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JWP Awards

JWP Graduation 2026



PROUD GRADUATES - The Janesville Waldorf Pemberton (JWP) graduating class of 2026 turned their tassels at graduation on the evening of Friday, May 22. JWP Principal David Rysdam gave opening remarks. Pioneer photos by Ben Revermann

JWP graduates the class of 2026

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The Janesville Waldorf Pemberton (JWP) 2026 high school graduation ceremony took place the evening of Friday, May 22. The processional was “Pomp and Circumstance” and the graduates certainly had plenty of both as they made their way down the aisle.

After the national anthem, Principal David Rysdam gave opening remarks. Under the leadership of director Adam Hille, the JWP Band played “Defying Gravity”

before class Valedictorian Kate-lynn Olson gave her final speech as a high school senior. The choir sang “May it Be” under the leadership of district vocal music director Joshua Sorenson before class Salutatorian Daulton Bauer gave his final speech.

Jeremy Erler, Superintendent, Principal Rysdam and Sherri Daschener, school board chair, then gave out diplomas for:

Jenna Jo Aasen, Aubrey Adams, Charles Adams, Tiera Anderson, Abigail Balzotti, Daulton Bauer,

Zachary Blasing, Victoria Blomstrom, Garry Bluhm, Devin Cowdin, Aiden Cummins, Kinsey Dreyer, Lillian Ewert, Jay Ramil Gelizon, Chase Gerdt, Grace Groh, Ruby Gunsolus, Alexandra Hanks, Dylan Hood, Wyatt Jahr, Brielle James, Emily James, Kwynn Krause, Keegen Lamont, Kayle Langford, Gavin Loken, Calista March, Claire Miller, Mackenzie Moorman, Elie Morsching, Evan Olson, Katelyn Olson, Tyler Peterson, Lawrence Pietz, Caleb Quast, Lily Quast,

Christian Rodriguez, Noah Rohwer, Rylan Rolfsen, Samuel Ryan, Tyler Schmahl, Rocco Scholl, Caiden Seeley, Travyn Shoultz, Chloe Simonson, Taylor Sims, Scott Storjohann, Zander Terbeest, Michael Walker, Nevaeh Weimert and Mikayla Wheelock.

Once all 52 students had received their diplomas, Principal Rysdam presented the class as the students moved their tassels to the other sides of their caps. The final

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Graduation Open house ads available

Celebrate this year’s graduates in the paper with a photo and open house announcement. Cost is \$25 for one week or \$40 for two weeks. Please email: news@wasecacounty-pioneer.com.

Chris Engel at Indian Island Winery May 29

Chris Engel will perform at the Indian Island Winery from 6-8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29. Engel is a singer and songwriter with an acoustic guitar.

Line Dancing fun night May 30

A Line Dance fun night at The Mill event center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, will include classes and dancing. Admission is \$10 if purchased pre-sale, \$15 at the door.

Barnyard Treasures Spring Pop-up Sale New Richland May 30

There will be another Barnyard Treasures Spring Pop-Up Sale in New Richland at 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. Look for sourdough, wood working, garden decor, antiques, jams and jellies, barnwood and tin signs. They will have at least 11 vendors on hand and are located at 8623 SW 108th St. New Richland.

A word from The Word

Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

Proverbs 22: 24-25



REMEMBERING THE BRAVE - The Waseca community gathered for a Memorial Day program on Monday, May 25. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

Waseca honors Memorial Day

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

About 200 people attended a 9 a.m. Memorial Day program on the lawn of the Waseca County Courthouse.

During his speech, Minnesota Legislative District 19B Representative and retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Tom Sexton made reference to a reading of Lincoln’s Gettysburg address given by Waseca High School student Violet Rohwer prior to his turn to speak. He shared that, during the infamously brutal battle at Gettysburg, the 260 soldiers of the First Minnesota regiment of the Union Army were sent to hold back a force of more than 1,200 soldiers who were in the process of creating what would be a devastating gap in the Union lines. Though from their position on Cemetery Ridge they could easily

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Law enforcement awards feature humor, gratitude

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Humor and heartfelt thanks combined to acknowledge the contributions of the 2026 Waseca Exchange Club Law Enforcement Officers of the Year, honorees Waseca County Sheriff Jay Dulas and City of Waseca police sergeant Tim Schroeder. In a 30-minute ceremony attended by an estimated 75 people, six speakers shared some of their experiences, observa-

tions and gratitude surrounding the two officers.

City public safety director Kris Markeson claimed that, having known both Dulas and Schroeder for more than 25 years, he felt overwhelmed at the task of summarizing their contributions. To help, he summoned “Kristoff the Clairvoyant” who entertained those present with a “reading.”

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HEARTFELT THANKS - Honorees Waseca county Sheriff Jay Dulas, left, and City of Waseca police sergeant Tim Schroeder were celebrated as the 2026 Waseca Exchange Club Law Enforcement Officers of the Year. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

WASECA CITY COUNCIL

State appropriates \$10 million for water upgrades

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

At the Waseca city council meeting the evening of May 19, State Representative Tom Sexton shared that during the just-finished state legislative session, the city of Waseca was appropriated nearly \$10 million to meet ongoing water concerns: \$8.9 million toward the cost of alleviating “inflow and infiltration” problems in the city’s underground water systems, and \$1 million toward the cost of a water tower.

The larger appropriation would cover much of the cost of planned repairs and upgrades in the city’s underground water systems, as well as replacing road surfaces or sidewalks which are disturbed. The \$1 million allocation is toward pre-design, design and property acquisition for a water tower the city plans to construct. Sexton thanked council members and city staff for providing detailed information regarding the projects during the state’s decision-making process. He invited those in attendance to take part in the next session of “Coffee with Tom Sexton,” scheduled at the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce office at noon on Friday, June 19.

The lowest responsible bid for replacing the roof of the Public Safety Building at 303 State Street South was \$659,000. The winning bid was from Jackson and Associates construction of White Bear Lake. The construction will be completed this fall and should take about ten weeks, but a start date has not been de-

Council continued on 6



Compostings

by Al Batt

The loudest usually know the least

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

I applied for a job at a convenience store. They asked me where I see myself in five years.

What did you tell them?
In a mirror.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I hate to brag, but Mr. Rogers asked me to be his neighbor. I was a passenger in a small, formfitting airplane flying over endless water, where I was the only passenger, and seated next to the pilot. He asked me to guess how old he was. I don't like that game. You can't win. He gave me a clue. He said he had been flying since Pontius was a pilot. My guess was way off. He told me he'd always been 83, but I shouldn't worry as he no longer drove a car.

My class was so bright that our teachers had to wear sunglasses. My neighbor Crandall claims he was a flower blooming in manure. He said even though he was as dumb as a bucket of dirt, he graduated because the sheer force of his apathy overwhelmed the school. Once sprung from high school, he couldn't wait to get away. Once away, he couldn't wait to come back.

I got extra credit for sharpening my yellow HB2 pencils made by Ticonderoga, Empire and Papermate. Each pencil had an eraser as a reminder that we all make mistakes. I haven't seen my diploma since we finally got the kitchen table to stop wobbling.

Here's some advice for graduates.

If you eliminate everything that doesn't spark joy. You might end up with nothing but a TV, a sofa and a refrigerator.

The loudest usually know the least.

If you can't fix it, use more duct tape.

Never trust anyone who claims to have all the answers.

Remember where you parked.

I'VE LEARNED

Everything sounds simple if you don't have to do it.

I can tell when they're not using real dinosaurs in a movie.

Donuts are hole grains.

Food dropped on the floor is OK to eat as long as it's picked up within 5 seconds. This can become the five-hour rule if someone is hungry enough.

All high-fiber breakfasts are to go.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

I used to have a fear of hurdles,

but I got over it.

What kind of trousers does a ghost hunter wear? A paranormal jeans.

NATURE NOTES

Why do birds sing loudly in the morning? Because they have no thumbs and can't text.

A deer's coat is reddish in the spring and brown in the fall. It provides thermoregulation and camouflage. Summer coats are reddish and thin, helping to cope with heat stress. The coats tend to be darker in forested areas, and lighter in agricultural areas where deer are exposed to more direct sunlight.

Canada geese don't spend all their time playing vuvuzelas to let us know they aren't quacks. They typically build their nests on the ground but will nest in trees or on buildings. In 1804, Captain Meriwether Lewis (Lewis and Clark Expedition) reported Canada geese nesting in trees along the Missouri River in North Dakota. In 1820, Titian Ramsay Peale recorded a goose in possession of an eagle's nest near what is now Council Bluffs. In the mid-1950s, Montana biologists monitored 77 tree and cliff nests where Canada geese nested. Some sites were 200 feet off the ground. How do the nestlings get out of the nest? They escape the nest in an uncomplicated way. After the goslings hatch, the parents call persistently from the ground. The goslings jump from the nest and flap their puny wings on their descent to the ground. Goslings are as tough as baby wood ducks.

A group of crows is called a "murder." There are several explanations based on folklore and superstitions. There is a folktale in which crows gather and decide the capital fate of another crow. Ancients regarded the appearance of crows as an omen of death because crows are scavengers and were associated with dead bodies, battlefields and cemeteries. The term "murder of crows" reflects a time when groupings of many animals had colorful and poetic names. Is one crow an attempted murder? Are the crows in my yard a murder? They have probable caws.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"I should dearly love that the world should be ever so little better for my presence. Even on this small stage we have our two sides, and something might be done by throwing all one's weight on the scale of breadth, tolerance, charity, temperance, peace, and kindness to man and beast. We can't all strike very big blows, and even the little ones count for something."—Arthur Conan Doyle.



COMING HOME - On May 22, a flag-draped casket holding navy pilot Thomas Ruth's remains was loaded into a plane in Hawaii and flown to the Twin Cities.

The final return of a lost navy pilot

"The creator worked this out just right," commented one veteran. "To have this happening over the Memorial Day weekend."

"This" is the return of navy pilot Thomas Ruth to his home town 85 years after he left. Ruth's plane had crashed in an obscure jungle in enemy territory during a battle in the Solomon Islands in 1943, believing the plane to have gone down in deep water, the navy had pronounced his body "unrecoverable." In 2013, an MIA/POW investigation team learned of a crashed plane in the jungle in the vicinity of the battle site and found human remains inside. Based on various clues, the military contacted the Ruth family and requested DNA samples from three nephews. After the DNA comparison provided positive identification last year, arrangements began for the lieutenant's trip back to Jackson, where he will be buried near his parents. The Fairmont Sentinel newspaper reports that, after being told her son's body would likely never be returned to her, his mother had long ago had a stone placed for him in Jackson's Riverside Cemetery.

On May 22, a flag-draped casket



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

holding Ruth's remains was loaded into a plane in Hawaii: The forensic laboratory which had identified him is located at Pearl Harbor. At the Twin Cities airport, arrangements had been made for a hearse, a law enforcement escort, and a team of volunteer "Patriot Riders," veterans who volunteer to accompany military processions on their motorcycles, to take custody of the casket and travel with it on the 2.5 hour drive to Jackson.

The procession planned only one stop, to purchase fuel at the Casey's convenience store near Ellendale. There, area veterans had been asked to gather for an "honor guard," a recognition they provide often during ceremonies of various types, including funerals. Veterans were asked to

be there in advance of the time the procession was expected, about 4 p.m.

Veterans from the Ellendale and Geneva American Legion and V.F.W. organizations began gathering around 3:30. As they were preparing for the expected arrival, they learned the plane had only just landed in the Twin Cities.

The day was chilly, with temperatures in the 60s which, thanks to the wind, felt like the 40s. The wind made conversation difficult, so the veterans there stood in tight groups or retreated to their cars to wait. No one left. No one complained. They chatted amiably about a wide range of subjects.

Having been asked to be there for the sake of some newspaper coverage,

I was now also compelled to wait. I'm grateful I did.

The conversations among the veterans as they waited provided me with an insight. However far apart their birth years may have been, veterans came of age in the same place. They were faced with physical, mental and emotional challenges—their drill sergeants made sure of it—and leaned on each other to overcome them. They learned who could be relied upon and who could not, and were forced to recognize that very little in life is "fair."

That hour-long wait allowed me a glimpse at why veterans feel so strongly connected to one another. Wherever and however each of them grew up, the compacted, concentrated coming of age they have in common has made them brothers.

So given that it has now been 109 years since his birth, it could be said there are no members of Thomas Ruth's generation waiting to welcome him back to his hometown. On the other hand, he has hundreds of brothers whose hearts are lifted to know that he has finally come home.

Taking life into my own hands and making change

The amount of Goldfish I've eaten this week is diabolical.

Jack and I bought the Costco box of cheddar Goldfish crackers; inside the box are three large bags filled with little Goldfish. I feel like a child as I fill a small bowl almost every time I eat. It's just so yummy.

But maybe I'm enjoying them so much because I've also just been enjoying life.

Earlier in the week, I was getting sad and stressed about not having any friends here that I can just hang out with. While Jack says that I think way too much about things (I do) and that he has no idea how I live with it, it was really getting to me. So I decided to do something about it.

I reached out to a girl from book club that I clicked with and asked if she wanted to do anything this weekend. Thankfully, she responded and said she did! We set up a time to picnic on Sunday with another girl from our bookclub. It turned out to be an enjoyable and fulfilling time.

And then on Thursday, before pic-



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

nicking, I got invited to go out to a line dancing/country bar. It was a Thursday night, and I only knew one person going, so I debated with myself before deciding that if I was lonely, I was being presented with an opportunity to fix that right here. So I went and had a great time.

Thursday was ladies' night, where you get in with a \$20 cover charge, but then all the drinks for women were free the rest of the night. I walked in and was immediately presented with a sea of people in cowboy boots, jeans, and cowboy hats. While it gave me a little feeling of home in the big city of Denver, the best part was the dancing.

In the middle of the joint was a large dance floor in front of a stage that had live country music. The dance floor was half filled with line dancers and half with couples swing dancing. My love for dancing immediately drew me there as I watched couples swing around and around, and people of all skill level line dance to fun country songs. I even participated in some line dances, learning quickly for some and not as quickly with others. But people didn't seem to mind me stumbling around trying to catch up with the turns, skips, and claps.

To add to my desire to do something about my loneliness, I had the pleasure

of going out on Saturday as well. Jack and I attended the Boulder Creek Festival during the day, where we had free tickets courtesy of my work to go to the beer festival, where we got to drink as much beer as we wanted for two hours. Then later that night, we went out with some of Jack's friends to Broken Bow, a new bar downtown. I know I'm still young, but I swear I feel old as my body tells me the next morning how much staying up until four in the morning is in fact not the greatest idea.

All this to say I was lonely, and then I did something about it. As someone who usually takes life as it comes, it felt nice to realize that sometimes, you just have to take matters into your own hands. It was a good reminder that if you want change, it starts with you. I didn't realize how much I needed that reminder to take my life into my own hands and do the things I want to do.

My Determination: "Beware; for I am fearless, and therefore powerful." — Mary Shelley, Frankenstein

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'Tis the season of graduation and baseball.

I had the pleasure of watching a lot of high school baseball this week. Namely NRHEG and JWP.

Both teams are still alive in the section 1A playoff race, which is down to the final four teams: NRHEG, JWP, Southland and Lewiston-Altura.

JWP and Southland remain undefeated and play in the Section Semifinals Saturday at Riverland College in Austin at 11 a.m. The loser will play the winner NRHEG and LA.

NRHEG, seeded 1st of 16 teams, began their tournament run with two wins, defeating the 16-seed 4-1 in the opening round and LA 10-6 before losing to Southland in a nail-biter 6-5.

One bad inning cost the Panthers in their 6-5 loss. The Panthers left a run on the board on a failed attempt to score via sacrifice fly in the third. Some could argue we should not have tried to score on such a short fly ball, especially with it being the first out, but as I watched the play unfold, I thought, from the stands, we should make Southland make the play. They did, and we looked the

fools on that play. Hindsight tells me, with that being the first out, we should have not sent the runner. We clawed back, scoring runs multiple times, but came one clutch hit from securing the win. Southland celebrated as if they had won the world series. Good for them.

Many teams would have quit after such a "wind blown out of our sails" type of loss, but not the Panthers. After falling down 5-3 in the first inning, they exploded for 13 runs over the final six innings of the game. One broken bat and a few fiery speeches from coach Marcus Fischer later, the Panthers extended their season by a few days.

JWP, seeded second in the section, sailed to victories in its contests, until Monday when they faced their toughest challenge, 3-seed Blooming Prairie. The Bulldog starting pitcher looked unhittable through

three innings. Blossom players were intentionally calling "timeout" in the box seconds before the pitch to try and rattle him. It didn't work. I left for the Panthers game, across the sporting complex after said third inning, not expecting the Blossoms to manage much against such a strong ace pitcher. I was wrong.

As I walked back from the Panthers game to catch the end of the Bulldog game, JWP walked it off 6-5, coming from behind to earn a trip to the semi-finals.

For the Bulldogs to earn a trip to the state tournament, they will have to win two more games. One Saturday and another Tuesday. If they lose Saturday, they will have to win again on Saturday and twice on Tuesday.

For the Panthers, they need to beat LA, again, on Saturday at 11 a.m. in Austin, and then beat the loser of

Saturday's semi-finals and then win twice Tuesday. Watching numerous section tournaments over the past handful of seasons, it is not completely uncommon for the winner of the "elimination" bracket to come from behind and earn a trip to state.

It was great fun to watch close, competitive games. As I often say about high school baseball. It's often the team which makes fewer mistakes that comes out on top. Baseball is especially punishing, it seems. In the Panthers' win, Monday, they committed far fewer errors than their competitors. In their loss, all six runs allowed were "unearned" because the Panthers committed three errors before allowing any runs, which all came in the same inning. The runs are "unearned" because the inning should have been over had the defense not made mistakes on routine plays. However, no play is routine at the high school level. Put the ball in play and good things will happen.

My dad tells me, in his more than four decades covering high school sports, he has never had one of his teams qualify for the state baseball tournament. From what I've seen, this year may be the first.

STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

Ben Cook-Feltz at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Sunday, May 31
Ben Cook-Feltz will play at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm from 1-7 p.m. on Sunday, May 31. Cross Paul Simon with Weird Al Yankovic. Ben and his band want to play great music, they also want you to have fun.

Tom Sexton 2026 Campaign Kick-Off Friday, June 5
Minnesota House of Representatives member Tom Sexton, representing legislative district 19B, will be kicking off his 2026 campaign from 4:30 to 7 p.m. June 5 at The Mill Event Center in Waseca. The event will include a \$10 burger fry.

Vacation Bible School Immanuel Lutheran Church June 8-12
There will be a vacation bible school for grades 3-8 from 8:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. on Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12. Please register before May 24, call LuAnn Krienke at 521-1834 or Sally Marquardt at 461-3466. They are located at 30266 35th St. Janesville.

Blood Drive at Waldorf Community Center on June 9
There will be a blood drive at the Waldorf Community Center from 1-6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9. They are located at 109 S Main Street.

Car Show for Children’s Miracle Network June 10
Owners of classic cars are asked to bring their vehicles to the parking lot of the former Dollar General Store in Waseca: 2000 State Street North, in time for a show scheduled to last from 5 to 7 p.m. the evening of Wednesday, June 10. Viewers will be charged \$2 to walk through the show; proceeds will go to the Children’s Miracle Network. For more information call 507-835-2250.

Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Meeting June 11
The SWCD will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11. All meetings are at the SWCD Offices, 300 North State Street, Door 4. Anyone can attend.

Catholic Daughters salad luncheon Thursday, June 11
The Catholic Daughters of Sacred Heart Church are holding a salad luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 11. More information is available at 507-461-4726

Waseca Art Center’s Summer Art Camp June 23-26
The WAC will be holding a Summer Art Camp at 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 23 through Friday, June 26. Kids will be taught K-3 by Karen Krause, Kaitlin Roberts 4-6 and Missy Donner 7-12. Limit 12 students per group. Register at www.wasecaartcenter.org or come into the art center.



FLAG BEARERS - Allen Kopetzki was one of 20 volunteers at the Avenue of Flags installation at the Woodville Cemetery on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann



VOLUNTEERS - Jackie Barbknecht, Kevin Dickie and Grant Whissemore were the first to arrive at the Avenue of Flags at the Woodville Cemetery on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Volunteers install Avenue of the Flags

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The Avenue of Flags was put up at the Woodville Cemetery the afternoon of Tuesday, May 19. Various groups contributed to the project: the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), the American Legion Riders (ALR), and the American Legion Auxiliary. Close to 20 people volunteered to put up a total of well over 200 flags at Woodville and Calvary cemeteries. An on-line source defines an Avenue of Flags as “a patriotic community service initiative that honors veterans, supports national pride, and strengthens community bonds through the display of the U.S. flag on designated holidays.”

Kevin Dickie, leader of the Waseca Area Memorial Day Committee, positioned a slowly rolling trailer along the cemetery roadways. As flags were posted, the trailer moved forward. Once all parts of the posts are in place, flag poles are around 20 feet high, with some of that height in the ground. Volunteers removed the rolled and stacked flags from the trailer, unrolled them, and set the top part of the poles in place. True to flag etiquette, workers were careful not to let the flags touch the ground. Dickie had set the bottom section for each pole ear-

lier in the day—173 at Woodville and 76 at Calvary.

Volunteers recalled 2024, when a storm damaged about 18 poles at Woodville and 26 at Calvary. “Through donations and elbow grease we were able to replace them,” said Dickie.

Former Memorial Day Committee leader Grant Whissemore assisted with the evening’s work, saying he was happy to be of help. Brad Schnepf was also there, dressed in his motorcycle leather. He said, “I’m from the American Legion Riders, this is my first year helping out, but cut me some slack, I just joined and I plan on staying.”

Dickie approached the crowd and explained the finer points of flag installation, “Keep in mind these poles can be heavy. If you need help, just let us know.” The truck with the trailer began moving slowly forward in the direction of Clear Lake. Each person began lifting poles and setting them in their mounts. Each flag is marked with a small plaque which volunteers positioned facing the road. Plaques indicate either who donated the funds to purchase the flag, or the name of a veteran in whose honor it was acquired.



Area Foundation donates \$17,000 to school

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

During the May 18 NRHEG School board meeting the New Richland Area Foundation—represented by board members Betsy Bartness, Kalisha Routh, Karla Christopherson, and Kermit Schoenrock—shared news about more than \$17,000 in grants given to school-related projects. The spring round of New Richland Area Foundation (NRAF) grants included about \$2,000 for the purchase of interactive display screens for use in classrooms; about \$5,000 worth of textbooks and materials to be used in a new elementary reading curriculum; \$1,000 toward the cost of installing handicapped accessible walkways to the equipment now in place at the elementary site’s inclusive playground; \$3,000 to be used as “scholarships” to help three- and four-year-olds attend the Panther Preschool; nearly \$3,000 toward a “core knowledge” language arts curriculum for preschoolers; \$2,000 to purchase supplies for activities offered during summer school and after-school programs; and \$1,000 toward the support of the competitive cheerleading boosters’ initiatives.

Prior to arriving at the school board meeting, Foundation board members had also visited the New Richland Area Sportsmen’s Club, where \$1,800 was donated in support of the club’s pollinator garden, native prairie, and the purchase of trees to replace some which are dying in St. Olaf Lake park. They had also stopped at the New Richland Public Library, where \$700 was given to allow the library to acquire an interactive “Toniebox” collection. The electronic equipment incorporates small figurines which, when placed on a portal, appear to begin talking about and interacting with a specific book.

In addition to learning about the various initiatives the grants will support, board members accepted a list of 55 twelfth-graders who are “on track to graduate.” Superintendent Michael Meihak clarified that, although not all individuals on the list have completely met the requirements, it is understood there is still sufficient time before the May 31 graduation ceremony for the necessary work to be completed.

The board also accepted the retirement of elementary physical education teacher Beth Schoenrock and paraprofessional Diana Oltmann. Resignations were submitted by administrative assistant to the secondary principal Nikki Cromwell, director of bands Seth Schaefer, and paraprofessional and ELL specialist Cynthia Tucker.

The board also approved renewing the school district’s property, liability, auto and workers’ compensation insurance through agent and past district graduate Tyler Firme of Heinz Insurance out of Owatonna. Board members made the observation that the 6.9 percent cost increase for the insurance was lower than they had feared.

County Board considers trail, construction

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

During their meeting the morning of May 19, members of the Waseca County Board of Commissioners welcomed Freeborn County public works director Phil Wacholz, who provided an update regarding the planned regional Songbird Trail, slated to someday provide walking or biking passage from Albert Lea to the Sakatah Trail in the vicinity of Waterville. Thanks to grants and donations, Wacholz said, Freeborn County now has funds for some of the most expensive elements of the project within its borders: a bridge across the four-lane section of State Highway 13 on the west side of Albert Lea, and upgrades to bring three or four railroad bridges up to pedestrian or biking standards, with a smooth surface and guardrails.

The Waseca County Board had previously signed a resolution to become part of the efforts to create a regional trail: Wacholz now

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asked for a memorandum of agreement which would help provide assurance to agencies and benefactors that the trail will someday actually cover the intended distance.

Wacholz promised Waseca County leadership would be an independent actor as far as the pace and planning of the trail within its boundaries. He shared some information regarding possible sources of funding which commissioners commented seemed promising. Freeborn County was able to purchase right of way for their section of the trail from the railroad soon after train traffic on the north/south tracks was discontinued: Waseca County made efforts to do the same a decade or more ago, but was met by no interest from the railroad company.

Board members also heard from University of Minnesota Extension educator Amy Nelson, who

works closely with county 4-H chapters. Nelson said more than 230 county youth are enrolled in 4-H; 170 prepared projects or took part in the 2025 county fair in some way. Nelson commented on the many ways 4-H helps participants build leadership skills and stated the county has a young generation which is “beyond ready” to step into roles where organization and planning are needed.

County board members followed the recommendations of the planning commission to issue needed permits for an outdoor cannabis growing operation on property south of Waseca, for the construction of a 4 megawatt photovoltaic solar array on a 26-acre parcel of land near Waterville, and for an electrical substation to be located just east of Janesville along County Highway 14.

During their 8 a.m. work session, board members looked at the first draft of a county-wide strategic plan. Over the past several weeks, county administration and

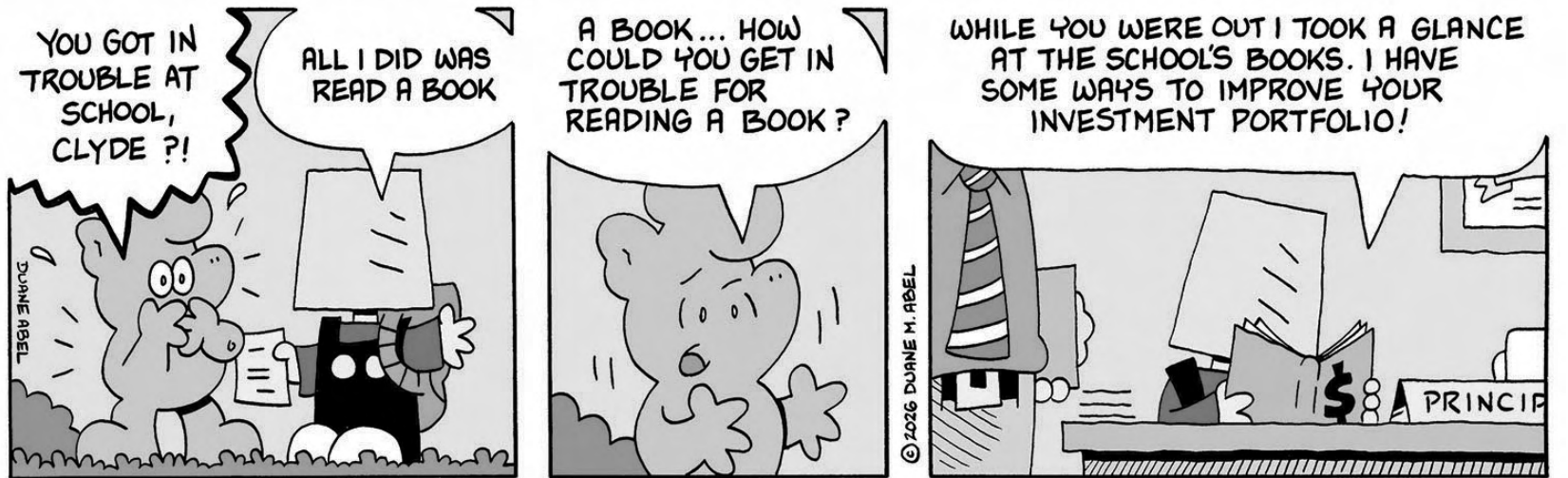
board members had worked with consulting firm DDA Human Resources out of Faribault to share their impressions about various aspects of the county government’s work.

County administrator Michael Johnson gave a quick summary of the document, which is dozens of pages long.

Shown near the beginning of the document were the county’s three proposed priorities for the years 2026, ‘27 and ‘28: Continue work on the new justice center and modernizing infrastructure; build and maintain excellence in the county workforce and organizational leadership; provide excellent service and communication to continue building public trust. Listed under each of the priorities were proposed strategies and goals.

Johnson asked board members to consider the proposed plan and be prepared to provide input at a future meeting. In the meantime, he said, a similar request would be made of county department heads.

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Members of the community gathered on the lawn of the Waseca County Courthouse on Memorial Day morning on Monday, May 25.

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see the odds they were facing, the Regiment charged and proved itself over and over again while other units were rallied, prepared, and then sent to join them. Fewer than 50 members of the First Minnesota walked away unharmed.

Sexton indicated the Civil War cannon and the nearby plaque which shows, in bronze, the names of Waseca County residents who volunteered. Saying they were sons, husbands, and fathers from families both long established and newly arrived, Sexton pointed out they answered the call to serve. Some of them listed there, he went on to say, had doubtless been among the soldiers of the First

Minnesota.

Before the Monday morning program began, Scouts from Waseca area groups were moving among the crowd distributing programs and small flags. A parade featured honor guards from the Waseca American Legion, V.F.W. and Legion Auxiliary, the Marching Jays and their Color Guard, the Waseca County Sheriff's Posse, and the scouts, all accompanied by trucks from area fire departments.

The High School band and the Waseca High School male and female sextets presented "The Star Spangled Banner." The sextets also performed "Homeward Bound" and "America."

The Trace Adkins song "Empty Chair" was sung by John and Simon Hoehn.

A rifle squad salute and the playing of Taps concluded the program.

Waseca Garage Sale



Aiden, Charity and Jeanette Groskreutz of Southeast Waseca



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David Byrne of West Elm Avenue



BIG SALES - Waseca's city-wide garage sales took place on Friday, May 15, 2026. Pictured at left are Myah and Selene of northeast Waseca. In the middle, Kevin Dickie of southeast Waseca. On the right is pictured Ashley Lynch of West Seventh Avenue.

Pioneer photos by Ben Revermann



HSUSA international exchange students gather

WASECA, Minn. — Alexander House recently welcomed High School USA (HSUSA) international exchange students and host families for a year-end departure orientation and celebration, marking the conclusion of another school year filled with cultural exchange, personal growth, and meaningful connections.

The annual gathering brought together students from around the world and the Minnesota families who opened their homes throughout the school year and semester. The event served as the required departure orientation for students preparing to return to their home countries while also creating space for reflection, fellowship, and preparing for what many participants describe as the most difficult part of the experience, saying "see you later."

The afternoon included shared food, conversation, and opportunities for students and host families to connect as they reflected on experiences and memories made throughout the year. Students also participated in final orientation requirements covering departure procedures, transition planning, and the challenges that can come with returning home after spending months immersed in a different culture. The students traveled from Italy, Spain, and the Czech Republic to immerse themselves in American culture.

Sara Jennes, HSUSA Area Coordinator, spoke about the lasting impact exchange programs have on both students and host families.

"These students become so much more than participants in a program, they become family," said Jennes. "As a coordinator and host mom myself, I know firsthand how quickly these relationships grow and how much these students become part of our daily lives. Saying goodbye never gets eas-



EXCHANGING FUN - Front Row: Pietro-Italy, Nicole-Italy, Mikhail Rostislavovich. Back Row: Mork Family, Dexter, MN. Sara Jenes Local Coordinator, New Ulm, MN. Gabriele, Italy, Zdenek, Czech Republic, David, Spain, Mezra Family, Bloomington.

ier because we aren't really saying goodbye at all; we're simply sending our bonus children home with the hope and expectation that our relationships continue for years to come. Opening up your home and hearts to a student is such a selfless act."

Throughout the year, students became involved in schools, activities, and local communities while introducing host families and friends to traditions, foods, and perspectives from their home countries. Likewise, host families often found themselves learning as much from their students as the students learned from them.

Alexander House served as the host location for the year-end event, providing a setting for students and families to gather and celebrate the close of the exchange experience.

Mikhail Rostislavovich of Alexander House said the gathering represented exactly what makes international exchange experiences so meaningful.

"Hospitality has always been about more than simply opening a door," said Rostislavovich. "It is about opening your life and your home to others. Watching these students become part of families and part of our community has been remarkable. The friendships formed around dinner tables, in schools, and throughout Waseca will continue long after suitcases are packed and flights depart."

For students, the experience often leaves a lasting impression and creates relationships that extend well beyond borders.

Zdenek Kavka, Mikhail Rostislavovich's exchange student, reflected on his experience in Minnesota and the people who welcomed him.

"Coming here was exciting, but I did not realize how much I would feel at home," said Zdenek. "I came to learn about America, but I also gained friendships, experiences, and people who became family to me. I know returning home will be difficult because I will miss everyone here, but I know these relationships will continue. I learned that hugs should not be given out sparingly."

As students now prepare for their return home, organizers say the experience serves as a reminder that while the school year may be ending, the relationships built through exchange programs often continue for a lifetime.

HSUSA expressed appreciation to the students, host families, and community members who supported the program throughout the year and helped create meaningful experiences for students during their time in Minnesota. If anyone in Waseca is interested in hosting a student, they can reach out to Mikhail Rostislavovich for more information.

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School district considering expanding day care options

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

During their regular business meeting on May 21, Superintendent Eric Hudspith informed Waseca school board members regarding district events scheduled during the last two weeks of the school year. These included commencement ceremonies, scholarship awards night, and music program concerts.

Hudspith presented information regarding the possibility of expanding child care options offered through the school district. He explained board members would be asked to vote on the matter at a future meeting. Hudspith stated that, by expanding its services, the district would be addressing “a documented unmet need within the community” of child care services needed for infants and toddlers. The proposed childcare program model (modeled after the currently existing “Jay’s Nest” preschool) would operate year-round from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with 12 to 20 slots for toddlers and 4 to 8 slots for infants in one dedicated room per age group.

Hudspith said the district sought an arrangement minimizing district investment while providing a ready-to-use space and can partner with Grace Lutheran Church which was the home of Grace Garden childcare

and preschool until recently. A facility partnership with the church gives the district an operation-ready space with room for growth while minimizing costs and facility risks.

Hudspith told board members the planning team is hoping to have all the information needed to consider opening the program “as easily as we can in the next school year.” He said he will bring more information to the board in the next months for discussion and approval.

Business Director Andrew Adams reported that the district’s end of the year enrollment number is close to that of September, with a difference of only two. Adams summarized district budget numbers for the board, commenting they “are on plan and looking good going into the end of the year.”

Action items included adoption of the math curriculum Reveal that will be purchased for the next school year. Hudspith reminded board members that next month they will hear more about the purchase during preliminary budget discussion. A facility maintenance tour for board members is scheduled for May 28.

WASECA SCHOOL BOARD

WCHS invites public to help uncover the story behind a 48-star American flag

History always arrives with more questions than answers.

The Waseca County Historical Society is sharing the story of a remarkable 48-star United States garrison flag recently brought to local attention. Measuring approximately 32 feet by 19 feet, this enormous cotton bunting flag is not the kind of flag that would have hung on a front porch or been carried in a small parade. It is the largest standard military flag size, traditionally used for forts, bases, major ceremonies, national holidays, and large public displays.

And yet, for now, its story remains a mystery.

The flag dates from the era when the United States had 48 states, a design used from 1912 to 1959 after the admission of New Mexico and Arizona and before Alaska joined the Union. During that long period, the 48-star flag flew over the country through some of the most defining moments of the 20th century, including World War I, World War II, and the Korean War.

“This is the kind of object that stops you in your tracks,” said the Waseca County Historical Society Executive Director, Amy Danielson. “Its size alone tells us it was meant to be seen. But the real question is: where was it seen, and by whom?”

The flag is especially notable for its craftsmanship and condition. It features hand-sewn stars and machine-sewn stripes, reflecting a period when traditional handwork and modern manufacturing existed side by side. Despite its large size and likely use in public or institutional settings, it remains remarkably well preserved, with only minor staining and no major structural damage.

What is not yet known is where the flag came from.

Was this giant flown above a local school? A courthouse? A civic building? A military training site? Was it part of a ceremony remembered by local families? Did generations of Waseca County residents pass beneath it without knowing that, decades later, its story would be waiting to be rediscovered?

The Historical Society hopes the community may hold the missing pieces.

Anyone who recognizes the flag, remembers a large historic flag being displayed locally, or has photographs, family stories, or records that may help identify its origin is encouraged to contact the Waseca County Historical Society.

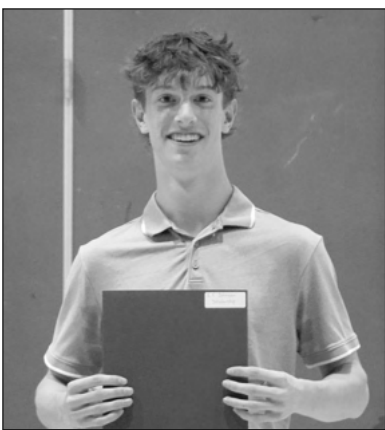
“This is what makes local history so meaningful,” Danielson said. “Sometimes the artifact survives, but the story has to be rebuilt by the community. We would love to know where this flag flew, what it witnessed, and why it mattered to the people who saw it.”

While formal appraisal would be needed to determine monetary value, the flag’s size, condition, construction, and era all make it historically compelling. More importantly, it represents a shared symbol that would have been familiar to multiple generations — a flag that may have watched over public gatherings, wartime commemorations, school events, or civic celebrations.

For now, the mystery remains open.

And somewhere in Waseca County, there may be someone who remembers. WCHS is looking to sell the flag to a place it can be properly preserved, and hopefully exhibited. Community members with information are invited to contact the Waseca County Historical Society at 507-835-7700 or execdirector@wasecacountyhistorycenter.org

JWP Awards



ACADEMIC SCHOLARS - The Janesville Waldorf Pemberton Academic and Scholarship Awards Program took place on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Pioneer photos by Ben Revermann

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The Pastor's Column

Stay close to the trinity

By FATHER GLENN FRERICHS

You may have heard the story of Augustine. Once, as he walked along the beach, he noticed a small boy. The child was running back and forth between the ocean and a small hole he had dug in the sand. With each trip, the boy scooped water from the sea to pour into the tiny hole. Augustine approached the boy and asked: "My child, what are you doing?" The boy replied cheerfully: "I am trying to empty the entire ocean into this hole." Augustine smiled and gently explained, "That is impossible. The sea is vast and infinite compared to this tiny hole. You will never be able to pour all the water of the ocean into it." Then the child looked up at Augustine and replied: "And you, likewise, will never be able to fully comprehend or fit the mystery of the Holy Trinity into your finite human mind."

Many people have tried to describe the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which continues to distinguish Christians from all other religions. Sometime after his experience with the boy on the beach, St. Augustine would use the analogy of our soul having three parts: memory, intellect, and will, to describe how God can be three persons in one. Each faculty is distinct from the others, yet they cannot be separated and are all inseparably part of the same soul. Each faculty relies on the others to fulfill the needs of the whole.

St. Augustine then offers another analogy. In this example, he describes the Holy Trinity as a Lover, a Beloved, and Love itself. The Father (Lover) begets the Son, who is the Beloved. The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from both, is described as the love that proceeds from the Father and the Son. This love between the Father and the Son is so profound that a third person proceeds in this manner.

While St. Patrick used the simple analogy of a shamrock, a single plant with three leaves, perhaps the

young Russian artist Andrei Rublev expressed it best in his world-famous Holy Trinity Icons, also known as Hospitality. This icon depicts the visit of three angels to Abraham, an iconic Old Testament scene (Gn 18:1-8). All three persons are seated around a table, equidistant from one another, yet somehow inviting the observer to sit at the table with them. This invitation to sit with the three persons reflects the invitation to fallen humanity to enter the eternal banquet, where the family of persons (Holy Trinity) already resides.

What does all of this mean for us? A divine family of persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit has created us in His image. Families reflect this trinitarian relationship in the union that married couples share. The love shared between husband and wife is the source from which the incredible gift of children often flows. It has been said that family life is the first school where children learn to be loved and to love.

As adopted sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, we can and ought to have a unique, intimate relationship with each person of the Blessed Trinity. Speaking to each person can be as natural as speaking to those around us. The Father has begotten the Son, even before time began.

He wants to hear from us. The Son was sent to earth, becoming one of us to save us from our sins and restore our relationship with the Father (Philippians 2:6-11). In turn, the Son has sent the Holy Spirit to us. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. St. Augustine said in one of his homilies that what the soul is to the body, the Holy Spirit is to the Church. In other words, just as the soul gives life to the body, "the Holy Spirit gives supernatural life, unity and activity to the Church" (Sermon 267). The Trinity of persons invites us to the banquet. Let us always remember to rejoice and celebrate fully with all three persons.

■ Council

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Also during the meeting, Mayor Randy Zimmerman issued a mayoral proclamation to recognize the Waseca Blue Jays Basketball Team for making it to the state tournament the last three years. In 2025, they were runners up, this year they were in fifth place. Said Zimmerman, "Getting [to the state-level tournament] is quite an accomplishment because that doesn't happen all the time." A few team representatives were present; Coach Jake Guse gave the council and the mayor thanks, saying Waseca is "a great community to be coaching in." Zimmerman also touted Deron Russell who has become Waseca's all-time high scorer by tying his own record in a semi-final.

Discover Waseca Tourism's Brad Milbrath gave a presentation and had requests regarding the fire-works for the Fourth of July celebration. He asked for donations and said the fireworks committee is three quarters of the way toward meeting their funding goal. City Manager Carl Sonnenberg said the council could donate, but that an official decision would have to wait until the group's next meeting, scheduled for June 2.

The consent agenda was approved and included a consulting agreement with RETHOS (a Minnesota non-profit) for Historic Preservation Services for the Heritage Preservation Commission; a temporary liquor license for Sacred Heart

Church for their Sept. 18 to 20 Fall Festival; the Waseca County Trail Association's Box Car Bar gambling permit for June 28; a Waseca Hockey Association gambling permit for Waseca County Fair July 8 to 10; Waseca Hockey Association gambling permit for Waseca County Fair July 11 to 12; Waseca County Trail Association Katie O'Leary's gambling permit July 16; Waseca County Trail Association Katie O'Leary's gambling permit August 20; Waseca County Trail Association Box Car Bar gambling permit Sept. 17; temporary liquor license for the Waseca American Legion at the Waseca County Fair July 8 to 12; Waseca County Trail Association gambling permit for the Waseca County Fair July 8 to 12.

The consent agenda also included reporting bids and awarding a contract for the 2026 roadway crack seal and seal coat project and accepting the donation of Outlot A in the Fox Meadows' second addition.

The council formally accepted donations to the City of Waseca for calendar year 2025 after a presentation by Alicia Fischer who gave examples of where the money was spent. The downtown flowers, tables at the waterpark, the brick veneer project at Tink Larson, and fire dept equipment to name a few.

The skate park in southeast Waseca is going to be resurfaced to encourage safety. The tires in the dog park will be painted this summer. Seasonal staff is hanging plants in all parks, and the waterpark will open on June 6.

The council will have a work session at 6 p.m. on June 2.



HONORED - Waseca County Sheriff Jay Dulas and City of Waseca police sergeant Tim Schroeder were the 2026 Waseca Exchange Club Law Enforcement Officers of the Year. Here they are pictured with members of the Exchange Club and the community.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

■ Awards

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Wearing a giant hat to identify himself as Kristoff, Markeson offered to reveal the answers to questions before the envelopes containing them were opened.

Markeson waved an envelope and stated the answer would be "Market collapse." The question inside asked what would happen if Schroeder stopped purchasing supplies in support of his well-known love for fishing and outdoorsmanship.

Markeson announced the answer "Jay Dulas" to the question "How do we get rid of all this free food?"

"Truckloads" was delivered as the response to "How much love and commitment do Jay and Tim show for their communities, families, and grandkids?"

Another speaker was area resident Hilary Kruger, who revealed that Schroeder was the first law enforcement officer to respond to the devastating attack at her family's home in 2007. Kruger addressed Schroeder directly to say, "Tim, your calm voice was the light in my darkest night. Your impact on me and my family will last a lifetime. Thank you for all you do. May you always stay safe and out of harm's way."

During her brief statement she also said, "I never saw Tim's face that night, but the second I heard his voice, I knew I would survive.

"Tim's voice was calm, he made me feel safe. As I was



Above, Schroeder and his family gather for a picture. Below, Dulas and his family.
Pioneer photos by Deb Bently

coming in and out of consciousness, I knew I was in good hands."

Also among the speakers were Waseca fire chief Jason Forshee, county sheriff's posse leader ShaLee White, and Grace Lutheran Church pastor Jillene Galatin. Former police chief Penny

Vought supplied a letter which was read during the event. Former Waseca police officer Arik Matson also attended the ceremony.

According to information in a program printed for the ceremony, Dulas was elected to his position as sheriff in 2022. He

has been with the county sheriff's department since 1999.

Schroeder has been with the city police department for 27 years, and has taken roles as a patrol officer, K9 handler, and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team member.

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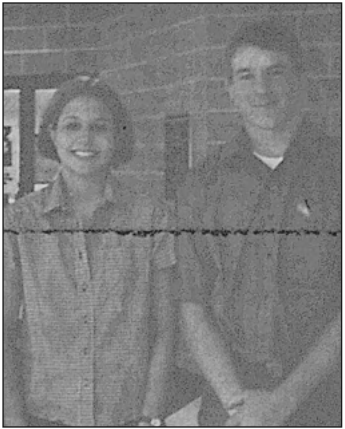
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- Lindsay Adams and Reid Olson attended the Youth Leadership Conference this past weekend.

- Mike Finley, president of the Rotary Club of Janesville, announced last week that the club sponsored two local students the 54th annual Rotary Youth Leadership Conference. Lindsay Adams and Reid Olson represented the local club at the conference, held at Camp St. Croix, Saturday-Tuesday, April 29-May 2. According to Rotary Club member, Cliff Gardner, the conference provides an intensive experience in government and leadership. Adams is a junior at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School. Her activities include FLA, gold, show choir, band, the Bulldog Pen, statistician for basketball, and a class officer. She is the daughter of Richard and Luane Adams. Olson is a junior at JWP. He is involved in football, wrestling, golf, band and jazz band. He is the son of Ron and Judy Olson.

- Heather Ann Carleton, daughter of Stuart and Genette Careton of Janesville, and Todd Robert Zeissler, son of Aileen Zeissler of Burnsville and the late Robert Zeissler, wish to announce their engagement. Heather is a graduate of JWP, and the University of Minnesota Duluth. She is currently employed by Wels Builders in Bloomington. Todd is a graduate of Burnsville Senior High School and the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology. He is currently employed by BF Goodrich Aerospace in Burnsville. A Saturday, June 24, 2000, wedding is planned at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

- Lincoln Carter Arndt, son of Steve and Cindy Arndt of Mapleton, arrived on Thursday, April 27, 2000, at Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospital in Mankato. He weighed 6 pounds and was 21 inches long at birth. He was very much welcomed home by his two sisters, Chelsea and Marissa. Maternal grandparents are Ken and Belvy Kaiser of Janesville. Paternal grandparents are David and Judy Arndt of Waldorf. Great-grandparents are Mr.and Mrs. Eldor Tesch of Waseca.



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- Kristi, left, and Amy Milow were among the Rotary daughters at the Father-Daughter Night last Thursday. Here the Milow girls, age four and six, get a carnation from their dad, Larry.

- Mr. and Mrs. James Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ewerf, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolff, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Erhart Stanke, Mr. Marvin Guse, Mr. Bob Mulcahey, Mr. Cal Priem and Mr. Rick Hoehn of Janesville were among more than 200 area people who recently toured the Allis-Chalmers Corp. Milwaukee plants and other points of interest in that city. The group, all of whom recently purchased Allis-Chalmers equipment, was invited to make the trip as guests of the company's Minneapolis Region and its dealers.

- Mrs. Albert Brandmire, Sr., entertained the Bingo Club in her home April 20. Receiving the high score prize was Miss Vera Lachelt; Mrs. Elizabeth Gomsrud, second high; Mrs. Marie Albrecht consolation and Mrs. Tille Mullerleile, the blackout prize. Mrs. Tillie Walther will be hostess at the next meeting May 17.

- Joseph Finley, president of the Janesville State Bank, Janesville, was a workshop leader on Federal Laws during the April 21-22 Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) 14th Annual Lending Conference.

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- A reminder as to the youth of this county and more especially this state was brought out last week when Ben Frank and Albert Miller found a large tomahawk head while walking on the Harold Miller farm near Waseca. It seems incredible that less than one hundred years ago this stone, fastened to a stick with leather thongs, could do the same things for the redman that our up to date weapons do for us today. The tomahawk head is on display at the Argus for those who wish to see it.

- M.J. Hoffman, state highway commissioner, announced that bids would be opened on June 6 for the job of surfactant 4.7 miles of road between Janesville and Waldorf. The stretch of road starts five miles south of Janesville and extends to two miles north of Waldorf and requires 18,700 cubic yards of screen and load gravel and 89,000 gallons of bituminous material. The bids may be filed with Art Brisbane, Waseca county auditor at the courthouse.

- Attempts by an unknown motorist and Stan Bailly to overtake and stop a swift moving Greyhound bus which was pouring flames from its rear mounted engine, failed because the bus driver, who was aware of the drastic situation, was racing against time to get into Janesville for help. Coming from Waseca this special Greyhound was on its way to Mankato. Racing through the stop signs at the four corners the bus pulled to an abrupt halt in front of the Shell Service station. Bailey, in the meantime was unable to catch the bus so he drove directly to the firehouse and dispatched a truck to the scene before the alarm sounded. The flames were extinguished before any of the passengers could become panicky. The only discomfort of the accident was the waiting for the regular night bus to take the passengers to Mankato.

100 years ago

- To acquire honorable as much of the world's goods as it may be our good fortune to accumulate is an ambition that has controlled the actions of men as far back as we have recorded history but in the final analysis we all go to our grave bearing in our clutched hands the things we have given away and nothing more.

- We have often heard it said that a cat has nine lives and that curiosity once killed a cat. Yet some people will continue to take mighty long chances.

Waseca



25 years ago

- These are the Waseca fifth grade students who earned awards at the Math Masters meet held recently at Mankato West High School. They are (front row, from left:) Marcus Clemons, Issac Roberts, Megan Dobberstein, Ben Hayford, Courtney Tate and Katie Wollenburg. Middle row: Grady Glynn, Chris Meschke, Jason Tesch, Ethan Schultz, Josh Miller, Troy Harinen and Tina Zhu. Back row: Emily Hanson, Katie Sorenson, Andrew Beckmann, Catie Lemmen, Tricia Tappe and Stephanie Wala.

- For the first time ever in fifth grade Math Masters history, one school swept a tournament. That school is Waseca! Waseca placed first in all possible categories: math facts, individual, and team at a fifth grade Math Masters tournament held recently at Mankato West High School. Megan Dobberstein led the way for Waseca by placing first in three categories. She was first in the math facts with a perfect score. She was the top individual at the competition. She was also a member of Waseca's first place team. First place members include: Dobberstein, Tina Zhu, Isaac Roberts, Grady Glynn and Troy Harinen. The Students are coached by Roxanne Meyer.

- The Support Services Department is proud to name Natasha Wilker as Student of the Week. Tasha was nominated because of all her hard work and her positive attitude. Tasha, a senior, is the daughter of Jody and Teri Wilker. Jody is the manager of the paper warehouse at Brown Printing. Teri is employed by Target. Tasha has two sisters-Nicole, 21, and Nerissa, 17. While attending Waseca High School, Tasha has been involved in choir and Target Market. Her favorite classes have been math with Mrs. COle and English with Mrs. Davison.



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- April 28 the Madonna Circle of Sacred Heart parish met at the home of Mrs. Ambrose McShane, rural Meriden. The white handknitted afghan made by Mrs. Bonnie Zimmerman was raffled and John Powell was the winner. At this meeting plans were discussed for the Fall Flea Market.

- "Do anything you can!" said Max Hopkins recently, "I just want the phone to stop ringing." All this was in response to responses Hopkins was receiving after running an ad to sell a golf care in Wasca's Daily Journal. "I could have sole a dozen more," he added. "And I had sold that one at 6:15 p.m. that day the ad ran." It is time to get rid of unused recreational equipment. The season is right and we're ready to help you advertise. Call Julie (835-2220) anytime and she'll help you word an ad. Then, be ready for the barrage of calls and letters!



- Choir students, Tim Gallagher, left, Jim Meyman, Sherry Bosacker, Chris Storby, Mark Hemann and on top, Patti Woyke, and Laura Sahlstrom, talked about their Friday night vocal concert to be presented at 8 p.m. at the high school gym. The Annual Spring concert will feature a variety of music.

- Cynthia Joan Fowler of 309 12th Ave. N.W. and Kathryn Renee Fog 613 6th Ave. S.W. have been accepted at Bemidji State University for admission fall quarter 1976, according to E.J. Aalberts, director of admissions and records at BSU. Cynthia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fowler, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fog will join about 975 other new students at Bemidji State for classes beginning Sept. 7. The university saw a 2.8 per cent enrollment boost for 1975-76, brining the total on-campus figure to 4,177.

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- Miss Elaine Bjorklund, daughter of Mrs. Emma Bjorklund of Waseca and a senior at Gustavus Adolphus college was recently awarded a scholarship for graduate work at Smith College of Northampton, Mass. Elaine declined the scholarship because she had already accepted a position teaching mathematics and chemistry for the coming school year. The scholarship at Smith was part of a program leading to a Master of Education degree with mathematics as the teaching field.

- If your family likes good homemade bread, perhaps you'll be interested in the Bread Baking Workshop that is planned for next Monday afternoon. The workshop will be sponsored by the Extension service. Various kinds of break will be made, including date, bread fruit and a special holiday bread. The discussion will point out new methods in bread baking. This meeting is open to anyone. It will be held in the Community building kitchen, next Monday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock. Anyone who wishes to attend may make arrangements by calling Miss Larson, Home agent at 609

100 years ago

- Waseca take pride in having contributed its quota for advertising Minnesota's "Ten Thousand Lakes" to the world. As Waseca adjoins one of the finest of the 10,000 lakes, with a beautiful wooded park and golf course on its shore, with a hotel that is second to none in Southern Minnesota, the money spent in this advertising is bound to return in increased tourist patronage.

New Richland

25 years ago

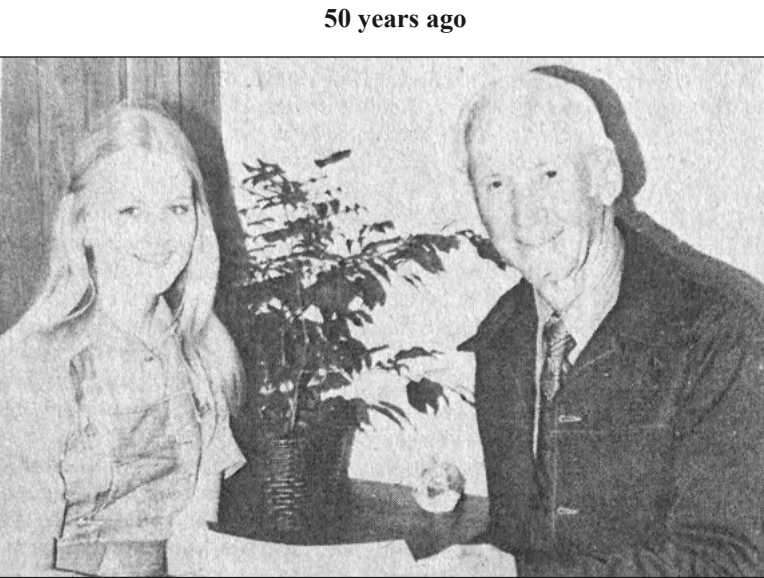
- Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton's Justin Danberry went the distance on the mound Tuesday in a non-conference victory against Cleveland Tuesday, May 8. He struck out 10, gave up five hits, two earned runs and walked four. The Bulldog's Jake Hall scattered two hits and Chad Schroeder knocked in three RBIs. JWP stole 12 bases in the contest.

- Army Pvt. Bruce Wagner has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri. During the training, the trainee received instructions in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Wagner is the son of William and Ellen Wagner of Owatonna. He is a 2000 graduate of Owatonna High School.

- Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School District elementary counselor, Karen Krause, was named Counselor of the Year in April.



- New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School's Knowledge Bowl team won the 24-team Class A Knowledge Bowl state high school championship, Tuesday, May 8. Members of the team pictured here with their trophy are from the left: seated, Amy Sack and Matt Xavier; standing, Paul Drube, Darren Howelll and Kristin Jessen. NRHEG placed 10th in the 1999 tournament and was fifth at last year's meet. Drube competed on all three teams. Coach is Mary Sack, media specialist.



50 years ago

- Susan Espe was selected as the New Richland-Hartland senior to win The Johnson Foundation Scholarship award. The award is given to the most deserving senior who plans to pursue a 4-years college degree. Susan plans to attend St. Olaf College this fall. Her present interest in nursing.

- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chicos of rural New Richland are happy to announce the birth of a daughter. Anne Marie as she has been named, arrived May 17 at the Naeve hospital in Albert Lea. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces at birth. She has one brother, Aaron Patrick, four years old.

- Jeff Thompson of New Richland was a starting first baseman for the Waldorf College baseball team this season. The Warriors posted a 6-13 record. Thompson was a strong asset for the warriors ranking fourth in hits.

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- Miss Dorothy Amley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Amley of New Richland will receive her Fairview nursing cap at a capping service Sunday, June 24 at 7:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 25th and Franklin, Minneapolis.

- Miss Dorothy Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nelson of rural New Richland will represent this community at Girls State, now in the session at the 4-H Club building at the State Fair grounds.

- Richard Kreuzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kruezer, spent Thursday in Minneapolis where he passed the physical and mental examinations for enlistment in the Army Air Force. "Dick" will report for Duty July 9. He has had two years training in the Air ROTC at St. Thomas College.

Child's History of Waseca County

Cont. CHAPTER XI, 1855. Death of Henry Howell—First settlers in Blooming Grove, Janesville, and Byron.

year 1856. That I have forgotten some names and incidents in fifty years is altogether possible and quite probable.

There were, however, some experiences peculiar to that first year's settlement which will never be forgotten by those who passed the winter of 1855-6 in this county.

In writing this history, I shall endeavor to present the facts, as nearly as possible, in the order of their occurrence; and I know nothing that can be more interesting to future generations of our children, or to the living, than a truthful record of the real dangers and hardships then encountered by the men and women that have made it possible for the present thousands of people in the county to live in the midst of plenty, and with all the advantages of advanced civilization about them.

In my next chapter I shall give some sketches of life in Waseca county during the fall of 1855 and the winter of 1855-6. —The Author.)

TOWNSHIP OF BYRON

Jeremy Davis and family were among the 1855 settlers and made the first claim in the town of Byron, settling on the northwest quarter of section 34, where they lived until the death of Mr. Davis, which occurred September 13, 1863.

Daniel C. Davis, son of Jeremy, came with his father in 1855. Having just reached his majority, he also took a claim and became a permanent resident of the township. He took a homestead on sections 28 and 33 after the homestead law took effect. He was married July 18, 1861, to Miss Frances Parvin, daughter of Mr. B. Parvin, who settled in the county in 1860.

(I have thus given the names, as far as I have been able to remember, or learn, of all those who settled in the county prior to the



CONFERENCE COMPETITION — At left, the Bluejays' Owen Rupe tosses the discus during last week's Big South Conference track and field meet at New Ulm. In the middle, Waseca's Malachi Noble competes in the 400, in which he placed fourth. At right, Ellie Kopischke hands the baton to Maren Schimming. Photos by Cassie Rupe

Bluejay boys third in Big South track meet

William Mansfield had a field day for the third year in a row.

The Waseca High School senior captured the Big South championship in the pole vault for a third consecutive spring as the Bluejay boys and girls competed in the conference meet at New Ulm last Tuesday.

The WHS boys finished a more-than-respectable third place but, according to coach David Abel, it could possibly have been second had not some last-minute injuries hampered the Bluejays.

"It was tough conditions," said Abel. "Overall, I'm happy with how we handled the day. We were hoping things fell into place for the boys to finish conference run-

Mansfield claims pole vault championship for third consecutive season

ner-up, but had some last minute injuries which hampered our ability to reach our potential point total."

Either way, Mansfield had a great day in the pole vault, capturing the Bluejays' lone individual gold medal while clearing 13 feet.

The other gold for the Bluejays was in the 4x400-meter relay, where Malachi Noble, Brady Tloughan, Sunny Mei and Tovin Grannis clocked 3:31.86 for first.

Other all-conference performances: Grannis, 2nd, 300 hurdles, 41.12, and 3rd, high jump, 6-0; Toby Jeske, 3rd, discus, 149-1; and Landen Madsen, 3rd, high jump, 6-0.

Other WHS places: Noble, 4th, 400, 53.36; 4x800, 4th, 9:06.34 (Tloughan, Mei, Landon Rutt, Ryan Yoder); 4x100, 5th, 45.98 (Jonah Worke, Jordan Johnston, Aydan Kath, Tloughan); 4x200, 4th, 1:34.37 (Worke, Jett Rohl, Kath, Johnston); Aidan DeRaad, 5th, shot put, 41-6.5; Owen Rupe, 5th, discus, 128-1 and 6th, high jump, 5-8; Mei, 5th, high jump, 5-8; Grannis, 5th, 110 hurdles, 16.55.

Belle Plaine's boys won with 168 points, followed by Fairmont with 101, Waseca 93, St. Peter 85.5, Marshall 79.5, Worthington 75, New Ulm 59 and Tri-City United 40.

The WHS girls finished sixth among eight schools with 36 points. St. Peter was first with 182.

The Bluejay girls had one all-conference showing, by the second-place 4x800 relay team of Maren Schimming, Stella Omtvedt, Ava VanDenHemel and Ellie Kopischke, which clocked 10:29.69.

Other WHS places: Kopischke, 5th, 400, 1:03.01; Omtvedt, 4th, 800, 2:35.28; Taylor Markeson, 5th, 3200, 12:30.5; Schimming, 5th, 300 hurdles, 52.27; VanDenHemel, 6th, 3200, 12:50.35; 4x200 relay, 6th, 2:04.99 (Allyson Holmseth, Elizabeth Aboki, Lauren Holmseth, Savanna Vagts); 4x400, 6th, 4:26.82 (Schimming, Reese Rodriguez, Kopischke, Omtvedt).

The Bluejays are at Faribault's Bruce Smith Field today and Saturday for the section meet.

Playoff push begins

Baseball Bluejays getting hot at tourney time

Since the field was named after him and he's been playing, coaching and grooming it for many decades, it's awfully tough to show Tink Larson something new on Waseca's main baseball field.

But the Waseca Bluejays may have did it last week.

Kallen Glynn deposited a seventh-inning pitch over the left field fence, lifting the Waseca High School baseball team past Triton 2-1 in the final game of the regular season Monday, May 18.

"I don't remember," said Larson. "If I ever seen a Bluejays walk-off homer before."

The win, the Bluejays' third consecutive, continued a late-season surge for Waseca.

And it sure was exciting.

But the Bluejays couldn't muster much offense through six innings, managing only two bloop singles to that point.

After Triton changed pitchers, Riley Mitchell led off the bottom of the seventh with an infield single.

Glynn, after working the count full, delivered the game-winning blast.

Mitchell finished 2-for-3. Kameron Schaefer had Waseca's only other hit.

Each team had one fielding error.

Left-hander Hayden Stencel pitched a complete game for the Bluejays, allowing five hits and one walk while striking out four.

"It was a fantastic ending," said Larson, who still works as a Minnesota State-Mankato assistant coach while volunteering for the Bluejays as time allows. "Stencel pitched another nice game and we played good defense. The Jays have been playing much better in the lat-



DOMINATION — Above, the Bluejays' Logan Reger rifles a pitch during his six-inning no-hit effort in a 3-1 victory over Minnesota Valley Lutheran last week. Cash Lynch completed the no-hitter. Below, Avery Selvik celebrates with Kellen Klinger (10). Photos by Jim Lutgens

ter part of the season with five wins in their last seven games, so hopefully we can make a run in the upcoming playoffs."

The Bluejays had another first for Larson in the opening round of the Section 2AA tournament at Tink Larson Field Thursday as Logan Reger and Cash Lynch combined on a no-hitter in a 3-1 victory over Minnesota Valley Lutheran.

"I don't remember that we've ever had a no-hitter at tournament time," said Larson.

It was an efficient effort, with only an hour and 20 minutes needed to complete the game.

Schaefer had a big day, driving in all three Waseca runs.

Reger pitched no-hit ball through six innings before giving way to Lynch with the bases loaded and one out in the seventh.

Owen Honstad made a great defensive play in the seventh, fielding a bad-hop grounder up the middle that would have put two runners on base with one out.

"They say free bases cost a team games," said Larson. "All four runs



in the game were scored by players that had reached base on a walk or hit by a pitch, two of each. The MVL pitcher walked only two batters and hit one, and all three of the scored. Reger and Lynch each survived some walks given up, but they didn't allow any hits. It's nice that we get into the double-elimination

part of the tournament."

The Bluejays advanced to the section quarterfinals Tuesday at top-seeded Cannon Falls. The tournament continues and concludes May 28, 30 and June 4 at William J. Grose Park in Waterville.

JWP track girls finish first in sub-section

As expected, the JWP/WEM girls' track and field team took the title in last Thursday's Section 2A South Sub-Section meet at St. James.

The Bulldogs, who earlier this season captured the Gopher Conference championship and competed in the True Team state meet, topped a 13-team field with 116 points. LCWM/Nicollet was second with 96.

The top eight individual placewinners and first four relays advanced to the Section 2A meet Saturday, May 30 at JWP High School.

The Bulldogs took sub-section gold in six events, four of them relays.

Addison Condon won the long jump at 19.9.25 and the triple jump at 34-8.5, with Rachel Mielke claiming the 300 hurdles title with a time of 47.26 seconds.

Condon anchored the first-place 4x100 relay that included Katelyn Olson, Ashlynn Wolff and Nevaeh Weimert. They clocked 50.54.

Olson, Ashlynn Wolff, Weimert and Mielke won the 4x200 in 1:45.25 while MaKaela Westphal, Weimert, Ashlynn Wolff and Mielke took the 4x400 in 4:04.56.

Other section-qualifying places: Alese Wolff, 3rd, 400, 1:04.96; 3rd, long jump, 16-6.5 and 6th, 200, 28.14; Sarah Bulman, 3rd, pole vault, 8-0; 4x800 relay, 4th, 10:37.35 (Victoria Appel, Alese Wolff, Norah Welvaert, Kwynn Krause); MaKaela Westphal, 6th, 100, 13.28; MaKenzie Westphal, 7th, 800, 2:40.61; Welvaert, 7th, 1600, 5:55.53; Kyla Schlingmann, 8th, 200, 28.38; Magdalen Rauenhurst, 8th, 3200, 13:32.76; Lydia Bjortmont, 8th, high jump, 4-9; Aubrey Anderson, 8th, triple jump, 29-1.

The JWP/WEM boys took third with 99 points, behind 127 for Maple River and 103 for LCWM/Nicollet.

Gavin Atherton took two golds, winning the 200 in 22.36, the 400 in 49.78 while anchoring the second-place 4x400 relay that included Daulton Bauer, Wyatt Jans and Tyson Kronbach that clocked 3:31.27.

Gavin Weedman went 40-7.5 for second in the triple jump.

Also to section: 4x100 relay, 3rd, 46.01 (James Morgan, Tyson Kronbach, Cole Bartz, Ethan Einertson); Grady Grohman, 3rd, shot put, 48-2.5 and 4th, discus, 143-3; Bauer, 3rd, long jump, 20-2.5 and 4th, triple jump, 38-2.5; Aiden Gruber, 4th, high jump, 5-10; Brennan Welvaert, 5th, 3200, 11:25.29; Trey Richards, 5th, pole vault, 11-9; Weedman, 5th, long jump, 19-7; Jans, 6th, 800, 2:08.18; Wesley Heinz, 6th, 3200, 11:27.75; Teagan Mulder, 6th, triple jump, 36-5.

"Throughout the day, many athletes achieved new personal records, proving that their training and dedication have sharpened their talents as the season nears its end," said Bulldogs coach Sam Schruin. "We would also like to recognize and honor the noble seniors as they conclude their high school track and field careers. Their leadership, courage, and uplifting spirits have strengthened our kingdom and inspired their fellow teammates. Though their time upon the Bulldog track has reached its final chapter, we know bright adventures and grand futures await them all. We give our heartfelt thanks to Aubrey Adams, Charles Adams, Auston Holicky, Alenka Jans, Grace Norton, and Jaelyn Wilmes for their loyal service to the Bulldog track and field realm. May their paths ahead be filled with triumph and honor!"



ADVANCING – Henry Huttemier was the lone Waseca tennis player to advance in the section individual tournament.

Dual-meet season ends for tennis Jays

Huttemier is lone Waseca player to advance in individual section play

The Waseca High School boys' tennis team may have absorbed a loss in the Section 1A semifinals last Tuesday, but those watching may have caught a view of the future.

The Bluejays, seeded No. 3 in the tournament, had only one senior among 10 players in the lineup while falling 6-1 to second-seeded Winona Cotter at the Rochester Tennis Center.

An underclassman, of course, was the Waseca winner, with freshman Keenan Collins upending sopho-

more Michael Row 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

Armaan Bhatti, a sophomore, fell in a third-set tiebreaker to a senior at second singles, 4-6, 6-1, 1-0 (4).

Junior Henry Huttemier lost to a senior 6-2 at No. 1 singles, while seventh-grader Korbin Collins was upended 6-2, 6-3 by a sophomore.

The closest doubles match was No. 3, where junior Jacob Harguth and freshman Nick Nelson lost 6-0, 6-4. Allen Kopetzki and Nolan McQuery fell 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles, with the Bluejays' Bryghton Rugger and Carson True falling by the same score at No. 3 doubles.

The Bluejays ended the dual-meet season with a record of 11-9.

They returned to Rochester for the Section 1A individual tournament.

Huttemier, seeded No. 2, was the lone Bluejay to advance to this week's semifinals against Hudson Zimmerman of Schaefer Academy.

In the quarterfinals, Huttemier defeated Matthew Spinler Malo of

Stewartville 7-6 (4), 6-1.

The Bluejays' other singles entrant, Korbin Collins, lost to a senior 6-1, 6-1.

Bhatti and Keenan Collins teamed for a 6-1, 6-1 doubles victory over Stewartville foes before being eliminated 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 by a Red Wing duo.

Kopetzki and McQuery lost 6-1, 6-4 to a Stewartville team.

Baseball Bulldogs reach section semifinal contest

JWP nine dodges a bullet in riveting quarterfinal victory

The Section 1A baseball team has seen its share of upsets so far.

The JWP Bulldogs refused to be the latest favorite to fall.

The Bulldogs, seeded second in the section, scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to walk off with a 6-5 triumph over third-seeded Blooming Prairie on Memorial Day at Riverland Community College.

The win propelled the Bulldogs into the section semifinal game Saturday, May 30 at 11 a.m. at Riverland against fifth-seeded Southland, which upset NRHEG 6-5 in the quarterfinals. The finals are June 2 at 5 p.m. at Riverland and a second game, if necessary, will be played at 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs' game against Blooming Prairie was no less than an epic battle, with the Blossoms scoring three times in the top of the seventh to take a 5-4 lead, their first of the day.

Caleb Quast led off the bottom of

the seventh with a walk, and Zander Terbeest - in only his second at-bat of the season - laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to move him to second.

On a 2-2 count, Chase Gerdts laced a base hit to score Quast and tie it 5-5.

Seth Dahlberg followed with a tough hit to the outfield, which the Blooming Prairie center fielder dove for but dropped, moving Gerdts to second.

Gavin Bauer's liner over the third baseman drove in Gerdts with the winning run.

"A very exciting and nervous game!," said Bulldogs head coach Cory Jewison. "We thankfully pulled the win out, but it could have went either way. I am so proud of these boys and their resilience during the game. They all played such an important role in this win, especially the three seniors at the end of the game. It could have gone either way. I am so proud of the boys."



THE CELEBRATION IS ON – JWP pitcher Ayden Peterson (11) is congratulated by Chase Gerdts (10), Blake Bure (2) and Zander Terbeest (13) after pitching a one-hitter in the Bulldogs' section tournament victory over Lyle/Austin Pacelli.

Photo by Eli Lutgens

Dahlberg and Patrick Gearity finished the game 2-for-3. Gerdts, Bauer, Blake Bure and Ayden Peterson had one hit each. Quast drew three walks and scored three runs.

Terbeest, the third pitcher used by the Bulldogs, got the win in relief. Gerdts started and Bauer threw in relief.

The Bulldogs opened the section tournament last Wednesday with a

14-1, five-inning victory over Shaeffer Academy at Janesville.

Bauer had a big game with three hits and three RBIs. Quast had two hits and two runs. Peterson, Gerdts, Dahlberg and Gearity had one hit each. Gerdts doubled and drove in two runs. Dahlberg also had two RBIs.

Gerdts started and got the pitching win, allowing one earned run in 3 2/3 innings. Terbeest pitched in

relief.

The Bulldogs also needed only five innings to dispatch Lyle/Austin Pacelli 10-0 on Saturday.

Peterson paced JWP with a remarkable pitching performance, allowing only one hit in five innings while throwing only 60 pitches. He struck out two and walked two.

Quast and Blayne Wandrie each had two hits, while Gerdts, Dahlberg and Bure added one apiece.

Braves look for things to improve

Waseca amateur drops three to start season

Tink Larson knows things will get better for the Waseca Braves amateur baseball team.

They have to.

The Braves got off to an 0-3 start, the most recent setback a 15-1 shellacking at Minnesota Lake Sunday.

"Not a good day again," said Larson, a Braves coach. "For the third game in a row, we have up more runs than hits. We just have too many walks and errors. Plus, we don't get a lot of hits. Things will be better when we get all of our players here."

The Braves were outhit 11-4 at Minnesota Lake, where they also committed five fielding errors.

Keato Roeker, Kelvin Nelson, Payton Garza and Cody Huiras had his for Waseca. Zach Hoehn scored the lone Braves run.

Hoehn started on the mound and took the loss, allowing 12 runs (nine earned) on seven hits through five innings. He walked four and struck out four. Nelson pitched in relief.

The Braves took a road trip to Cannon Falls last Friday and lost 18-2.

Roeker was 2-for-4. Garza, Huiras, David Robran and Kyle Waugh had one hit each.

Garza started and took the pitching loss, allowing six earned runs in 2 1/3 innings. Nelson, Danny Cromer and Roeker threw in relief.

"This might have been of the more unimpressive Braves games we've seen," said Larson. "We were outhit only 7-6, and the errors were even at four each, yet the Braves lost 17-2 in a seven-inning game. We gave up 18 walks and hit five batters and that was in only six innings of at-bats for Cannon Falls."

The Braves lost their season opener 10-4 at Albert Lea Sunday, May 17.

Waugh went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Nelson 2-for-5 with two runs. Roeker, Garza, Hoehn, Robran and Jimmy Loonan also hit safely.

Hoehn started on the mound and took the loss, with Ryan Hanson pitching in relief.

"A disastrous game for the Braves," said Larson. "The first eight runs Albert Lea scored were all unearned. We had four errors. We gave up 10 walks and hit a batter. Six of the walks scored. Albert Lea had only five hits and four of them were short bloopers just over the infield, but they scored runs because of the walks and errors on our part."

The Braves return to action Sunday, May 31 at Cleveland. Their home opener is Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. against Janesville.

Blake Nelson returns as player-manager for the Braves, though at this point it's more managing than playing.

Signing day



Another JWP milestone was reached last week as five student-athletes signed a National Letter of Intent to play a sport in college. From left: Kwynn Krause, UW-Superior, cross country/track; Nevaeh Weimert, North Iowa Area Community College; Kayle Langford, RCTC, softball; Daulton Bauer, Bethany Lutheran College, basketball; Katelyn Olson, Bethany, basketball.

WHS golfers end regular season

The Waseca High School golf teams had a fine outing while finishing the regular season in the NRHEG Panther Invitational at Lakeside Golf Course Monday, May 18.

The WHS girls captured first place as a team. Senior Madison Rasche shot 100 for 18 holes, good for fourth place among individuals. Elli Hoban, a junior, shot 105 for fifth place.

The Bluejay boys were second among nine teams with an 18-hole total of 327.

Junior Braiden Nelson led the Jays, firing a 78 for seventh place. Junior Avery Selvik was eighth with an 80. All six Waseca varsity players finished in the top 30.

"It was an all-around good day for Waseca golf," said WHS coach Bill Dwinells.

The Bluejays are at New Prague this week for the section tournament.

Losses to MCW, Sleepy Eye end JWP softball season

The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School softball team made short work of Springfield last Tuesday in the opening round of the Section 2A tournament, 10-running the visitors 11-1 in a matchup of No. 8 and 9 seeds at Janesville.

The Bulldogs batted early and often, totaling 18 hits in only five innings.

Ryleigh Donner led the hit parade, going 3-for-4 with a home run and four RBIs. Raylen Blasing was 3-for-4 with a triple, three runs and an RBI. Sophie Okins 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, Brielle James 3-for-4 with a double and one RBI. Hudson Miller was 2-for-3 with a double. Kayle

Langford doubled and walked, Lily Ewert singled and scored twice. Chloe Kaiser scored two runs. Victoria Blomstrom scored the game-winning run.

Donner was in control in the circle, pitching all five innings while giving up one earned run on three hits. She struck out five.

The Bulldogs went on to fall 7-0 at top-seeded Martin County West on Thursday and were eliminated from the double-elimination section tournament 10-9 by fifth-seeded Sleepy Eye Saturday at Caswell Park in Mankato.

The Bulldogs, coached by Brianne Eldred, finished with a record of 13-11.

Season comes to a close for young WHS softball squad

The season ended last Tuesday for the Waseca High School softball team.

The Bluejays, seeded 12th in the Section 2AA tournament, lost their opening postseason game 11-1 at fifth-seeded Randolph. Waseca finished with a record of 6-14.

The Jays started strong, with Avery Barto singling in the top of the first inning and Hannah Sommers driving her in with a double.

"But from there on out Randolph came out of the gate hitting the ball well," said WHS coach Amanda Sommers. "We had four errors in the game and it cost us, unfortunately."

The Bluejays totaled eight hits, three by Barto and two by Alli Mader. Hannah Sommers, Ellery Waldron and Lauren Grant had one hit each.

Barto started in the circle and pitched 1 1/3 inning, allowing 11 runs (two earned) on eight hits. Hannah Rugger pitched 2 2/3 innings in relief.

All things considered, Coach Sommers was pleased with how her young squad handled an array of powerful opponents.

"While our record didn't indicate the most successful season, we play a very challenging conference schedule and I was happy with how our girls have continued to improve each and every season," she said. "We had far less errors on the season this year compared to last, and our fielding percentage increased significantly from last year. The girls played hard and our defense kept us in many games. They kept a positive attitude throughout the season. I'm very proud of this team and this group of seniors will be missed. They were huge contributors to our team and have provided great leadership to our underclassmen."

The Bluejays will graduate seniors Waldron, Grant, Hannah Teague, Chloe Roemhildt, Madison Roessler and Sophia Hillsman.

Panthers send eight individuals, one relay to section

The NRHEG High School track and field teams traveled to St. James for the Section 2A South Sub-Section meet last Thursday. The top eight individual placewinners and first four relays advance to the Section 2A meet Saturday, May 30 at JWP High School in Janesville.

Maple River won the boys' sub-section title last week with 127 points. The Panther boys were 11th among 13 teams with 28.

Leading the NRHEG boys were Quen Meyering, who was third in the 200-meter dash in 24.08 seconds, and Kasey Jewison, who took third in the 3200 with a time of 11:04.48.

The Panthers' top relay was the 4x200, which finished fourth in 1:38.37 with Wyatt Tuttle, Nathan Hager, Brendan Schmidt and Meyering.

Other section-qualifying places: Meyering, third, 100, 12.06; Gavin Lewison, fifth, triple jump, 37-6; Noah Weller, sixth, discus, 125-5.

The NRHEG girls placed ninth out of 13 schools with 38 points. JWP/WEM won with 116.

Gabby Schlaak, a senior, paced the Panthers, taking second in the 100 hurdles in 16.9 and clearing 4-10 for fourth in the high jump. Julieann Wobbrock was third in the

1600 in 5:39.94 and third in the 3200 in 16.31.

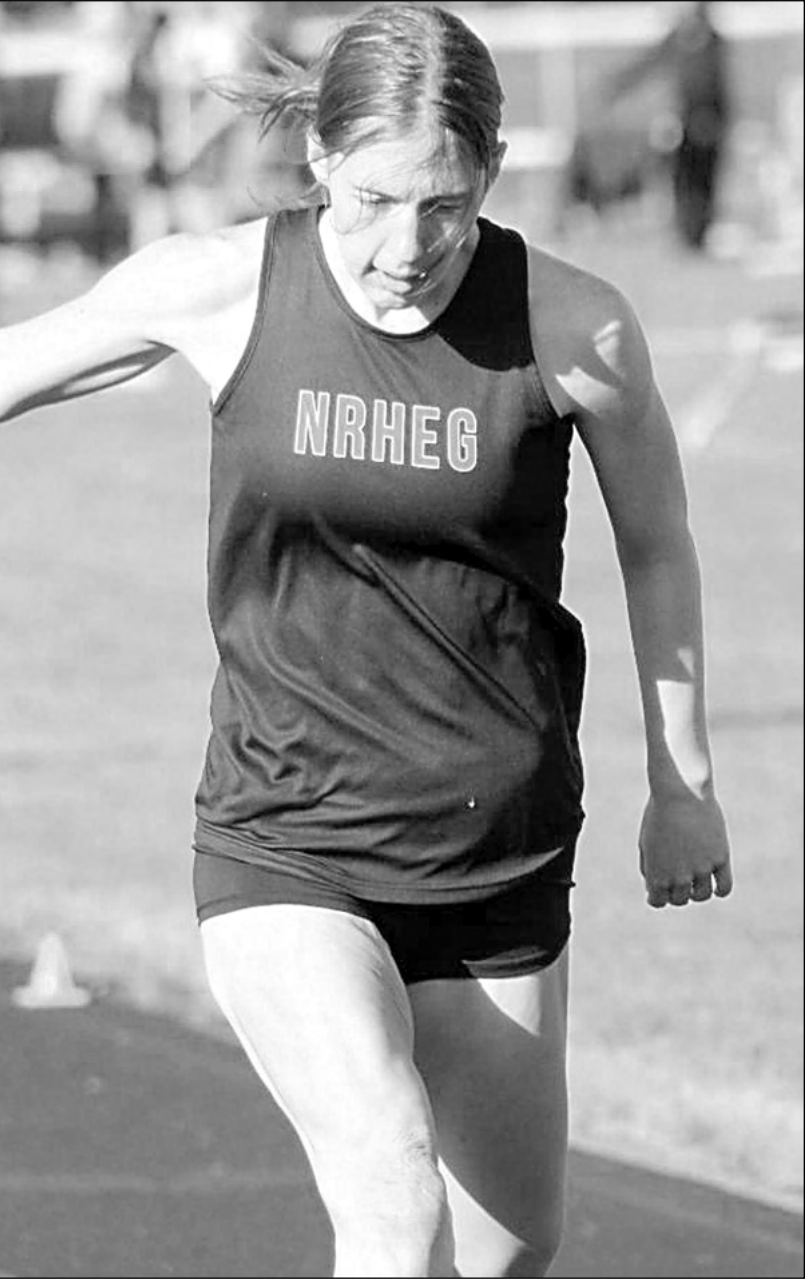
Chloe Riewer advanced to section in the long jump, taking fifth at 15-4.

Riewer, Peyton Frye, Lauren Johnson and Schlaak combined for fifth in the 4x100, clocking 53.94.

The Panthers' other section-qualifying performances were by Riewer, seventh, 100, 13.31; and Ellie Clark, eighth, 300 hurdles, 52.11.

Both the NRHEG boys and girls had several disappointments where athletes barely missed advancing to section. They included: Jacob Karl, ninth, 1600, 4:55.02 (8th was 4:51.73); Hudson Chrz, ninth, 110 hurdles, 17.72 (8th was 17.48); Charlie Fuller, ninth, long jump, 18-7.25 (8th was 18-8.5); Frey, ninth, 200, 28.77 (8th was 28.38); Ella Jenö, 9th, 1600, 6:00.5 (8th was 5:59.36); Clark, ninth, 100 hurdles, 18.59 (8th was 18.36).

"There were several personal-best performances, many by kids that finished just outside the qualifying positions," sad NRHEG co-head coach Larry Nydegger. "That tells me that those kids took their preparation for this meet very seriously and it showed! I am extremely proud of those kids that gave it their all!"



SUB-SECTION ACTION — Competing at last week's Section 2A South Sub-Section Track and Field Meet are Quen Meyering, left, and Gabby Schlaak. Both advanced to section. Photos by Larry Nydegger

Baseball Panthers stay alive in Section 1A tournament

Top-seeded NRHEG nine retains state tourney hopes

The NRHEG High School baseball team showed fight until the final out Monday at Riverland Community College, but a six-run, error-filled second inning by the fifth-seeded Southland Rebels proved too much to overcome in a 6-5 loss in a Section 1A quarterfinal game.

It dropped the top-seeded Panthers into the loser's bracket, where they remained alive by defeating 11th seed Mabel-Canton 13-8. The Panthers will play Lewiston-Altura on Saturday, May 30 at 11 a.m. at Riverland, still entertaining state tournament hopes.

"We will need to battle and play our best baseball as we fight back to the chance to go to state," said NRHEG coach Marcus Fischer. "We will need to win two games Saturday, and then get back to the championship, and beat either JWP or Southland twice, whoever is there waiting."

NRHEG opened strong against Southland with two runs in the first inning, sparked by A.J. Deen's RBI single. Momentum swung in the top of the second when Southland pushed across six unearned runs on four hits. Defensive miscues cost the Panthers in the frame, and none of the six runs were earned.

The Panthers didn't go quietly. They answered with a run in the third, another in the fifth, and plated one more in the seventh on a sacrifice fly from Ryan Schlaak. NRHEG outhit Southland 9-6 and put the tying run in scoring position late, but the Rebels closed it out.

Mack Gilliland battled on the mound for the Panthers, tossing a

complete game. He allowed six hits and six runs, with zero earned runs, while striking out eight. NRHEG's defense turned two double plays behind him.

Deen, Dakota Schlaak and Owen Wayne had two hits each for NRHEG, with one apiece by Mack Gilliland, Brooks Gilliland and Calvin Nissen.

The Panthers used a big sixth inning and 14 hits to defeat the Mabel-Canton Cougars.

NRHEG jumped ahead 3-0 in the top of the first on an RBI single from Deen, a run-scoring triple by Mack Gilliland, and a Brooks Gilliland sacrifice fly. Mabel-Canton answered with five runs in the bottom half to take a 5-3 lead.

The Panthers tied it 5-5 in the third on Brock Holland's sacrifice fly. They took the lead for good in the fifth with three runs, coming on a Nissen sacrifice fly, a Tyler Piepho RBI double, and a Dakota Schlaak RBI single. NRHEG broke it open with five runs in the sixth, highlighted by Holland's RBI single and Deen's two-run single.

Brooks Gilliland earned the win on the mound, going 5 1/3 innings while allowing 13 hits and seven runs, striking out four. Dakota Schlaak tossed 1 2/3 innings of relief. The Panthers swiped seven bases and turned two double plays.

Wayne, Deen, Mack Gilliland, Ryan Schlaak, Holland and Piepho finished with two hits each. Mack Gilliland tripled, Wayne and Piepho doubled. Dakota Schlaak and Brooks Gilliland had one hit each.

NRHEG continued its strong postseason push Saturday, defeating

Lewiston-Altura 10-6 at Riverland Community College behind a powerful offensive performance, strong pitching, and several momentum-changing defensive plays.

The Panthers wasted little time getting on the board, taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Mack Gilliland delivered an RBI single. After Lewiston-Altura tied the game in the third inning, NRHEG immediately responded with a big inning of its own. Sean Lassahn ripped a two-run double to put the Panthers back in front before Deen followed with an RBI single to extend the lead to 4-1.

The Panthers' bats stayed hot all afternoon as NRHEG piled up 13 hits while striking out only twice the entire game. Dakota Schlaak led the offensive attack, going 3-for-4 and scoring three runs. Lassahn had another huge day at the plate with three hits, including two doubles and three RBIs, while also making one of the biggest defensive plays of the game. Deen finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs and three stolen bases.

Holland added two hits and two RBIs, while Mack Gilliland finished with two hits and an RBI. Ryan Schlaak chipped in a hit and scored twice as NRHEG consistently pressured the Cardinals on the bases, finishing with five stolen bases.

On the mound, Wayne turned in one of his strongest performances of the season. The right-hander gave the Panthers six solid innings and allowed just one run through the first six frames while keeping Lewiston-Altura off balance throughout the afternoon.



BIG PLAY — NRHEG catcher Wyatt Larson tags out a Lewiston-Altura basrunner at the plate during last week's Section 1A Baseball Tournament at Riverland Community College in Austin. Photo by Eli Lutgens

NRHEG battled through a couple of early defensive errors, but the Panthers quickly answered. In the third inning, Lassahn erased one of those mistakes with a perfect throw from right field to cut down a Cardinals runner trying to score at home, stopping a potential rally and swinging momentum back toward NRHEG.

The Panthers made another huge defensive play in the seventh inning when catcher Wyatt Larson threw out a Lewiston-Altura baserunner attempting to steal third for the first out of the inning.

Lewiston-Altura mounted a late push with five runs in the seventh, but Brooks Gilliland came on in relief and helped close the door.

Despite the late inning rally, NRHEG controlled the game for

most of the afternoon with timely hitting, aggressive baserunning, and strong pitching as the Panthers continue their postseason run.

The Panthers opened the section tournament last Wednesday with a 4-1 victory over 15th-seeded Houston at Reese Field in New Richland.

Mack Gilliland struck out 12 batters over seven innings while allowing just three hits and one run with one walk. Houston's only run came in the seventh inning as NRHEG controlled the game from the start.

"Mack threw a great game, found the strike zone and had great locations in his pitches," said Fischer. "We did not give Houston many chances in the game, and we stayed composed in the seventh when we allowed some hits and some base

runners. We had players do their job, even though it doesn't show up as hits. We had great sac flies, hard hit balls, and were aggressive on the bases."

The Panthers jumped out early with two runs in the first inning on sacrifice flies from Lassahn and Brooks Gilliland. NRHEG added another run in the second when Dakota Schlaak delivered an RBI single, then pushed the lead to 4-0 in the third on a fielder's choice off the bat of Ryan Schlaak.

Dakota Schlaak led the Panthers, going 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Wayne finished 1-for-3 with two runs scored, a walk, and two stolen bases. Mack Gilliland added a hit, while the Panthers drew four walks and stole five bases.

NRHEG played errorless defense.

Season ends for NRHEG softball

Panthers upset 8-6 by Bethlehem Academy in section tournament opener

For five innings, it looked like the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Panthers were well on their way to victory in the opening round of the Section 1A tournament.

With two outs in the seventh, it seemed a sure thing that at worst the Panthers would go to extra innings.

Things fell apart both times.

The Panthers, seeded sixth in the section, surrendered three runs in the sixth and two with two outs in the seventh while falling 8-6 to 11th-seeded Bethlehem Academy at

New Richland's Legion Field Monday, May 18.

The Panthers, who went 6-4 in the Gopher Conference, finished the season with a record of 9-8. The Cardinals lost 4-1 to fourth-seeded Lewiston-Altura in the section quarterfinals.

According to coach Wendy Schultz, shabby defense cost the Panthers in the sixth. They finished the day with four fielding errors.

In the seventh, the Cardinals strung together some hits to score

twice, and the Panthers were unable to manufacture any runs in the bottom of the inning.

Quinn VanMaldeghem capped a stellar spring at the plat, going 3-for-4 with a double and scoring a run. Brooklyn Summer was 2-for-3. Addy Stadheim, Chloe Stork and Faith Phillips had one hit each. Olivia Berg and Kyera Eustice scored.

Izley Boerner again pitched all seven innings for the Panthers, allowing three earned runs while

striking out three and walking four.

"It wasn't the way we wanted to end the season, but I'm proud of the girls' work ethic, positive attitude and determination," said Coach Schultz. "We will definitely miss our five seniors Kyera, Chloe, Addy, Quinn and Camryn VanMaldeghem. I have no doubt that they will do great things in their future. It was a privilege to be their coach."

Panther golfers complete conference tournament

The NRHEG High School golf teams played their final round of the Gopher Conference Thursday, May 21 at Waseca's Lakeside Golf Club.

The NRHEG girls made a strong showing, finishing second. Panther scores for 18 holes: Alexis Olson 111, Addison Bauleke 119, Olivia Wilkenson 123, Hailey Staska 135. Shan Hansen led the boys with a 92, with Reid Sandry carding a 93. Also: Chuck Tufte 97, David Deen 99, Braxton Arnold 111, Blake Olson 116.

The Panthers hosted the Panther Invitational Monday, May 18 at Riverview Golf Course. The girls finished fourth, the boys fifth.

Eighteen-hole scores for the girls: Wilkenson 110, Olson 115, Staska 123, Bauleke 124. For the boys: Sandry 86, Deen 91, Arnold 93, Hansen 96, Tufte 98, Williams 132.

The Panthers play at North Links Golf Course in Mankato this week for the Section 2A tournament.



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CITY OF WASECA PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the **City of Waseca Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing at **5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 9, 2025**, in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS of CITY HALL** located at 508 South State Street in Waseca, Minnesota.

The purpose of the public hearing is to gather information from the public for a Planning Commission recommendation regarding the **DEERPATH ENCLAVE PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLATS**.

A complete copy of the proposed Preliminary Plat is available in the office of the City Clerk located at 508 South State Street in Waseca, Minnesota.

Those interested in commenting may appear in person or by counsel or may submit written comments to the City of Waseca at 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093.

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Director of Engineering

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song was “Auld Lang Syne” before the group was dismissed. Many parents and family lingered for group photos and congratulations. Some students needed to retrieve their caps from various places on the floor in the gym where they had been thrown in celebration.

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