton Township to August and Mary (Rudolph) Gottschalk. She first attended country school near the family farm and later attended Trinity Lutheran School in Janesville through 8th grade. Her first job was at EF Johnson Company soldering radios near the end of World War II. During that time she found a recipe for turkey dressing that became a family favorite as she make it for the next 76 Thanksgivings!

On August 22, 1950, Lois was united in marriage to Joseph William Gossman at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Janesville. Together they made their home on their family farm in Freedom Township near Alma City raising their four children. During that time, she continued her education and received her GED at District 77 in Mankato and worked for 20 years at Birds Eye in Waseca.

Lois loved spending time with her family, especially as it grew with grandchildren and great grandchildren, gathering them together for home cooked meals from her garden and farm. A family highlight of the

year was our Epiphany celebration when Grandma would share an abundance of baked, frozen and canned treats. Lois had large flower and vegetable gardens, and enjoyed planting, harvesting and especially keeping them weed free. She was an excellent sewer and mender, making clothes for her children and grandchildren, quilting and keeping her sons in mended overalls. She was essential to the farm operation taking Joe, Dan and Scott to and from fields and making meals and field lunches. She was a Master Gardener in Waseca County for over 11 years and volunteered visiting the homebound for over 17 years. Lois was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Janesville, as a communion minister, quilter and making funeral meals. She remained active with cooking, gardening and sewing well into her 93rd year.

Lois is survived by her children: Sue (Jerry) Schoenfeld of Waseca, Dan Gossman of rural Janesville, Tim (Susan) Gossman of rural Chatfield, and Scott of rural Janesville; grandchildren: Sue's children: Dacia (Richard) Hinkhouse, Jay Schoenfeld; Dan's children: Shannon (Steven) Prostrullo, Megan (Joel Nundahl) Gossman, Benjamin Gossman; Tim's children: Sophia (Martin) Walsh and Sarah (Samuel) Cotton; great-grandchildren: Rosemilla and Alexander Hinkhouse;



Lois Gossman

Joseph, Joshua and Elizabeth Prostrollo; Zachery Gossman, Isaiah and Ethan Kuznia, Wyatt Nundahl; Grace and Elijah Gossman; Ardella Walsh, and Frieda Cotton; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings: Clifford Gottschalk, Edna (Herbert) Minkel, Irma (Carl) Benson, Herbert (Betty) Gottschalk, and Loren (Gloria) Gottschalk; brother-in-law: Elmer (Marge) Gossman; sisters-in-law: Rosie Gossman and Ruth (Bert) Groeneveld; and a stillborn baby boy.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on



The Pastor's Column

Developing our contentment

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

1 Timothy 6:6 has been on my mind all week, "But godliness with contentment is great gain" (NIV 1984). I know what you are saying, you just preached on this passage this past week. Yes, but it has spoken to me as well allow me to share my thoughts once again.

To give context 1 Timothy is Pastoral Epistle, a letter to teach a person, in this case specifically a letter from the Apostle Paul to a Pastor Timothy. Timothy traveled with Paul on his missionary journeys and was appointed as pastor of Ephesus. Paul wrote to Timothy to give him instruction and encouragement.

Leading up to this singular verse, Paul gives Timothy advice on what to teach various groups of people and how to remain pure in his work as a Pastor, warning of false teachers and how to stand up to them. Going so far as to warn Timothy to watch out for those who seek to quarrel or cause controversy for personal gain. At this moment Paul offers a simple bit of advice that is difficult to accomplish, "6 But godliness with contentment is great gain."

How do we get to the point of being Godly people? How do we develop contentment in our everyday lives? Godliness deals with our spiritual and physical actions, contentment focuses on our emotions and thoughts. A whole life of transformation in Christ. Jesus deals with our heart, soul, mind, and strength when we come to a saving knowledge of Him.

Knowing that the whole person is being transformed by Christ we can start to get a grasp of how we change. We see children struggle in a variety of different ways as they grow and deal with expectations and disappointments. From crying to fits of frustration children can wear their

"Godliness deals with our spiritual and physical actions. Contentment focuses on our emotions and thoughts."

— Pastor Ken Andrs

emotions on their sleeves, and at times adults do as well. It is the work of Christ that transforms our responses.

Through the work of God in our life we gain an eternal perspective on temporary frustrations. We can list the temporary frustrations as Paul does to Timothy, starting with finances and moving towards personal security. We seek to have hope in things that only last for a short time. A hope for a favorite treat, cheap gas, or a lottery ticket win. They may satisfy for a time, but they don't last forever.

Our relationship with God and His church will last an eternity. The relationships we develop here on earth last an eternity with and because of Christ. He redeems the life of a person and offers and eternity with Him. We a focus on the eternal we can begin to develop a contentment here on this earth. We develop Godliness to have our lives reflect Christ and offer the same hope we have to others around us. We have so much to gain.

Remember what Paul told Timothy? "6 But godliness with contentment is great gain."

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is the dog walker of Nala and Spike.

Christian Rodriguez is a football, wrestling and track captain, member of the Minnesota Honor Society, in student council, State Street and Sextets. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and an FCA Huddle leader. Christian is employed as a lifeguard at the Waseca Waterpark.

Aubree Hansen is a member of First Congregational Church, involved in BPA, State Street, Sextets, she is the student council president and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. Aubree is employed at the Waseca Public Library and works as a nanny in the summer.

Will King is involved in BPA, DECA, swimming club, Spanish Club and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. He is co-owner of Lavish Lakefronts.

Charli Harguth is a member of Sacred Heart Church, on the Minnwest Junior Board, and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. She is involved in DECA, student council, FCA and UPDS (dance studio). Charli is employed at The Bar on Main and nannies for the Eaton girls and Claire.

Brenden Brown is involved in football, yearbook and BPA. He works for Alliance Contracting.

Cece Huttemier is involved in student council, Spanish club, Sextets, and State Street. She also sings at her church. CeCe is a member of Grace Lutheran church, captain of the varsity tennis team, a member of the Minnwest Junior Board and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. CeCe is employed by La Michae-cana.

JD Delgado is a captain for soccer, wrestling and tennis. He is a member of the Minnwest Junior board, Minnesota Honor Society and student council. He is also in State Street, Sextets and JD is the 2021 Minnesota State ExCEL

award winner. He also coaches soccer in the winter and summer and works at Greener World Solutions.

Avery Madsen participates in basketball, is a volleyball captain, State Street, she is a Minnesota Honor Society Member, YSL, FCA, Student Council Senior class president. She is in HOSA and participated in the spring musical Legally Blonde. Avery works at Cool Wave Coffee in Waterville and Glitter and Grace.

Oliver O'Brien is captain of the football team and on the wrestling and baseball teams, and is involved in YSL. He is a member of Sacred Heart Church and works at SRP HVAC and Plumbing.

Riley Ruedy participates in volleyball, softball, DECA, YSL, food shelf volunteer and a member of Grace Lutheran Church. She works as a waitress at The Willows in New Richland.

Payton Garza is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, he is involved in football, a captain on the wrestling team, and on the baseball team. Payton is in Select Choir, State Street, BPA and works at Yellow Mushroom.

Following a shoutout to all fall activities, "Marching band, let's van gough," the Emcee's jokes, the State Street Singers performed "Start a Fire" from the movie La La Land.

The marching band performed their 2022 production, "Immortals."

Next, Waseca High School Principal Jason Miller recognized special olympic gold medalist Jack Anderson. In June, Anderson took the gold medal in the 100m walk, silver in the 50m dash, and 6th place in the running long jump at the Special Olympics in Orlando, Florida.

After the crowning of this year's king and queen, many, many photos were taken before the night's homecoming dance concluded the evening.

Friday's events concluded the week-long celebration with a pep-fest and a parade, followed by an exciting win by the football team.

Comments

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members take a lot of words to say little. I do not think it was name calling or rude. If we at that point, as adults, are worrying about that, then we're in a sad position."

Daryn Spies said he doesn't like cancel culture. "We don't all have to get along politically, but we do get along on a personal level. Last week was a good example of a vote, which went 4-3, where no one was aligned politically. The council had a discussion and people whose views differ came together to reach a decision regarding the moratorium."

"I'm in ward 2, represented by councilperson Mansfield," Andrew Isker, a local pastor, addressed the council. "I feel he's doing a good job representing us and what we think. I don't want our town to be thought of as the pot head of the midwest. I don't want legalized drugs to be dealt in town or manufactured in my town. I want a councilman to stand up

for what I believe in and what his constituents believe in. "

Several of these people referenced a topic not discussed regarding Mansfield. That being a supposed portion of an email sent to the city manager and the mayor asking for Mansfield to be recalled. Nearly everyone present agreed that recalling someone for "name calling" would be a bad idea and a "slippery slope."

Mansfield had no comments or response during the meeting to any of the discussion.

"This is how city government is supposed to work," Mayor Roy Srp said. "Thank you for not being in the little coffee clutches saying things that aren't for the public record. That's what it [the public comment portion] is here for. And that's what we're here for."

After the meeting, Srp reiterated, as he had throughout the meeting, that hearing from residents in Waseca has been his number one goal. "It's our most important role. I hope that continues after I'm gone. I say it all the time. City Hall belongs to the people of Waseca. We work for you."

Waseca ALC locked down Thursday

At approximately 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, the Waseca Area Learning Center (ALC) went into lockdown after the Waseca Police Department and the Waseca County Sheriff received multiple calls about loud noises at the school.

When the police arrived on scene, an initial investigation with school staff indicated that the sources of the loud noise came from a student at the ALC, who reportedly had behavioral issues and started kicking lockers.

During the incident, Waseca Superintendent Eric Hudspith sent the following to area families:

"This morning, a student issue at our Central Building caused us to move into a lockdown. There was no immediate threat to staff or students, however this precaution was taken to prevent the student from moving about the building and entering other classrooms as

well as ensuring the privacy of all involved.

"As part of our lockdown procedure, law enforcement did respond to assist staff in resolving the situation. We take all threats seriously; the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. As we complete our procedures the lockdown is expected to be completed shortly. We recognize the unsettling nature of these situations and we will work to support all students."

The student responsible for the worrisome noises was taken into custody. The school remained in lockdown for almost an hour as a continuing precaution while officers confirmed there had been no injuries and that no weapons were in the building. The Waseca Police Department and Waseca County Sheriff returned the school to district control at 11:49 a.m.; the lockdown was lifted soon after.

Straight Shooter



Zoie Thompson was named 365 Archery MAA Female Shooter of the Year. This award is given to a female shooter who participants in at least 4 of the 5 MAA events and has the highest accumulative score. Left, she was awarded a \$300 cash prize along with a plaque.

Thompson competed in Yankton, SD the following weekend in the NFAA Outdoor Target Nationals and brought home a second place medal.

Photos provided by Stacy Thompson

NR Class of 1962



Front row: Jan Enger, Ruth Jellum, and Sandy Kompen. Middle row: Judy Mason, Judy Wolf, Glenda Janning, Duane Peterson, Carol Schlaak, and Jon Junkers. Back Row: Lester Krueger, Birginia Roesler, Carlie Priebe, Kermit Schoenrock, Ron Shields, Richard Possin, Norman Echert, Gene Carlson, and Dennis Roesler.

Preliminary tax set at 10.33%

Bruegger sworn in as New Richland's new chief of police

By JESSICA LUTGENS
Staff Writer

The New Richland City Council approved the 2023 preliminary budget for the city during its second meeting of the month on Monday, Sept. 26. The preliminary budget contains a current tax levy increase of 10.33%, which may be reduced by the time the final budget is approved in December, but may not be increased from the set preliminary amount.

When asked if it would be possible to reduce the tax levy increase by December, City Administrator Tony Martens said that he "thinks it would be fairly doable." It should be noted that preliminary tax levies are traditionally set higher than the final one approved at the end of the year in order to allow room for revisions and adjustments in necessary areas of the budget in the months following the approval of the preliminary budget. A public hearing was set for Dec. 12 at 6:35 p.m. during which time citizens will be able to comment on the proposed budget before its final adoption.

Taking their oaths of office via swearing-in ceremonies during the meeting were newly appointed permanent police chief Tanyce Bruegger and full-time officer Brandon Herrmann. The following resolutions were approved: Resolutions 22-13 and 22-14, police officer declarations for Bruegger and Herrmann; Resolution 22-15 appointing election judges for the Nov. 8 general election; Resolution 22-16 adopting the 2023 preliminary budget and tax levy and setting a date for a public hearing. A zoning request to combine

two lots in town for tax and property value purposes was approved, along with EDA Fix-Up grant modifications and an application for the EDA Fix-Up grant.

The EDA Fix-Up grant program is available to all businesses or prospective businesses within city limits, offering an amount of 33% of the project cost up to a maximum of \$5,000. Grants may be used for exterior and facade improvements (material and sublet labor), signage and awnings, structural repairs, elimination of fire and safety code violations, demolition, and other approved improvements. Grants do not have to be paid back unless the building is sold within two years of receiving the grant, and the criteria used for approval of grants include: need for repairs, must be obvious need and enhance general appearance of the building, and commitment of private funds. Inventory, existing debt, working capital, and equipment are not eligible expenses to be covered by the grant. Applications are available at the State Bank of New Richland and city hall and must be submitted to the New Richland EDA with a statement of work to be done including project costs, current photo, and signature of the owner of the property.

The care center report was read by Councilperson Loren Skelton. The report showed that the average census for the center during the month of August was 80%. Of the 43 referrals received in August, six were approved. The reason for having to deny residents includes lack of ability to provide certain care, including tube feeding.



New Richland's new Police Chief Tanyce Bruegger

Staffing continues to be an issue at the care center; two CNAs were hired in recent weeks, but neither showed up to work, leaving the CNA vacancy rate for the center at 57%. Registered nurses have the second highest vacancy rate, 40%, with two open full-time and part-time positions currently available. In a recent annual state survey, it was noted that residents and family members had "very positive comments" about the quality of care received at the care center.

After the care center report was approved, the council approved offering the position of care center administrator to Robert Johannsen pending background check and negotiations of employee agreement.

Shell Johnson presented the PeopleService report, noting recent issues with local residents flushing non-flushable items into the sewer system. Up to \$5,000 for maintenance on the sewer plant was approved, along with the report.

In the water and street report, it was stated that 20 blue cards for non-payment were issued in August, resulting in three shutoffs due to lack of payment. The following purchases were approved: \$432 for generator

batteries; \$324 for paint for the ice skating rink; \$308 for gutter brooms for the street sweeper. Tree removal on 3rd St. SE at a cost of up to \$5,800 was also approved, along with the report.

Results from a recent classification and compensation study were reviewed, which showed that the city is 11% below the market on salary range minimums for city employees, 19% below the market on salary range maximums, and 18% below the market on actual pay. These numbers provide an explanation as to the difficulty with recruitment and retention of city employees, and Martens noted that he continues to work with DDA to finalize the study, pay grade and compensation scale.

A five-year, \$50,000 lease agreement for use of Legion Field by NRHEG Schools was approved by the council. The council also approved acquiring two bids for the fence and backstop at Legion Field, which will be paid for by the \$50,000 in the lease agreement.

A lengthy discussion was had on ordinance concerns, including repeat violations, before the administrator's report was presented. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Waseca High School Homecoming 2022



Waseca cheerleaders providing school spirit



Waseca Marching Band provided a musical interlude during homecoming coronation Thursday, September 29, 2022 in the high school gymnasium



The Waseca High School marching band perform their 2022 production, "Immortals."



Charli Harguth, escorted by Brenden Brown. During their walk the couple provided a short performance, in this case, a dance.



Junior Attendants Thursday evening were Emmett Byron, son of Ben and Jenna Byron, alongside Ella Marlin, daughter of Paul and Steph Marlin.



The State Street Singers performed "Start a Fire" from the movie La La Land. Above middle, Christian Rodriguez, right, Emcee Korbin Schumacher.



Destiny Woitas, a senior at Waseca High School, invited Special Olympics gold medalist Jack Anderson to the homecoming dance.



Queen Samantha Azure is congratulated by Aubree Hansen after being crowned by last year's queen Alayna Akers



Waseca Homecoming King and Queen Will King and Samantha Azure, along with the entire 2022 court were introduced during halftime of the Bluejays football game Friday night.



Oliver O'Brien and Avery Madsen acknowledged the crowd as part of their walk



Homecoming royalty Christian Rodriguez, Brenden Brown, Oliver O'Brien, King Will King, J.D. Delgado, Payton Garza



Emcees Haylee Sommers, Korbin Schumacher, and Kloe Wadd



J.D. Delgado and CeCe Huttemier



The State Street Singers performed "Start a Fire" from the movie La La Land. Above middle, J.D. Delgado, behind him Will King, right, Christian Rodriguez, to his right, Emcee Korbin Schumacher



Payton Garza, Avery Madsen



From left, CeCe Huttemier, Aubree Hansen, Queen Samantha Azure, Avery Madsen, Charli Harguth, and Riley Ruedy.



The gym was packed to capacity Thursday night for Waseca's high school homecoming coronation festivities. Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens

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Defending champions Scott Beckmann and Gene Glynn, representing Thrivent Financial, with Diane Beckmann and the traveling trophy they will hold for another year.

Second annual bean bag tourney

By TRISTAN JENSEN
Editorial Assistant

The Greater Mankato Area United Way began its 2023 Campaign Kickoff with a second annual Waseca Bean Bag Tournament on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at The Mill event center. Cinch Connectivity Solutions was the presenting sponsor, while Thrivent Financial was the supporting sponsor for the event. No donor dollars are used for any United Way event, so these sponsorships are what made the tournament possible. Appetizers were catered by Mis Tres Flores.

The tournament featured eighteen teams, up from eight at last year's inaugural event. Sponsoring a team required a \$100 donation; the winning team gets possession of a traveling trophy until the next tournament. County Administrator Michael Johnson emceed the event, explaining the modified rules. In order to ensure the tournament would be finished on schedule, teams were instructed to score as many points as possible

within a seven-minute match, rather than competing to reach twenty-one points. Teams who wanted an edge could make an additional donation to the United Way to throw from half-distance. Johnson's stated goal for the afternoon was to ensure that everyone left with their pockets "a little lighter."

The Greater Mankato Area United Way, due to increasing need, has raised its fundraising goal this year to \$2,150,000, up \$90,000 from last year. The charities and organizations that the United Way works with as they seek to provide for people's basic needs, healthcare, and educational needs are determined democratically by citizens in the area. More than 1,900 Waseca area residents were served by the Greater Mankato Area organization in the past year by eighteen area partner organizations. To donate, find events, or learn more about the local impact of the United Way, visit mankatounitedway.org.

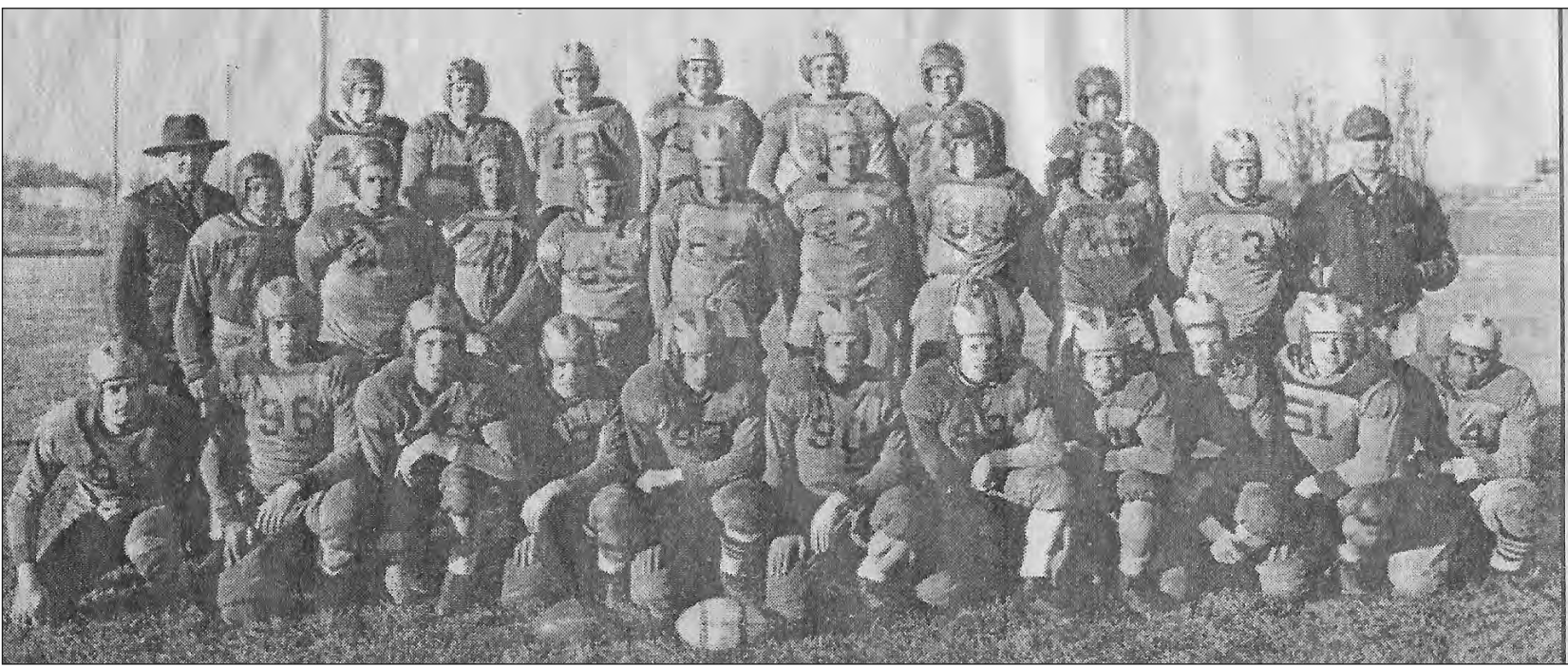


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Waseca School Board





The 1942 Waseca football team was one of the school's greatest teams ever, compiling a perfect 8-0 record and outscoring its opponents 196 to 18. The Bluejays had five shutouts during the season, four of them against Big Nine Conference foes. Front row (from left) are: Harpp;D born, Burnell Miller, Lloyd Schoenfeld, Lyle Groth, Warren Nelson, Gordon Huntington, Curtis Rottke, Edgar Iverson, co-captain Jerome Schleck, Harry Fowler, and co-captain Harold Brown. (Second row): Assistant coach Erwin Olson, Lu-verne Huntington, Clarence Paulson, Warren Dunn, butch Mahler, Tony Sybilrud, Gordon Marquardt, Roger Cox, Richard Matthews, William Severin, and coach Lee Krough. (Back row): Chester Schuette, Sam Hawkes, Andrew Papke, Stanley Parrish, Paul Gehring, Clinton Oerlline, and Wilbur Dahl.

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council members, will be printed in next week's edition of the Pioneer.

Vanessa Jensen gave a presentation on behalf of Junior Achievement, an organization which serves nearly every school across Waseca County. More than 500 students in Waseca alone took part in the program last year, along with 22 volunteer teachers and professionals.

The council's consent agenda was approved, including payroll expenditures, a residential tax abatement, and payments to Met-Con Construction for the Clear Lake Park Improvement project, and to Hydro-Klean LLC for sanitary sewer maintenance and manhole rehabilitation.

In the action agenda, the council talked about and approved an extension to the tax abatement program for residents wishing to build a home valued under \$500,000 in the city of Waseca. Also approved was an abatement for water and sewer line costs of \$2330 to such properties

built under the previous abatement.

Final payment on street repairs on 8th street were approved with one "no" vote from Council member Mansfield who was dissatisfied with the quality of line painting. Another source of contention was that the reconstruction project came in \$51,000 over the original estimate because the Minnesota Department of Transportation required that some of the curbs be 6 inches tall rather than the originally planned 4 inches.

Waseca Airport has a new contract with Langer Aviation, unanimously approved by the airport board. The council was pleased to welcome Brent Langer, who was present at the meeting. The three-year contract becomes effective January 1, 2023, and has a clause for automatic renewal for another two years. The \$3,800 monthly payment to Langer Aviation will be higher than in previous agreements, but the amount is still within the airport's budget. An increase of 10 cents per gallon on fueling expenses was also talked about. Langer's long-term plan is to move to Waseca from his current home in Owatonna.

In reports, city manager Lee Mattson talked about a 15.5% increase in city energy costs, which

will require an adjustment in the 2023 budget. Grating is almost done at Johnson Pavilion at Clear Lake Park and the hope is it will be done in time for sledding. The Waseca Fire department is looking for volunteer, unpaid firefighters to be on call. In the past they have had between 3 and 5 volunteers. Interested persons are encouraged to contact City Hall or the fire department.

Mayor Srp provided a spirited update regarding the Waseca Heritage Preservation committee. A statewide conference, essentially a giant history show, will be in Mankato next year. Dan Forest was also approved to be the committee's new vice chair. The board is also looking into participating with Waseca's school history day.

The park board will be meeting at 5 p.m. Oct. 18 to discuss the park project, and what the city should add, either a Frisbee golf course, for example, or something else. The downtown walkway is a safety hazard and an eyesore according to council member Ted Conrath; he advocated for a future discussion regarding the surface.

Halloween will be observed October 29 at the Waseca dog park from noon to 3 p.m., and will feature a

bake sale for both people and pets. Park facilities will continue to be winterized and bathrooms will be shut down by the end of October. A revitalization project has been completed at Clear Lake West, by the Boathouse. A beautiful new walkway is in place and residents are encouraged to check it out.

New fryers are in for Waseca's Fire Relief board, and there will be, in the coming weeks, a drive-through fundraiser event where onion rings will be for sale for a good cause.

On October 29 will be a \$35 Halloween-themed event at the Waseca Art Center, including a live band and auction.

A concern was raised regarding vehicles parked on grass. The city policy explained that this is a complaint-based ordinance, so, in order for the city to do something, a complaint needs to be submitted to city hall.

The city ordinance regarding sale of alcohol before 10 a.m. appears to have not been enforced last Sunday during the Vikings early football game. Warnings were given out, if the ordinance was in fact ignored.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

County sheriff's retirement recognized

By TRISTAN JENSEN
Editorial Assistant

At its Tuesday, October 4 meeting, the Waseca County Board of Commissioners recognized the retirement of Sheriff Brad Milbrath, who recently submitted his official letter of resignation. Milbrath, in the office for 12 years and with the department since 1999, will officially end his duties on December 30. During discussion, each of the commissioners expressed their thanks and congratulations to Milbrath. Chair Brad Krause said, "Our hats are off to you and we give you a great deal of thanks for all those years of service."

South Country Health Alliance (SCHA), the agency the county contracts with to provide insurance for eligible residents, reported that it had

a net income of \$12.5 million as of August, with expenditures of about \$954,000. These favorable numbers for the company are driven in part by higher eligibility rates due to the official continuance of the public health emergency and the provision that no one be dropped from their benefits so long as it persists.

SCHA spokesperson Leota Lind also highlighted the "Healthy Start" program the agency helps provide. Healthy Start is a three-year initiative aimed at improving health in rural areas by focusing on prenatal and early childhood care. The program includes voucher rewards for attending appointments, informational packets and outreach for pregnant members, a Baby's First Year calendar which highlights important healthcare milestones, Healthy Baby

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Healthy Teeth kits to encourage appropriate early dental care, and a free car seat program, among other services.

Commissioners approved two conditional use permits. One dealt with three hunting shacks on a property east of Buffalo Lake, owned by Buffalo Lake LLP. The property has hosted hunting shacks for many years, but the zoning was not fully completed when they were first built, as discovered during recent remodeling of the shacks. Under newly approved variances, the site is now officially allowed to have more than one building on the site, to have

structures located in the floodplain and within 200 feet of the ordinary high water level, and for two of its structures to be larger than 250 square feet. Commissioner Doug Christopherson thanked the property owners for their patience during what he acknowledged as a difficult and time-consuming process.

The second property granted a variance was a one-megawatt community solar farm to be built in the Otisco area along State Highway 13, owned by Fox Garden LLC. The Minnesota Department of Transportation had disagreed with the initial proposal for the solar farm to have two access points on the highway. The amended plan involves widening and sharing a field access driveway. Christopherson, who farms in the area, abstained from the vote.

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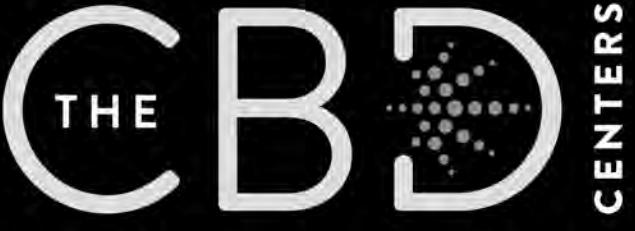
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Stellar season ends for WHS tennis girls Bluejays finish 14-4 overall

By ELI LUTGENS and MICHAEL ROY
Publishers

“We were a little worried when we drew Red Wing after losing to them earlier in the season,” Waseca head tennis coach Kyle Collins said after the girls’ team season came to an end 4-3 to Red Wing at home Tuesday, Oct. 2. “We had one of our better seasons in many years.”

In a rematch of an earlier contest, which the girls also lost 4-3, the Bluejays captured three single match wins and no doubles wins. Last time around they won two singles matches and one doubles.

“What went wrong?” Collins asked the girls after the match. “I don’t know that anything went wrong. We knew it would be a close match. This was a good team we played today.”

“We had our chances,” Collins continued. “We lost a couple tiebreakers in the second sets. We were right there.”

Winning matches for the Bluejays: Cece Huttemier 6-4, 6-2 over Allie Roe; Sarah Haley over Abby Schmaltz 7-6, 5-7, 10-5 and Lauren Drexler over Lorilei Hartman 6-2, 6-1.

In a losing effort for the Bluejays were: Sarah Robbins 6-1, 6-0 in singles; Miranda Breck and Addie Pfeifer lost 6-2 and 6-1; Mia Kane-

wischer and Maddy Benson lost 6-3 and 7-6 (1), and Paige Dufault and Takya Schoenrock lost 6-2 and 7-6 (5).

Competing in their last team event prior to the individual playoffs were seniors Huttemier, Haley, and Miranda Breck.

“We thank those girls for a job well done,” Collins praised. “What do you say? We thank these girls for their leadership. Look at where we were last year and where we are today. Those girls were a big reason why.”

On Friday at 9 a.m. Waseca will send two singles players and four doubles players to compete in the individual portion of section 1AA playoffs at the Rochester Athletic Club.

The Bluejays end their season with a 14-4 record. Red Wing played third-seeded Lakeville North on Thursday.

The Bluejays finished a stellar regular season on a good note with a 4-3 win against Owatonna — a team they hadn’t beaten in a decade — on Thursday, Sept. 29. Their win gave them a 14-3 record, second place in the Big South East division, and the No. 6 seed in Section 1A.

The match against Owatonna was close to the finish like their previous matchup against Big Nine Conference opponent Northfield. However, the outcome of this one favored the



SENIORS — From left: head coach Kyle Collins, Miranda Breck, Cece Huttemier, Sarah Robbins and assistant coach Tim Anderson.
Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

Bluejays. They swept the doubles matches, only needing one singles matchup to go their way.

“The match was tied at 3-3,” Collins explained. “Senior Cece Huttemier trailed 0-3 in the third set of her matchup. She came back to win it 6-4.”

The victory was the first time Waseca had beaten the Huskies since 2012.

Singles: Olivia McDermott defeated Robbins, 6-0, 6-2; Huttemier won the tiebreaker against Emma Herzog 0-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4; Ellery Blacker took victory over Sarah Haley 6-2, 6-0; and Genevieve Fro-

man prevailed against Takya Schoenrock, 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles: Kanewischer and Pfeifer finished the doubles sweep with a two-set win against Amelia Shives and Lauren Nelson, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

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Bulldog spikers 2-3 in tourney

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The JWP volleyball team went 2-3 in the St. James Invitational Sept. 24, losing to Worthington 2-0 and Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart 2-0 before sliding past New Ulm Cathedral 2-1. After losing 2-0 to Madelia, they ended the day with a 2-0 win over Le Sueur-Henderson.

Total stats individually:

Brielle Bure, 1 kill, 29 digs; Claire Walz, 12 kills, 4 blocks; Nevaeh Weimert, 2 kills, 23 assists, 12 digs; Jessa Westphal, 5 aces, 26 kills, 5 blocks, 10 digs; Lilly Strauss, 4 aces, 5 kills, 11 digs; Ellah Oliver with 2 aces and 7 digs; Aubrey Weedman, 3 aces, 7 kills, 3 blocks, 45 assists, 34 digs; Raquel Fischer, 23 kills, 1 block, 9 digs; Presley James with 3 kills; Paige Walz, 3 kills, a block, and 4 digs; Lexie Dahlberg with 4 aces, a kill, and 31 digs; Brielle Dessner, 2 kills and 5 digs; and Ali Olson, 2 aces and 21 digs.



Strauss

Bulldogs fall 43-6 to No. 2 LP

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The JWP Football team took on division rival Lester Prairie, a team ranked No. 2 in Class A, on Friday, Sept. 30. And in the battle of the Bulldogs, they lost 43-6.

When going up against a highly ranked team like Lester Prairie, the last thing a team wants to do is give points away at the start of the game. That’s what JWP did on its first possession. After choosing to receive the ball, the Bulldogs ended their opening drive on offense with a pick six.

The next drive stalled deep into their territory, and a punt gone wrong gave Lester Prairie prime field position in the red zone. They only needed one play to get another six points. Lester Prairie carved up the JWP defense on the ground again for a 51-yard rushing touchdown in the first quarter. It was 23-0 at the end of the first quarter.

JWP was only 2-for-8 for third-down conversions throughout the first half. Lester Prairie tallied 13 more points before halftime to make it 36-0.

The JWP defense held the Lester Prairie team to only seven points in the second half while the offense scored a touchdown on its final drive. Senior quarterback Karson Lindsay



FORMIDABLE FOE — The JWP football team had a tall order Friday, Sept. 30, traveling to face Lester Prairie, rated No. 2 in the state in Class A. At left, Tyler Melchior prepares to block as Logan Thell punts. At right, Karson Lindsay drops back to pass while under pressure.
Photos by Leanne Kavitz



connected with junior wide receiver Ryan Kronbach for the score. The two-point conversion attempt by Lucas Morsching was no good.

The JWP defense allowed 203 rushing yards and five touchdowns on the ground.

The Bulldogs play at Cleveland Friday, October 7.

First Quarter
LP: JWP quarterback Karson Lindsay throws an interception. Logan Lambrecht runs

it into the end zone for a 48-yard pick six. Two-point conversion run by Tanner Scheevel is good.

LP: Running back Tanner Scheevel runs the ball for a 16-yard touchdown. Scheevel runs it in for the two-point conversion.

LP: Tanner Scheevel runs the ball for a 51-yard touchdown. Extra point is good.

Second Quarter
LP: Gavin Eckstein runs the ball for an 8-yard touchdown. Extra point is good.

LP: Gavin Eckstein runs the ball for a 13-yard touchdown. Extra point is missed.

Third Quarter

No score

Fourth Quarter
LP: Logan Lambrecht runs the ball for a 12-yard touchdown. Extra point is good.

JWP: Karson Lindsay completes a pass to Ryan Kronbach for a 3-yard touchdown. Two-point conversion is no good.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Passing: JWP: Karson Lindsay, 14/26 for 118 yds, TD, 2 INT. LP: Nick Gueggemos, 2/2 for 52 yds.

Rushing: JWP: Karson Lindsay, 9 att, 23 yds; Ryder Thissen, 10 att, 12 yds; Lucas Mor-

sching, 2 att, 3 yds. LP: Tanner Scheevel, 3 att, 69 yds, 2 TDs; Gavin Eckstein, 7 att, 64 yds, 2 TDs; Logan Lambrecht, 6 att, 42 yds, TD; Jac Cacka, 5 att, 26 yds; LaDamien Gatlin-Coellner, 3 att, 11 yds.

Receiving: JWP: Ryan Kronbach, 11 rec, 87 yds, TD; Ethan Born, rec for 17 yds; Landon Johnson, rec for 7 yds; Lucas Morsching, rec for 7 yds. LP: Jac Cacka, rec for 39 yds; Gavin Eckstein, rec for 13 yds.

Grizzly cross country

Westphal takes pie, team almost takes 1st

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The WEM-JWP cross country teams hosted six schools for its home meet at Prairie Ridge Golf Course, Janesville, Thursday, Sept. 29.

A tradition for years, the Grizzly Pie Invitational awards the top 15 runners in the meet with sweet treats. The top five runners in varsity receive whole pies while the following 10 earn chocolate chip cookies. (In JV, only the top runner is awarded with a pie.) This year’s pie flavors were cherry and apple.

The varsity girls were close to getting first place for the first time this season. WEM-JWP tied with Maple River at 53 points despite having more runners in the top 10. It came down to wherever the sixth runner placed for each team; Maple River’s Isabel Anderson was the tiebreaker in 23rd, outrunning WEM-JWP’s 5th and 6th-place runners Faith Olson and Maddie Heuss.

The top runner in the girls’ race was Maple River’s Sophia Stencel in 21:59.6. WEM-JWP’s MaKenzie Westphal placed third with a time of 22:32.5 and took home some pie. Other finishers for the Grizzlies were Kwynn Krause (6th, 24:07.3), Madison Kunst (8th, 24:33), Ash-



TIEBREAKER — The WEM-JWP girls’ cross country team finished second in the Pie Invitational by tiebreaker. Above, the Grizzlies’ MaKenzie Westphal and Kwynn Krause.
Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

lin Keyes (17th, 25:49.3), Faith Olson (24th, 28:05.3), Maddie Heuss (27th, 29:05.3), and Lydia Huelsnitz (36:53.8).

The boys took sixth with 121 points and no one took home a pie or cookie. Luke Cahill was one place short of doing so, taking 16th in 20:06.7. Other finishers were Alex Kleve (20th, 20:57.3), Derek Gustafson (25th, 21:35.1), Gavin Marinenko (29th, 22:28.5), Carter Hoehn (31st, 22:46.2), David Lamp (37th, 23:16.8), and Carson James (39th, 23:53.2).

BLUEJAY FOOTBALL

Player of the Week

Kyle Ahlschlager

Kyle had 8 carries for 165 yds and 2 touchdowns (51 and 53 yds), and added 6 tackles on defense. Great game, Kyle!

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Panthers keep it close through a quarter at GFW

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The NRHEG football team kept pace with the Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Thunderbirds.

For one quarter, anyway. The Panthers, who have struggled much of the season, trailed by only a point after the first period but surrendered 24 unanswered second-quarter points and lost 58-19 at Winthrop Friday, Sept. 30.

"It was a tough outing," said NRHEG coach Marc Kruger, whose squad fell to 1-4. We did not handle GFW's rushing attack well enough. They were able to run well and were the more physical team. We did some nice things on offense, but just not enough to keep pace."

The Thunderbirds displayed an impressive rushing attack, amassing 457 yards on the ground on 58 carries, an average of 7.9, while the Panthers were limited to 86 rushing yards on 16 carries.

The NRHEG passing game, which topped 300 yards a week earlier, totaled 163 yards as quarterback Alden Dobberstein went 7-for-16 with two touchdowns and one interception.

The Thunderbirds quickly scored the game's first touchdown, with Garrett Schmidt running it in from 57 yards out. Dominic Rose threw a pass to Rex Monson for an 8-0 lead with 9:32 left in opening period.

Jaylin Raab answered even more quickly for NRHEG, breaking one for a 70-yard touchdown play with 9:11 left in the first. Noah Miranda kicked the PAT and it was 8-7.

With 1:22 left in the first period, Monson scored on a 5-yard run for GFW. A two-point conversion run was stifled.

Again, the Panthers wasted no time answering as Dobberstein connected with Lucas Loverink for a 60-yard touchdown. Miranda's PAT kick failed and GFW led 14-13.

The second quarter saw the home team score three times, on a 1-yard run by Jacob Rose, a 3-yard plunge by Monson and an Easton Taylor run for 4 yards.

It was 38-13 at halftime. The Thunderbirds thoroughly put it away with third-period touchdowns on a 15-yard run by Monson and a 14-yard run by Nick TenEyck.

"It was a tough outing."
— Coach Kruger

The Panthers' final score came late in the third quarter when Dobberstein tossed a 20-yard touchdown pass to Sawyer Prigge.

GFW tacked on a touchdown midway through the fourth period on a 44-yard run by Garret Schmidt.

Raab led the Panthers in rushing with 68 on just two carries. Leading ball carrier Andrew Phillips was limited to 22 yards on 10 carries.

GFW had two 100-yard rushers. Prigge finished with three catches for 69 yards. Sam Olson caught two passes for 24 yards.

Nash Howe and Aiden Schlaak had six solo tackles apiece to lead the NRHEG defense. Aiden Deyle had five solo stops, Loverink four.

Fortunately for the Panthers, they didn't have a lot of time to think about it. It's homecoming week at NRHEG. Coronation was Monday night and activities are planned throughout the week.

The Panthers face Medford in the homecoming football game Friday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

NRHEG	13	0	6	0	19
GFW	14	24	14	6	58

First Quarter		
GFW - Schmidt 57 run (Monson pass from Rose)		
NRHEG - Raab 70 run (Miranda kick)		
GFW - Monson 5 run (run failed)		
NRHEG - Loverink 60 pass from Dobberstein (Miranda kick)		

Second Quarter		
GFW - Rose 1 run (Krumweide pass from Rose)		
GFW - Monson 3 run (Schmidt run)		
GFW - Taylor 4 run (Monson pass from Rose)		

Third Quarter		
GFW - Monson 15 run (Rose pass)		
GFW - TenEyck 14 run (pass failed)		
NRHEG - Prigge 20 pass from Dobberstein (run failed)		

Fourth Quarter		
GFW - Schmidt 44 run (run failed)		

	NRHEG	GFW
First downs	8	28
Total plays	34	63
Rushing	16-163	58-457
Passing	7-18-2	3-5-0
Passing Yds.	163	25

Thunderbirds 58, NRHEG 19



LOP-SIDED LOSS — Above, Panther quarterback Alden Dobberstein (6) scrambles while being chased by GFW's Jake Hiles (72) and another defender during NRHEG's 58-19 loss at Winthrop Friday, Sept. 30. Below left, Dobberstein fakes the handoff to Andrew Phillips (29) and hands off to Jaylin Raab (5) who ran 60 yards for a touchdown. Below right, the Panthers' Nash Howe (10) makes a move with the ball.



Total offense	249	482
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties	4-30	3-35
Third down	3-8	7-11
Fourth down	0-4	4-4
Turnovers	2	0
Time of poss.	14:28	32:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
Rushing - NRHEG: Raab 2-68; Phillips 10-22; Dobberstein 1-6; Howe 1 —1; Parpart 2 —9; GFW: Schmidt 11-165; TenEyck 13-135; Monson 8-44; Rose 6-36; Taylor 9-35; J.Messner 3-16; Swenson 2-215; Miller 2-10; D.Messner 1-1	
Passing - NRHEG: Dobberstein 7-16-2,	

163; Phillips 0-1-1, 0; Lewison 0-1-0, 0; GFW: Jacobson 1-1-0, 20; Rose 2-4-0, 5	
Receiving - NRHEG: Loverink 1-60; Prigge 3-59; Olson 2-24; Raab 1-20; GFW: Messner 1-20; Monson 2-5	
Defense - NRHEG: Howe 6 tackles; Schlaak 6 tackles; Deyle 5 tackles; Loverink 4 tackles; Raab 4 tackles, 2 assists; Phillips 4	



tackles; Olson 3 tackles, 1 assist; Thompson 3 tackles, 1 assist; Degen 3 tackles; Martens 2 tackles, 1 assist; Routh 2 tackles; A.Hanna 2 tackles; Misgen 1 tackle, 1 assist; Warner 1 tackle; L.Hanna 1 tackle; Prigge 1 tackle; Ihrke 1 tackle; Parpart 1 tackle; Wilkenson 1 tackle; Howe 2 assists	
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ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE WIN — The NRHEG High School volleyball team improved its record to 13-2 after a sweep at Blooming Prairie last week. Above left, the Panthers' Sarah George (12) and Erin Jacobson (5) go up for a block. At right, George spikes the ball. Below from left: Sidney Schultz (21) and Faith Nielsen (9); Bree Ihrke (8); Hallie Schultz (11) and George.



Volleyball Panthers sweep at Blooming

Panthers improve to impressive 13-2

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

The NRHEG High School volleyball team improved its impressive record to 13-2 after a three-game sweep on the road against Blooming Prairie last week. Game scores were 25-16, 25-21, and 25-17.

After a busy schedule last week, which included a 6-0 performance and a first-place finish in a tournament at USC, the Lady Panthers continued to roll.

"After a few plays, we got rolling," NRHEG head coach Ashley Tolzman said. "We knew Blooming had some tough blocks we were going to have to work around."

Individually for the Panthers: Hallie Schultz 3 kills, 4 blocks, and 12 digs; Tayler Schmidt 7 kills, 3 blocks, and 9 digs; Erin Jacobson 7 kills, 2 assists, 3 blocks, and 18 digs; Bree Ihrke 11 kills, 7 blocks, and 4 digs; Faith Nielsen 2 kills and 6 digs; Sarah George 3 kills, 4 blocks, and 2 digs; Bailey Ihrke 2 kills, 1 block and 2 digs; Sidney Schultz 3 assists and 22 digs.

After hosting Hayfield Tuesday, the Panthers play at JWP Thursday, Oct. 6. They entertain Kenyon-Wanamingo Oct. 10 and play Oct. 14 at Medford.



CLEARING THE CREST— In 1972, Dale Sack roared over the crest of a hill at Sportsmen’s Park north of Janesville. On hill climbs, his cycle will hit 45 mph.

Argus archives

1922
-It is apparent to all observers of public affairs, that there is a constantly growing opposition to Judge Senn as a candidate for District Judge. This opposition manifested itself in the primaries and has been constantly growing and increasing since the primaries. Some of the grounds urged against him are of particular interest to the people of this village and certainly call upon the Judge for an explanation.

-Many of the early residents of the county were highly pleased and gratified last week when they were privileged to meet and greet Mr. Ernest A. Graham of Raymond, Wash. Mr. Graham is here on a visit to his brother, W. A. Graham. Something over forty-five years ago, Mr. Graham was a resident of Janesville. In early manhood he became associated in the lumbering industry with the late Senator McCormick and operated mills and an extensive business in Wisconsin. Later they went to Washington where it became a source of power and strength in business and financial circles. Mr. Graham is still in the business. He is still the alert and sprightly man that he was, although the years have wrought their work, perceptibly but not lavishly.

1947
-The Janesville Tuesday Study Club met on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 2, for the annual President’s Tea at the home of Mrs. O. H. Tollefson, with fourteen members present. Mrs. Joe Schramsky, the retiring president, opened the meeting in the regular manner. After a short business meeting, installation of new officers was held.

-The alarming upturn in Minnesota motor vehicle traffic deaths which started in August is continuing into September, says a State Highway bulletin. Hopes that the long casualty lists might shock motorists into more careful driving have so far not been realized. Twenty-five were killed in the first eleven days of this month.

1972
-The U.S. Army Reserve came to the aid of the Janesville Reclamation Center Saturday with transportation help that could very well be the key to keeping the center open. Transportation costs have been the main stumbling block for the local recycling center until the Army Reserve pitched in with two trucks and helpers Saturday. Dave Ostrem, coordinator for the center, expressed his appreciation to the Army Reserve and said this type of help must be forthcoming if the center is to continue.

-A meeting of the St. Clair Right to Read Advisory Council was held recently. Mr. Marvin Schubbe, reading director, explained to the members the national concern the improved reading instruction. He further explained the State of Minnesota had concern in the national Right to Read effort and the fact that Minnesota was designated as one of the five original Right to Read pilot states participating in the national effort. Minnesota’s initial program, called Phase I, divided the state into eleven designated regions from which two representatives were chosen from each region to receive instruction at Anoka Junior College this past summer. Mr. Schubbe was one of the representatives chosen.

1997
-Forty Pioneer Seed distributors toured Dairyfield Farm in rural Janesville on Wednesday, Sept. 3. What made this tour different than most was that these distributors had traveled thousands of miles to see Norm and Sallie Volkmann’s Dairyfield farm. The distributors were visiting from Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. With the assistance of two interpreters, they were able to cross language barriers and learn a great deal about the dairy industry and agriculture equipment and technology. Mike Dickey, Pioneer seed manager for Hungary and Slovakia, said the goal of the trip was to teach new methods and show where the future is going with Pioneer. The trip was also a reward for a good sales season.

-Residents in the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton School District had the opportunity to voice their views during three informational meetings held last week. “The purpose of the meetings this week is to get your input,” said Superintendent Don Hainlen. “I want to have you knowledgeable about this.” The board’s informational meetings began Monday, Sept. 8 in Janesville and continued on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in Waldorf and Thursday, Sept. 11 in Pemberton. The board’s plan for a combination reconstruction and remodeling at both the Janesville and Waldorf sites was in response to the strong message during the last bond issue that showed many residents wanted to stay on the existing sites.

-The City of Janesville proposed a 10 percent increase across the board for its 1998 golf rates at Prairie Ridge Golf Course. The Janesville City Council approved the rates during its Monday, Sept. 8 meeting.

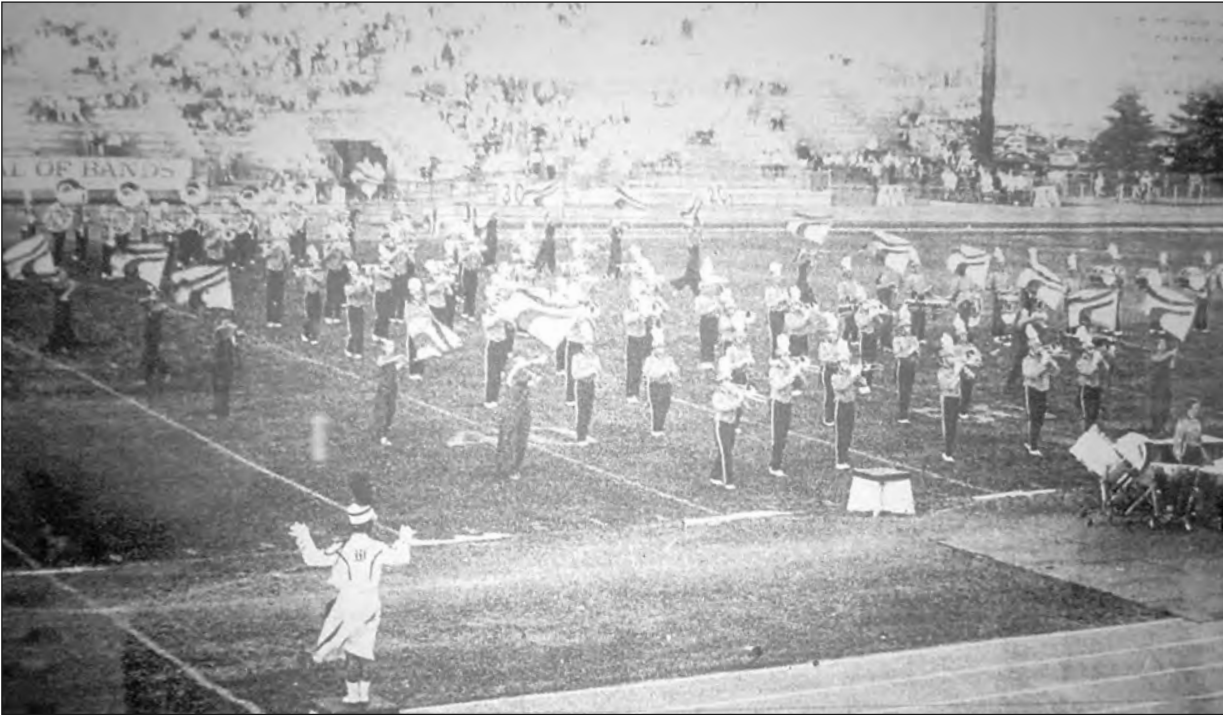
Waseca archives

Waseca Herald, 1922
-Cyril Lang, who has been employed with Ed F. Priebe in the livery business for some time past, bought out his employer yesterday. Mr. Lang will be assisted by his father and will conduct the business along the same lines as heretofore, using both autos and horses.

-Farmers of the Waseca community will be interested in knowing that the Waseca Farmers Elevator is again open for business. Fred W. Roesler, who is well and favorably known in this county, is grain buyer. They are at present buying wheat, oats, barely, rye, flax and corn. They are also selling flour, feed and salt and expect to deal in coal, as in years gone by. They are not handling any coal at present. The Elevator Company re-organized during the past summer and is now on a sound financial basis.

-A man and a woman worked a clever forging game in this city a week ago Saturday and got away with \$30 in cash and goods as a result of their scheme. Three checks for \$10 each were presented to local merchants, small purchases being made in each case and the difference in cash being paid. The checks were drawn on the Security Bank of Owatonna. Each was made payable to Mrs. C. H. Zimmerman of Woodville and signed by well known residents of Owatonna. Mrs. Zimmerman’s name was then written on the back of each. As Mrs. Zimmerman and the parties signing the checks were well and favorably known, and the amount not large, the forgers had no trouble in cashing them.

Waseca Herald, 1947
-The Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Monday evening with D. A. Galligan, president, presiding set the date for the annual 4-H banquet at October 22 and committees were appointed to arrange for the event. The banquet is one at which the members of the 4-H club are guests of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce and the banks of the county in preparation of the event purchased at the 4-H club sale the prize beef. The meat, now in storage, will be served at the



In 1997 — The Waseca Marching Jays took first place in both parade and field show preliminary competitions in Sioux Falls, S.D. Out of 29 bands, the top 10 performed for the field show that night. Waseca missed the top place by a fraction of a point, but played its best show of the year.

banquet.
-A vigilante-patrol is a likely result for Waseca county after the reported theft of 56 hogs from Robert Olson at the Jules P. Sommers farm four miles southeast of Waseca. The estimated loss of the hogs has been set at \$2,000 by Mr. Olson and no trace of the animals has been found up to this time although authorities have made a thorough check. The hogs were 56 black and white ones out of a herd of 196 and Mr. Olson believes that they were taken Thursday noon, September 18, when the family was away.

Waseca Daily Journal, 1972
-The Waseca County Commissioners have passed a resolution setting real and property tax levies for 1973 totaling \$1,235,858. Total levied for 1972 was \$1,223,395.32. The 1973 levy shows an increase of \$12,462.68. The money represented is for county purposes and does not include other governmental units such as school districts, City of Waseca, villages and townships in the county. County Auditor Bud Lorig said that sales tax relief for the county will be coming which is the main reason there is only a \$12,000 increase in the county tax levy this year.

-Expansion of the “Hot Meals on Wheels” program in Waseca was discussed by the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting held last week. Mary Lou Sahlstrom, chairman, reported that a second delivery

car has been added each day to accommodate the increased number of meal recipients.

-The last load of sweet corn was brought into Birds Eye Division of General Foods Corp. in Waseca Wednesday. The load marked the end of a “very large” corn pack this year for the Waseca plant according to Plant Manager Bill Katz. Katz said that the pack finished about 10 days later than usual this year. “The unusually cool weather we had this fall contributed to the lateness of the pack,” Katz said. The plant will now begin its winter operation of packing bulk frozen vegetables and processing manufactured products such as Cool Whip. The large corn pack followed on the heels of a pea pack that Katz had termed the largest in recent years.

Waseca County News, 1997
-A Waseca woman was critically injured Friday night after witnesses said she grabbed onto the side of a moving pickup allegedly driven by her husband, the Waseca Police Department reported. Kristie Ann Winter, 26, was found unconscious along the road in Vista Villa at 9:32 p.m. The vehicle, driven by her 27-year-old husband, Timothy Winter, was gone. Kristie was taken by North Ambulance to Waseca Area Medical Center. She was then airlifted to St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester. On Monday she was still in critical condition with a closed head injury.

-The weather could not have had

better timing, as the 10th Annual Waseca Marching Classic had its nicest weather in recent history – for its largest crowd ever. Saturday’s event drew an estimated 6,100-7,000 people, including 2,600 band students. The sky was partly cloudy, but actual sunshine brightened the students’ performances. The temperature had a bit of a chill in it in the morning, but it got nicer as the day went on. The lack of rain helped fill the stands at Waseca High School. “Weather does play an important factor, both downtown at the parade and the field,” said Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce President Larry Dukes. “We’ve heard nothing but very positive comments from the band directors, band kids and officials,” he said.

-With a state agreement in place, it’s now up to individual farmers to negotiate easements for the newest pipeline to cut across the county. “Each agreement is going to be different,” said Kevin O’Connor, coordinator of community relations for the Alliance Pipeline. The company intends to build a high-pressure, 36-inch diameter, 1,900-mile natural gas pipeline from Canada to Chicago. Alliance put negotiations with property owners on hold last month when they attorneys general offices in Minnesota and Iowa said they wanted to work out an agreement. The states and companies compromised on several issues from depth of the pipeline to replacing top soil.

Star archives, New Richland

100 Years Ago
-A motorcycle driven by Fred Henefken of Wilton township accidentally struck Helen and Carl Holteen, seven and twelve year old children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O. Holteen of Otisco, causing injuries to the boy that resulted in his death one hour later. The girl was struck a glancing blow with a pedal of the machine and broke both bones in her leg. The children were on their way home from school.

-Rice lake, formerly a great hunting ground, now partially drained and converted into farm lands, has been made a state game reserve. The refuge comprises 15,000 acres in Geneva, Newry, Moscow, and Rice-land townships of Freeborn county.

-As the little series progresses, the superiority of the Adams baseball club is clearly shown. Thursday of last week they evened up the series with a 12 to 4 win. Gute was pitched for Austin and allowed seven runs in the fifth inning after Adams had a 5 to 4 lead. Dietrich’s home run gave Austin two of their runs. Sunday at Owatonna Adams made it two out of three with an 8 to 6 victory in ten innings. This means that if the game Thursday at Albert Lea is won by Adams, the series will be over and they will be Champions of the Southern Minnesota League.

-After a spell of wet and dismal weather, Old Sol came out and smiled Wednesday morning for the first time in three days and at once Pep was instilled in all of New Richland in anticipation of the grand event which is to take place Thursday and Friday of this week. Everybody up and down Broadway was busy Wednesday morning in a united effort to make “Dairy Days” in New Richland one of the greatest feature celebrations ever held in Waseca county. All the committees have worked strenuously the past week with the last minute details and now

we find New Richland all dressed up for the big event. The big cattle barn has been erected on the vacant lot opposite the Standard Lumber Co. office, a central location deserving of the fine pure-bred dairy cattle and dairy calves that will be on exhibit. The hog stables are being arranged as this is written and judging of the swine will be on the second day. The most inspiring event of the two days will be the elaborate street parade which opens the celebration officially Thursday morning at 10:00 o’clock.

75 Years Ago
-Fortunate indeed were Raymond Rosacker and Earl Casper to have escaped death when they fell 34 feet in a silo Monday forenoon. The accident occurred sometime between 9 and 10 o’clock when the two men were putting up silo distributor pipes in a silo at the W. A. Rosacker farm southwest of here in Byron township. They were swung on a scaffold and the rope supporting the plant they were standing on broke in two, letting them down to the soft dirt floor of the silo.

-The New Richland Cardinals christened the 1947 football season by running over the Sacred Heart eleven of Waseca 27 to 2. The game was played Friday Sept. 12 through a cold rain. First off the game was delayed a few minutes until a break in the downpour permitted the teams to occupy the field. By the time the teams had finished warming up and were ready to play the rain began again and it continued non stop throughout the entire game. A large number of fans loyally gathered at the sidelines and became thoroughly soaked in the rain.

-The “Big Baby Revue”, a womanless show being sponsored by the New Richland American Legion Post, promises to be a laugh-treat for everyone. The show is to be given Friday evening, September 19, at

8:30 in the High School Gym. Mrs. Finefeathers will be the hostess for the evening. The guests who arrive to witness the baby contest include such celebrities as Gypsy Rose Lee, Mae West, Baby Snooks, and many others.

50 Years Ago
-The annual sugar beet harvest began in this area, last Friday, when the first truck rolled onto the scale at the New Richland beet dump. Weighmaster, rather weighmistress this year is Mrs. Pat Adams of New Richland. Kay brightens up the scale house somewhat. Forty-one cars have been shipped. Tuesday, all available cars were filled and seven trucks were parked on the street near the dump awaiting railroad cars promised for Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. It is expected that 200 carloads will be shipped before the 2,388 acres of sugar beets planted by farmers in the area are harvested.

3. On September 17, Curtis Tesch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tesch of rural New Richland brought his ‘Honest John’ rocket to his grandparents’ farm near Matawan. It was originally bought for a science project, but never launched. The first attempted launch was a failure as the rocket looped to the ground. On the second try it shot up about 500 feet and then plunged into the ground. The third and final launch was a success and amazed all who were watching. ‘Honest John’ shot up over 1200 feet! This time the parachute opened and it landed in a bean field about 1500 feet away from the launch site.

25 Years Ago
-Bernie Anderson introduced plans of a city tree program at the New Richland City Council meeting, Monday evening. A member of the New Richland Commercial Club, Anderson has worked with that organization to create and establish a City Tree Board, of six persons. Plans of the Commercial Club are

that they will hire a forester to advise the committee on planting and maintaining a tree population in New Richland.

-Members of the New Richland Girl Scout Troop 211 had the opportunity to spend two days as a part of an archaeology dig at Red Wing, recently with their advisor, Mary Kay Malakowsky. Members Elizabeth Hubbel, Ashley Malakowsky, Jennifer Grunske, and Mackensie Tappe, together with Mary Kay learned the proper way to dig for artifacts from archaeologists on their first day on the site.

-Changes in the teaching staff at the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Schools have taken place for the 1997-98 school term. Instructing in the .50 long-term substitute position of German classes at the NRHEG High School is Deb Bently. She and her husband, John, and their three sons, John, 9 years; James, 6 years and Christopher, 3 years, live in the country approximately six miles northwest of New Richland. A graduate of Waseca High School, Deb grew up in Otisco area and is the daughter of Rosalie Gehring and the late Orville Gehring. Following her high school graduation she attended Winona State University and graduated with a double major in German and Mass Communications. New in the instrumental music department is a young, single fellow, David Haugh. He is filling the position Jamie Skjveland left at the end of the ‘96-97 school term, after eight years. A Mankato East High School graduate, David attended St. Thomas College for four years and received a business degree. After spending a couple of years in the business world, he decided to attend Mankato State University to earn an instrumental music degree.

Crowning



Homecoming royalty for 2022 at NRHEG High School was crowned Monday, October 3 in the high school gymnasium. Top, Eva Wayne is crowned Queen by last year's Queen, Brenlee Knudson. Below, after a fierce online campaign, which included instagram posts, King Makota Misgen is crowned by last year's king, Alex Dobberstein.

Pioneer photos by Chris Schlaak

Waseca's finest



Royalty from left, Christian Rodriguez, Aubree Hansen, Charli Harguth, Brenden Brown, Avery Madsen, junior attendant Ella Marlin, Oliver O'Brien, King Will King, Queen Samantha Azure, junior attendant Emmett Byron, J.D. Delgado, CeCe Huttemier, Payton Garza, and Riley Ruedy.

Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

Fire department open house



On Sunday, Oct. 2, from 5-7 p.m., the Waseca Fire Department hosted an open house as a kickoff to Fire Prevention Week. Over a dozen servers from the Waseca Fire and Rescue Auxiliary helped get the food to attendants.

Pictured above, in no particular order: Jill Forshee, Amy Keln, Jamie Edwards, Lori Underwood, Carla Lange, Sara Weed, Angie Schmidt, Jen Michael, Michelle Kahnke, Kelsey Kahnke, and Kelly Jensen. Not pictured: Christine Petersen.

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