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Pioneer to publish photos of veterans

In observance of Veterans Day November 11, the Waseca County Pioneer will publish a section dedicated to our defenders of freedom. Area veterans or family members are encouraged to bring in photos of veterans in uniform from all branches of service for inclusion and the recognition they so justly deserve. Photos can be emailed to news@wasecacountypioneer.com or dropped off at the office at 103 S. State Street, behind Remax.

The deadline for photo submission is Friday, November 4. For questions or more information, please call the Pioneer office at (507)-837-6767 or e-mail news@wasecacountypioneer.com

Halloween at Waseca Art Center Oct. 29

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

Ladies' Day at New Richland Liquor

New Richland Liquor Company will be hosting a Ladies' Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 5. There will be a Bloody Mary special and a vendor show throughout the whole event.

Waseca library party for ages 7-12

A Peanuts-themed event will take place at the Waseca Library Monday, beginning at 10 a.m. on November 7. This free event is geared for ages 7-12.

Hocus Pocus Oct. 31

On Halloween, the Waseca Public Library will be hosting a "Hocus Pocus" party starting at 3:30 p.m. The event is geared toward children ages 3-8. Create spooky slime, play games, and more!

Frank Stencel Benefit Saturday, Nov. 5

A cancer benefit for Frank J. Stencel will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 5 at the Sweet-Sommers VFW in Waseca. There will be food available and a silent auction taking place during the benefit. At 7 p.m., there will be musical entertainment provided by the Rubber Monkeys.

Logan Nessel Benefit Sunday, Nov. 6

On Sunday, July 17, Logan was injured in a diving accident that caused a fracture in his C5 and C6 vertebrae. To help him buy specialized equipment, there will be a benefit for Logan Nessel and Family held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Janesville, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, November 6.

There will be a pulled pork sandwich meal available for a free will donation, a silent auction, and a "Fill the Grain Wagon" activity where attendants can donate "grain" by writing their donation down and dropping it in the wagon.

A word from The Word

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

Registrars' choice

Representative John Petersburg receives award

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

During the Minnesota Deputy Registrar Association meeting in Waseca Thursday, October 20, state representative John Petersburg was awarded the Legislator of the Year Award, an honor earned by only one state legislator per year.

Petersburg, running for election in newly drawn House Seat 19B, is a Republican who has served five terms in District 24A. He currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee, the Preventing Homelessness Division, and the Transportation Fi-

nance and Policy Committee. Petersburg has represented the Minnesota Deputy Registrar Association in the latter and takes pride in his work with moving transportation forward statewide.

"I've been involved with transportation through all the years since I was first elected as a representative," he claimed. "I've been in every transportation committee there ever was in my time as representative. I've served as the vice chair of the transportation committee a couple terms, and this last term I've been the minority lead in transportation."

Petersburg received word that he was awarded the Legislator of the Year Award sometime around September. "To be honest, I wasn't even aware that I was considered as a nominee. I've been working with the Department of the Registrar since the MNLARS [Minnesota Licensing and Registration System] fiasco which caused a lot of headaches."

Representative Petersburg works hand in hand with associations like MRDA to ensure transportation issues, processing fees on licenses, and

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RECOGNIZED — The Minnesota Deputy Registrar Association honored Representative John Petersburg during their meeting as Legislator of the Year, Thursday, October 20. From left: Mike Hintz, Nick Heider, Jeff Orth, and John Petersburg.

Pioneer photo by Michael Roy



Present for the grand opening of Spire Credit Union Thursday, October 20, from left: Stephanie Johnson, Larry Johnson, Dr. Ed Frederick, Ann Fitch, CEO Dan Stoltz, Peggy Hildebrandt, Kevin Walters, and Maria Daley.

Spire Credit Union expanding

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

Spire Credit Union celebrated its grand opening Thursday, October 20 with a ribbon cutting at 5:15 p.m.

The ribbon cutting featured many members from the Waseca Chamber of Commerce and representatives

from Spire, including company CEO Dan Stoltz.

"We wanted to come to Waseca because we saw a big opportunity here," Stoltz told the crowd gathered in the lobby. "We wanted to expand outside of the Twin Cities and bring our business to towns like Waseca

throughout the state."

The beginnings of the move to Waseca for Spire came in 2021 when Diversified Credit Union, which came to Waseca in 1988, voted to merge with Spire. Since that time, Spire had been operating in Diversified's original location near the Yel-

low Mushroom.

"We didn't want to be tucked away in the corner of town," Stoltz explained. "We always want to be right on Main Street where everyone can see us. So, we took the opportunity to move here."

Spire built a new structure on the

lot where Godfather's Pizza was once located near McDonald's.

The new offices, 6,810 square feet in size, officially opened to the public on September 10. Waseca

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Mayoral debate



DEBATES - Mayoral candidates Gary Conrath, Matt Petsinger, and Randy Zimmerman during the Waseca High School Coffee Break debates Tuesday, October 11.

Photo by Eli Lutgens

Waseca's mayor race

The Pioneer mailed a questionnaire to all candidates for Waseca City Council and Mayor, to be published on a first come, first served basis. Gary Conrath and Matthew Petsinger are both candidates for mayor. Kevin Chindlund has withdrawn his name consideration and Randy Zimmerman did not return his candidate questionnaire gi

Name: Gary Conrath
Age: 67
Family (spouse, children): Wife; Rhonda. Children; Jeremy, Ted, Jessica, and Josh.

How long have you lived in the area?

I was born in St. Peter and moved into the City of Waseca at 3 months old. My whole school career was right here in Waseca. I'm from the Class of '73. I have lived here ever since, and there is no other place I would rather live.

What is your occupation or profession?

Retired after working 44 years as a Waseca Utility employee and 42 years on the Waseca Fire Department

Have you held a city government position in the past? If so, what?

I have been connected to Waseca since infancy and raised my family here. I have held many different roles within the community: 10 years on the Waseca School Board, 12 years as the Fire Chief, 18 years as Asst. Chief prior to that, was on the MN State Fire Board, and I have been part of the Waseca County Fair Board.

What do you consider the most

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Candidates discuss solutions for Hartley

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The fourth of five 2 p.m. "coffee break" debates took place at Waseca High School on Tuesday, October 18. This time, eight school board candidates shared their qualifications for taking one of four open spots on this year's school board. The candidates are Alyssa Bowers, Scott Deml (incumbent), Robert Dickerson, Dave Dunn (incumbent), Andrew Isker, Theron Kruger, Jonathan Michels, and Charles Priebe (incumbent).

The eight candidates were each asked three questions. Senior Haylee Sommers was the moderator for this debate. Candidates began with two-minute statements summarizing their connections to the community and the school district.

Question 1: Hartley Elementary has served the school district well since 1956. It has become quite costly to maintain this aging K-3 facility. There are a variety of options for the school district on how to deal with this situation. What do you believe to be the best strategy?

The first question was the most divisive of the day among the school board candidates. Deml was the only candidate of the eight who suggested a brand new "freestanding" structure would fix the issue. "To remodel what is Hartley now does not reset the body of the building," Deml claimed. "With a

new building, I think we can give our students better areas to learn in."

Dickerson believed that an addition to the Waseca Intermediate School (WIS) would solve the problems Hartley Elementary presents. "I think the cost to maintain Hartley is going to become untenable if it hasn't already," he expressed.

Dunn, a ten-year member of the district's facilities committee, also saw a WIS addition as the best option. "I feel it would be the wisest choice. Having said that, we need to do something with Hartley."

Priebe argued that adding on to WIS would increase efficiency by consolidating all facilities in a single complex. "We gain the efficiency of transportation if we build an addition. We also gain efficiencies in food service." He further argued that an addition would reduce government expansion, which he dubbed as the "only" thing still growing in town. "One of the ways we can condense that government growth is to move everything to one location. It seems the town is moving toward this direction."

Isker "fundamentally disagreed" with current board members Deml and Dunn. "Waseca is a poor

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Looking in the Mirror

Looking in the Mirror

by Jonah Stafford

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Campus developments

This week is going off without a hitch- or any rails either! I have been late to my morning classes for two days in a row due to oversleeping, but I definitely still have a lot of energy. Or at least enough that I'm finishing up some big projects and making new ones in their place.

Recently, along with another tutor, I was tasked with designing and arranging the printing of cafeteria table signs to advertise the Writing Center. As of today, they're finally done! We should be picking them up soon and then they'll be folded and set out. I hope this is just one in a series of efforts to boost the Writing Center's profile on campus. And I'm more than happy to lend my time to make things like this happen. In fact, I have taken it upon myself to see what big plans I can bring to life on behalf of the WC. We'll see what shapes up there, but I'm happy for now.

In the internship world, the annual dining survey remains the focus of my work. I spent most of my shift today going from table to table asking students to participate in the survey (I had a laminated copy of the QR code handy so people could log in immediately). Further, more elaborate efforts to spur participation in the survey are coming later down the

line, but I'm very satisfied with my work today.

I've been so busy with other things that I'm decidedly unprepared for the career fair tomorrow. I still want to go (why else did I go out of my way to print business cards?), but I don't know what professionals and organizations I'm going to try to connect with or how I'm going to pitch myself to them. I wasn't even able to find the time to outsource a new, classy outfit for this occasion, so I guess the things I've owned for five or six years will have to do. I am a man without a mission! In a way, no matter what happens, it'll be fine because I'm only a sophomore anyway and it's not like I'm aiming for the stars immediately, but I was hoping to enter this situation in a better state.

There are plenty of things, paid and unpaid, that I can do on campus, so basing most of my personal and career moves here definitely makes the most sense, at least for now. Why fly close to the sun on my own when I can have responsible adults in suits and ties behind me? One way or another I'm making my voice heard and I hope to continue being presented with opportunities to have an impact at Saint Mary's!

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Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ann Fitch thanked the CEO for bringing Spire to Waseca. "They took a building that was abandoned for many years and brought in more business to Waseca," she said. "We want to welcome them to town."

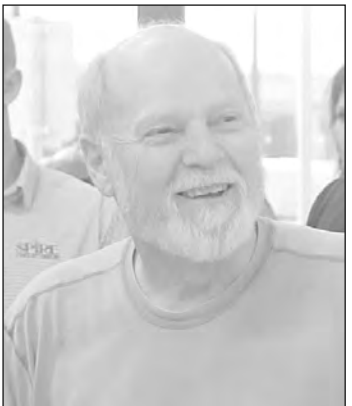
The ribbon cutting featured the signature REO Speed Wagon in the background, a vehicle featured in many of Spire's commercials.

Throughout the whole afternoon, Pleasant Grove Pizza farm provided many varieties of pizza to patrons. It was a great evening of fun and celebrating a new era for both the credit union and the city of Waseca.

"We at Spire thank you very much for all your support," Stoltz said.



Above: Spire CEO Dan Stoltz speaks to the crowd before the ribbon cutting.
Below: Waseca Council member Alan Rose smiles during the celebration at Spire Credit Union.



Five takeaways from gubernatorial debate

By DANA FERGUSON
MPR Story

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz and Republican challenger Scott Jensen on Tuesday faced off during a wide-ranging television debate.

It was the second of three debates planned ahead of Election Day and the only one to be televised. TV reporters from Rochester, Duluth, Mankato and Fargo moderated the conversation that aired live on Gray Television stations outside the Twin Cities and was streamed online.

Walz and Jensen traded digs over abortion, education, health care and public safety as they tried to get their campaign platforms through to viewers.

Here are five of the biggest takeaways from Tuesday's debate.

1) Walz says state took unprecedented action in 2020 riots

The governor defended the state's efforts to scale up defenses following the murder of George Floyd and he said that while it wasn't perfect, Minnesota's response to civil unrest in the Twin Cities was unprecedented.

"There have been several occasions from Derek Chauvin's trial to the murder of Daunte Wright, where the potential for this to happen again was there and it did not because of the lessons learned and the ability to mobilize," Walz said.

The state deployed the National Guard, the State Patrol and local police officers from around the region to

restore order in Minneapolis. It was the largest deployment of the Minnesota National Guard since World War II, but it took days to carry out.

Jensen said the governor should've done more to expedite the response and to curb damage to public and private property. And he said he would have called on the chain of command to respond sooner and had a more visible role in response.

"Arguably we initiated devastation across the nation like never before and Tim Walz is proud of Minnesota's response," Jensen said. "Tim Walz was absent."

2) Jensen presses for answers on food fraud scandal

Jensen said the governor's office was "lazy" in addressing \$250 million in alleged fraud at the nonprofit Feeding Our Future, a group tasked with providing federally-funded meals to Minnesota kids during the pandemic.

"Gov. Walz and his team could've stopped this anywhere along the line," Jensen said of the fraud. "Two questions are big on all of our minds: what did Gov. Walz know, and when did he know it?"

Federal prosecutors have charged 49 people in connection with the fraud, and state officials have defended their actions in referring their suspicions of wrongdoing to the FBI. Walz said the state could work to make sure it has safeguards to prevent potential fraud in federal programs that the state manages. He said the fed-



Minnesota Governor Tim Walz (right) and challenger Scott Jensen during their televised debate Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the KTTC TV studio in Rochester.
MPR photo by Ken Klotzbach

eral government relaxed those safeguards because of the pandemic.

"No one agrees with the fraud. We will make sure that these people who have already plead guilty are going to jail. They'll continue to do the investigation. We will continue to put things in place as they've already done at the federal level, rolling and putting back in some of those safeguards," Walz said.

3) Walz questions Jensen's painkiller prescribing practices

Asked about how the candidates would tackle opioid addiction and the transportation of illegal opioid painkillers into the state, Walz pointed to Jensen's history of prescribing painkillers at his family medical practice. Walz said Jensen, a physician, was in the top 6 percent of doctors in prescribing opioid painkillers, and he questioned Jensen's ties to the pharmaceutical companies that manufacture the drugs.

"When Scott was issuing opioid prescriptions, he issued more than 94

percent of his peers. He did that at the same time while accepting meals from the manufacturers and the pharmaceutical companies, winning and dining on expensive meals," Walz said.

Jensen acknowledged that he'd met with pharmaceutical company representatives and later wrote about his experience prescribing opioids in the Star Tribune.

"I don't disagree with Tim Walz that physicians and the health care system have contributed to the problem. And in terms of going out to dinner and having an educational event, that could happen as well," he said. "But I think the important thing going forward is we need to stop the illegal fentanyl coming across the southern border."

The state sued opioid manufacturers, alleging that they'd downplayed how addictive the drugs were and fueled a wave of opioid addiction in Minnesota and elsewhere. Minne-

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town," he said. "We don't have the money to afford these things." He argued that the district has to "make do with what it has."

"I've worked in schools where classrooms were trailers. We are so blessed with what we already have right now. If we're disciplined with our money, we can afford \$30 million for a new school. But we can't do that right now."

Kruger pointed out that the Waseca High School building lasted 50 to 60 years before needing major renovations. "I hear 'low ceiling, low ceiling.' My kids learn pretty well with a 'low ceiling.' Meeting ADA standards? Sure, you need to add on three or four kindergarten bathrooms to meet ADA. That's a lot cheaper than a new school."

Michels used his house as an analogy. "It was built in 1956, and it's not dilapidated. Myself, the people who built it, and the people that were there before me have taken the time to invest in it and reinforce the things that are wrong with it to make it a better and more functional space. You can do that if you have bones, and the elementary school has those bones."

Bowers agreed the school needed major work but added that a potential addition to WIS would cause considerable congestion and traffic issues. "Everyone knows you don't want to drive near the school between 7:45 and 8:05 in the morning or 2:50 and 3:15 in the afternoon. The elementary school's current location is a nice area for a school."

Question 2: *What do you believe is the best way for a school board*

member to deal with a call from a parent complaining about something that has happened in the schools? How much should these calls influence a board member's decision?

This question saw the most agreement among the candidates: a school board member should steer parents toward a conversation with the appropriate person within the school.

"It's a balancing act," Dickerson said. "I don't think it's appropriate for the school board to deal with those issues until they've run their due course with the principals' and superintendent's offices. You need to pay attention to what's going on. If there are signs of bigger issues such as policy and guidance, that'd fall on the purview of the board."

Dunn agreed. "When you take training through the Minnesota State School Board Association in St. Peter, one of the first things they try to tell you is that you're not to micromanage," he claimed. "That's one of the ways school board members can get into trouble."

He added that it's appropriate for board members to follow up with the parent to see if they received a solution to their problem. Everyone agreed with that.

"It's the duty of the school board to represent the community against outsiders," Isker added. "That's a concern of mine is protecting our teachers, students, and their families."

Michels shared that sentiment. "If someone brings something up, whether you agree with it or not, you need to be following up and asking questions. It's a basic responsibility. If we don't have that integrity, then what are we the school board for?"

Priebe answered, "We as a board have one employee: the superintendent. It's their job to run the school. If there are issues, it has to run through

them. If that's not happening, we have to have other conversations. We then have to ask what our constituents think we should be doing. A lot of times, they have a solution."

Bowers said, "With any complaint, you need to be compassionate and sensitive. It's something that they've thought about and which has bothered them for quite some time. If they don't get the answers they want, then the school board is the next step."

Deml suggested giving feedback whenever possible. "If you can give them feedback, you can give them information. Otherwise, you listen, take notes, and then take it to the right people to make sure problems have been responded to."

Question 3: *What role, if any, does a school board member play in being an ambassador for the school district within the community?*

All eight candidates agreed that school board members play a significant role in the community. "Part of the reason why I wanted to be on the school board is because I think Waseca really does have a good school district. Are we perfect? No. But I think we're pretty good most of the time. We need to take every opportunity we can to promote our district."

Isker circled back to his previous statement that board members should protect the district. "When I work in the Twin Cities, co-workers will always talk about how well-represented our town is when we make it to state tournaments. The role of the school board is to protect what makes Waseca unique and to protect the community from outside people who threaten it."

Kruger's response was, "Number one, you speak for the students. You're looking for the best well-being for them. You're looking after

your facilities so that they're up to par. You're relied on by the community. You're a voice for them."

Priebe believes that board members should take their community involvement one step further by visiting the students and teachers at the school on a regular basis. "That way, when you're out in public, you know what's actually going on in the school," he said.

"We absolutely are an ambassador of our community," Bowers claimed. "It's important for us to stay positive and transparent, ask questions, and to be available for our community members."

Deml believes the best way to be ambassadors to the community is to talk regularly with constituents and check in on the students and staff. "Talking to the principals at least one or two times a year is beneficial," he added.

"We want all our kids to succeed when they leave school," Dickerson answered. "We want to provide the best education and their best chance for success. You're elected by the taxpayers, but the students and teachers have an input."

Closing Statements

All the candidates thanked social studies teacher John Hanson and the seniors for organizing the debate. They extended a special thanks to senior Haylee Sommers for moderating. The candidates reminded everyone to vote on Thursday, November 8.

Anyone that missed the school board debate can watch it on the Waseca Public Schools YouTube page. Visit <https://www.waseca.k12.mn.us/domain/543> for a link to the video. Other videos from the coffee break debates between city council, mayor, sheriff, and county attorney candidates will also be available via the link.

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TREVOR KANEWISCHER FOR SHERIFF WASECA COUNTY

Tony Cornish endorses Trevor Kanewischer for Waseca County Sheriff.

Cornish is a retired 32-years Law Enforcement Officer (DNR, Deputy Sheriff, and Police Chief). He served on the MPPOA board and was a 15-year legislator for the MN House of Representatives that represented parts of Waseca. Cornish has worked with Trevor through the MN Fraternal Order of Police, the Waseca County Free Fair, and through many discussions and ideas about Legislation impacting Law Enforcement. Cornish says Trevor is good at networking, communication, and collaboration and will make a great Sheriff.

Tony Cornish recommends you vote Trevor Kanewischer on November 8th.

Prepared and paid for by the Kanewischer for Sheriff Committee, PO Box 614, Waseca
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OBITUARIES

Sister Catherine Zimmerman

Sister Catherine (Kate) Zimmerman, 91, a Franciscan Sister of the Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester, MN, died at Assisi Heights, Thursday October 20, 2022.

Sister Catherine was born Agnes Catherine Zimmerman, January 3rd, 1931 in Waseca, MN to Henry and Anna (Powell) Zimmerman. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis in 1949, received the name of Sister Mary Bruce, and made perpetual vows in 1955. She received a Bachelor's degree in 1957 from the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minnesota, a Masters of Arts degree in Social Science from The University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana in 1963, and a Master's in Social Work degree from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1974.

Sister Catherine was an elementary and secondary school teacher and principle for 20 years. Following her studies, she served as a Congregational Mental Health Counselor (1974-1979); Psychotherapist at the Range Mental Health Center, Virginia, Minnesota, as well as Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center, Rochester Minnesota (1984-1996). In 1996 Sister Catherine moved to Lake Nancy, Minnong, Wisconsin where she enjoyed the North Woods while she cared for the property and served as a Psychotherapist and Parish Volunteer. In 2013, she retired and moved to Rochester,



Catherine Zimmerman

Minnesota.

Survivors of Sister Catherine include her Franciscan Sisters with whom she shared life for 73 years; one sister, Mary Jean Mackey of Hudson Wisconsin, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, John, James, and Joseph Zimmerman; and three sisters, Ruth Zimmerman, Roseanne Volz (George), and Marianne Ernst (George).

A private Resurrection Liturgy was held at Assisi Heights at 11 a.m., Thursday, October 27, 2022. Burial took place at Calvary Cemetery. To view the funeral, go to www.rochesterfranciscan.org.

Suggested memorials are to the Sisters of St. Francis, Office of Mission Advancement, Assisi Heights, 1001 14th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

Todd Dickie

Todd Glen Dickie, age 55 of Mankato, died on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at his home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Todd was born on February 3, 1967 to Don and Rita (Their) Dickie in Rochester, MN. He was raised in Waseca where he attended high school and later lived in Mankato. Todd worked various construction jobs including many years with Richard's Seamless Gutters. Todd enjoyed time with his family and was a devoted Vikings fan.

Todd is survived by his wife Deb (Kump) Dickie of Mankato, children; Kendra Wobschall (Keith Fredrick) of Waseca, Alex Dickie (Miranda Petzel) of Mapleton, Bridget Dickie of Owatonna, Jordan Bickell Brittany Dickie (Travis Shelton) and Zack Dickie (Hope Buesing) all of Mankato; Father, Don Dickie of Waseca; Siblings Mark Dickie, Jeff (Jackie) Dickie, Kevin (Cindy) Dickie all of Waseca, and Jane Dickie of Manley, Iowa; sister-in-law Tammy (Ross) Mehlhop of Rochester; six



Todd Dickie

grandchildren and many neices and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rita Dickie and in-laws Don Kump and Dennis and Kathy Auringer.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 28 at 11 a.m. at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. Visitation was held on Friday one hour before the services at the church. Burial will be at a later date.

Waseca Scouts' burger fry at the American Legion

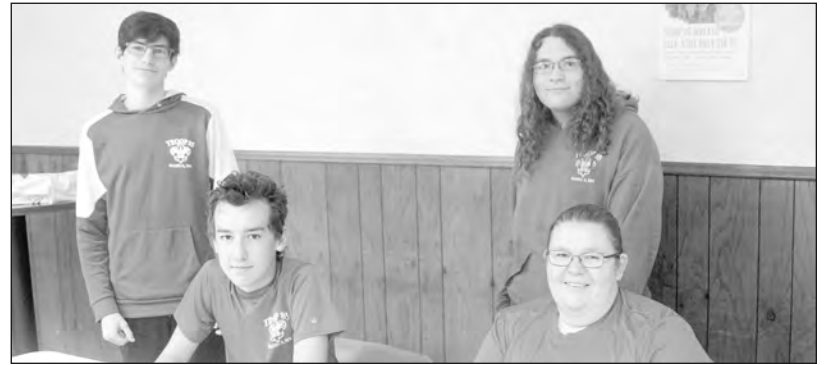


The Waseca Boy Scouts hosted a burger fry at the Waseca American Legion on Friday, October 21. Meals were \$9 with water, soft drinks, and pie available for an additional purchase.

All the funds raised from the event will go toward paying for camping and a trip to the National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean, WV in July of 2023.

Servers and cooks at the burger fry were Mike McGannon, Tim Thiesse, Roger Ockwig, Bruce Tappe, Dave Anderson, Barry Hagey, Isaac Sipe, and Logan Britton.

At Right: Branden Busse, Daniel Sipe, Nicole Busse, and Conner Britton were a few more volunteers at the burger fry.



Homecoming, construction addressed

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

Homecoming was a central topic of discussion at the JWP School Board meeting Tuesday, October 17.

Senior student council representative Zach Groh reported that homecoming went well. He gave a brief description of the events during Friday's pep fest and spirit walk. "We did a spirit walk instead of a parade with floats this year," he explained. "We handed out candy to the elementary kids. They really liked it."

Groh added they brought back a tradition started last year: lunchtime karaoke performances. "We did it last year and the kids thought it was funny, so we decided to do it again this year. Wednesday during homecoming week worked so well that we did it again on Friday. It was so loud that you could hear it from the library."

When school board member Tim Burke asked about who won the spirit jug, Groh replied that the student council decided not to award a spirit jug due to the logistics involved with choosing a winner.

Superintendent Jeremy Erler stated that the Bulldog Backers, an organiza-

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tion that organizes fundraisers for the school, expressed interest in nostalgia. "They volunteered to help out," he added. "They want to bring back traditions such as having the past homecoming king and queen do the crowning and the queens passing down a cape year to year. Maybe we can start looking at doing that during Snow Week this school year."

The board approved eight policy changes after a final reading, which included public hearings, school board officer policies, and employee background checks among many others. Nine other policies dealing with the school's code of ethics, drug and alcohol testing, and more received the second of three readings. Policies will be available for the public to read on the school website when the changes are implemented.

Board members made three separate motions and approvals to allow the Janesville city government to move forward with the "Safe Routes" project. The three items were the authorization

of both temporary and final easement, a temporary construction easement, and a trail easement.

Board Chair Laura Seys shared a summary of Superintendent Erler's mid-year evaluation. The board had three specified goals: Complete all four phases of the Minnesota School Board Association workshop series, implement a Covid-19 preparedness plan for the 2021-22 school year, and work with the school administration team for the onboarding process for school employees. New goals discussed for 2022-23 included the implementation of the onboarding process, policy implementation, updating job descriptions, and superintendent board communications including weekly updates.

Erler reported that he talked to local superintendents about their schools' Human Resource programs. He also sought advice from former JWP superintendent Kurt Stumpf.

"We need to rewrite job descriptions

which haven't been looked at in 12 years," Erler said. "We also need a work study not only across our district but in other districts to make sure we're equitable with pay."

Erler updated the board on the status of the school's main chiller. The ship date is now November 14. The air handling unit in the gym is running at 60 percent until the school receives the thermal duct for it. "It will be a couple weeks before we're at 100 percent," he said.

The school is closer to completion with its weight room, finishing tiling work, grouting, placing rubber, and dropping in lights.

Other items approved at the board meeting were a seniority list of JWP staff and a \$123.34 donation (accepted with many thanks) from the Bulldog Backers for school supplies. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Police union contract signed

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The Janesville City Council approved a collective bargaining agreement with the Janesville Police Department union Monday, October 24. Council member Melissa Kopachek was not present for this meeting.

City Attorney Jason Moran presented the agreement to the council. “The union started out with proposals they recognized they would not be getting through our negotiations,” he started. “After a bit of back and forth, we have an agreement which is very similar to what it was before.”

The changes included increasing the night shift differential pay from an additional \$0.50 per hour to \$1.50, a pay differential of \$1.50 per hour for police department employees training new officers, and to place in writing an agreement for designating Christmas Eve as a half-day holiday that has been recognized since 2002.

Moran explained a police officer’s pay for court time. “If an officer is subpoenaed to testify and the court case is delayed or dropped, there is a \$20 fee paid to the officer. We thought that was way too low. So, now officers receive an hour of overtime - time and a half - if they are notified within 24 hours of the court hearing that it’s delayed.”

The agreement included increased longevity pay (which Moran claimed was “ridiculously low”), a 4% pay increase for 2023, a 3% increase for 2024, and mirrored other areas in the city’s general personnel policy. “We took the stuff you’d do for normal employees and put it in the agreement,” Moran said.

The agreement will last two years and will need to be renewed November 1, 2024.

The council then discussed a rental issue on the property of 220 North Main Street. City Administrative Assistant Sara Britton claimed to have sent out a number of letters to the property without receiving any response. “We believe the property is being used as a rental,” she explained.

Moran explained that a city code provision required that background studies needed to be done on tenants. Despite being invited to the meeting, the property owners were not present and did not give any response to the city on the matter.

Moran offered council members two options. “You can give a clear directive that they get a background check done on the tenants by a certain date and pay the administrative fee,” he said. “If they don’t do that, their rental license will be automatically revoked.”

JANESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

The other option was for the council to revoke the license and send a letter to the property owners stating this. The council chose the second option.

Reports

Police Chief Dave Ulmen shared the third quarter police report. The department is maintaining an average of 500 calls per quarter. One item, a call that there had been an attempted murder, caught particular attention.

“In my 22 years of being here, this is my first time having to investigate an attempted murder,” Ulmen claimed. “We have been using most of our resources in this case.”

Because of that one case, he told the council some budget items will be over their proposed figures.

Council member Jim Mulcahey and City Administrator Clinton Rogers informed the council that a crew will install new playground equipment at the brand new Oelke Park on the north side of Janesville starting Tuesday, October 25. “Hopefully, the installation is done within the next ten days,” Mulcahey said.

Mayor Andy Arnoldt reported that a recent meeting of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) had focused on housing solutions for Janesville; the group will have a presentation for the council at its December 13 meeting. The EDA had also discussed shrinking its board from seven seats to five.

Rogers told Arnoldt that to do that, the city needed to hold a public hearing. Former mayor and current council member Mike Santo affirmed that. “Five to six years ago, we increased the board size from five to seven. We had to do a public hearing for that. I’d assume it’d be the same.”

Other Business

The council approved two resignations, one from Community Development Director Marley Rohwer, whose last day will be Monday, November 14. Rogers thanked Rohwer for her nearly four years of service to the Janesville community.

“It will be hard to see her go,” Mulcahey said. “I thank Marley profusely for what she did for us.”

The second resignation was from Park Board member Melissa Cummins. The city declared a vacancy and will be looking to fill two seats soon.

Council members then approved to sign off on the waiver of the city’s boiler coverage and liability coverage. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sheriff Election

Tim Dann, Retired Waseca County Sheriff (1998-2010) here. During my 12 years as your Sheriff I had the advantage to observe both candidates as they progressed in their careers. I watched one who took on challenges as they came along, and successfully met each one. Trevor Kanewischer started as Jailor/Dispatcher then quickly moved to Patrol Deputy. I then saw how motivated and enthusiastic he was and promoted him to Investigator. I knew he would continue to take on challenges, was self-driven, motivated and would continue to rise through the ranks. After my retirement, he was asked to be Chief Deputy where he continues to work today and for the last 12 years. The Sheriff and Chief Deputy are subject to call 24/7 and know how to get things done and use their resources. This is the 2nd in command of the Sheriff’s Office and takes skill, communication, organization, collaboration, honesty and integrity, all of these qualities Trevor possesses. Trevor has received awards for his service as Investigator and as a leader and supervisor. Trevor is a true leader and has ex-



celled at every position within the office. With his 12 years in Administration and his successfully leading so many area organizations, he is the most qualified for the position of Sheriff of Waseca County.

He has also contributed the community in so many ways, to include the Waseca County Free Fair, The Historical Society, The Don Eustice Scholarship Committee for our fallen Sheriff, The Fraternal Order of Police, The Waseca Lakes Association, and so much more.

He has supervised emergency management and still is the main assistant to this date. He was issued a commendation from The MN Attorney Generals Office and lead prosecutor, William Klumpp, for his tireless work on a homicide investigation. Trevor Kanewischer is my choice for Sheriff of Waseca County. Please join me in voting on November 8th for Trevor Kanewischer.



Please vote

Dave Dunn

Waseca School Board

Five parents, four seats

NRHEG school board debate

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

A debate among four of five candidates running for four open school board positions at NRHEG Secondary School took place Monday evening October 24, 2022.

Questions were courtesy of the teacher association, in addition to one parent-submitted question: At the event were Amy Ihrke, Rick Schultz, Pat Theuer, and Rich Mueller; moderator was long-time NRHEG teacher Mark Domeier.

Candidate Aaron Phillips was not present for several reasons: his son, NRHEG senior Andrew Phillips, who has verbally accepted a scholarship to play Division 1 baseball at South Dakota State, is scheduled for a baseball tournament in Las Vegas this weekend. Aaron, a farmer, felt that if he paused harvest work for the debate, it might keep him from finishing in time to attend the weekend tournament. His written statement can be found on Page 7 in this week’s Star Eagle.

Candidates began with opening statements.

Ihrke is a lifelong New Richland resident, a former 10-year City of New Richland council member, a former daycare provider, and has recently begun attending college while working for Bonnerup Funeral Service in New Richland. Ihrke said her reasons for running for school board include providing a quality level of education for students, and hopefully, her future grandchildren.

Theuer has lived in the district since marrying her husband 43 years ago. She recently retired from NRHEG in 2021 after 24 years in education. She and her family are active farmers. They raised four NRHEG graduates and have three grandchildren attending school here. Theuer says she is passionate about education and looking to create a positive learning environment for students.

Mueller is a current school board member who moved to the area 21 years ago. He and his wife live in Ellendale and raised two NRHEG graduates, Jordan and Matthew, and currently have a daughter who is a junior. Mueller said he has learned a lot in his time on the school board and would like to continue representing NRHEG.

Schultz, the current school board chair, has been a lifelong resident of the area, and has a daughter who is a junior in the district. Schultz cited his long tenure on the school board as qualification number one, followed only by his record of continued service to the district and the community.

A total of ten questions were asked of the candidates, with the majority of the questions having similar answers. In order to avoid repetition, some questions will only have one answer given, with the statement that the all candidates were in agreement.

Question 1: In your view, what has the district done well over the past five years?

Theuer

1. Fiscal responsibility, while also maintaining a high level of education.
2. Mental health resources/help for students and staff

Mueller

Budget. “We’ve done a good job tightening the reins. We’re still bouncing back from the deficit spending caused by Covid.”

Mental health resources for stu-



dents

Schultz

Quality staff. “They’re dedicated and caring. This is something that makes us unique compared to schools in the metro area.”

Facility improvements. “Buildings don’t teach, but these improvements do give students opportunities they might not otherwise have access to. We do have to face the fact that we’re in competition with our neighbors (schools).” Enrollment has declined below what Schultz described as a baseline of 900 students. Schultz said NRHEG needs to remain competitive in order to help combat this.

Ihrke said the school district needs to be up to date with technology. She said parents, buildings, and continuing to learn are all important factors.

Question 2: What are the biggest issues facing the district and/or what areas can NRHEG look for improvement in? If so, how?

Mueller:

1. Enrollment
2. Staff retention

“Why are we losing students and staff and what can we do to keep them?”

Schultz, and Ihrke both mirrored the sentiments shared by Mueller.

Theuer also agreed, but said early education programs are vital, in addition to providing professional development for staff. Theuer suggested a strong mentoring program for new staff. “Staff need to feel supported. Teachers need to be available to openly ask for help.”

Question 3: How do you deal with the uncertainty in the amount of state funding received every two years? How can we plan ahead as a district without really knowing what’s coming? How can we make our voices heard compared to larger metropolitan schools?

Schultz

1. Carry a fund balance
2. Back to school credit

“We carry a fund balance with three months of reserve in the bank so in the event of a lack of funding, we have a cushion there in order to keep our programs running... Our fund balance is something our district, our taxpayers should be proud of.”

Theuer cited some numbers, sharing that roughly 44% of student funding comes from the state, another 5-16% from the federal government and the rest from the local taxpayers. Mueller and Ihrke both said finances were not among their strengths, but both were looking forward to learning more.

Question 4: To what degree are students at NRHEG on track for post secondary readiness, including military service, the work force, or college? Are our students ready and if not, how can they be?

Ihrke

“It’s disappointing for parents when their kids finish school and aren’t ready. I have a daughter who thought she was ready for college and returned home after three months.

“How do you get them ready? Life experience. Exposing them to things they don’t know are out there. Bringing in people with different backgrounds, whether it be morticians,



VALUING EDUCATION - Four of five candidates for four NRHEG school board seats debated Monday night in the high school library. From left: Pat Theuer, Rich Mueller, Rick Schultz, Amy Ihrke.
Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

teachers, or farmers. More exposure isn’t a bad thing.”

“We have a 21-year-old,” said moderator Domeier. “We call the everyday demands that grown-ups face ‘adulthood.’”

All four candidates were in agreement that students benefit from exposure to a wide variety of experiences and viewpoints, with Schultz adding that although district leadership doesn’t always “get it right,” they do their best. He cited how for years the push was essentially to get every student to attend college post high-school but now, sometimes the best answer is a technical school, learning a trade, or jumping into the workforce. Schultz said providing more facilities, like those recently added at the secondary site, facilitates more options. He added that other schools have sent individuals to tour NRHEG who then leave NRHEG sharing how impressed they are with its facilities.

Question five: Should NRHEG offer online college courses to students from other schools, similar to the way NRHEG students attend Post Secondary Classes virtually or in person through other colleges? The purpose being this could be a way to keep more money in house opposed to losing funding dollars for kids attending college classes elsewhere, in place of taking high school classes offered on site.

Theuer said if the district can, it should. Schultz shared frustration over college courses offered at NRHEG which sometimes only draw a few students. Ihrke said some students don’t do Post Secondary Education during high school because they enjoy the high school experience; she said the school should offer more college courses. (NRHEG does offer college courses on site)

Question 6: As a board member, how would you look to make your decisions? Where would you look for advice on important decisions?

All four board members said communication is the most important thing. They all said they would talk to staff, administration, parents, as well as fellow board members, citing a diverse board as a good thing. Schultz shared a compelling story of the decision to merge the two elementary schools. “I had a pit in my stomach after the board made the decision to merge the two elementaries. I went home and I asked my daughter if she would like to go to kindergarten in Ellendale and she said yes. Kids will adjust. Sometimes it’s us parents [who don’t].”

Question 7: How do you determine whether the school’s goals have been met when the goals may not necessarily be black and white? How do you move forward when goals aren’t met?

Each candidate said goals are important, as well as citing the importance of a good superintendent. Schultz said it’s important to set goals a little out of range so the school never stops moving forward. Ihrke said hearing from all perspectives is important.

Question 8: How would you handle issues brought to you from parents? How do you see your role as a school board member and how will you deal with issues when they arise?

“It does happen and it should,” Schultz answered first. “It’s important to calmly and respectfully listen to their complaints.”

Every candidate was in agreement that a good superintendent is vital since the position handles most day-to-day functions. All of the candidates said parents need to be heard. Schultz added that during superintendent interviews one of the most important issues board members asked each candidate about was whether they would be present and visible to students, staff, and parents. Superintendent Michael Meihak received praise from nearly every candidate at one point or another throughout the debate on his job performance.

Question 9: Is there anything our district can do to make our school more welcoming and safe for students and staff? If so, what?

Every candidate said the school is doing a good job, citing staff at all levels. “I don’t want to say students and teachers are on a first-name basis, but essentially they are,” Schultz explained.

Ihrke added that her children never said they felt unsafe at school. Everyone agreed that school safety should remain a priority.

Question 10, included closing statements: What strengths do you bring to the school board?

Theuer

1. 24 years working in education, from paraprofessional to office management, to data management.
2. Good listener

“We want to nurture, educate, and protect. We want to be the district of choice.”

Mueller

1. Current school board member
2. Good listener

Ihrke

1. City council member for 10 years
2. Good listener, parent.

Schultz

1. Experienced school board member
2. Good listener

“I’m incredibly grateful for people being willing to serve and do so very level headed. We’re very fortunate to have such a good school district.”

Domeier thanked the candidates for their attendance, as well as the 10 or so observers who attended in person and those who streamed the debate online. The entire debate is available on the school’s website and Youtube. “Please vote November 8,” Domeier told everyone. “And please, drive home safely.”

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Schroeder running for Waseca city council

Name: Stacey Schroeder
Age: 47
Family: Husband, 4 adult children, 2 dogs

How long have you lived in the area? 47 years

What is your occupation or profession? Independent hairstylist of 28 years, currently at Kroeger's Concepts Salon

Have you held a city government position in the past? I'm a past member of the Tourism Board, ECCE Parent Advisory Board, Community Ed Board, and Waseca Police Reserves.

What do you consider the most important part of the job? To be willing and able to listen to the public who elected you to this position and to do your due diligence to best educate yourself with all concerns. All of that involves building relationships and partnerships along with looking at different ways to be innovative with solutions.

What particular strengths or ex-

perience do you bring to the position that you believe will help you do a good job? Having served in different capacities within the community, by attending many local events and being a business right here in Wasceca, I have gained insights and built relationships. By continuing to be an accessible presence and having a willingness to make connections, I believe it sets a great foundation to be able to look towards bettering Wasceca not only for today, but to that of our future.

What do you feel are the city's most important concerns at this time? I have a top three list of concerns for this time within Wasceca. First, the need for growth for both our housing and business sectors. Second, to seek public and private partnerships to aid in that growth such as looking at an accelerator fund, business incubator and actively seeking solutions. Lastly, to work on building Wasceca's reputation to being one of a workable community to live and do business in.

■ **Choice**

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other rules and regulations undergo as smooth of a process as possible.

"The deputy registrar falls under the responsibility of public safety," he explained. "Rules and regulations on how to get licenses and process fees fall under the Department of Transportation because the fees collected come back to us. We set up the appropriation to fund their needs in the budget."

The MRDA represents all license bureaus and registrars in Minnesota. Figuring out solutions to make all issues concerning transportation as smooth as possible is what the association and its president Jeff Orth are all about. "We want to work with everyone to be the best we can be," he said. "As president, I'm an advocate for this office to be successful and to make sure we keep our good reputation."

Part of MRDA's meeting was about how to tackle inflation, which is currently a major topic on all fronts. With expenses on the rise, the registrar's association is seeing a need to raise fees. "The only way we can get our fees increased is by going to the state legislature," Orth elaborated.

However, disagreements between the two parties have made it difficult for them to do their jobs, according to him. "One side wants one thing while the other wants a different thing, and in the mean-

time, we don't get anything. That's been what's happened the past few years."

He added that the registrar has legislation on fees that were close to being passed. But with elections coming up, things are still unclear. "Everything is up in the air right now, and I can respect that. But we want to work with everyone to be the best we can be. Whether the governor is a republican or democrat, at the end of the day, we want to provide good service."

The MRDA wants to work to make sure that licensing bureaus are not burdening the taxpayers. If so, some licensing bureaus can go the way of Bloomington's registrar which closed down recently. "Minnesota is above average in registrar service, and we want to keep it that way," Orth stated.

Orth explains that this interdependency is why MRDA values legislators like representative John Petersburg who work to keep things operating smoothly. "It's always good to have somebody like Petersburg in our corner," Orth said.

Petersburg believes the best way for the MRDA and the state of Minnesota to succeed is to get inflation under control so that fees don't increase heavily. "It's not something the state can fully control," he admitted. "But what states like Minnesota can do is start dealing with some of the fees and regulations that we have and fixing our tax structure so that we can keep more money in taxpayers' pockets."

Daren Arndt vying for Waseca council

Name: Daren Arndt
Age: 59
Family: Married with two children

How long have you lived in the area?
I have lived in the city of Waseca for over 35 years. My wife, two children and I have lived in Ward 3 for 29 years.

What is your occupation or profession?
I am employed at Berry Pallets, Inc. as a Supervisor and I am also a Guest Service Leader at Kwik Trip. Both companies are located in Waseca.

Have you held a city government position in the past?
Yes. I am currently serving as the council member representative for Ward 3. I have held this position for the past eight years.

What do you consider the most important part of the job?

The most important part of this job is to have an open mind and to listen to your citizens and business owners not only to their concerns, but also to what they would like or need for not only the present, but also for the future of the city. With what comes the understanding of making and adopting annual city budgets, ordinances and resolutions, setting appropriate tax levies, and setting other general tax and service rates that will work to meet those needs of the city.

What particular strengths or experience do you bring to the position that you believe will help you do a good job?

Not only have I lived and worked in the city of Waseca for many years, but I have been actively involved in many different areas of it. This includes being a volunteer with the Waseca Public Schools, coaching different sports, being active in my church, signature volunteer for the

Bond and Levy Committee and Water Park Committee.

I have been a part of the Waseca Community Education Advisory Council as Chair and Vice Chair, served as a Waseca Police Reservist and Treasurer, along with being on the Waseca County Free Fair Board. My government experience includes the Planning and Zoning Commission, Economic Development Authority, Traffic Safety Board, being on the Board of Directors for the Region Nine Development Commission and serving on the Waseca City Council for the past eight years. I was the presenter of the Tobacco 21 ordinance for the regional American Lung Association.

By being involved with all these different areas I bring knowing how to deal with comprehensive planning, zoning, platting, changes in streets and other planning matters. I understand budgets, the community's

educational needs and interests as well as policies and procedures.

What do you feel are the city's most important concerns at this time?

Waseca is a great community that has small town pride, and it does have notable things happening, but there are also important concerns. Some of those concerns that I want to address and keep working on are the sanitary sewer backup, keeping the tax levies down while moving forward with future projects, and actively trying to recruit a grocery store. With any issues we have to use our tax dollars wisely, and research all the various funding sources that are available. We also need to play a key and active role in economic development because we need to keep current businesses and encourage development and growth.

■ Mayor

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I would like property taxes to remain manageable, attract new businesses and help to revitalize existing properties as I helped in doing with the Public Safety building, fix existing infrastructure concerns and build new homes that will help continue Waseca's progression into the future. Trying to ensure that Waseca is as business friendly as we can be through the use of possible tax incentives allowable by law, to provide the ease of opening a business with as little government interference as possible.

I feel that we may need to aggressively increase our forward thinking to see areas that we can compete with our neighboring community and their amenities, to sustain those amenities we already have, and attain new amenities to help aid progression of Waseca into the future. We can do this; we have been here before and we can do it again!

Name: Matthew R. Petsinger
Age: 44
Family: Wife Becky, 3 kids, Michael, Mitchell, and Matilyn

How long have you lived in the area? I grew up in the area my entire life, returning and buying a home here in 2018. In 2020 my family purchased two main street buildings and moved downtown.

What is your occupation or profession? Small Business Owner/American Family Insurance Agent, wrestling coach.

Have you held a city government position in the past? No. I am a currently Sacred Heart School Board Member. I have served on the Waseca Wrestling Club board. I am the chair of the non-profit group That

One Place Athletics.

What do you consider the most important part of this job? Moving the town forward in the right direction. Keeping taxes low. Listening to the citizens of Waseca.

What particular strengths or experience do you bring to the position, that you believe will help you do a good job? When we're told we can't do something I like to find a way to get it done. I grew up here, but I have experience from outside the area I bring with me. I graduated with an association of the arts from MSU Mankato and earned my Bachelors in Businesses Management from William Penn. I've worked in

nearly every rung of the economical ladder beginning as a jogger at Brown Printing. I was a school bus driver, wrestling coach, and now a small businesses owner.

What do you feel are the city's most important concerns at this time?

You're always told, if you want change get involved. I want to see Waseca and the people here grow and succeed.

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- An aging population
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- Fiscal responsibility

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- The opening of the Hotel Grand was signalized in an emphatic manner when on Sunday dinner was served by the new proprietor to over a hundred people, forty at noon and sixty-one at six o'clock in the vening. An elaborate menu that would have done credit to any or all well-timed city establishments was put before the crowds. The tables were prettily adorned with appropriate decorations, which lent an additional charm to the animated scene. During the meals music was discoursed from the latest Edison records. The dinner was the direct result and outcome of a desire on the part of the citizens of Janesville to recognize the merits of the new proprietor, Mrs. Ross, and to establish and make permanent her superb qualities as a hostess and caterer.

- Sunday evening a closed car, apparently with some trouble with its lights, passed down Main street south through town. When in front of the residence of Fred Leick they stopped suddenly. Mr. Leick's car was standing on the proper sided of the road. One of the members of the party jumped out and took the robe – stole it, as it were, and then the car drove off. Mr. Leick knows the parties and unless restitution is made forthwith their names will be exposed to the public view with a criminal suit hanging over their heads.

- D. D. Carpenter will take a layoff during the winter and give himself over to enjoying a period of quietness and rest to which he is richly entitled. Despite he long years of service, he is as active at seventy-five as most men are at fifty. But this does not necessarily mean that he is to go on forever. It is the part of wisdom as well as common sense in the case of this kind and under such circumstances to get out from under the constantly accumulated burdens of active participation in work.

75 Years Ago

- A train or airplane wreck in which 21 were killed would get headlines all over the nation. The same number dying in motor vehicle traffic accidents scattered over the state get less attention. Yet 21 was the toll in the first week in October in Minnesota, the State Highway Department reports. Circumstances followed usual lines. Two drivers face charges of criminal negligence. Other reports show excess speed, glaring lights, ignoring stop signs, mixing drinking and driving. Back of the immediate causes, however, one factor was evident in all of the accidents: failure of drivers (and pedestrians) to keep alert to the hazards in modern street and highway traffic.

- About 325 women attended the handicraft lessons last week which were held in the four trade centers of Waseca county under the direction of Mrs. Doris Wyman, home demonstration agent. The lessons were open to all home demonstration club members as a part of their fall program. Many of the clubs will be having meetings in their own local clubs to do more of the crafts which were taught.

- The Janesville Hearty Workers 4-H club held their regular meeting on Monday evening, Oct. 6, with 34 members signing up. The organization is to be divided into two clubs, with 22 members in section one and about 16 members in section two. Mrs. Art Born and Mrs. Zelia Fratzke are the adult leaders. Election of officers was the main business for the meeting. For section one, Joan Gardner was elected president, Carol Jean Scheuneman, vice president; Katherine Galler, treasurer; and Patty Janson, secretary. For Janesville Hearty Workers section two, Norma Ziegler was elected president, Harlan Erdman, vice president; Joyce Behm, secretary, and Carol Ketzeback, treasurer.

50 Years Ago

- Dr. David Pope has been chosen to direct the efforts of the Janesville Area Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. He was elected president by a vote of the nine-member chamber board. The local physician will begin his duties at the annual Chamber banquet which will be held here October 25 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The son of Reverend and Mrs. W. E. Pope, the local physician came to Janesville in 1960 as a school teacher. For the next four years he taught science at JHS. In 1964, Pope decided to return to college and entered the University of Minnesota College of Medicine. He received his medical degree in 1968 and returned to Janesville to practice.

- A former Mankato man, who now owns and operates Faribo Bake Shoppe, will take over the Janesville Maid Bakery Sunday, October 15. Mike Jones, 32, son of Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Jones, Mankato, will assume ownership of the bakery from Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ostgard. Managing the Janesville Maid Bakery will be Robert Jones, 23, no relation to the owner. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gerdts, the new bakery manager is a 1968 graduate of Waldorf-Pemberton High School. A local boy, Jones worked for former bakery owner, Dave Hoversten for three years while attending high school and Mankato Area Vocational School. The new owner of the bakery told the Argus that he thinks the Faribault and the Janesville bakery should complement each other. "If Bob needs some help here, we'll be there with the baking capacity," he said.

- The Go-Go Golden Bears became the odd-on favorites in the Gopher Conference last Friday when they manhandled Medford 32-12 to put the final touches on a perfect homecoming. The game marked the fourth consecutive conference win and brought the local team's overall record to 6-0.

- Senior halfback Jerome Witt is the leading Gopher Conference scorer in statistics for the 8-team league through the first three games. That included the Bears' win over Blooming Prairie. The hard-running back had 42 points to his credit, almost twice that of the second highest scorer, David Lieberg, who tallied 27 points for Ellendale.

25 Years Ago

- Parents in the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton School District have been given another resource this year to ensure their children's safety. After much discussion and planning, a latchkey program is up and running in the JWP Elementary School. "It really takes a community effort to raise children," said Tonie Stanley, director of the latchkey program. "Some of us don't have relatives nearby and want a safe place for our kids to be." Currently the latchkey program's hours are 7-8 a.m. before school and 3-5 p.m. after school. However, beginning in November latchkey will be revised. The hours will be extended with morning hours from 6-8 a.m. and afternoon hours from 3-6 p.m.

- Another house will soon appear in the city's North Hills addition. The Janesville City Council entered into an agreement with Van Guildler Builders, Inc. of Mankato and Amwood Custom Homes of Janesville, Wis., for the construction of a spec home in the North Hills Addition. This agreement will allow the company to purchase the lot with payment when the home is sold. A first right of refusal will also be given on an adjacent lot giving them the option to purchase a second lot.

- AmeriCorps is helping students at the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Middle School to succeed. Jen Adams, an AmeriCorps volunteer, supervises the school's new learning center which is designed to help students with their homework if they have been sent out of class or absent from school. The learning center is a bright, cheery room located on the first floor. Students coming into the learning center will find a quiet room where they can catch up on homework. "I just want them to feel comfortable," she said, adding that she assures students that they are coming to the learning center for guidance and not because they have done something wrong.

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100 Years Ago – Waseca Herald

- Waseca county had a favorable representation during the week at the National Dairy Show. Many more people attended from the county than were present last year. About thirty cars made up the county delegation on Thursday morning, headed by a 35-piece band from the county. The delegation left Waseca between 6:30 and 6:45 and arrived at the high bridge, St. Paul at 10. Here they were met by an official of the St. Paul association and escorted through the main business streets of St. Paul. Escorted by the band the delegation was led through the business section up toward the state capitol where the band boys again were taken into cars and the delegation was led by the escort to the fair grounds.

- James X. Ford, aged 32, manager of the Hayes-Lucas Lumber yards at Blooming Prairie, was instantly killed when a Green Co. bus of St. Paul turned turtle when rounding a curve on the road near Blooming Prairie Monday. The driver and another passenger were slightly injured. Ford was returning from a visit to Rochester.

- Farmers are advised to keep hogs weighing from 100 to 150 pounds at home if it is at all possible as the packers do not want anything under 150 pounds. It seems that things have reversed themselves the past week and packers now prefer hogs weighing from 200 to 260 pounds. 130 to 150 pound hogs will be "hard-sellers" due to the fact that they are too heavy for feeders and too light for the packers.

75 Years Ago – Waseca Herald

- Two runaway girls from Menominee, Wisconsin, 13 and 15 years old, were found in Waseca last Thursday evening by Policeman Elmer Stephans and their parents were notified immediately. The two girls were Marjorie Olson, 15, and Sherry Kuester, 13. One of them worked in the Cover's Café, now Sexton's Café. They had left Menominee on Saturday and went to Minneapolis, coming here Sunday. They first stayed at Mrs. C. L. Hyde's home and were staying at Mrs. J. W. Farley's when Policeman Stephan found them. They were on their way to California, they said.

- The corn borer, which the University of Minnesota agriculturalists have warned will be a threat to corn yields in this territory, have arrived in the county with very definite results, according to a survey now being conducted by the Waseca Canning Company as an aid to gathering



In 1997 - Waseca swimmer Jayme Bartelt ready for a quick start under the watchful eye of her mother Jane in a Bluejay swim meet. Bartelt was one of three four-event winners for the Bluejays in a 109-74 rout against Owatonna. Bartelt won the 200-meter and 500-meter freestyle events, plus swam on two winning relay teams. Trisha Seys and Jami Jager also won four events for Waseca.

information for University agriculturalists. Although damages this year are not serious, they point out that the corn borer has definitely arrived and the results of their survey coincide with the findings of Cletus F. Murphy, county agent, who has warned farmers that the borers will soon be a definite danger to good yields.

- R. F. Case, manager of the Culligan Soft Water Service, attended the National Association of Soft Water Service, Oct. 9-11 in Chicago. Operators from 30 states attended the meeting and also members of the Culligan Zeolite Company. E. G. Culligan, president of the company, addressed the group and informed them that there are now 300,000 homes using the service.

50 Years Ago – Waseca Journal

- Richard H. Anderson, superintendent of the Southern Experiment Station, today announced the purchase of the Louis J. Priebe farm. Negotiations for the purchase were conducted during the past summer by University Attorney R. Joel Tierney. Land acquisition for the Experiment Station was authorized and funded by the 1967 Minnesota Legislature. The 1967 Legislative Building Commission was told that additional land was needed to supply grain, forage, and bedding for livestock research animals and to allow for large field-scale research projects.

- Alf Larson tendered his resignation by letter last night as manager of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce. Larson, one-time state legislator, has been with the Waseca Chamber for the past eight years. Recently Lar-

son's health had been failing and he was hospitalized for a length of time in Rochester. He has been recuperating at his home in Hayfield. In his letter to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Larson said, "It is with a deep feeling of regret I have to inform you that due to health reasons I'll have to request your acceptance of my resignation as manager of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce."

- The 1973 registration fees for automobiles, station wagons, passenger utilities, ambulance and hearses will be based on value under the new Ad Valorem tax law. Ad Valorem – Latin for "according to the value" will be taking place of the current weight and age method of taxation.

25 Years Ago – Waseca County News

- Thanks were the order of the day as the Waseca School District dedicated its new junior high school building. About 200 people attended the dedication ceremony at 2 p.m., and 400 or 500 additional citizens toured the new building and the remodeled high school. Many parents had already toured the building as part of parent-teacher conferences earlier this fall. Calling the building a "wonderful team effort," John Bossardt, president of Bossardt Corporation, the general contractor, recognized the Waseca School Board, school administration, architects and various engineers. Accepting the building for the district were School Board Chair Gary Owens, Waseca Bond Committee Chair Jeff Lane, Waseca Education Association

President Deb Hoelmer, Junior High School Principal Bill Allaire, Senior High School Principal Dick Hansen, and Junior High School Student Council Vice President Melaina Flat-tum.

- The Waseca Marching Jays ended the outdoor season on top Saturday evening, winning both first place in their class and outstanding color guard at Ankeny, Iowa. "They were determined to end their concert season on a high note," Director Kim Cosens said. The community support always helps. "They are a big part of our success," he said. "We couldn't do things to the level that we do without the community support." "The show was an evening concert, with no parade competition. In the Jays' class were seven bands out of 18 or 19 bands altogether.

- At 1:10 a.m. Sunday, Waseca County Deputy Larry Sloan participated in a high-speed chase that resulted in the apprehension of a Good Thunder man, 19, in Blue Earth County. Also participating in the chase, that reached speeds of 115 mph, were police from Minnesota Lake and Mapleton and the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Department. The chase began near Mapleton and ended near Perch Lake when the driver, Nathan Scott Hollerich, and three female passengers abandoned the vehicle. Police dogs were brought in from St. Peter to search for them, and eventually deputies, equipped with night-vision goggles, spotted Hollerich. He then surrendered.

Star archives, New Richland

75 Years Ago

- At first thought one might think that in this region where there are not too many hilly farms, little, if any, thought would be given to conserving the soil. However, there is ample need in this direction, and G. R. Cochran, head of the agriculture department of the New Richland schools, and his classes have been doing something about it; something that is greatly needed. In the course of his duties, Mr. Cochran has disclosed some serious cases of soil erosion in the territory southeast of town. On one farm a few miles from the town a gully six feet deep has been washed in a field. Proper methods might easily have prevented this occurrence and at the same time prevented the loss of crops. Mr. Cochran has interested several farmers to the extent that they have taken steps while there is yet time to prevent further damage to their fields.

- Ground was broken Wednesday afternoon for the foundation to the new processing plant to be erected by the New Richland Cooperative Creamery. The Lysne Construction Co., of Blooming Prairie is the builder, the building to be 24x34 feet in dimensions. When completed the plant will contain all the necessary equipment to turn out certified pasteurized milk which will be marketed not only in New Richland but in several of the surrounding towns.

- Among the potatoes brought to their son, Donald, by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heckes was one that weighed 2 lbs. and 3 ozs. Rather sizable. Baker Nelson suggests that while the

Heckeses were unable to raise very sizable children on their 40-acre farm they shine in the matter of big potatoes.

50 Years Ago

- Lonney Eastvold, the 1971 FFA Star Farmer of America, is a star again this year – a movie star. Eastvold, a young Angus cattleman from Hartland, is featured in a new motion picture "Your First Step to Tomorrow" just released by the American Angus association. The picture made for young people who are interested in the beff cattle business was premiered October 13 in the Agriculture Careers theater at the 1972 convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City. Lonney and his wife Betty, who were hosts at the 1972 convention, were guests at the premier showing along with youngsters and agriculture instructors and members of the farm press from all over the United States.

- Burglars broke into Richland Coop early last Thursday morning. Taken in the break-in were a cash register, calculator, adding machines and check protector, estimated to be worth \$200. According to Tom Donovan, manager, the thieves broke the glass in the side door and entering the building. Mrs. Harry Lillesve, secretary, discovered the break-in when she arrived for work at 6 a.m. New Richland Police Chief Roy Dyke and Mert Schwartz, deputy sheriff, are investigating the robbery.

- Norvin R. Rueckert, Vocational director for the Waseca County Vocational Center, announced that the sophomore and junior classes in the

Janesville, New Richland-Hartland, Waldorf-Pemberton and Waseca high schools will be involved this week in completing a vocational interest survey. This survey will help to determine the possible course offerings in the Waseca county Vocational Center during its first year of operation in the 1973-1974 school year. In the survey, students will indicate their interest in the occupational areas of advertising and marketing, agri-business, child development and care, construction, data processing, education, electricity and electronics, food service, printing, health, office and transportation services, and repair.

25 Years Ago

- Both the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Future Farmers of America chapter's General Livestock and Dairy Judging teams will enter state competition next April during the Minnesota State FFA convention in St. Paul. The local General Livestock team, led by Jared and Eric Hendrickson, out-judged all of the 30 teams that participated in the Region 7 contest at New Ulm, October 28 taking first place with a 1086. As a team the local Dairy judges scored 1146 points to place sixth in competition with 30 other teams from Region 7. Amy Demmer not only led the local team with 394 points but topped all of the other individual contestants.

- The NRHEG FFA chapter are grateful to area farmers who donated so generously to this year's Corn Drive for Camp Courage, which collected over \$3500. They also appre-

ciate the donations of cash and equipment for this year's drive. Those who helped by donating equipment included: Rick Demmer for truck, auger and tractor; Ellendale Central Coop Elevator, who purchased the corn from the Ellendale area with no discounts for drying, shrinkage and moisture. They also provided the Ellendale unloading site. In the New Richland area donating the site was Harlan Schlaak. Augers came from Orville Bolduan and Curt Hendrickson and a tractor from Neil Schlaak. Wagons were donated by Dennis Prescher, Gerald Petsinger and Orville Bolduan. Terra International, Inc. purchased the corn with no discounts or deductions.

- At a joint meeting recently, delegates unanimously approved separating Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI) into two separate cooperatives. Members of AMPI's North Central Region will become North Central AMPI, a Midwest-based cooperative. AMPI's Southern Region delegates voted to join Dairy Farmers of America – the proposed national cooperative – in a vote immediately following the AMPI separation. "Separating the regions will allow each to pursue its members' goals and objectives," North Central AMPI President Wayne Bok, a dairy producer from Geddes, S.D. said. "We intend to be big enough to succeed in the marketplace and small enough to serve our members' interests."

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Journey brings strength, blessings

By **DEB BENTLY**
Staff Writer

Bonnie and Norris Jacobson celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary this past August. Their children and grandchildren put together a family cruise to Alaska.

"It was quite a celebration," Bonnie observes. "We felt so blessed to be on that wonderful trip and to have our family right there, sharing the adventure."

But anyone who might want a list of the blessings this retired early childhood teacher, New Richland area resident, and 22-year breast cancer survivor has discovered in her life should probably take a seat and be sure to have plenty of paper.

That's not to say it hasn't been a hard road. Since discovering a growth during a self examination back in 2000, Jacobson has undergone five surgeries, four I.V. treatment courses, radiation, and several different regimens of oral chemotherapy. In May of 2004, after the breast cancer had metastasized elsewhere in her body, she was told it was time to go home and get her "affairs in order."

"It was quite a blow," she remembers. "Especially when I thought about what it would do to my family."

But, being a woman to whom faith has always been important, she describes feeling as if a divine voice was speaking, telling her that any feelings of despair were out of place. "You know right where the tumors are," the voice seemed to say. "Do something about it." She and her husband prayed together.

"That same day, I was headed for some tests," she recalls. "As I was leaving the house I had this fluttering feeling deep inside me. I found myself thinking, 'I'm cured.'"

She chose not to say so to her doctors, however. Instead a doctor told her, a few months later, that if the medical records in front of him did not speak so plainly on the matter, he might have said Jacobson was in the wrong office. "There's no cancer here," he said.

Yet another blessing on the list.

Four years later, a routine follow-up test revealed spots on Jacobson's liver. A surgeon on staff had formerly specialized in breast cancer, but had switched to gastroenterology, so when surgery to remove the spots came under discussion, she was especially suited. Learning of Jacobson's situation, the surgeon said, "Send her over; I think I can be of help."

"She was the perfect doctor at the perfect time," recalls Jacobson. Yet another blessing.

In 2014, numerous scans seemed to show that her pancreas had become cancerous. Some intimidating levels of treatment were under consideration when Jacobson reported for yet another medical appointment

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— **Bonnie Jacobson**

ment and, to her surprise and frustration, was told she would be stepping into yet another machine. "I couldn't help asking why. It seemed like I had had every kind of scan you can possibly imagine," she recalls. It turns out, one of her doctors had noticed a very subtle detail in some of the previous images, and this final one confirmed: rather than being in her pancreas, the cancer had infected and swollen a nearby gland until it had become a nearly perfect double for it.

"If not for that doctor noticing that detail," Jacobson says, "who knows what would have happened?"

The stories spread across two decades. One span of five years in remission, another of four. But then the devastating news of yet another shadow on a scan.

Jacobson speaks almost lightly of "having this and that removed" during her surgeries. She tells of having just taken the first in a series of eight oral chemotherapy treatments, having learned that a formerly-dormant spot on her liver shows signs of growth. She describes the exhaustion and listlessness that chemo can cause.

But she shares these details only when pressed. The stories she returns to are those of the blessings.

Of her gratitude to area Relay for Life organizer Kris Pfeffer and all the volunteers and contributors who keep the annual event going. Of the staff at Albert Lea and Rochester treatment centers who have given their all to help, and who manage her appointments not only with efficiency and thoroughness, but with a sense of humor and compassion. Of the long list of friends who "I could have contacted at any moment, and who would have never hesitated to come." Of her faith, and the sense that God's hand has been guiding and comforting her at every step. Of the meals, phone calls, flowers, cards, prayers and visits from friends—and especially family members—who have encouraged her with their positive support.

In response to those many blessings, Jacobson says she reaches out to everyone she learns about who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. "No two of us have had the exact same treatment, but I try to



Norris and Bonnie Jacobson in August, when they took an Alaskan cruise to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

offer any help I can. I try to help them get through their fears.

"I want to be a little voice saying that, even though this can be scary, we'll deal with it the best we can." She says that, for some, hearing from a cancer survivor has been a source of encouragement and opened doors to sharing her experiences and her faith.

The past two decades have been riddled with upheaval. Yet, Jacobson says, "You learn to appreciate

every day," to find the "beauties and the blessings" that each one brings.

When asked about the largest blessing, she doesn't hesitate for even a breath. "Watching my family thrive," she says. "Knowing that I might have lost all that, that I might have missed it, makes it all the more precious."

Donate for Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2021

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it's time to RISE.

When it comes to breast cancer, it has never been about the challenge we face, rather the ways in which we rise to meet that challenge. Your donation helps women get access to the education, screening, and support they need. This is our moment to rise up and do even more.

This month only, choose exactly where your donation goes:

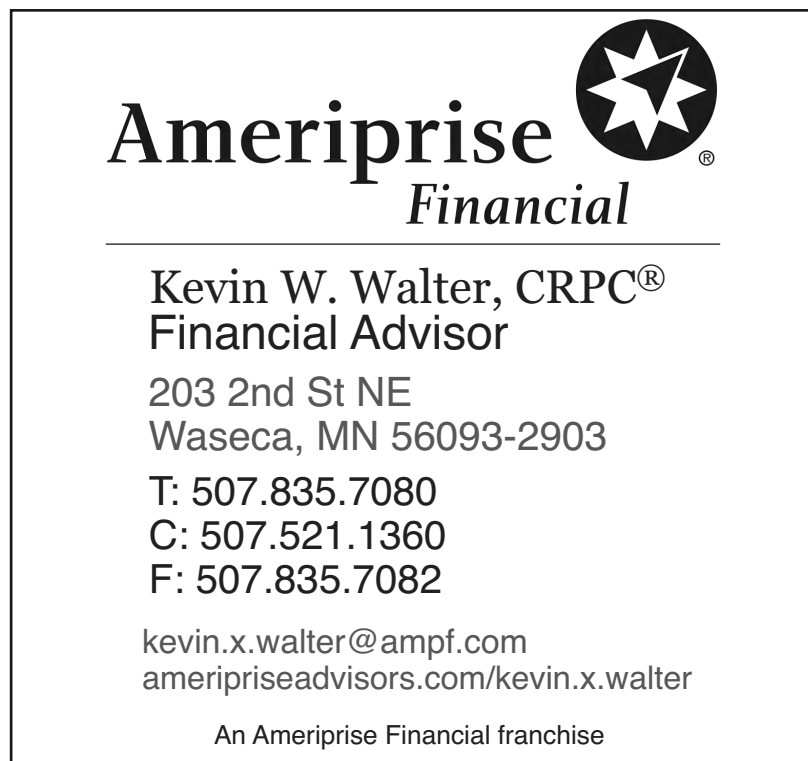
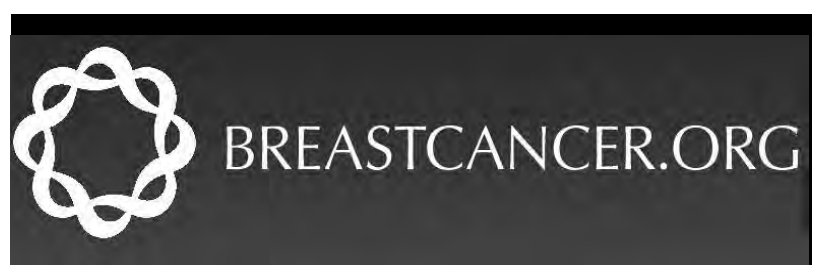
Screening: Give to our National Mammography and Patient Navigation programs to provide free mammograms and other necessary screenings, while removing barriers in the cancer care system.

Education: Give to our Education & Outreach programs to empower women with the critical information and resources they need to lower their risk and detect breast cancer early.

Support: Give to our Support Services, including HOPE Kits, Metastatic Retreats, and Support Groups, ensuring all women with breast cancer have the emotional support, guidance, and resources to heal.

General Fund: Allow NBCF to direct your funds to the area with the greatest need.

It's time to RISE! Use the secure form below to make your gift.



State General Election Ballot
Waseca County, Minnesota
November 8, 2022

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

School District Offices	Judicial Offices Supreme Court	Judicial Offices Court of Appeals
School Board Member No. 2835 (Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton) Vote for Up to Four ☐ Lauren Tester ☐ Joan Olson ☐ Kevin Born ☐ Sherri Daschner ☐ Katie Cahill write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	Associate Justice 3 Vote for One ☐ Gordon Moore Incumbent write-in, if any Associate Justice 6 Vote for One ☐ Natalie E. Hudson Incumbent write-in, if any Court of Appeals Judge 1 Vote for One ☐ Theodora Karin Gaitas Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 5 Vote for One ☐ Louise Dovre Bjorkman Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 7 Vote for One ☐ Susan Segal Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 8 Vote for One ☐ Denise D Reilly Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 10 Vote for One ☐ Jennifer L. Frisch Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 11 Vote for One ☐ Michelle A. Larkin Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 16 Vote for One ☐ Peter M. Reyes, Jr. Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 17 Vote for One ☐ Matthew E. Johnson Incumbent write-in, if any	Judge 18 Vote for One ☐ Jeff Bryan Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 19 Vote for One ☐ Francis Connolly Incumbent write-in, if any 3rd District Court Judge 2 Vote for One ☐ Karie M. Anderson Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 9 Vote for One ☐ Pamela A. W. King Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 11 Vote for One ☐ Nancy L. Buytendorp Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 13 Vote for One ☐ Jeffrey Kritzer Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 16 Vote for One ☐ Carmaine M. Sturino Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 18 Vote for One ☐ Kevin Siefken Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 21 Vote for One ☐ Kathy M. Wallace Incumbent write-in, if any Judge 23 Vote for One ☐ Joseph A. Bueltel Incumbent write-in, if any
Vote front and back of ballot		

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School District Offices	School District Offices	School District Offices
School Board Member No. 763 (Medford) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Allison Janke ☐ Jenny Jones ☐ Whitney Winkels write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	School Board Member No. 2135 (Maple River) Vote for Up to Four ☐ Dan Sohre ☐ Andrea Sonnek ☐ Noah S Germo ☐ Joseph McFarland ☐ Tyler Hunstad write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	School Board Member No. 2143 (Waterville-Elysian-Morristown) Vote for Up to Four ☐ Jon Bakken ☐ Troy Toizman ☐ Gary Michael ☐ Brenda Heuss write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
School Board Member No. 829 (Waseca) Vote for Up to Four ☐ Scott C. Deml ☐ Jonathan J. Michels ☐ Charles Priebe ☐ Dave Dunn ☐ Alyssa Bowers ☐ Andrew J. Isker ☐ Theron Avery Kruger ☐ Robert Dickerson write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	School District Questions To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. School District Question 1 Renewal of Expiring Referendum Revenue Authorization The board of Independent School District No. 2135 (Maple River Schools), Minnesota has proposed to renew the existing property tax referendum authorization of \$267.82 per pupil that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2023. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten (10) years beginning with taxes payable in 2024 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. Shall the renewal of the expiring property tax referendum proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2135 (Maple River Schools) be approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE	School Board Member No. 2168 (N.R.H.E.G.) Vote for Up to Four ☐ Amy Ihrke ☐ Pat Theuer ☐ Aaron Phillips ☐ Richard Schultz ☐ Rich Mueller write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
School Board Member No. 2134 (United South Central) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Katie Hanson ☐ Brittany Voigt ☐ Diana Brooks write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	Vote front and back of ballot	

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Federal Offices	State Offices	County Offices
U.S. Representative District 1 Vote for One ☐ Brian Abrahamson Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis ☐ Richard B. Reisdorf Legal Marijuana Now ☐ Brad Finstad Republican ☐ Jeff Ettinger Democratic-Farmer-Labor write-in, if any	Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Team ☐ Steve Patterson and Matt Huff Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis ☐ James McCaskel and David Sandbeck Legal Marijuana Now ☐ Scott Jensen and Matt Birk Republican ☐ Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Hugh McTavish and Mike Winter Independence-Alliance ☐ Gabrielle M. Prosser and Kevin A. Dwire Socialist Workers write-in, if any	County Commissioner District 5 Vote for One ☐ Brad Krause write-in, if any County Sheriff Vote for One ☐ Jay Dulas ☐ Trevor Kanewischer write-in, if any County Attorney Vote for One ☐ Brenda Miller ☐ Rachel V. Cornelius write-in, if any Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 2 Vote for One ☐ Matthew Sommers write-in, if any Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 3 Vote for One ☐ Larry Muff write-in, if any Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 4 Vote for One ☐ Gregg Rosenthal write-in, if any
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SCOREBOARD

South Central White District Football Standings		
	Dist.	Ov.
Waseca	4-0	7-1
Fairmont	3-1	6-2
Luverne	1-3	4-3
New Ulm	1-3	2-6
Worthington	1-3	1-7

Mid-Southeast White District Football Standings		
	Dist.	Ov.
St. Clair/Loyola	5-0	8-0
GFW	4-1	6-2
Blooming Prairie	3-2	5-3
Medford	2-3	2-6
NRHEG	1-4	7-7
WEM	0-5	1-7

Mid-Southeast Red District Football Standings		
	Dist.	Ov.
Lester Prairie	5-0	8-0
Mayer Lutheran	4-1	6-2
Alden-Conger/Glen-Em	3-2	5-3
United South Central	2-3	3-5
JWP	1-4	2-6
Cleveland	0-5	1-7

Section 3AAA Football Standings		
	Sect.	Ov.
Waseca	5-0	7-1
Fairmont	3-1	6-2
Luverne	1-3	4-4
Tri-City United	2-1	3-5
Worthington	1-3	1-7
New Ulm	2-4	2-6
Belle Plaine	0-2	2-6

Section 3AAA Football Tournament
Tuesday, Oct. 25 quarterfinals, 7 p.m.
Worthington (5) at Tri-City United (4)
Belle Plaine (7) at Fairmont (2)
New Ulm (6) at Luverne (3)
Waseca (1), bye
Saturday, Oct. 29 semifinals at high seed, 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 4 finals at New Ulm High School, 7 p.m.

Section 2AA Football Standings		
	Sect.	Ov.
St. Clair/Loyola	4-0	8-0
Blue Earth Area	2-0	6-2
Maple River	1-1	6-2
Blooming Prairie	3-1	5-3
Medford	2-2	2-6
NRHEG	1-3	1-7
LeSeuer-Henderson	0-2	1-7
WEM	0-4	1-7

Section 2AA Football Tournament
Tuesday, Oct. 25 quarterfinals, 7 p.m.
WEM (8) at St. Clair/Mankato Loyola (1)
Medford (5) at Blooming Prairie (4)
NRHEG (6) at Maple River (3)
LeSeuer-Henderson (7) at Blue Earth Area (2)
Saturday, Oct. 29 semifinals at high seed, 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 4 finals at JWP High School, 7 p.m.

Section 2A Football Standings		
	Sect.	Ov.
Lester Prairie	5-0	8-0
Mayer Lutheran	5-1	6-2
Gibbon-Fairfax-Win.	2-1	6-2
Alden-Conger/GE	3-3	5-3
United South Central	2-3	3-5
Janesville-Waldorf-P.	1-4	2-6
New Ulm Cathedral	0-0	2-6
Cleveland	0-6	1-7

Section 2A Football Tournament
Tuesday, Oct. 25 quarterfinals, 7 p.m.
Cleveland (8) at Lester Prairie (1)
United South Central (5) at Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons (4)
JWP (6) at GFW (3)
New Ulm Cathedral (7) at Mayer Lutheran (2)
Saturday, Oct. 29 semifinals at high seed, 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 4 finals at New Prague High School, 7 p.m.

Big South East Conference Volleyball Standings		
	Conf.	Ov.
St. Peter	10-0	17-5
New Ulm	8-2	13-11
Waseca	5-5	10-10
Blue Earth Area	4-6	9-15
Fairmont	2-8	5-19
St. James Area	1-9	3-18

Gopher Conference Volleyball Standings		
	Conf.	Ov.
Bethlehem Academy	11-0	17-10
Kenyon-Wanamingo	10-1	21-8
WEM	9-2	15-13
Hayfield	8-3	19-9
NRHEG	6-5	19-6
Blooming Prairie	5-6	12-12
Medford	5-6	12-16
Randolph	5-6	13-11
Triton	4-7	9-14
Maple River	2-9	11-15
JWP	1-10	7-18
United South Central	0-11	6-21

Section 2AA South Volleyball Tournament
Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.
Minnesota Valley Lutheran (8) at NRHEG (1)
Maple River (5) at Waseca (4)
Blue Earth Area (6) at LCWM (3)
St.Clair (7) at WEM (2)
Tuesday, Nov. 1 quarterfinals at Mankato East, 6/8 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 3 semifinals at New Prague, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5 finals at St. Peter, 6 p.m.

Section 2A South Volleyball Tournament
Monday, Oct. 24
Mankato Loyola (10) at JWP (7)
MLGHECT (9) at USC (8)
Thursday, Oct. 27 at high seed, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 1 semifinals at Sibley East, 6/7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3 finals at St. Peter, 6 p.m.

No. 1 seed secured

Waseca earns first-round bye in section

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Make it two straight shutouts for the Waseca High School football team.

The latest came against a supposedly strong opponent.

The Bluejay offense, strong all season, established itself early and the defense did the job as Waseca won 35-0 at Luverne in the final game of the regular season Wednesday, Oct. 19. It followed a 47-0 blanking of Worthington and was the second shutout in a row of Luverne for the Bluejays, who improved to 7-1 and secured the No. 1 seed and a first-round bye in the Section 3AAA tournament.

"This was an important win for us," said Waseca coach Brad Wendland. "Luverne it is well coached and has a couple really elite players on their team. I like the way our kids responded to the challenge of a long trip on a short week."

After a three-and-out by the Cardinals to start the game, the Bluejays covered 34 yards in six plays, the final 2 on a run by Christian Rodriguez.

The pattern continued. Luverne punted and the Jays scored three plays later on a 6-yard run by Oliver O'Brien.

Luverne finally registered a first down but still punted, and Waseca went 75 yards in five plays, with O'Brien tossing a touchdown pass to Jacob Thompson.

Waseca was up 21-0 at the end of the first quarter, and wasted no time making it 27-0 as O'Brien scrambled 53 yards for a touchdown. That was the halftime score.

The teams traded punts or turnovers on downs until Max Neaves caught a 21-yard touchdown pass from O'Brien early in the fourth quarter.

The game clock went to running time with nine minutes remaining and many reserves found the field for both teams.

With the win, the Bluejays drew a bye in the section tournament that started Tuesday. They'll host a semifinal game Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m.

"The players have earned some time off over MEA break," said Coach Wendland. "Then hopefully we come back fresh and ready to make a run in the playoffs."

Waseca 35, Luverne 0				
WAS	21	6	0	8-35
LUV	0	0	0	0-0
First Quarter				
WAS - Rodriguez 2 run (Neaves kick)				
WAS - O'Brien 6 run (Neaves kick)				
WAS - Thompson 1 pass from O'Brien (Neaves kick)				
Second Quarter				
WAS - O'Brien 53 run (kick failed)				

Bluejays 35, Cardinals 0



SECOND STRAIGHT SHUTOUT — The Waseca High School football team earned another shutout with a 35-0 triumph at Luverne in the final game of the regular season Wednesday, Oct. 19. Above, Jose Mixteco (23) follows the blocking of Tauston Rupe (32) and Benjamin Hagen (50). Below left, Nate Engel-Mueller (33) and Ethan Stenzel (70) combine on a tackle. Below right, Damarius Russell (3) looks for room to run. Bottom left: Payton Garza (52) and Stenzel pave the way for the runners. Below right: Oliver O'Brien (7) runs as Jacob Kehler looks to throw a block. Bottom: Christian Rodriguez runs behind the blocking of Brandon Jascha (58).

Photos by Debbie Rodriguez



Third Quarter			
No scoring		Fourth Quarter	
Was - Neaves 21 pass from O'Brien (O'Brien run)			
		WAS	LUV
First downs	15	10	
Rushing	34-319	3-60	
Passing	8-14	6-23	
Passing Yds.	80	85	
Total offense	369	145	
Penalties	8-80	4-20	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
Rushing - WAS: O'Brien 12-147; Rodriguez 15-89; Da.Russell 3-56; Ludwig 2-31; Mixteco 1-0; Baldaras 1-4; LUV: Hein 11-38; Domagala 13-32; DeBeer 1-2; Sehr 2-3; Cowell 3-9	
Passing - WAS: O'Brien 18-14, 80; LUV: Sehr 4-18, 49; Connell 2-5, 36	
Receiving - WAS: Neaves 3-24; Ahlschlager 1-23; Da.Russell 2-15; Rodriguez 1-9; Ohnstad 1-8 1-8; Thompson 1-1; LUV: Connell 4-49; Ahrendt 1-35; Domagala 1-1	
Defense - WAS: Da.Russell 1 solo tackle;	



Neaves 3 solo, 1 sack; Ahlschlager 5 solo, 1 assist; O'Brien 3 solo, 1 assist; Ohnstad 3 tackles, 1 interception; De.Russell 1 tackle, 1 assist; Mixteco 1 tackle; J.Thompson 1 tackle; Rupe 1 tackle; N.Engel-Mueller 1 tackle;

Johnston 4 tackles; N.Thompson 3 tackles, 2 assists; Robran 1 tackle; Stenzel 5 tackles, 2 assists; Brown 5 tackles, 1 assist; S.Engel-Mueller 1 tackle

WHS CC teams 3rd, 4th in conference

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The Waseca High School cross country teams traveled to Cedar Creek Park in Fairmont for the Big South Conference Championship meet Tuesday, Oct. 18.

With the schools in the conference varying in sizes, the meet was split into two races in the varsity division. Seven of the 12 schools in the meet raced in the small-school race, while the other five teams (including

Waseca) raced in the large-school meet.

The Waseca girls took third in the large-school division, missing second place by a tiebreaker. Marshall won the overall race and the large schools division with Luverne winning in the small-school division.

Ella Dufault led the Bluejays, taking seventh with a time of 20:09.09. Stella Omtvedt, Callie Dufault, and Maren Schimming took 14th, 15th, and 16th, respectively, with times of

21:45.64, 21:47.22, and 21:48.19.

Other finishers: Kya Hoof (22nd, 22:42.91), Taylor Markeson (24th, 23:20.83), and Kelsey Draeger (25th, 23:30.09).

The boys took ninth out of 12 schools with 219 points, and fourth in the large-school race with 99 points. Marshall took the top spot both overall and in the large schools division while the Luverne took first in the small-schools division.

Bluejay brothers Isaac and Joe

Feldkamp placed within the top 10, placing eighth (17:35.6) and ninth (17:41.1), respectively. Other finishers: Addison Sampson (27th, 19:17), Tristan Godwin (31st, 19:52), and Tyler Jellum (34th, 19:56).

The Bluejays traveled to Bancroft Bay Park in Albert Lea for the Section 1AA meet Thursday, Oct. 27. The top two teams and top five individuals qualify for the state meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield Saturday, Nov. 5.

WHS volleyball team ends regular season with a win

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The Waseca High School volleyball team had one last 3-1 victory to savor against Minnesota Valley Lutheran Monday, Oct. 24 before preparing for the first round of the Section 2AA playoffs.

The Chargers arrived in Waseca 1-21. Although they stayed in many games, they never came out the other side with the win. And it

was the same Monday night.

It was a sluggish start for the Lady Jays as MVL took the first set 25-16. But, with the help of senior Riley Ruedy and junior Aliyah Taylor on offense, Waseca took the next three sets with ease 25-19, 25-21, 25-17.

Individually: Ruedy, 13 kills, 8 digs, and an ace; Haylee Sommers, 12 digs; Erika Bowers, 6 digs and an assist; Megan Kanewischer, 3 kills, 4 digs; Avery Madsen, 6 kills, 4 blocks, 2

digs, 2 assists, and an ace; Siri Kuhns with 34 assists and 8 digs; Aliyah Taylor, 14 digs, 10 kills, and an ace; Shanece Brown with 2 digs; Takara Slattery, 6 digs and an assist; Kloe Wadd, 5 digs, 4 blocks, and 4 kills; and Ellie Hoehn with a kill.

The win against the Chargers helped the Bluejays evened their season record to 10-10 (5-5 conference).

The team earned the fourth seed and hosted

No. 5 seed Maple River in the playoffs Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

If Waseca wins, it will either have a rematch against No. 8 MVL or face the top seed New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Panthers on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at Mankato East High School. A loss would end the Jays' season.



NOT EVEN CLOSE — MaKenzie Westphal was a runaway winner in the 2022 Gopher Conference meet.

Photo by Chris Schlaack

Title streak snapped

Grizzly girls 2nd in conference; Westphal wins

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The WEM-JWP cross country teams started out the season rough, but they have gotten better with every meet. Their efforts saw the girls take second overall in the Gopher Conference meet and the boys fourth at Oak View Golf Course Tuesday, Oct. 18.

But, this year marks the first in four seasons that the girls did not take the Gopher Conference championship. Maple River's solid group of runners took the title with 39 points. WEM-JWP totaled 52 points. The team beat squads from Hayfield, Blooming Prairie, United South Central, and Medford.

Despite not winning the conference title as the team, 7th-grader MaKenzie Westphal became the Gopher Conference champion for the girls with a time of 20:44.3. She beat Blooming Prairie's Gloria Hernandez by 14.5 seconds. The Grizzlies' Madalyn Miller and Kwynn Krause made it in the top 10, with Miller placing 8th (23:28.7) and Krause placing 10th (23:38.8).

Other finishers for the girls were Ashlin Keyes (15th, 24:06.4), Madison Kunst (19th, 24:40.4), Faith Olson (21st, 24:59.2), Maddie Heuss (30th, 27:10.9), and Lydia Huelsnitz (41st, 31:14.7).

It was a somewhat tighter contest in the boys' 5K race. It was 10-point difference between third place and sixth, and four points separated WEM-JWP from fourth place and last. Three points separated Gopher Conference champion Maple River and second-place Blooming Prairie.

Three Grizzly runners made it to the top 20. Luke Cahill took 14th with a time of 19:50.3, Wyatt Jans was 17th (20:01.9), and Alexander Kleve placed 19th (20:19.1). Other finishers were Derek Gustafson (22nd 20:35.5), Carter Hoehn (24th, 20:47.7), Gavin Marinenko (31st, 21:23.4), David Lamp (39th, 22:45), and Carson James (51st, 24:44.8).

The Grizzlies travel to Baylor Park in Carver County for the Section 2A meet Thursday, Oct. 27. Westphal is ranked third in Section 2A.

Convincing win

Panthers pound WEM 40-12

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

In the final game of the regular season, the NRHEG High School football team finally found the victory column.

The Panthers, hampered all season by injuries, avoided a winless season with a convincing 40-12 victory at Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Wednesday, Oct. 19. NRHEG improved its record to 1-7 while the Buccaneers fell to 1-7.

"This feels good!" said a jubilant Panthers coach Marc Kruger. "This is a great way to finish up the regular season and head into playoffs. The boys played great. it was nice to see the run game come into form."

For the first time this year, the Panthers won the battle of statistics, outgaining WEM 360-282 in total yards, including 235-171 rushing.

Andrew Phillips, the Panthers' leading ball carrier who's been bottled up as of late, topped 100 yards for the first time since early in the season, totaling 121 yards on 13 attempts - an average of 9.3 yards per carry.

Quarterback Alden Dobberstein completed nine of 14 passes for 125 yards and no interceptions. Phillips caught three of those aerials for 75 yards while Sawyer Prigge snared two for 41.

But while the offense took major steps forward, it may have been defense that made the difference.

"Ethan Thompson had a great fumble recovery for a touchdown off of a Jace Ihrke hit," said Kruger. "I was really proud of the team tonight."

The Buccaneers put the first points on the board, scoring about midway through the first period.

NRHEG answered immediately, with Dobberstein connecting with Phillips for a 51-yard touchdown

pass. Jaylin Raab ran for the two-point conversion and the Panthers led 8-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Thompson's big play came as WEM was deep in NRHEG territory, at the 9-yard line, where the Bucs fumbled and Thompson recovered, running 91 yards to paydirt.

The Panthers' tacked on another score before halftime on a 4-yard run by Phillips. Noah Miranda's PAT kick made it 20-6.

The Panthers proceeded to put it away in the second half, holding on defense and scoring on runs of 2 and 67 yards by Phillips. Thompson scored from 6 yards out to put NRHEG on top 40-6.

WEM scored on a long touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter.

The win gave the Panthers momentum entering the one-and-done playoffs, which began Tuesday. If they pull an upset, the Panthers would play Saturday.

NRHEG	8	12	7	13	— 40
WEM	6	0	0	6	— 12
First Quarter					
WEM - Holicky 6 run (run failed)					
NRHEG - Phillips 51 pass from Dobberstein (Raab run)					
Second Quarter					
NRHEG - Thompson 91 fumble recovery (kick failed)					
NRHEG - Phillips 4 run (kick failed)					
Third Quarter					
NRHEG - Phillips 2 run (Miranda kick)					
Fourth Quarter					
NRHEG - Phillips 67 run (Miranda kick)					
NRHEG - Thompson 6 run (kick failed)					
WEM - Morales 56 pass from Grams (run failed)					
	NRHEG	WEM			
First downs	14	15			
Total plays	43	55			
Rushing	29-235	42-171			
Passing	9-14-0	8-13-0			
Passing Yds.	125	111			
Total offense	360	282			
Fumbles-lost	2-2	3-3			
Penalties	4-21	0-0			
Third down	4-8	4-12			
Fourth down	1-3	0-2			
Turnovers	2	3			



FINALLY — The NRHEG football team found the victory column in the final game of the regular season Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Waterville. Above, the Panthers' Jaylin Raab (5) Sawyer Prigge (8), Nash Howe (10), Andrew Phillips (29) and Sam Olson converge on a ball carrier. Middle left, Ethan Thompson (42) tackles Dylan Holicky. Middle right: the Panthers bear down on quarterback Justin Grams (5). Bottom left: Howe stiff-arms Holicky. Bottom right: Thompson and another Panther tackle Ethan Greenwood.

Pioneer photos by Chris Schlaak



Time of poss. 19:33 28:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing - NRHEG: Phillips 13-121; Par-part 2-54; Raab 4-40; Loverink 1-13; Thompson 1-6; Flatland 1-5; Olson 1-3; Howe 1-0; Staloch 1 — 1; Dobberstein 1 — 6; WEM: Holicky 18-145; Greenwood 14-60; Aladdin 1-3; Taylor 2 — 11; Grams 7 — 26



Passing - NRHEG: Dobberstein 9-14-0, 125; WEM: Grams 7-10-0, 106; Taylor 1-3-0, 5

Receiving - NRHEG: Phillips 3-75; Prigge 2-41; Thompson 1-9; Loverink 1-4; Howe 2 — 4; WEM: Morales 1-56; Androli 2-31; Lange-Wenker 1-14; Holicky 2-10; Greenwood 1-3; James 1 — 3

Defense — NRHEG: Thompson 8 solo tackles, 1 assist; Olson 7 solos; Howe 5 solo, 1 assist; Phillips 4 solo; Schlaak; Loverink 3 solo; Howe 3 solo, Misgen 3 solo; Raab 2 solo; Degen 2 solo; Prigge 1 solo; L.Hanna 1 solo; Flatness 1 solo; A.Hanna 1 solo; Wilkenson 1 solo

Bulldogs net first win in Gopher Conference

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The JWP volleyball team's 3-1 victory against United South Central Tuesday, Oct.18 did a lot of things. It gave the Bulldogs their only win in the Gopher Conference, snapped a nine-game losing streak, and gave them at least a little bit of momentum going into the Section 2A tournament.

Bulldogs 3, USC 1

It didn't start great for the Bulldogs, as the hosting Rebels took an early lead with a 25-18 victory. The Bulldogs then rolled the Rebels, winning 25-17, 25-16, and 25-19.

Individually; Brielle Bure, 2 aces, 15 digs; Claire Walz, a kill and a block; Nevaeh Weimert, 15 assists and a dig; Jessa Westphal, 13 kills, 2 digs, an ace, and a block; Lilly Strauss with 4 aces, 11 kills, and 10 digs; Aubrey Weedman with 23 assists, 10 digs, 6 kills, 5 aces, and a block; Raquel Fischer with 9 kills, 4 digs, and a block; Isabelle Rider with 2 aces and a dig; Paige Walz with 3 kills, 2 digs, and a block; Lexie Dahlberg, 13 digs and an ace; and Ali Olson with 2 digs.

The girls ended the regular season with a 7-17 record. They earned the No. 7 seed and home-court advantage for the first round Monday, October 24.

Bulldogs 3, Loyola 0

The Mankato Loyola Crusaders came into the matchup without a single win in the season. After facing many tough opponents throughout the year, it was a break the Bulldogs needed.

JWP stormed out of the gate, stunning the Crusaders as they took a 25-9 lead. Loyola struck back and tried their best to steal the second set from the Bulldogs. However, JWP held on 26-24.

The last set saw a little competition in the beginning, but the Bulldogs put the Crusaders away with a 25-14 win and a sweep.

Individually; Bure, 5 aces, a kill, and 11 digs; C. Walz, 3 kills and a block; Weimert, 7 assists, 3 digs; Westphal with 17 kills, 5 digs, an ace, and a block; Strauss with 8 digs, 5 aces, 3 kills, and a block; Weedman, 16 assists, 3 digs, 2 aces, a kill, and a block; Fischer with 2 kills and 2 digs; Rider with an ace; P. Walz, 3 kills and a dig; Dahlberg with 8 digs and 3 aces; and A. Olson with a dig.

The winner between the Bulldogs traveled to No. 2 seed Cedar Mountain Thursday, Oct. 27. If JWP wins, it will face either No. 3 Martin County West or No. 6 Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey at St. Peter High School Tuesday, Nov. 1.



DEFENSIVE BATTLE — JWP's game against Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons was scoreless for one half at Janesville Wednesday, Oct. 19 before the visitors scored 21 unanswered second-half points. From left: Gavin Krause (8) tackles Ross Huper (8); Isalah Berndt (20) catches Caleb Quast (7); Landon Johnson (13) is tackled by Jaden Linn (15) and Kyle Honstad (55).



Pioneer photos by Michael Roy

Turnovers, injuries hamper JWP football team in 21-0 loss

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

What started off as a defensive battle between Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton and Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons turned into a 21-0 shutout loss for the hometown Bulldogs Wednesday, Oct. 19.

After celebrating JWP's seven seniors and parents of all team members, the game began as a struggle for both teams' offenses in the first half. JWP's defense played a stout half, forcing four punts and two turnovers on downs.

JWP had a scoring chance on the second drive of the game. Quarterback Karson Lindsay threw a pass to junior wide receiver Nolan Morsching for a 29-yard touchdown on fourth down. But the Bulldogs were called for holding. After another penalty for a false start, a 29-yard touchdown turned into fourth-and-32.

What eventually ended any momentum JWP had was when they

turned the ball over six times. In the second quarter, Karson Lindsay had the wind knocked out of him after throwing an interception and he favored his shoulder. After a few plays by freshman Daulton Bauer, Lindsay went back in the game.

After a scoreless half, JWP turned over the ball five more times to the Knights' lone fumble recovered by junior Dylan McWaters. Lindsay threw two more interceptions and fumbled once while running back Ryder Thissen lost two fumbles, dealing with a minor injury after the first one. Alden-Conger scored all 21 points off of Bulldog turnovers.

"We can't be turning the ball over like that if we want a chance" coach Jeff Wagner said. "That's something we have to clean up."

The team ended its regular season 2-6. After receiving the No. 6 seed.

First Quarter

No Score

Second Quarter

No Score

Third Quarter

AC: Ignaszewski 2 run (Mattson kick)
AC: Hensche 1 run (Mattson kick)

Fourth Quarter

AC: Anderson 17 run (Mattson kick)

Passing: JWP: Lindsay, 8/23, 144 yds, 3 INT. Bauer, 0/2. AC: Mattson, 4/9, 54 yds.

Rushing: JWP: Thissen, 24 att, 104 yds; Morsching, 4 att, 16 yds; Bauer, 1 att for 7 yds; Lindsay, 1 att for 3 yds. AC: Songstad, 18 att, 84 yds; Linn, 5 att for 79 yds; Anderson, 3 att, 28 yds, TD; Mattson, 3 att, 24 yds; Ignaszewski, 5 att, 10 yds, TD; Hensche, 5 att, 4 yds, TD.

Receiving: JWP: Johnson, 4 rec, 87 yds. Born, rec for 9 yds. Kronbach, rec for 7 yds. Nick Johnson, rec for 7 yds. Morsching, rec for 4 yds. AC: Linn, 2 rec, 39 yds; Korman, rec for 10 yds; Ignaszewski, rec for 5 yds.

JWP Defense: VanRavenhorst, 4 tackles (2 for loss) and 2 assists; Thissen, 4 tackles and 2 assists; Berndt, 4 tackles; McWaters, 4 tackles, recovered fumble; L.Morsching, 3 tackles and an assist; N.Morsching, 2 tackles and 5 assists; Erler, 2 tackles and 5 assists; Krause, 2 tackles and an assist; Gerds, 2 tackles and an assist; Quast, 2 tackles; Schlueter, a tackle and an assist.

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The Pastor's Column

Not winning, but being like Christ

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

I rode the school bus for four hours yesterday. When was the last time you rode the school bus? It may just be me, but the seats seem to be getting smaller and harder. I don't think this will be the last time I ride the school bus, but I will remember it more than most.

I have been coaching 9th Grade, or "C Squad," football this year. The coaches are great, the players are young, and the football was exciting. We traveled to the big city and played a 6A team, we did well enough that I let our lineman run the ball.

On the bus ride the coaches and kids like to tell stories. We have heard stories of the glory of Menomonee, Minneota, Rochester, and Eden Prairie. The physical prowess of the 40+ year old men telling the stories has only improved over the years and the students questioned what we were able to accomplish so many years ago. Yet the lessons we as coaches learned when we were younger remain the same that this next generation of players need to learn.

As we have taught this new group of players, they have started to learn the lessons of athletics. Hard work and effort pay off. You can transform your body to accomplish the goals you want to reach. The question becomes, is a player willing to put in the work? We as coaches cannot answer that question, only the player can. It is the same question pastors ask of congregants.

What are you willing to do to become more like Jesus? As followers of Christ we have been called to be more like Jesus every day, but often struggle with that choice and the actions necessary.

"The transformation of our mind, body and spirit brings glory to God and benefit to us."

— Pastor Ken Andrs

Romans 12:1-2 ask us to go deeper in our walk with Christ.

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Just as athletes must practice, prepare, and plan for their competitions so must followers of Christ work on their relationship with and faith in Christ. We must choose to follow God with our whole body, worship Him in spirit, and think about the deep things of faith. Our focus becomes what we can do for God's glory with the life He has given us.

Our goal is not to win the game, but to become like Christ. The transformation of our mind, body and spirit brings glory to God and benefit to us. The benefit is knowing God's will and finding comfort in faith, but the question remains are you willing to put in the hard work to transform your life for God's glory?.

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sota communities are set to receive \$300 million from a settlement with the companies.

4) **Candidates split on solutions for school safety**

Both candidates said the state should do more to help ensure that students and teachers are safe in Minnesota schools, but they split on what spurred dangerous shootings and other incidents. And they put forward different solutions to address the issue.

Walz said the state should continue working to prevent guns from getting into the hands of dangerous people by cracking down on straw purchases and support additional funding for law enforcement groups.

He also said Minnesota should put in place new restrictions, such as requiring additional background checks to buy a firearm and allowing a judge to have a person's firearms removed temporarily if they are believed to pose a risk to themselves or others.

"We have to have a conversation about guns, we have to have a conversation about fully funding our local police. To get there, we need to make sure we're doing all we can to make sure that if you're using a gun in a crime that there's a heavy cost to it," Walz said. "And we need to move upstream in the prevention of it."

Jensen, meanwhile, said schools could do more to review school entry points and state government could help bolster police forces

around Minnesota. He also said the dangerous situations in schools are part of a larger pattern of violence in the state.

"This is a product of a lawlessness that has swept over our state and it started with Tim Walz delaying in May and June of 2020. He unleashed, if you will, a poisonous spread of lawlessness," Jensen said. "Arguably, he is the godfather of the crime epidemic that has swept our country."

5) **California Clean Car rule comes into question**

Asked about the state's Clean Car Rule, which requires auto manufacturers to make more hybrid and electric vehicles available in Minnesota starting in 2024, the governor said the transition would give more options to consumers and help the state move toward its goals on lowering carbon emissions.

The rule is modeled on one in California and has sparked widespread debate.

"If you're going to buy (an electric vehicle) in Minnesota, we have the opportunity to grow our economy, to continue to make that decision, to understand that that is where the market and the climate is going," Walz said. "This is a win-win-win."

But Jensen didn't see it that way. The Republican said the rule forced changes in the auto market despite low demand for electric and hybrid vehicles.

"He's forcing the market, he's forcing inflationary pressures on all Minnesotans. He hasn't come up with his own plan, he simply copied California over and over and over again," Jensen said.

MPR News is set to host the final gubernatorial debate at noon on Oct. 28.

Dedicated to my good friend Daniel

By SANTIAGO RAMIREZ

Etymology is the study of the origin of words. This is an infinite and fascinating world in which we can find the true meaning of words.

Recently I spent two nights in the clinic with my wife on the occasion of the birth of our first daughter; it was a humanly beautiful moment which, with the passing of the hours while we were there in the room with the daughter that the Lord gave us, nostalgia began to take hold of me. Between the memories of our blood families in Colombia and the warmth of our American family, a few chuckles escaped me. My grandmothers would say the one who only laughs at his naughtiness remembers. Indeed, I was remembering my naughtiness and shared it with Lore:

On Monday of the week Salomé was born (Friday), I wrote to Dani to come by the house, as I thought it was the last chance we would have to have a few drinks before Salomé's birth and her trip to Colombia. Due to day-to-day things, it was not possible, but on Wednesday, he wrote to me asking me if he could finally come, and he did. As we missed him so many times in our long-distance conversations, we uncorked a bottle of Whisky, put on some vallenatos, and sat down to chat and imagine what would happen if Lore's water broke at that moment; whom would we call to take us to the hospital because the husband (me) could not do it between drinks he was having. It was all laughter and memories of our friendship, a friendship that he summed up well in a phrase that days later he would say to our American mother while we were taking care of Salomé: "one day you play soccer in Colombia with a friend, and the next day you are in the United States taking care of her daughter together."

For the reader's mental health, Lore's water didn't break that night, and we didn't have to go to the hospital until late Thursday night when she went into labor. The one who only laughs at her naughtiness remembers. Lore confessed to me that my whole life would have been too short of asking her forgiveness if I would not have been in my right mind to drive to the hospital.

I know that the column so far may have snatched a few laughs and awakened a memory or two, but it may also seem scandalous, and I want you to know that I am not ignoring that reality; I believe that writing it or not, does not change the fact itself, and at the same time, I want to be very intentional in highlighting the value of friendship in an increasingly individualistic world.

It has been a few years since Dani and I sat by the side of the road between Circasia and Armenia (Colombia), popularly known as Alto de Colillas, outside the residential complex where he lived, eating obleas in a makeshift stand that was set up on weekends, and dreamed of one day being married and perhaps living outside of Colombia, remembering those moments with our children; Today, the Lord brought us together in Minnesota, gave us a few weeks that even in the perfect utopia we could not have imagined, and allowed us to look each other in the eye and speak a few truths necessary for the soul. There is a proverb that says that as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

I cannot find enough words to describe the joy of knowing that I have someone who has seen my naked soul from the first days that smelled bad and still loved me; asking for forgiveness and knowing that I have been forgiven at different moments of our friendship has been a balm for my heart. I also confess that in a Christianity where legalism is the order of the day, having a friend who is the same to go to church, take care of my daughter, go shopping at the supermarket, cry, unburden myself, tell my struggles, have a few drinks, cook typical meals to share with our wives, fills me with pride.

And what is the etymology for? Well, to say that, in Spanish, the etymology of the word friend finds two poetic definitions with which I define our friendship accompanied by successes and mistakes, but in the end, friendship. The first one says that friend is custody of the soul; the second one says that friend is without himself.

Dedicated to Daniel Jairo Niño Caldas.

"There is a proverb that says that as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

— Santiago Ramirez

mos allí en el cuarto con la hija que el Señor nos dio, la nostalgia se empezó a apoderar de mi, y entre los recuerdos de nuestras familias de sangre que se encuentran en Colombia, y el calor de nuestra familia americana, se me escaparon unas risitas. Dirían mis abuelas: el que solo se ríe de sus picardías se acuerda. Efectivamente, estaba recordando mis picardías y las compartí con Lore:

El lunes de la semana en que nació Salomé (viernes) le escribí a Dani que pasará por la casa, pues yo creía que era la última oportunidad que tendríamos de tomarnos unos traguitos antes del nacimiento de Salomé y de su viaje a Colombia. Por cosas del día a día no se pudo, pero el miércoles él me escribió a mi preguntándome si finalmente podía venir, y así fue. Como tantas veces lo añoramos en nuestras conversaciones a larga distancia, destapamos una botella de Whisky, pusimos unos vallenatos y nos sentamos a charlar y a imaginar qué pasaría si Lore rompiera fuente en ese momento, a quién llamaríamos para que nos llevara al hospital pues el esposo (yo) no podría hacerlo entre copas que andaba. Todo fueron risas y recuerdos de nuestra amistad, amistad que él bien resumió en una frase que días más tarde le diría a nuestra mamá americana mientras cuidábamos a Salomé: "un día juegas fútbol en Colombia con un amigo, y al otro estás en Estados Unidos cuidando juntos a su hija".

Para la salud mental del lector, esa noche Lore no rompió fuente, y no tuvimos que ir al hospital sino hasta caída la noche del jueves cuando ella empezó labor de parto. El que solo se ríe de sus picardías se acuerda. Lore me confesó que la vida entera me hubiera quedado corta para pedirle perdón donde yo no hubiera estado en mis cabales para manejar hasta el hospital.

Sé que la columna hasta aquí puede haber arrebatado unas cuantas risas, despertado una que otra memoria, pero también puede parecer escandalosa, y quiero que sepan que no ignoro esa realidad, simplemente creo que el escribirlo o no, no cambia la realidad misma, y a la vez quiero ser muy intencional en resaltar el valor de la amistad en un mundo cada vez mas individualista.

Han pasado unos cuantos años desde que Dani y yo nos sentáramos al lado de la carretera entre Circasia y Armenia (Colombia) que popularmente se conoce como Alto de Colillas, afuera del conjunto residencial donde él vivía a comer obleas en un puestico improvisado que montaban los fines de semana, y soñáramos con un día estar casados y tal vez viviendo fuera de Colombia, recordando esos momentos al lado de nuestros hijos; al día de hoy, el Señor nos reunió en Minnesota, nos regalo unas semanas que ni en la mas perfecta utopia nos hubiéramos imaginado y nos permitió mirarnos a los ojos y hablar unas cuantas verdades necesarias para el alma. Dice un proverbio que El hierro con hierro se afila, y el hombre afina el semblante de su amigo.

No encuentro palabras suficientes para describir la alegría de saber que cuento con alguien que ha visto mi alma desnuda desde los primeros días que ha olido mal, y aun así me ha amado; pedir perdón y saberme perdonado en diferentes momentos de nuestra amistad ha sido bálsamo para mi corazón. Confieso también que en un cristianismo en donde el legalismo está servido a la orden de día, tener un amigo que es el mismo para ir a la iglesia, cuidar a mi hija, ir de compras al supermercado, llorar, desahogarme, contar mis luchas, tomarme unos tragos, cocinar comidas típicas para compartir con nuestras esposas, me llena de orgullo.

¿Y la etimología para que sirve? Bueno, para decir que, en español, la etimología de la palabra amigo encuentra dos definiciones poéticas con las que yo defino nuestra amistad acompañada de aciertos y errores, pero al final amistad. La primera dice que amigo es custodia del alma; la segunda dice que amigo es sin mi yo. Dedicado a Daniel Jairo Niño Caldas.

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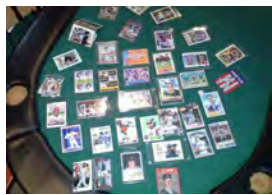
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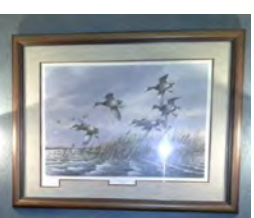
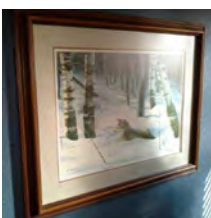
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Crafty Waldorf

By TRISTAN JENSEN
Editorial Assistant

“Scrapping Sisters” was one name casually suggested by DeeAnn Britton, a member of the crafting group which met for their “Croptoberfest” event at the Waldorf Community Center Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, 2022. The group has no official name, but was begun in about 2005 by Lori Courtney with just three members. Today ten or more people attend the group’s events regularly, with ages that differ by as much as 45 years. Initially the group met on a monthly basis, but as life has brought changes over the past seventeen years, they now focus on meeting in May for National Scrapbooking Day, in October for Croptoberfest, and twice a year for retreats to Ormsby, MN.

Most of the members are scrapbookers – Courtney is a consultant with the scrapbooking supply company Creative Memories and provides her crafting group with projects and tools through that outlet – though one regular member of the group is a quilter, and Courtney’s event on Facebook for the day states “EVERYONE AND ALL CRAFTS ARE WELCOME!” Croptoberfest is a public event, yet it’s easy to tell who



CRAFTY - Waldorf’s “Scrapping Sisters” taking part in a craft event at the Waldorf Community Center, Saturday, October 22, 2022. From left: Josie Jackson, Lori Courtney, Jessie Courtney, DeeAnn Britton, Jan Bluhm (standing), Peg Sikel.
Pioneer photo by Tristan Jensen

the founding participants are by their easy familiarity both with each other and with the typical procedures at the events hosted by Courtney.

The most enthusiastic response from the group is to the retreats, held every February and August. Even seven straight years of blizzards during the February retreat have not dampened participant enthusiasm. According to the group, the earliest retreats were in a few different locations as the group searched for a facility that had availability, adequate crafting space, and beauty and comfort. Eight years ago, a refurbished church in Ormsby was selected as

being worthy of retreating to again and again. Group members rave that the workroom is large enough for everyone to spread out their projects and the church windows let in plenty of natural light. Even when it’s storming, Courtney says the indoor lighting is more than enough for a quality crafting space.

Croptoberfest attendance is slightly lower than National Scrapbooking Day or the group retreats, as some members are helping with farming or keeping young children, but Creative Memories provides materials for it every October and the timing is right relative to the group’s

other meetings. Every member of the group brings a dish to pass, and anyone who does the activities to fill a line on their Crafting Bingo card takes home a prize. In case anyone is lacking projects, though crafters so rarely are, Courtney provides her friends with a “project recipe” from Creative Memories which includes materials and instructions to create specific scrapbook pages and greeting cards. No one is required to follow those instructions, however. “There are no rules in scrapbooking,” said Courtney. “And if you make a mistake,” added Britton, “embellish.”

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Hunter hearing should be priority

PRESS RELEASE

MANKATO, Minn. – In advance of the Minnesota firearm deer season opener, Mayo Clinic Health System audiologists are reminding hunters of the importance of protecting their hearing.

Noise over 140 decibels can permanently damage hearing, and almost all firearms are in that range or higher. In comparison, normal conversation falls in the 55–60 decibel range. As we lose hearing due to noise exposure, high-pitched sounds like “s,” “th” and “f” tend to be the first affected.

People who lose the ability to hear these sounds complain that others are mumbling or that sounds feel muffled. They also may develop ringing in the ears, or what’s known as tinnitus.

“I’m a hunter, and I come from a family of hunters, so I know how important it is to be able to hear when you’re in the field,” says Katie Kendhammer, audiologist, Mayo Clinic Health System. “But as an audiologist, I also know how important it is to protect your hearing when using firearms. That’s true whether you’re hunting, shooting targets or sighting a firearm.”

Unfortunately, many hunters don’t use hearing protection while in the field. The most common complaints about hearing protection devices are that they don’t allow hunters to hear game, and the devices are uncomfortable.

For hearing protection to be acceptable, it has to fit well, be easy for the user to insert or wear, and be simple to clean and maintain.

Earplugs are one of the most common hearing protection devices (HPDs). They can be as basic as disposable foam plugs or more advanced custom-made ear molds. They can be designed with filters to let soft and moderate sounds pass through, while reducing loud noises. Consider wearing them on a cord around your neck so they’re always at hand.

Electronic HPD options can make softer sounds louder, but shut off when there is a loud noise, like gunfire. They include earmuffs — instant fit and custom in-ear versions. These HPDs allow hunters to talk and hear animals without removing the devices.

Some higher-end hearing protection devices can provide minimal amplification and protection. For example, if someone is going on an elk hunt, the device can be programmed to pick up the high-pitched elk bugling, while also protecting from loud noises.

An audiologist can test your hearing and help you find higher-quality options that may not be available from retail stores.

Once you select a hearing protection option:

- Practice wearing your new hearing protection, just as you practice your aim. Make it part of your routine. A good time to start is during target practice or sighting.
- Always have disposable hearing protection like foam earplugs handy.
- Consider double-protecting your ears by wearing muffs over plugs.
- Avoid shooting in locations where noise reverberates in the space.
- HPDs range in price from \$10 to more than \$1,000. But just as you invest in clothing, equipment, ammunition and firearms, consider the cost of high-quality hearing protection as part of your sport.



Elect JAY DULAS FOR WASECA COUNTY SHERIFF

WHY VOTE JAY DULAS FOR SHERIFF?

Education/ Experience

Alexandria Technical College - AAS Degree

25 years as a licensed peace officer (1997)

25 years of law enforcement experience

23 years with the Waseca County Sheriff's Office

15 years with the Waseca Fire Department - currently serving as Captain

Former Dispatcher for Waseca County

Former Police Officer for the City of Waterville

Former Dispatcher/ Correctional Officer for the Steele County Sheriff's Office



Duties/ Assignments

Waseca County Crime Prevention Officer (current)

Patrol Deputy Union Steward (Current)

Disaster Response

Investigates crimes, interviews victims & witnesses

Coordinates search and rescue operations

Collaboration with other emergency services during natural or man made disasters

Mock Crash Presentations

Farm Bureau - Farmamerica Safety Days Presentations

Bicycle Safety Days

Annual ECCE Childhood Fair

Waseca County Insurance Committee

Professional Development

2022 Minnesota Sheriff's Association Institute for Credible Leadership Development

2016 Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education Leadership Development

Homeland Security/Incident Command Training

Active Shooter - Preparedness & Response Training

Investigation & Prosecution of Child Abuse & Child Maltreatment Training

Crisis Intervention Training

Mental Health & Wellness Training

National Incident Management System (NIMS) - FEMA Training

Awards & Recognition

2022 Waseca County Employee of the Year

2018 Waseca County Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor

2018 Waseca County Commendation Medal-Meritorious Service

2018 Minnesota Sheriff's Association Nomination for the Medal of Valor

2017 CADA Distinguished Peace Officer of the Year

2017 Minnesota Sheriff's Association Deputy of the Year Award - Honorable Mention

2013 Faribault Police Dept. Commendation for response to a violent domestic assault

Community Involvement

Minnesota Fraternal Order of Police South Central Lodge #16 Executive Board Member 2008-Current

Minnesota Fraternal Order of Police South Central Lodge #16 Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2012

Current Member of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association

Shop with a Hero

Waseca Family Education Center- Reading to & teaching pre-school children about safety

Member of the Waseca County Agricultural Society

Volunteers with Waseca County Sheriff's Posse Events

15 years with the Waseca Fire Department - currently serving as Captain

Serving with Pride, Leading with Integrity

I would appreciate your vote on November 8th.

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