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**Free Children's
Classes at Waseca Art
Center July 30**

There will be a free children's art class featuring Whimsical Bendy Dolls from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, July 30. Join us to create your own bendy doll and dress up as you wish, as a fairy, witch, pirate or anything! Ages 7-11.

**Pillow Cleaning at
Sacred Heart August 1**

Sacred Heart is having their annual Pillow Cleaning from 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the east door on Saturday, August 1. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters.

**Waldorf City Wide
Clean Up August 1**

Waldorf will hold their city wide clean up north of the community center from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 1. Contact Sherri with questions, 507-239-2248.

**Waseca Sweetheart
(Sweathard) Bike Ride
Saturday, August 1**

The 47th annual Waseca Sweetheart (Sweathard) Bike Ride will depart the Northridge Plaza parking lot (just north of McDonald's, 1600 State St. N.) at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1. The usual ride is 26 miles, but there is a shorter option up for discussion. Contact Bryan Boyce with questions, boycebry@gmail.com

**Bee Bash 4.0 at
Hofmann Apiaries
Saturday, August 1**

Bee Bash 4.0 will be held at the Hofmann Apiaries from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Saturday, August 1. Vendors, live music, gardens and restored prairie. The address is 4661 420 Ave in Janesville.

**Waseca Garden Club
Garden Walk August 1**

The Waseca Garden Club is hosting its annual Garden Walk from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 1. Five gardens in and around Waseca are featured. Participants begin at the Waseca Safety Building at 303 South State Street in Waseca, where maps and refreshments will be provided. The walk is free with donations welcome.

**Waseca Art Center
gallery opening Jay
Schmit and Kathy
Weed, August 1**

The Waseca Art Center will feature in the Harguth Gallery, wood artist Jay Schmit and the Beckmann Gallery will feature textile artist Kathy Weed. The new exhibits will be from Aug. 1 through Sept. 4.

**Montgomery Gentry
ft. Eddie Montgomery
at Boxcar Bar Aug. 1**

Montgomery Gentry featuring Eddie Montgomery will be playing the Boxcar Bar at 10 p.m. Saturday, August 1. The Angel Val Trio will play 5-7 p.m. Chad Johnson will play 7:30 p.m.

*A word from
The Word*

*But that on the
good ground are
they, which in an
honest and good
heart, having heard
the word, keep it,
and bring forth fruit
with patience.*

Luke 8:15



CLOSING CEREMONY - About 80 riders arrived in Waseca the evening of July 25 after a three-day ride which took them across a wide swath of southern Minnesota. The Ride for Fund 85 raises money toward an American Legion program which provides money to help veterans experiencing a financial emergency.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

Bikers help fund support for veterans

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

When 40 or more motorcycles pulled into Waseca Saturday evening, they were finishing a three-day ride that had taken them from New Ulm to points as far west as Pipestone and as far east as Adams, stopping at American Legion halls in many communities along the way.

According to event treasurer Jill Davis, a member at the Brooklyn Center American Legion, well over

\$61,000 in donations were received overall, with more than \$27,000 presented during the closing ceremony which took place in Waseca. Ride chair for the 2026 ride was Jody Hasing, a member at a Bloomington American Legion.

Hasing explained the Waseca organization had volunteered to host the closing ceremony; a meal was served and live music was offered outdoors during the evening. Local Legion organizations donated gener-

ously, with the Legion Auxiliary giving \$1,000; the Legion Post \$500; the Waseca Riders \$1,000; and the Sons of the American Legion donating \$250.

Fund 85 is a project of the Minnesota American Legion Veterans Assistance Foundation (VAF). An online explanation reveals the program, "was established to help Veterans in need. It is for when struggling veterans do not qualify for other assistance programs or — even

when they do qualify — there are times those programs take so long they end up being too late to actually help."

The website goes on to explain a veteran "in dire straits" can quickly receive a maximum of \$5,000 in grants.

The Fund 85 Run takes place each year in July, and alternates between routes in northern and southern Min-

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Band for the Barn draws more than 150

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

By the end of the evening, about 150 people had come to enjoy "Band for the Barn," a Farmamerica event calling attention to about \$90,000 of work needed to put new siding on the classic red barn located at the interpretive center's site representing the 1930s.

The five-member Gold Star Band entertained the 18+ crowd with familiar tunes, inviting couples to the dance floor or to sing along. Originally intended to be outdoors, the live music had been moved into the interpretive center's ballroom area



DOWN HOME TUNES - The Gold Star Band performed for Farmamerica's "Band for the Barn" event the evening of July 25. Band members are, from left, Lynda Kiesler, Gary Pfeifer, Mark Better, Jim Kozan, Brenda Kopischke, and Howard Mock.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

due to the extreme heat and humidity. Those who had brought lawn chairs in expectation of being outdoors were invited to bring them inside if they wished.

Most chose to brave the heat for at least a short time so they could visit the outdoor vendors, among whom

were Kelm's BBQ, Bar Next Door, Udder Buddies, and Mama's Mercantile. Barnyard Treasures had some items on display indoors. Trams offered rides to the 1930s site, and the corn maze called to people looking to lose themselves in agriculture.

Executive director Jessica Rollins shared that fundraising to put new siding on the barn has been underway since last fall; "Band for the Barn" brought in about \$2,700,

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"I WANT SOME MORE OF IT" - Mary Zielund led a group of about 80 participants as they learned line dancing during a class at The Mill the evening of July 24. A class was also held there about 6 weeks ago; some participants were back for a second time.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

Line dancing brings energy, fun, social time

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Country music artist Tim McGraw seemed to be speaking for the entire crowd of 80 or more as a recording of "I like it, I love it, I want some more of it" rang out at the Mill entertainment center the evening of July 24. More than 75 people ranging in age between 9 and 85 years old had registered for a line dance class being taught by Belle Plain residents Mary and Tom Zielund.

It was the second time the class was offered in Waseca, and, based on the turnout, probably not the last, observed Tom. "People really seem to be enjoying it," he commented as he indicated the crowd.

As the name states, line dances call for participants to stand in rows several feet apart all facing the same direction. The steps for most—although not all—dances include a set of moves followed by a change in the direction everyone is facing, followed by the same steps again.

Instructor Mary is a sign language teacher for the Belle Plain school system who also has a passion for line dancing. Her first experience sharing her love for the hobby came when she was asked to teach a community education course. After that, interest from the community led her to begin offering classes

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Lemonade stand

WASECA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Re-use building, vehicle purchases approved

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

During their July 21 meeting, members of the Waseca County Board of Commissioners signed a contract with WEB Construction of Mankato for a \$245,000 re-use building to be located at the county solid waste facility along State Highway 13 south of Waseca. The re-use building will be a place to display items which enter the solid waste stream despite still being usable; plans discussed over past months are that interested parties can view the items and take whichever ones they wish at no cost; the persons disposing of the items will have paid to leave them at the facility.

Most of the cost for the building is to be covered by a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; the grant requires a 25-percent local match. The county's share will be about \$61,000.

Board members also approved a request from the Facilities department, which maintains county parks and facility parking lots as part of its duties, to purchase a 2027 F-350 Ford pickup with a snowplow, lift gate and safety lights. Total cost for the pickup and accessories is expected to be nearly \$62,000. Also approved was a vehicle designated for use by the county information technology department at a price of about \$34,000.

The board set a hearing date for the county's updated list of fees for operating cannabis businesses in unincorporated areas within its boundaries. If the proposed new schedule is adopted, businesses holding cannabis licenses of all types will pay an "initial registration" fee of \$500 and must pay a renewal fee of \$1,000. Cannabis license types include micro-business, mezzobusiness, cultivator, manufacturer, retailer, wholesaler, transporter, testing facility, event organizer, delivery service, and medical cannabis combination business.

Agencies with licenses for hemp business types will pay a \$250 initial registration fee with renewal costs of \$500. Hemp business types include lower potency hemp edible manufacturer, lower potency hemp edible retailer, and lower potency hemp edible wholesaler.

According to a budget summary provided by county public works leader Jim Kollar, proposed county highway construction projects for 2027 include replacing bridge number 7008 on County

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Are you listening?

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

Only one side of my headphones works.

Why do you keep using them? I can still listen to Sonny or Cher, Hall or Oates, and Simon or Garfunkel.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I had shoveled no snow in July, but it's hot enough that I know stores will put out their Christmas stuff soon.

I was spinning tales in Arizona. It was hotter than it needed to be. I hiked a mountain trail with jaw-dropping views. I was feeling accomplished until a group of chanting airmen ran past me as if I were backing up. I returned to my hotel room like a humbled Odysseus returning to Ithaca.

Heat makes things expand. Therefore, Arizonans should be the size of bison. I checked with the CDC. West Virginia is the state with the highest adult obesity rate at 41.4%. Mississippi weighs in at 40.4%, and Louisiana has 39.2% of its adults classified as fluffy.

We were on the road. My wife needed a bio-break or a pit stop. She mentioned one convenience store that would be the perfect place, as they always had clean restrooms. I flashed back to the years when we would never have considered a stop at a gas station just because it'd have a clean restroom—a thing as rare as hen's teeth.

HE WHO CONTROLS THE HARTLAND CONTROLS THE WORLD

I grew up on a farm outside of Hartland, Minnesota. There is a Hartland in Wisconsin, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, New York, Michigan, Kansas and California. As a boy, I wanted to live in each of those. I'd include the Hartland in North Dakota, which is a ghost town, and the one in New Brunswick with the world's longest covered bridge—1,282 feet. Hartland isn't close to being the most popular city name in the U.S. Washington is, with Springfield second, and Franklin third. I've been to Washington, Iowa, and Lake Washington and Washington County in Minnesota. I've cast a shadow in Springfield, Minnesota, and peered at Springfield Township in Iowa. I've visited Franklin in Minnesota and Iowa.

I'VE LEARNED

Due to inflation, you can now eat food that has fallen to the floor if you pick it up within 7.3 seconds.

To stay away from the end of the driveway on trash day.

Rainy days and Mondays never bring me down.

Some baseball umpires work

from home.

Governor Luther W. Youngdahl ran a strong campaign against gambling, pledging to rid Minnesota of slot machines and illegal vice as part of his moral reform platform. Critics and supporters alike labeled him the "Sunday School Governor." He was elected in 1947.

Norwegians use the word "Texas" as slang to describe something that's crazy or out of control.

The average U.S. adult spends 9.5 hours a day sitting.

Elmer Fudd's favorite singer isn't Bad Bunny.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

I hate it when my wife says, "Are you listening to me?" It's such an odd way to start a conversation.

Where does a mansplainer get his water? Well, actually...

My car will seat five people with no problem, but I don't know five people without problems.

A dinosaur tibia was dug up near Matawan. It was quite a shindig.

NATURE NOTES

Neither nail polish nor petroleum jelly is an effective treatment for chigger bites. It's a myth that those things suffocate chiggers, as chiggers don't burrow into the skin and are gone by the time you notice the bite. Take a bath or shower and scrub your skin with soap and water before focusing on relieving the itching and inflammation with calamine lotion, antihistamine creams, corticosteroid creams or cool compresses. After chiggers make tiny holes in our skin, they inject saliva that turns cells into mush for food. Using an insect repellent that has DEET or wearing clothing treated with an insecticide like permethrin before you venture outside can help deter chiggers. Apply the bug spray to areas where chiggers might travel from clothing to your skin, like the waist of your pants and the tops of your socks. Some studies have suggested that natural sprays may help keep chiggers away. Wear long sleeves and long pants, with your pant legs tucked into your socks. Chiggers avoid people sporting a dorky look.

Many birds eat ants, but northern flickers have a particular fondness for them. Woodpeckers, like flickers and pileated woodpeckers, use their long, sticky tongues to lap up ants. Other birds that regularly eat ants include wrens, grouse, starlings, sparrows, crows, wild turkeys, robins, blackbirds and cardinals. Gulls, common night-hawks, flycatchers, swallows and swifts feast on flying ants. They eat all those ants without needing an antacid.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."—Maya Angelou.



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

Dividing the year into moons

I am fascinated by the Native American way of dividing the year into "moons." That is, they did not designate weekdays or assign them names, but simply referred to the four weeks between one full moon and the next with a single name. What I enjoy is that the name for the "moon" creates a picture in one's head of the circumstances and climate happening at the time.

"Geese Laying Eggs Moon."

Close your eyes and think of this name. Do you almost feel yourself traveling in time? For me, I can practically hear the geese honking as they arrive at area lakes. I feel as if I am inhaling the invigorating spring air that fills a person with promise and anticipation as the last of the ice is breaking up on area lakes and the grass is turning that vibrant shade of green.

"Tree Popping Moon."

Now close your eyes and repeat the name to yourself. Do you feel the world constricting, the cold taking you by the shoulders and shaking you? But there's also the purity of the air, as though it's so clean it shines. The forest floor is a changed place, with the impassable undergrowth now reduced and made powerless. Snow is still fresh and friendly,

something to kick up with your feet or decorate with deliberately placed footprints.

The internet provided the three above as having been named by the Dakota, the people who occupied this part of the state for centuries.

The Anishinaabeg (also called Ojibwe) occupied the more northern portion of the state, although their territories did overlap in places with the Dakota.

Among the Anishinaabeg, what we think of as August is "Wild Rice Making" moon. Here, too, the pictures in one's head are abundant: a lake covered in ripe grain—food to feed families through the winter—if only it's collected in time.

Pretty much all native peoples in North America named their months like this. The Navajo, whose ancestral territory is in the southwest, named the weeks of February as the "Moon of Hatching Eagles" and March the "Moon of baby animal sounds."

The Mohawk people, whose traditional territory was what we think of as the Northeast and northward into Canada, named the weeks of July the "Moon of much ripe fruit" and October as the "Moon of the fading landscape."



MOON OF MUCH RIPE FRUIT - These apples on a tree in Deb's yard got her thinking about time, and the ways we refer to it.

Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

These speculations entered my head when I looked at the apple tree in my front yard. Back in the Moon of Geese Laying Eggs, the tree was a giant bouquet, white with flowers, filling the yard with a heart-winning perfume. Bees and other insects moved busily across its surface as though time itself honored their efforts.

Now, in the Moon of Much Ripe Fruit, the branches are weighted with apples the size—and almost the color—of tennis balls.

If I name the time that has passed since The Moon of Small Leaves (a name used by the Mohawk) "April to July," the magic and mystery are diminished, in fact, almost completely lost.

Admittedly, if I abandoned the Gregorian calendar, I would probably never meet the newspaper deadlines that make this publication possible.

Finding love in small businesses, owners

I absolutely love meeting small business owners.

Maybe that love started when I worked in Waseca, highlighting the businesses that keep the community alive.

But this past week, I have had the pleasure of meeting some very lovely small business owners in the heart of the city of Denver. With the state of the world today, many people tend to opt for phone or video calls when agreeing to do an interview with me. It's now rare I get the opportunity to put on real clothes and go questions interspersed with her attending to customers, I learned all about her story, her love for the bookstore, and why it was so important to her to provide this space to the community and to families.

I ventured to the bookstore on Tuesday, Little Blue Pigeon, located in downtown Denver.

The owner, a mother of two boys, was fulfilling her dream of owning a bookstore while catering to her passion of providing literature and education to both kids and adults.

As I walked in, I was greeted with a hug and a warm smile. The book-



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

store was small, but the owner had made it her own and worked diligently to keep the space welcoming and inviting to all. Through stop and go questions interspersed with her attending to customers, I learned all about her story, her love for the bookstore, and why it was so important to her to provide this space to the community and to families.

I watched as she greeted every single customer and made a point to go past the "hello" and actually show she cares about each and every one that enters the store. I admired her as she learned that two young girls were on a school trip from D.C., a gentleman from Kentucky on a work trip was buying a cookbook to bring home to his fiancée, a couple had just flown in

from Ireland the night before, and two friends were passing through on a road trip from Seattle to Pennsylvania.

While her store was quaint and cute and a booklover's dream, it was her story that inspired me to leave with a smile on my face.

The restaurant I got the chance to visit was a small venture on the corner of a main street in one of the Denver suburbs, Arvada. It was on the first floor of the oldest building in town and the prized work of a local chef who lived just four blocks away.

We sat in a booth, so I got to face him to ask him all my hard hitting questions. What's your favorite thing on the menu? What does it mean to

be working with the community? Is there anything I should try?

My smile grew as I got to watch his face light up talking about his passion and what the restaurant means to him. His love for not only his work, but the community he lived in was palpable. He even invited me to come back and try some of his food, which I will be doing next week.

It's interviews like these, people like this, that I get the fortunate chance of meeting that make the dreary days stuck in my apartment clacking away at my keyboard seem worth it. While I might not always get the chance to sit down and learn a person's story as they trust me to put it to words, it's the little moments I've learned to cherish.

Learning about people, the community, I live and work in makes it all seem worthwhile, and life a little brighter, in the end.

My Determination: "Remembering a man's stories makes him immortal." — Daniel Wallace, Big Fish.

Cribbage, guts and a fundraiser

The impossible happened this week. I skunked my dad at cribbage.

Two times.

On the week, I tallied seven wins to his six. Dad took the first two bouts of the week before I rattled off four straight wins on round two (the next day) including a skunk. We started round two intending to play a "World Series," meaning best of seven games. As a youth, we would often play these matchups, and following my losses, we would play an old fashioned World Series, which meant best of 11. And if I lost again, then we would start over from the beginning. This was the first time I had ever won four straight to start a "series" with my dad. I insisted we play more, which resulted in Dad winning one more that night.

Up 4-3 in games, I skunked Dad and won game seven, before he won the final three games, Monday night.

Much discussion was had re-



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

garding cards to keep or throw in various situations. I only ever use actual math to back up my decisions. This year I have tried a slightly different strategy, courtesy of Dad, which is the concept of "explosive hands." Throwing two cards together in a row, or keeping a pair of cards with another card higher or lower than it, giving the player a chance at a double run if the cut comes their way. Adapting this method, I sometimes keep slightly different and even sometimes lesser points, just for the chance at an "explosive hand."

Dad and I have discussions about these types of choices whenever they come up. Although rarely, Dad does once in a while ask for my opinion. I

usually ask for his about a single hand, twice per three games played.

Frequently, if it is the end of the game, I will ask Dad to allow us to replay the hand to see what the outcome would have been if I had made other choices. Despite the two decades we have been playing cards together, I am always trying to learn.

Along with the strategy of "explosive hands," I have become somewhat more aggressive in the ways I "peg" points. I have also strengthened my skills at identifying which cards my dad has played in sequence, both so I can peg more points while also decreasing his count. As an example, if he has played a six and seven, it is likely he has an eight,

five, or ace.

To play off of the strategy my dad explained this year, I intentionally deposit "less explosive" cards in the crib. I employ this strategy based on how many hands are likely to be left in the game and whether I need to be aggressive to win. Most of the time, the correct play is to be conservative, unless I am keeping a really good hand. Even then, if the situation calls for it, those hands must be "busted up."

We were playing Monday evening and were tied, exactly halfway down third street. Meaning that, in order to win, we each needed to be the first to score 46 more points. I was about to deal, which meant I had my dad "6-6" in terms of hands to count, with me counting last in that scenario. Dealer essentially get to count two hands because they get the points from the crib—that is, the cards deposited there by both players. So, when going down

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OBITUARIES

Kay Anderson

Kay Jean (Baumgart) Anderson, age 91, of Waseca, Minnesota, passed away surrounded by family on Wednesday, July 22 at Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center.

Kay was born on September 27, 1934, in Faribault, to Merel and Esther (Ackman) Baumgart. As the oldest of five children, she grew up on a farm between Waseca and Madison Lake, where she learned the values of faith, honesty, hard work, and family that would guide her throughout her life. As a teenager, Kay moved with her family to Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, where she spent the remainder of her youth and met the love of her life, Ted Anderson.

On June 5, 1955, she married Theodor “Ted” Elmo Leroy Anderson at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland. Together they shared 68 years of marriage built on faith, love, and a deep commitment to one another and their family. Kay’s greatest joy was being a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She and Ted raised four children—Debbie, Cindy, Beth, and Allen—in a home where kindness, honesty, and prayer were everyday lessons. Her calm nature and gentle guidance left a lasting impact on those she loved.

In addition to caring for her family, Kay taught Community Education classes through Waseca Public Schools for 22 years. She was also a talented baker who turned her love of cake decorating into a small home business, creating beautiful wedding and specialty cakes for family, friends, and customers throughout the area.

A faithful member of Christ Community Church, Kay found strength and comfort in prayer, Bible study, and her relationship with God. She enjoyed baking, crocheting, painting, listening to music, playing BINGO and cards, and gathering with family. She especially loved homemade ice cream, western movies, and singing her favorite hymn, Count Your Blessings.

Kay is survived by her children, Debbie (Tom) McEllistrem of Mendota Heights, Cindy (Larry)



Kay Anderson

Clayton of Waseca, Beth (Brad) Krause of Waseca, and Allen (Heidi) Anderson of Waseca; grandchildren, Tasha (Ryan) Schleis, Zach (Katherine) Clayton, Jacob (Megan) Krause, Caleb (Allie Faust) Krause, Tatiana (Eric) Marti, Tanyce (Ryan) Bruegger, Elsa McEllistrem, Kaylee McEllistrem, and Hunter Anderson; great grandchildren: Cadence, Killian, Ainsley, Odellia, and Drayden Schleis, Liam and James Clayton, Jayden and Odin Krause, Serenity Harvey, Everleigh, Selah, Eila, and Renna Marti, Jaxon, Brynlee, and Blake Krause, Vivian, Lydia, and Theo Bruegger; siblings, Jane Hagan, Bob Baumgart, Judy (Don) Vogelsang, Dan (Jill) Baumgart, special sister-in-law, Elaine Dahring; brothers-in-law, Clarence (Kathy) Anderson, Roger (Karyl) Anderson, and Chuck (Jayne) Anderson; sister-in-law, Mary Anderson; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted, and her parents, Merel and Esther Baumgart; brothers-in-law, Harold “Pete” Hagen, Art Anderson, Don Dahring; sister-in-law, Judy Baumgart; and many aunts and uncles.

Funeral service for Kay will be on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Christ Community Church in Waseca. Visitation will begin three hours prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca.

Dsofuneral.com

Stanley Krippner

Stanley “Stan” Herbert Krippner, age 84, of Waseca, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Stan was born on December 31, 1941, in Waseca, the son of Herbert and Esther (Lutgens) Krippner. He grew up on the family farm in Deerfield Township, Steele County, where he began his education at the rural country school near his home. He later attended Owatonna Public Schools and graduated from Owatonna High School with the Class of 1960.

Following high school, Stan began working at Jostens in Owatonna and EF Johnson Company in Waseca before starting a long career in the printing industry. He worked for Brown Printing in Waseca, NCS in Owatonna, Impressions Inc. in Minneapolis, and concluded his career much as he began—working in printing—retiring from Print Craft in

New Brighton in 2006.

Stan enjoyed driving through the countryside and often stopped at the home farm site to sit for a while, watching the world go by. He took pride in keeping the place tidy, removing pests and appreciating the wildlife he loved to see. He also had a lifelong fondness for sports cars, frequently trading for a new model and enjoying the thrill of each new car he brought home.

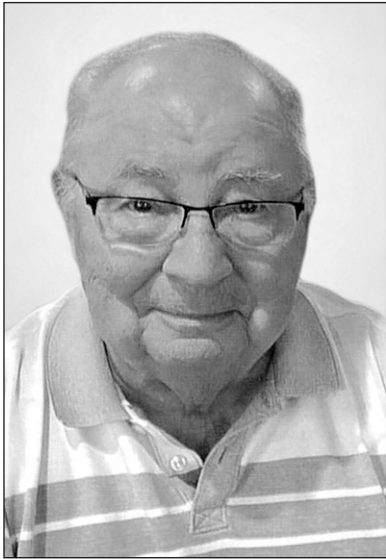
Stan was proud of his 44 years of sobriety and was a devoted participant in AA in Owatonna, where he found purpose in encouraging others on their own journeys. Later in life, after moving to Realife Cooperative in Waseca, he enjoyed visiting with fellow residents and never hesitated to share his opinions—often with spirited debate, even when he knew he might not be right. Although he could have stared in Grumpy Old Men at times, he had a soft spot for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved following their

activities and accomplishments.

Stan is survived by his children: Gerald “Jerry” Krippner of Bloomington, Robin (Blake) Nelson of Waseca, Todd Krippner of Louisville, KY, and Kevin Krippner of Rochester; grandchildren: Kelvin (Katie) Nelson and Shanly (Adam) Rehman; great-grandchildren: Evelyn and Rocky Nelson; siblings: Raymond Krippner of Deerfield Township, Karen (Gerard) LaFond of Owatonna, Virginia Watkins of Rochester, Roger Krippner of Great Falls, MT, and Neil Krippner of Rochester; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Stan’s Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 3, 2026, at the State Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca. Interment will take place at Deerfield German Cemetery in Deerfield Township, Steele County, Min-



Stanley Krippner

nesota. Gathering of Family and Friends will begin at 9:30 AM and continue until the time of the service at the funeral home on Monday. DSOFuneral.com.

14U Girls’ Soccer



FINDING SUCCESS - The Waseca U14 girls competed in the MYSA Summer State Championships July 9th – July 12th, claiming their second Summer State Championship in the past three years! They now prepare themselves for the fall high school season where they look to build on their successes and contribute to the JV and varsity programs. The first home game is scheduled Thursday, Aug 27th, against Westonka.

Waseca Braves continue to be hot

Like the weather, the Waseca Braves are hot.

The Braves made it three straight victories Sunday with a come-from-behind 12-7 decision at Morristown.

The Braves' Logan Reger did a great job of pitching in this one. He came in and pitched six innings in relief, gave up two runs in his first inning, and then pitched five shutout innings.

Waseca was down 7-1 after four innings, but scored the next 11 runs to pull out the win.

The Braves then returned to Waseca's Larson Field to complete a weather-delayed game

with Cleveland, which they lost 9-5.

"We came back to tie it and then had a bad inning with a couple errors and they beat us," said Braves coach Tink Larson.

Keato Roeker pitched what might have been his best performance of the season as he gave up just one earned run in 5.1 innings.

Reger, Roeker and Payton Garza each had two hits, with two RBIs by Garza.

The Braves' first 13-60 League playoff game will be at home Friday night, time and opponent to be determined.

there are Legion halls; the locations for the start and finish are selected based on which organizations are willing to host the events.

To properly honor veterans, Hassing said, the rides are “dry,” meaning no liquor is consumed at the daytime stops.

Any veterans interested in finding out more about the Veterans Assistance Fund should begin by speaking with the Legion chapter. Membership in the Legion is not required.

Wasecan honored at MVAC meeting, awards dinner

MANKATO, MINN. (July 27, 2026) – Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) held its Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner to celebrate successes over the past year. Each year, MVAC honors an achiever or a supporter from each of the nine counties that represent the agency service area.

An Achiever is a service recipient honored for demonstrating success by overcoming multiple barriers, making vast improvements and significant achievements. This year’s achievers are Ted Garcera of Nicollet County, Adriana Sandoval of Martin County, Emily Joy Busch of Sibley County and Jewel Stewart of Waseca County.

A Supporter is honored for helping to support, strengthen, and sustain the goals of Community Action through their selfless donation of time, energy, materials and knowledge. This year’s supporters are Oak Hills Living Center of Brown County, Mark Ulman of Watonwan County, and the Dork Den of Blue Earth County. Our Faribault County supporter wished to remain anonymous.

When Jewel was referred to the Young Adult Career Development Program by her DWP case manager, she expressed a strong interest in working with animals. She was considering pursuing a Veterinary Technician program or earning a degree in Animal Science or Equine Science. Although she was highly motivated to achieve her goals, she was uncertain about how to move forward. Balancing the cost of school with her responsibilities as a working mother of two young children felt overwhelming.

Through the program, Jewel was able to explore her interests further and ultimately chose a career pathway in Equine Management. She was connected to a work experience through the MVAC youth program with an opportunity where she supported a local wildlife rescue and farm sanctuary, gaining hands-on experience caring for animals and maintaining their environment. Transportation assistance was also provided, which was especially helpful given her college commute required a four-hour round trip to Ellsworth Community College in Iowa



Laura Wenzel (left) and Jewel Stewart

Falls, IA. There were also nights when she was on “barn duty” at college where she would sleepover in the horse barn to save on gas money. With continued program support, Jewel successfully earned an associate’s degree in Equine Science as well as a diploma as an Equine Management Practitioner.

“Jewel has utilized many MVAC programs, which helped her in making her story a success. She started out on DWP (Diversionary Work Program) and was working with a MVAC job counselor, she then was co enrolled in

WIOA and MN Youth Program,” said Laura Wenzel, MVAC Family Resource Coordinator. “She was also enrolled in SNAP Employment and Training during this time to get extra supports with transportation vouchers. She also utilized the Energy Assistance Program to help with her heat and electric bills.”

Today, she is employed and has begun building her own equine barn, where she plans to offer riding lessons and expand her work with horses.

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nesota. “It’s never the same route twice,” clarified drive chair Hassing. A “road captain” for each ride begins investigating possible routes early in the year. Along with distances and quality of roads, the number of available hotel rooms in various communities is a factor. Stops are arranged in towns where

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Waseca Braves find victory all around

The Waseca Braves were victorious Wednesday, July 23, defeating Morristown 11-1 at Tink Larson Field in Waseca.

"It was a pretty good all-around game for us," said Braves coach Tink Larson, a Braves coach. "We had good pitching, good hitting, and good defense."

The Braves outthit Morristown 13-5 while playing errorless defense.

Logan Reger pitched five innings and allowed baserunners in only one inning while walking

none and striking out eight. Ryan Hanson had eight strikeouts in three innings of relief.

Keato Roeker had another good game at the plate with four hits, a walk, and a sacrifice fly.

Reger was 2-for-6 at the plate. Kyle Waugh and Kellen Klinger had two hits each. Kelvin Nelson, Payton Garza and Cody Huiras had one hit each.

The Braves could have made things a little easier if they had scored some of the 16 runners they left on base.

Big hitters lead to two straight wins

The Waseca Braves made it two straight wins with an 8-2 triumph over Blue Earth Saturday night at Larson Field.

"It was a nice game for us," said Larson, a Braves coach. "It locked up a bye in the first round of the playoffs."

Sabastian Teague came up with a big hit early in the game and Kyle Waugh gave Waseca a nice lead with a three-run homer.

Kelvin Nelson produced

four-plus good innings on the mound, as he hadn't pitched a quite some time and that allowed the Braves to bring in Tyson Reger when Kelvin tired in the fifth inning.

"Tyson pitched very well over the last four-plus innings to pick up the win," said Larson.

Waugh finished 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs. Other hits went to Ryan Wangen and Teague.

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tearoom and evening of Saturday, Aug. 1.

On June 18 the lawn was being mowed near the New Richland Care Center when a rock was thrown by the mower into a parked car. The car sustained damage that will cost an estimated \$900 to repair.

There was an ordinance amending the city code by adopting regulations for fences. Bob Swenson spoke as a private citizen on the matter and said, "I wanted to ask after the regulation regarding pools and the four foot height requirement for fences around pools. It seems like someone could have a cattle tank or a wading pool and bam, they're in violation of the law." He has two neighbors who have pools, one year-round, the other temporary. Swenson stated his belief the law should apply to in-ground pools, but the owner of the temporary pool should not be required to build a fence.

The council replaced city ordinances regarding golf carts with a set of standards which now covers "Motorized Golf Cart, Utility Task Vehicles, and Mini Truck Use."

The emergency medical services department reported it had responded to 54 calls for the year as of the meeting date. The department was present during Farm and City Days and expects to also be available during Waldorf Days from Aug. 21 to 23. The Waldorf event is anticipating a big turnout this year.

The New Richland Fire Department received one fire call and two medical calls in June. The July training was pumping on 7th Street.

New Richland Police Chief Tanyce Bruegger said, "We responded to 51 calls for service for the month of June. We had 10 lock checks/directed patrols, eight traffic stops, eight other agencies assisted, two suspicious circumstances, four animal complaints, 11 ordinance violations. As always, we remind people to get in touch with us if they have any information regarding any incidents that have occurred in the

City of New Richland or surrounding areas. Officer DeRaad attended and completed Use of Force Instructor training. He has passed and is awaiting certification documents. The radar certification annual recertification will cost \$86."

The New Richland Care Center has a current census of 41 residents, consisting of 10 Medicare, nine hospice, three private pay, 18 Medicaid. The facility continues to hire new staff members to fill the decreasing number of openings. Planning is underway to cope with the anticipated wave of vacancies likely to occur when college students return to their courses in the fall. All staff have been working diligently to help reduce the use of temporary agency staffing.

Shell Johnson read the wastewater operation and maintenance report, there was a June 2 power outage from 5:55 to 10:45 p.m. which was caused by a bird on a power pole. The department held its quarterly safety meeting at the plant and included People Service employees Nick Vicker, Chris Secrist, Robert Jayne and Region Manager Herb Krueger. Said Johnson, "I will be out of the office from July 16 through 22, Herb Krueger can be contacted if there are any questions or emergencies."

The maintenance and utility report included an update on the weekly maintenance of Legion Field, City and St. Olaf Lake Parks, City Hall, the city shop, library, and water plant; it was reported all preparations had been made for Farm and City Days. T The mower went in for its 800 hours scheduled maintenance.

The council approved a permit for the T-Mobile/Metronet to begin its fiber overbuilding of New Richland. This is in part to provide an option for residents and businesses which lost their internet service when provider Radio Link discontinued operations last month. Regarding Radio Link, the deadline given during the May meeting for removal of the company's equipment mounted on the New Richland water tower was July 13. The equipment is still there. Verizon Wireless is being contacted to check out the area, and the council will revisit this issue after Verizon's visit.

Jake Leiser olympic wins honored

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The July 21 Waseca City Council meeting was less than 30 minutes long and included only a few matters of business. As the meeting began, a reminder was shared that the Waseca Night to Unite will take place at the city waterpark on Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited for free food, water fun and the opportunity to become acquainted with members of the city police, emergency medical responders, fire department.

Mayor Randy Zimmerman issued a Mayoral Proclamation honoring Jake Lieser who was a two-time Gold Medalist for the 2026 USA Special Olympics held in June in the Twin Cities. Leiser, who brought his medals with him, was present along with members of his family to accept the award. He said, "It was such a great experience up there, seeing all those contestants. It was a fun week that we had, the best experience in my life. I will be competing until I'm gray and old."

Lieser's medals were earned in the 100-meter solo walk and in shot-put; he also has a silver medal in the 100-meter relay walk. Of that accomplishment he observed, "South Dakota beat us by a second. We had

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a great lead the whole race, but they changed their lineup at the last second. If our anchor had a little more speed, we would've gotten it." Stacy Schroeder thanked Leiser for his work as a member of the Exchange Club. Leiser was handed his proclamation and Mayor Zimmerman joined Leiser and his family for a photo. Leiser turned 29 on July 24.

The council approved making final payment of about \$42,000 on the \$400,000 watermain improvements completed this month in Noetzel's Addition, a group of about 34 residential lots located north of Clear Lake Park and west of Clear Lake Drive.

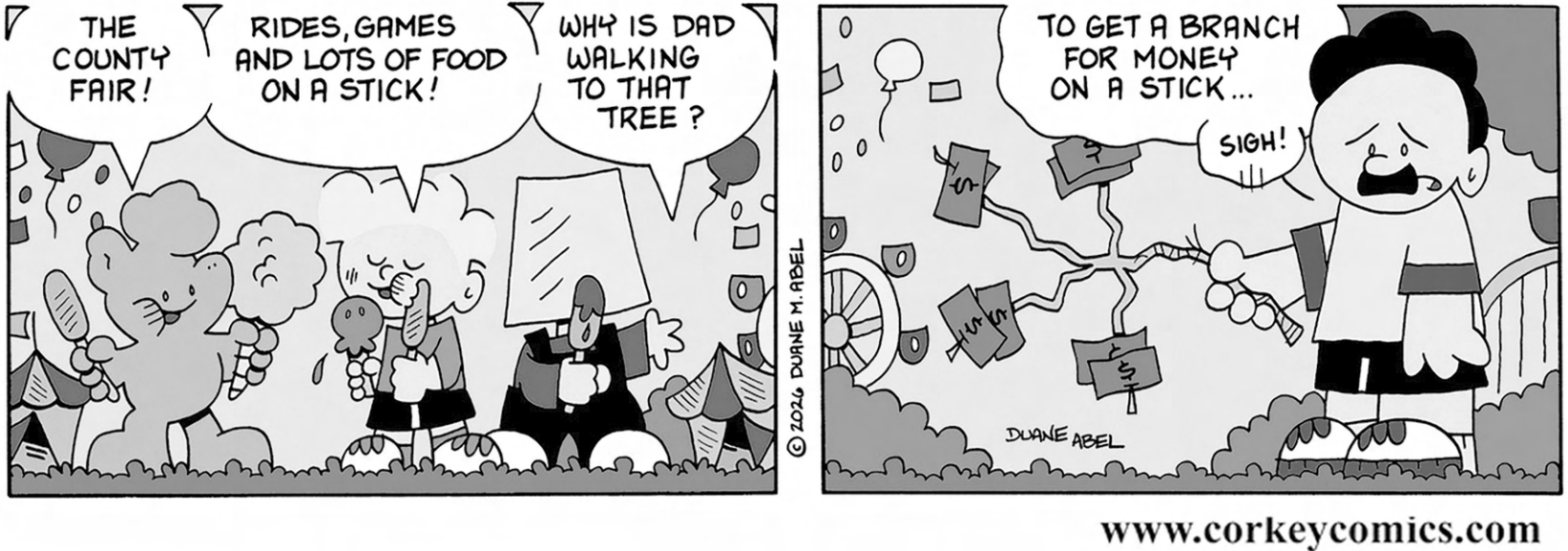
Council members set a public

hearing regarding the city's storm-water pollution prevention plan for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Also approved was a joint powers agreement with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The agreement, which is renewed every five years, is an arrangement to share information about law enforcement activities with the statewide agency, and so with other local agencies statewide.

The Economic Development Authority commission met and received a presentation from Jim Boerboom about his Waseca Coop, said Mayor Zimmerman, "They are now an official entity. This is still in the planning stages."

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Line dancing

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in other venues, including the Mill, whose large, open floor provides a nearly ideal setting, especially for the many people who came on Friday.

A quick spoken survey of the crowd revealed that, while most participants came from the local region, one group had come from Iowa and two individuals were even from Oregon and Nebraska.

One group of four had come from the area of Byron, brought over by Haley Eustice, who is originally from the Waseca area. In their 20s, Eustice's friends were Jessica Grafé, Breanna Ohl and Megan Nowezki. The four said they came for the chance to learn something new that they would all have in common, and proclaimed they would be using their new skill at Nowezki's wedding coming up in May of 2027, where she speculated "Cupid Shuffle" and "Cotton-Eyed Joe" would certainly be part of the celebration.

Not all four expected the dances to come naturally, with Grafé predicting "total chaos" during the lessons.

Wasecans Shannon and Will Fritz came for the chance to try something new; knowing of Shannon's interest, their daughter had seen information about the class and encouraged them to come. Will admitted he was there mostly to support Shannon, saying he expected most of his enjoyment from the event was likely to be vicarious. "Sometimes what brings the most joy is watching others get their joy," he claimed.

Rebecca Fowler of Mankato had brought her "fun-sized" mother, five-foot-tall Betty Feldbrugge, who said



RARIN' TO GO - Joleen Deutschmann of LeCenter (above) brought young enthusiasts Ollie (in back) and nine-year-olds (from left) Lachlynn, Whitley and Brenna, to the line dancing class July 24. Below, dancers quickly got the hang of the simpler combinations and then moved on to the more complicated ones.

Pioneer photos by Deb Bently

she was looking forward to the social time and fun of line dancing, along with the exercise which, she figured, would be healthy for her without being too strenuous.

Joleen Deutschmann of LeCenter had brought three nine-year-olds and a 12-year-old, and said the youngsters were excited at the prospect of learning the dances. They had even dressed in western-looking gear that included cowboy hats and boots.

Instructor Mary told the group during her introductions that the first hour or so would be beginner-level lessons, with more advanced moves being kept for the later part of the session.



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The Pastor's Column

Spiritual renewal

By FR. GLENN FRERICHS

For us Minnesotans, summers are often known for BBQs, vacations, and all things outdoors with family and friends. Part of the reason may be the unique opportunities this season offers. After all, school is out, the warm weather makes it easy to be outdoors, and our culture generally encourages people to step away from work responsibilities to be with family. During a recent vacation, I had the opportunity to celebrate Sunday Mass at a small church at the north entrance of Itasca State Park. Sunday Mass is offered only during the summer months because it is intended to serve the high volume of park visitors. This is almost an annual event for me. What I've always found particularly impressive is the number of vacationing families who rise from their sleep, prepare the children, and bring everyone to an unconditioned church on a hot Sunday morning. The number of people in attendance ranges from 60 to 110 on any given Sunday. This year's visitors included all ages, but most were young families. The faith that flowed through their voices and the delight in their eyes at the opportunity to worship God on a Sunday morning was inspiring to see.

Isaiah, the prophet, says: *All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what does not satisfy? Only listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.* (Is 55: 1-2)

As the seasonal rhythm unfolds, it is important to attend to the physical and relational aspects of our lives that can be neglected during the dreariness and closed-

in nature of the winter months. Isaiah reminds us that our spiritual and soulful selves also require ongoing attention. Prolonged or chronic dehydration, hunger, or poverty can make deprivation hard to notice. Our spiritual lives are no different. St. Augustine's famous line, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you," from the opening of his Confessions speaks to that inner need for God that will ultimately satisfy our hearts. The universal experience of dissatisfaction, anxiety, or a sense that something is missing from our lives, regardless of our success or achievements, is the consequence of life outside Christ.

God, on the other hand, seeks to fill the recesses of our hearts. Having been made for God, life in Christ reorients our purpose to what it was in the beginning, before the fall. The emptiness one experiences begins to be replaced by peace and fulfillment; relationships take on new significance; the propensity to strive after worldly things that will have no lasting effect is replaced by the joy and contentment of living under God's plan.

The hunger for God experienced by those campers on a Sunday morning in the middle of vacation was greater than any comfort or consolation that a campfire, beach, or warm breakfast could satisfy. "As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God" (Psalm 42).

With a few weeks of summer remaining, rest, family, sunshine, and rejuvenation are all important. And with this, it may be Saint Paul who says it best: "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31).

Christ the King joins congregational roster

Christ the King Lutheran Church of Waseca, MN, has now officially been welcomed onto the congregational roster of The American Association of Lutheran Churches (TAALC) at their 30th Convention held this past June 2026. The AALC is a Confessional Lutheran Church founded in 1987 with the firm belief in the inerrancy of the

Bible and the belief that the Lutheran Confessions are the correct exposition of God's Word (www.taalc.org). Christ the King Lutheran Church was established in 2009 and holds weekly services at 9 AM each Sunday and 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Both The AALC and Christ the King rejoice in their fellowship and the deepening of their relationship.

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bringing the current total toward the project to about \$10,000. The need for repairs is more than cosmetic, she goes on. As the board and batten siding ages and begins to fail, nails are falling out, and some boards have actually fallen.

Many visitors come and go from the barn each year, and numerous animals are kept inside it. The safety and longevity steel siding would bring, says Rollins, as well as the improved appearance, are all powerful reasons why Farmamerica would like to see the upgrade.

"Dairy barns like ours were the heart of rural life in the early- to mid-1900s," Rollins pointed out.

"They were places of labor, steadfast routines and enduring family enterprise."

Calling the classic hip-roofed barn a "bridge connecting generations," Rollins notes the building has been at Farmamerica for nearly 50 years, having been moved to the site from the Ballard Dairy Farm south of Mankato in the 1980s. She also mentions that structures of its type are no longer being built, with modern dairy barns looking very different and meeting much different standards of production and food safety.

Despite the changes, though, she points out barns like the one at Farmamerica remain an enduring icon of agriculture. Just as there was a time when no farm was complete without a barn, Rollins suggests, Farmamerica would not seem complete without one today.

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Power of Produce



PRODUCING GOOD - The Power of Produce club, or POP club started at the Waseca Farmers Market on Saturday, July 25. Both Janel Schmidt and Gavin Riehm were busy giving out the POP money vouchers, "We have so many applicants we haven't been able to count them yet" said Schmidt. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

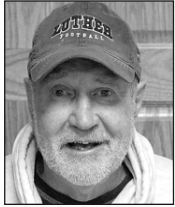
Making my way in a vastly different world

Whenever I write I'm always proud to say I'm a baby boomer or senior citizen. A baby boomer is someone born between 1946 and 1964; we are a powerful social economic force, and control a vast majority of national wealth (over \$100 trillion.) President Donald Trump is a baby boomer. A senior citizen is an older adult; 65 or older. Baby boomers know how to save money for retirement, manage assets and know how to dig a hole or work a hard physical day.

The younger generations are now educated and prepared to live in the world of 2026. They can operate a smart phone with ease, and navigate electronics where everything has become an app, code, portal, etc.

We have become a society that forces an 80-year-old senior to use a smartphone. Baby boomers, who did so much to make this country great, now find themselves feeling illiterate as they try to complete daily tasks. Booking medical appointments, paying a bill, watching TV, using a coupon and finding a phone number become frustrating and difficult. I'm sure that a number of seniors feel that technology should serve everyone and not discriminate, since they now require the help of a son, daughter, grandchild, or neighbor to help them succeed using new technology.

My wife Lisa is content to live with her I-pad. Every day she checks her Facebook, Instagram, and maybe



Bits and Pieces

by Dave Zika



TikTok. She keeps up with interesting posts from others and friends and can wish extend birthday greetings. Lisa also has a membership on Amazon and we get free deliveries on all of our orders. Needless to say, you can order anything on Amazon. We now do most of our Christmas shopping online.

I own a cell phone. It is a must at our cabin. It serves me fine; I can call others, take pictures and share them, chat with others, and google my questions on the internet. I become frustrated finding others' cell phone numbers. There are no more phone books; good old-fashioned landlines are becoming limited. We still have three phones in the house with old-fashioned answering machines. Will I ever get a smart phone??? NEVER!!

Media Com is our choice for cable. Our TVs, phones, and internet are all serviced and billed through Media Com. At present we are not streaming or buying athletic events on Peacock, Hulu, or whatever. Netflix is an absolute must. We are at the

mercy of phone lines and internet, and seem to have daily TV problems with all of the new high-speed updates. Costs for service keep increasing, making our necessities very expensive. Will we ever change? Maybe?? Cable and landlines may be gone and obsolete in the near future. Most of our bills are paid with autopay, but we still do mail out a few checks. I still carry cash and a couple of credit cards in my wallet. I've had several experiences where stores have had their computers go down and I couldn't use a credit card. Cash became very handy in making the purchase. The new generations now pay many of their bills on an app called Venmo. Will they ever write a check? Probably not. Will I ever pay a bill using Venmo? Perhaps—when the way I pay bills no longer exists.

An app now exists called GPT, an artificial intelligence chat box that generates human-like communication. GPT can answer questions searching the web and even offer advice. It can draft emails, find answers and maybe write a paper. It is gram-

matically flawless. Whatever happened to good, old-fashioned Cliff notes? Whatever happened to good, old-fashioned cursive writing? Would I choose to be a teacher in today's world? Maybe.

AI has been on the news many times lately. AI stands for Artificial Intelligence and is defined as: a branch of computer science focused on building smart machines and software capable of performing tasks that normally require human intelligence.

I recently had breakfast with a grandson who graduated from Mankato West this spring and has already earned two years of college credits from MSU. I asked him the most popular question every grandfather asks a grandson, "What are you going to major in?" "What do you want to be when you grow up?" He wants to either be a CEO in a major company or work with financial advisors. He enjoys working with statistics, which is crucial in financial planning. He then said, "Who knows what's in store for financial planning?" With the emergence of AI, maybe people will make financial calls to robots who offer advice, the human element will be gone. The younger generation is just fine; they are in tune with ever changing technology. My grandson will never qualify to be a "baby boomer."

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 300 E Elm Ave, Waseca 507-835-1709 Worship Sunday 9 a.m. * * *	SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 111 4th St NW, Waseca Father Glenn Ferichs 507-835-1222 Worship Sundays 10:00 a.m., Tues. and Wed. at 8:30 a.m. and Thurs. at 7 a.m.; Saturdays at 5 p.m. * * *	THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS Brad Donner, Branch President Waseca, Minnesota www.lds.org Sunday — 10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.; 11:20 a.m. Sunday School Wednesday — 7 p.m. Youth Activities, ages	NORTH WASECA LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA 404 30 120th St. Waseca Pastor Sarah Krolak 507-234-6463 Sunday - 8:45 a.m. Worship, Second sunday "Young at heart" Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. confirmation * * *
REAL LIFE CHURCH 620 W Elm Ave, Waseca	LESUEUR RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH New Richland, Minnesota Pastor Dan Kordahl Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. Quilting * * *		NOTE: CHANGES IN CHURCH CALENDARS MUST BE MADE BY NOTIFICATION FROM A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION TO THE WASECA COUNTY PIONEER.

Janesville

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- Juniors grades 7, 8 and 9 are -pictured here are: Front row (from left): Abby Schreader and Trish Westphal. Second row: Katie Wheelock, Sam Fox, Gina Conion, Coach Sarah Milow, Ashlee Amundson, Anna Hall and Kristin Brady. Back row: Jenna Bartelt, Heather Johnson, Danielle Mulcahey, Jenna Monahan, Annette Quast and Stephanie Duffly.

- A recent brief meeting was held at the Robert Froehlich home. Discussion was held on the fair. Everyone is busy getting their projects ready for the busy week. The club will have a booth at the fair. On Friday, July 20, at 6 p.m. the group will perform their Share the Fun skit at the Exhibit Hall. This skit at the Exhibit Hall. This skit is the one that will also be performed at the state fair on Friday, Aug. 31. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 13, at the Robert Froehlich home.

- Tammy Grove of Mankato, Mn. won the drawing at the Waseca County Fair for the free subscription of the Janesville Argus. Thank you to everyone who visited the Argus booth and registered to win.

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- Teachers at the Trinity Lutheran Christian Day School for the 1976-77 school year will be the following: Kindergarten, Miss Diane Lyons of Faribault; grade one, Miss Susan Zellmer of rural Lewisville; grade two and three, Mrs. Edna Berndt; grades four and five, Mr. David Schelp; grades six and seven, Mr. Dennis Dirks; grade eight, Mr. Arthur Plath, Principal. Miss Lyons has taught the past three years in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Miss Zellmer has taught in Sheboygan, Wisconsin the past four years.



- Mrs. Joseph Groh brought three-week-old Peter Jon Groh to the bi-centennial picnic. An estimated 200 people gathered in Memorial Park Sunday to celebrate the nation's 200th birthday with a potluck dinner, band concert, speech and the burial of a vault which won't be open until another 200 years pass. The old-fashioned country-style celebration climaxed the work of Janesville's Bi-Centennial Committee. The highlight of the afternoon was the unveiling, by Lauren Nelson, of the historical piece he built to commemorate Janesville's past. Nelson photographed several old buildings around Janesville, then recreated them in metal and arranged them in historical order.

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- Many friends and relatives attended a reception Sunday afternoon, July 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Bruce. The occasion noted the couple's silver wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce were married in St. Ann's Catholic church, Janesville on June 30, 1931. Their attendants then were Mrs. Fater was also present Sunday. The Vincens have three children, Dianne, John and Joe.

- According to legal notice published on another page of this paper, bids will be received on or before July 31 for the purchase of the Hoybye Blacksmith and Welding shop, including building and equipment, in Janesville. The property will be open for inspection from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m Friday, July 20 and between the same hours July 27. The shop was owned and operated by the late Bill Murphy Hoybye. Details will be found in the "Notice For Bids" in this issue of the Argus.

- One of the original members of the local horsethieves expounded this morning on what can be done when on lives in a good town that has a very nice park. Lakeview that is, where people can get together. He stated. "The horsethieves, Gunnie, Joycie, Hinkle, I-Renie, Flinkie, Gustie, Margie, Jimmie, Lizzie, Joey, Beets and the newest member, very young Mickie, took over the park Tuesday evening. All enjoyed a wiener roast with all the trimmings, of course a few bugs and insects too. Later the annual jam session and song fest was held at the Wegge home."

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- Many a man who couldn't by a quarter's worth of crackers on credit in his own home town will get elected to some public office or go upon some lyceum platform and feel actually grieved if his utterances on high finance are not accepted as the words of wisdom that are gleaned from experience.

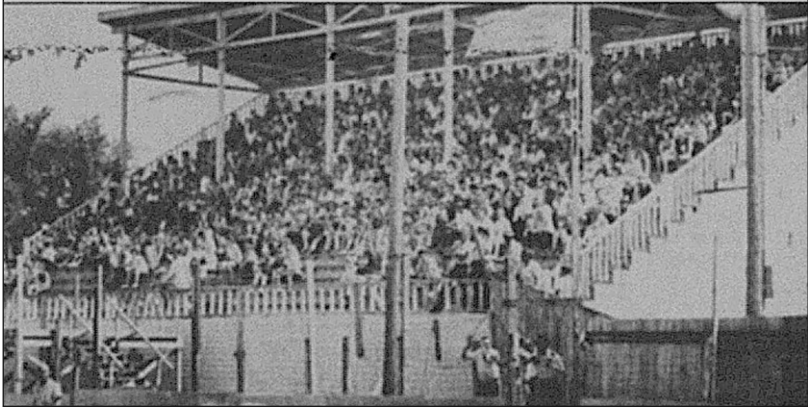
- An idle boy is something like a horse turned loose upon the streets. He is not necessarily mean or vicious but in roaming around aimlessly he is apt to get into someone's garden, and trouble follows. Keep the boy busy during vacation and he will live to call you blessed.-St. James Independent.

- It is with a feeling of sadness that the observer notes with each passing year the dwindling number of Civil war veterans who take part in the Memorial day exercises. Where once they formed a large company locally, there are now a mere handful. But though their number grows less with the passing years, the memory of what they did for their country will remain indelibly imprinted on the minds and hearts of the nation so long as history shall record their deeds.--Northfield Independent.

Waseca

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- Deb and Gary Ellefson, of Ahland, Wisconsin are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Nika Ellefson to Jon Summer, the son of Rhonda Burke and Jerry Summer of Waseca. Nika is a 1995 graduate of Ely High School and a 1999 graduate of Hamline University. She is currently employed as a first grade teacher in the Dallas Independent School District. Jon is a 1993 graduate of Waseca High School and a 1997 graduate of Hamline University. He earned his Master's Degree in Sports Administration at the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse in 2000. He just completed his graduate internship in athletics, facilities and operations at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. A July 29, 2001 wedding is planned.



- Waseca County Fair Grandstand, built in 1920.

- Based on recommendations of the Traffic and Safety Board, the Waseca City Council has approved the removal of some city stop signs. Stop signs will be removed at 6th Street SW at the intersection of 7th Avenue SW but will remain on 7th Ave. SW at that intersection. On 2nd Avenue NW at the intersection of 6th Street NW, stop signs will be removed. The stop sign at 6th St. NW in this intersection will remain in place. According to city engineer Fred Salisbury, traffic counts were taken, accident records were examined and the data was compared to the Minnesota Department of Transportation warrants for stop signs. The board found these signs did not meet the warrants set by the state in the MnDOT Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices. "If they were put up to control speed," Salisbury said, "that is not a good enough reasons for stop signs."

- Waseca Braves' centerfielder Quinn Hammond sparked the 8-6 win over Owatonna with a 4-5 performance at the plate.

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- A car-pedestrian and a car-bicycle accident occurred in Waseca over the holiday weekend. On July 3 at 10:40 p.m., according to the police report, Morgen L Behsmann, 15, 411 7th Ave. SE was allegedly standing on North State St. in front of Hanson's Cheese House when he was allegedly hit by a vehicle driven by Therese A. Huebl, 17, R. 1. Behsmann was taken to Mankato for treatment of unknown injuries. On July 5 at 2:10 p.m. Lawrence M. Peterson, 211 9th Ave. SE was turning left from North State onto 5th Ave. when his car was allegedly hit by a bicycle ridden by Thomas J. Krause, 18, of Austin. Krause received undetermined injuries from the crash.



- Flags, firecrackers and patriotic song accompanied the birth of the two babies, pictured above with their mothers, who were born on the nation's 200th birthday at the Waseca Area Memorial Hospital, Shannon Janell, left, the first child for Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schwartz, 111 1/2 South State Street was born at 11:18 p.m. July 4 and weighed 6 lbs. 134 oz. at birth. Mandy La Vonne, the second child for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Possin, rural New Richland was born at 2:40 p.m. July 4 and weighed 8 lbs. 1 1/4 oz.

- Vandals apparently worked themselves into a patriotic mood over the holiday weekend and reportedly made off with flags displayed at Waseca residences in the northeast and northwest parts of town, according to police reports. Sergeant Bruce Stauffer said today that investigation is currently underway due to the four reports received on flag thefts, in which vandals broke the poles, then took the flag. Any residents who are missing their flags should report the theft to the police station.

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- Wm. J. Sexton, chairman, Waseca County ASC Committee, announced today that the much discussed Soil Bank program is in operation. Any farmer who has planted corn within his allotment or his soil bank corn base may sign up for the solid bank at the Waseca County ASC office. The final sign-up date for the 1956 Soil Bank program is July 20, 1956. The average reserve program is on a yearly base. That is the land put in the acreage reserve is tied up for the year 1956 only. Land designated for the acreage reserve cannot be grazed or harvested before January 1, 1937. The 1956 soil bank corn base acreage will be mailed to each farmer in Waseca county this week and farmers who intended to comply with the acreage reserve program are urged to sign the agreement in the county office immediately. Such agreements under the 1956 acreage reserve program cannot be accepted after July 20.

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- The members of the Waseca Delphian Chapter held their last meeting of the season last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H.M. Gallagher. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Dan Hughes, president; Mrs. Ernest Graben, vice president; Mrs. D.M. Coughlin, secretary and treasurer.

New Richland

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- Abbey Jensen of Geneva received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration- marketing management at the University of St. Thomas spring commencement exercises on May 19.



- Here are the top three finishers for the upcoming second graders. Looks as if they are very happy with their places.

- Blaine and Judy Lewer of New Richland, MN and Sybil Ferguson of Downey, CA will be honoring the marriage of their children, Janda Elaine Lewer and Dwight Pierce Ferguson with an open wedding dance at the Waseca VFW on Saturday, July 21, at 8:30 pm.

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- Bruce Ebnet is pictured here as he crosses the line in first place in the Farm-City Days AAU cross country races, Saturday. Bruce was the first in the Joggers two mile.

- The big battle for the first place in the New Richland Womans League found Quiram's Quities meeting the State Bank of New Richland, Thursday night. Both teams played excellent defense, which resulted in a low scoring contest, with Quiram winning 4-1.



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- Mr. and Mrs. George "Bud" Shurson are the parents of their second daughter, Debra Jean, born Tuesday, August 21 at the nave hospital, Albert Lea, weighing 8 pounds and 11 ounces. The other daughter is Georgia Ann.

- A baby girl was born Tuesday, August 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nelson, their first child. She was born at memorial hospital, Waseca and weighed 8 1/2 pounds.

Region Nine Development Commission elects Andrea Boettger as Board Chair

MANKATO, Minn. — The Region Nine Development Commission (RNDC) is pleased to announce the election of Andrea Boettger as Chair of the RNDC Board of Directors. Boettger brings years of experience with the Commission and a strong commitment to regional collaboration as RNDC continues its work to support communities across south central Minnesota. A member of the RNDC Board of Directors for several years, Boettger most recently served as Vice Chair. She also chairs the Legislative and Communications Committee, helping advance RNDC's legislative priorities, strengthen relationships with local, state, and federal partners, and increase awareness of the Commission's work throughout the region. "I am honored to serve as Chair of the Region Nine Development Commission," said Boettger. "RNDC has a long history of bringing communities together to solve regional challenges, and I look forward to working with my fellow board members and staff to continue building strong partnerships that support the success of south central Minnesota." In addition to her service with RNDC, Boettger is

President of the New Ulm City Council and Executive Director of New Ulm Turner Hall. Her experience in local government, non-profit leadership, and financial management provides valuable perspective as RNDC works with communities on economic development, strategic planning, transportation, housing, and other regional initiatives. As Board Chair, Boettger will work alongside the Commission's Board of Directors and staff to continue advancing initiatives that address the region's most pressing opportunities and challenges, including housing, economic development, transportation, community planning, and workforce development. "Andrea has been a dedicated leader serving as Vice Chair for the past four years and has consistently demonstrated a collaborative approach to serving the region," said Jessica Beyer, RNDC Interim Executive Director. "Her experience, thoughtful leadership, and commitment to strengthening our communities make her well suited to guide the Commission as we continue addressing the opportunities and challenges facing south central Minnesota."

Child’s History of Waseca County

Chapter XIV, 1855-6. Town site booming—Wilton village platted by Cornell and Abbott of Owatonna, and John and D. J. Jenkins and Child of Waseca County—Claim-jumping—House body torn down—Many settlers arrested and taken to Owatonna—Land suits at Winona—War on the Le Sueur—Buildings torn down in Wilton

The first year's settlement did not pass without a town-site boom in this county. Speculators were abroad then as now. In October, 1855, A. B. Cornell and John H. Abbott, then of Owatonna, came to the settlement and prevailed upon D. J. and John Jenkins and the writer to join with them in platting a town site. Mr. Abbott was a surveyor and the parties proceeded to survey and plat the village of Wilton, the first-born city of the county. It soon became evident to John Jenkins and me that A. B. Cornell, the moving genius of the firm, intended to get persons to come on from various places and take possession of all the land in the vicinity, and that, too, without regard to the rights of others. D. J. Jenkins sided with Cornell and Abbott, and it was quite evident that they proposed to jump claims if they could not get what they wanted in any other way. John Jenkins and I withdrew shortly after the survey was made, and men from Owatonna took our places.

D. J. Jenkins built, that fall, the first house on the new town plat, or, rather, adjoining it, and it was expected then that, like Jonah's gourd, it would grow to almost a city in a day. But, unfortunately, the prime movers of the enterprise so managed their affairs that the settlers of the surrounding country, even up to the boundary line of the village plat, refused to countenance the building of the new city. As evidence of the feeling that existed at the time, a few facts will be given, which, though not very creditable, perhaps, will show the extent to which men will sometimes proceed when thrown together promiscuously beyond the controlling influences of courts and law. In the latter part of January, 1856, the Owatonna proprietors of the Wilton plat hired some fellows to jump the claims of four settlers—Robert and Hugh McDougall and George and Bill Robbins—who had settled along the river, just east of the village plat. The claim jumpers commenced the erection of houses on these lands, and set up counter claims to them on the ground, as they said, that those young men had claimed more than 160 acres each, that because they were foreign born and had not declared their intentions of becoming citizens prior to their settlement. The former of these charges was false, the latter true. The men had not declared their intentions to become citizens simply because there was no court nearer than Mankato, and also because they expected to do so as soon as they could get to the land office at Winona.

As soon as it was noised about that claim-jumping had commenced, an impromptu meeting of the boys was held and they concluded to visit the claim-jumpers and inform them that claim-jumping would not be tolerated at all in the settlement. The agents of the "city speculators" were at the time

putting up a log house on the claim since known as the O'Brien land. It adjoined the village plat, on the east, and lay immediately on the road leading to Owatonna. Nearly every man in the settlement was present at the meeting. They all proceeded to the place where the claim-jumpers were at work, and informed them what had been decided upon. The claim-jumpers were acting under the legal advice of Mr. Cornell and conducted themselves accordingly. They evinced none of that blunt, out-spoken honesty so common to western pioneers, but observed a studied purpose to overreach the boys in legal points and yet preserve themselves from physical harm. They showed no fight, but quietly stepped aside when told to do so, by the original claimants. The latter then proceeded to tear down the building forthwith. Cornell's gang quietly withdrew from the premises after witnessing the tearing down process. As soon as possible thereafter warrants were sued out before an Owatonna justice (this was then a part of Steele county) for the arrest of five of the men; to-wit: John Jenkins, Hugh and Robert McDougall, and George and William Robbins—all but Jenkins having an interest in the claims jumped. The charge was that of maliciously tearing down a building. Nearly all the other settlers on the upper Le Sueur were subpoenaed as witnesses. After a trial, which lasted three or four days, three of the five were found guilty and the other two were discharged on motion of the prosecuting attorney. The whole trial was a good deal of a farce. If one of the party was guilty of a crime, all were guilty. We asked to be allowed to prove that the claim jumpers were committing willful and malicious trespass upon lands belonging to the arrested parties, and that only necessary force was used to expel the trespassers; the request was refused. Those found guilty appealed to the district court and were in due time discharged without costs on account of error in the proceedings before the justice.

Immediately after the justice trials, Cornell, through his satellites, commenced suit before the land officers at Winona, and the contesting parties and their witnesses were compelled to make several trips to Winona. After about a year of expensive litigation, the matter was compromised and settled, the McDougall brothers giving up one forty and taking another.

During the troubles that grew out of that affair there was actual danger of bloodshed. Some of the men went armed. Cornell became so alarmed that he did not show himself in the settlement for a long time. In early spring (1856) several house bodies were erected on the Wilton town-site, but on the night of the 19th of April, 1856, they were all torn down, literally razed to the ground. I remember the date, for that was the night of my wedding day, and some of the boys remarked that "They couldn't lay that devilry onto Pat." As to who did the evil deed, probably no one knows, or ever knew, except those engaged in it. This occurrence and the general hostility of all the surrounding settlers to the Wilton speculators, prevented any further growth during the summer following.

projects will be paid for by a combination of state and federal funding, local option sales tax designated toward road maintenance, and wheelage taxes, with none of the funding coming from the county property tax levy.

Intended projects, subject to change, include concrete pavement restoration (CPR) and shoulder paving on a one-mile section of CSAH 27; CPR on 5.3 miles of CSAH 5; Pavement rehabilitation on 4.7 miles of CSAH 23; shoulder paving and the addition of a right turn lane on 4 miles of CSAH 7; pavement rehabilitation on one mile of CSAH 32; and work on CR 54 near Alma City.

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Road (CR) 54 and number 7059 on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15; although the bridge projects will cost roughly \$1 million each to complete, funds will be provided by federal and state sources. Kollar told board members he hopes to see lighting added at five rural intersections; an anticipated cost of about \$315,000 will be covered by federal traffic safety funds.

About \$7.5 million in paving, rehabilitation and seal coating

Family Tradition



WINE AND DINE - Musical trio Family Tradition performed at the Indian Island Winery on Saturday, July 25, 2026.
Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

New Richland city garden gets upgrade

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

The New Richland Town and Country Garden Club arranged for some recent improvements at the city garden located along Highway 30 across from the NRHEG Secondary school. The club brought in Rocks and Roots Landscaping from Hartland to find a solution to an ongoing problem—namely that mulch in the garden had begun to shift, frequently ending up on the sidewalk after rains.

Along with that, some of the perennials had become overcrowded and were due to be divided.

According to project coordinator Barb Finseth, club members decided they did not have the equipment and resources to remove the old mulch, reshape the dirt underneath, and then install new surfacing, and so voted to bring in a crew from Rocks and Roots, owned by Dave Wallin.

A recent break in the hot weather made it possible for members of the landscaping team to complete their work in a single day.



FINDING SOLUTIONS - Rocks and Roots Landscaping of Hartland recently performed some maintenance work on the New Richland city flower garden located along Highway 30. Old mulch was removed, dirt was added, and new mulch put in place. The work crew for the job consisted of (from left) Sean Lassahn, Mack Gilliland, Urlijah Gassman, and Rocks and Roots owner Dave Wallin.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently



HOCKEY BASH - From left, Diane Beckmann, Dustin Roeker, Kellie Moseley, Missy Roeker, Shelly Kuster, Mikhail Rostislavovich, Christy Easton, Josh Lynch, and Todd Schmidt.

Waseca Tourism grants funds to the Outdoor Bash

WASECA, Minn. — Discover Waseca Tourism announces the awarding of a tourism grant to the Waseca Hockey Association in support of the annual Outdoor Bash at Boxcar Bar, headlined this year by country music of Montgomery Gentry.

Since its inception, the Outdoor Bash has grown into one of Waseca's premier tourism events, drawing thousands of visitors from across southern Minnesota and beyond. The event has become a regional destination, with anticipation building each year as organizers unveil the headline entertainment. The Waseca Hockey Association has

consistently elevated the event, bringing nationally recognized performers to Waseca and creating an experience unlike any other in the area.

"Outdoor Bash has become one of the cornerstone tourism events in Waseca," said Discover Waseca Tourism President Mikhail Rostislavovich. "People travel from throughout the region to spend the weekend here, supporting our restaurants, hotels, retailers, and other local businesses while enjoying first-class entertainment. The Waseca Hockey Association has created an event that showcases our community on a regional stage, and

Discover Waseca Tourism is proud to support their efforts."

The grant reflects Discover Waseca Tourism's mission of investing in events that attract visitors, generate overnight stays, and contribute to the local economy. Outdoor Bash has become a signature summer event that continues to strengthen Waseca's reputation as a destination for quality entertainment and community celebrations.

"On behalf of the Grants Committee, I want to thank the Waseca Hockey Association and Boxcar Bar for their dedication to making Outdoor Bash such a tremendous success," said Diane

Beckmann, Chair of the Discover Waseca Tourism Grants Committee. "Their partnership has created an event that people eagerly anticipate every year, and we appreciate the countless hours of planning and commitment that go into bringing entertainment of this caliber to Waseca."

Discover Waseca Tourism congratulates the Waseca Hockey Association on the continued success of Outdoor Bash and looks forward to welcoming visitors from across the region for another outstanding year of music, entertainment, and community celebration.

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New laws taking effect August 1

The following is a list of select new laws passed during the 2026 legislative session that take effect Aug. 1, 2026. The asterisk following the bill number denotes language that became law. Summaries of laws passed by the 2026 Legislature are available online from non-partisan House Public Information Services at house.mn.gov/newlaws/search/2026.

AGRICULTURE

Food banks can accept donated eggs past quality assurance date

A new law aims to reduce food waste while supplying a valuable commodity to food banks.

Taking effect Aug. 1, 2026, it will allow eggs to be donated past their quality assurance date — a point after which eggs are still safe to eat, but may begin to lose flavor or quality.

Retailers are prohibited from selling Grade A eggs more than 46 days past their coded pack date.

Eggs can be donated if they remain in their original packaging, have been kept under continuous refrigeration, and reach the end consumer no more than 30 days after their quality assurance date.

The egg carton must also be marked with the name of the charitable food assistance program distributing the egg, a distribution date no more than 30 days after the quality assurance date and with the statement: “Donated Eggs – Not for Resale.”

Rep. Andrew Myers (R-Tonka Bay) and Sen. Erin Maye Quade (DFL-Apple Valley) are the sponsors.

HF3579/SF3891*/CH110

Modifying statutes on the practice of veterinary medicine

Technical and clarifying changes will be made in state statutes for the practice of veterinary medicine.

Among provisions of a new law taking effect Aug. 1, 2026, are new definitions of “telemedicine” and “teletriage,” allowing a licensed veterinarian to dispense veterinary prescription drugs without a veterinarian-client-patient relationship under certain conditions, and permitting the donation of unused veterinary drugs under certain circumstances if the accepting veterinary medical facility does not resell the drugs and instead reissues the drugs at no charge to a veterinary medical facility in need, an animal shelter or a pound. Rep. Paul Anderson (R-Starbuck) and Sen. Robert Kupec (DFL-Moorhead) are the sponsors.

HF3718*/SF4069/CH53

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

New commerce laws affect consumer protections and businesses

Beginning Aug. 1, 2026, paddlewheel prize maximums are going up to \$200; the maximum ticket price will increase to \$5.

That is part of a new law that, additionally, will change distributions from the Consumer Protection Restitution Account and direct the Department of Commerce to study home care nursing services.

The maximum that can be deposited annually into the Consumer Protection Restitution Account will increase to \$10 million. A formula will be implemented for account distributions to eligible consumers: the full amount up to \$50,000, and then 50% of the amount over \$50,000 or \$50,000, whichever is less.

The new law requires the Department of Commerce to evaluate home care nursing services and, by Jan. 15, 2027, report to the Legislature on the evaluation and proposals for legislative action to support the

needs of medically complex individuals and their families using home care nursing services.

Additionally, the law makes technical changes to the state’s reinsurance program, repeals the Prescription Drug Affordability Advisory Council and adds hasenpfeffer to the list of social skill games for tournaments and contests.

When it comes to securities, the new law will establish regulations for federal crowdfunding offerings; require broker-dealers to establish written supervisory procedures, business continuity and succession plans, and physical security and cybersecurity policies and procedures; and require broker-dealers to observe high standards. The law will outline conduct considered contrary to those standards.

Rep. Erin Koegel (DFL-Spring Lake Park) and Sen. Matt Klein (DFL-Mendota Heights) sponsor the law.

HF4188*/SF4365/CH124

Banks and credit unions can offer virtual currency custody services

Beginning Aug. 1, 2026, banks and credit unions will be able to provide virtual currency custody services in a nonfiduciary capacity.

Any institution offering the services must do so in a safe and sound manner and will be required to maintain written policies and procedures governing risk management, internal controls, cybersecurity, business continuity and compliance.

Rep. Bernie Perryman (R-St. Augusta) and Sen. Judy Seeburger (DFL-Afton) sponsor the law.

HF3790*/SF3794/CH93

‘Payment Transparency Act’ aims to help subcontractors get paid

Helping small businesses get paid on time and creating better working relationships is the crux of the so-called “Payment Transparency Act.”

Sponsored by Rep. Peggy Scott (R-Andover) and Sen. Ann Johnson Stewart (DFL-Wayzata), the new law aims to increase payment transparency on state agency and political subdivision construction projects, and give subcontractors not being paid the information necessary to enforce the Prompt Payment Act.

Taking effect Aug. 1, 2026, the law will require, upon written request from the contractor or subcontractor, state and local governments to provide within seven calendar days, and without charge, specified information regarding any project payment made by the public contracting agency, including date of payment and the amount. Public contracting agencies will also be required to make contact information available to subcontractors and provide that information on their website.

A contracting agency can request contractors and subcontractors use an automated internet-based system for requests if the agency has such a system.

HF1234/SF1714*/CH90

Customers can designate ‘trusted contact’ with financial services

As part of a law taking effect Aug. 1, 2026, customers will be able to designate a trusted contact their financial services provider can contact if there’s suspected fraud in an account.

A customer will be permitted to terminate a person’s designation as a trusted contact at any time and a trusted contact can withdraw their status at any time.

Rep. Bernie Perryman (R-St. Augusta) and Sen. Zach Duckworth (R-Lakeville) are the sponsors.

HF4502*/SF4652/CH86



Swing to serve; Waseca Lions Club rallies record crowd for annual golf tournament

By JANESVILLE JOURNAL

Clinking golf clubs, the soft hum of golf carts, and the steady buzz of chatter set the scene at the Waseca Lakeside Club on Thursday, July 16. Inside the clubhouse, the live broadcast of the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale in Southport, England, flickered on screens, setting a decidedly athletic mood. Outside, however, the real action was about to begin as a local community rallied for a cause far larger than bragging rights on the green.

The occasion was the annual Waseca Lions Club Golf Tournament, a staple event that has been running for roughly 25 years. This year, the tournament proved that it has firmly found its footing again, drawing a massive crowd despite temperatures climbing past the 90-degree mark.

An impressive 21 teams of four—totaling 84 golfers—turned out to play. The surging participation marks a stunning comeback for the annual fundraiser, which saw 14 teams last year and just six the year prior.

“A good amount of supporters are here with golf clubs and bags in hand,” remarked Diane Beckmann, the event’s committee chair and former president of the Waseca Lions Club. While great prizes and securing sponsorships are always part of the equation, Beckmann emphasized that the ultimate objective goes beyond the scorecard. “The number one goal of the tournament is to bring a strengthening community together.”

The tournament is one of two major fundraisers hosted by the Waseca Lions Club each year, alongside their popular pancake breakfast in March. This year, organizers set a goal to raise over \$5,000, with all proceeds directly benefiting local Waseca seniors,

youth, and organizations. The event was bolstered by incredible local support. Local businesses stepped up to sponsor individual holes and donated an array of high-value raffle prizes. Lucky ticket holders went home with free rounds of golf at Lakeside, curated gift bundles of wine and spirits, signed sports memorabilia, premium skincare products, JBL headphones, and stacks of lottery scratch-offs.

Supporting seniors is just one branch of the Waseca Lions’ extensive local outreach. Established in 1927, the local club has spent nearly a century serving the Waseca community. Their initiatives span supporting juvenile groups, assisting the less fortunate, funding local scholarships, aiding with medical expenses, and partnering with organizations like Can Do Canines, which provides specially trained assistance dogs for individuals with chronic medical conditions.

This local commitment mirrors the international mission of the Lions Club. Founded globally in 1917, the Lions are best known worldwide for their crusade to fight blindness through sight conservation and the international SightFirst Program. However, their global network of volunteers also tackles disaster relief, feeds the hungry, and supports youth initiatives like the Leo Program, which provides volunteer opportunities to over 144,000 young people worldwide. Guided by the simple, powerful motto “We Serve,” the global network is supported heavily by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which has awarded more than \$700 million in humanitarian grants since 1968.

Currently, the Waseca Lions Club boasts 45 active members and is looking to grow. Organizers emphasized that there are no special qualifications needed to



HOT COMPETITION - Above, the tournament welcomed a whos who of local Waseca businesses, including members of Edina Realty competing in the Long-Putt-challenge

join—only a genuine desire to serve the Waseca community.

Back at the Waseca Lakeside Club, as the afternoon heat intensified, coolers were packed to the brim with ice-cold beverages. Before sending the golfers off to their carts, Lions club member Steve Graft took to the microphone. Graft warmly welcomed the crowd to the annual tradition, while a Ben with Lakeside offered a crucial public safety reminder to the competitors: stay hydrated.

With a simple foursome scoring system in place—and a generous allowance of two mulligans per golfer—the participants darted off to their starting holes. The field was a diverse mix of club members, local residents, and representatives from local businesses,

including a strong contingent from Edina Realty.

The afternoon was not without its share of entertainment. On one fairway, a flock of local geese decided to join a group of golfers, honking loudly alongside the cart path while politely keeping their distance.

On the links, the competition was a mix of raw power and delicate finesse. While one group delivered soaring, powerful drives to kick off their round, a group of elders demonstrated the art of the short game on Lakeside’s tricky greens. In a dramatic sequence of putts, three out of the four golfers missed the cup by the slimmest of margins, only for the final player to confidently sink the ball for the lowest score in the foursome.

■ Choices

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fourth street in cribbage, it is often said in our household, that the dealer has a three-to-one advantage in the hand—that is, the dealer will count three hands in the time the non-dealer counts one.

So, because of this advantage, I know I only have to average about six points a hand over the final six hands. Since six is lower than a typical hand would yield, that meant I had a good chance of winning, even with only average cards. In my calculations, that meant I needed to allow my dad some large scoring opportunities. If I did, he could win in four hands.

My dad plays loosely, following his gut, which is not often wrong due to his nearly six decades of card playing. But I play with my gut AND my head. Which, I might add, is not always the fun way to play.

I won that game, by the way.

The next game we were in a similar situation. Except I was a little further back than 46 points and Dad was a little ahead. I was dealing, but needed to average about eight points per hand to win. This is slightly above average in terms of typical point yields. It also meant Dad needed to come up a little lame. I had to play a little more aggressively to come from behind. But I also had to do it in a way that didn’t just hand my dad the game. I lost that game, but it was closer than Dad expected and he didn’t skunk me.

It was during that game Dad shared an adage he once heard: “Never think too far ahead in a cribbage game.”

“That is terrible advice,” I said. “I have won so many more games this year because I do just that. Who gave you that advice?”

“Terry,” my dad growled. “He always was a...”

My dad actually trailed off and I did not hear how he ended that sentence.

Our family friend Terry would admit to having lost more games than he has won playing with my

dad and me.

We agreed we owe Terry a call. Aside from cribbage, I had a medical appointment this week. After extensive note taking, my doctor, well not doctor, but Ken from Heartland Healthcare in Janesville, helped me come up with some theories regarding my side pains. Ken recommended peppermint oil and said if that doesn’t work, he has a prescription he can give me. It appears my pain comes later in the digestive process. I have learned far more than I ever wanted to about digestion. Avoiding too much detail, I get a large amount of pain about four hours after eating. The solution I tried this week was to take peppermint oil about 2.5 hours after eating. It takes the oil tablets 60 to 90 minutes to reach the corner of my colon where the sharp bend and pain are. Today, it helped. I pray, and hope, it continues to help. Three and a half years of pain, tests, and very few answers have been utterly miserable.

Oh, and we ran a large fundraiser at the game store. We raised a couple thousand dollars

for cancer research. My friend and store regular, Wade, lost his wife to cancer this year. He asked that we do an event in her honor to raise money for cancer research. We organized a silent auction, collected items, donations and ran events (games) all day long. Food was grilled. Many items were given away in raffles and door prizes. It was incredibly rewarding to have organized this even; the plan has become to hold it each year. This was my first time organizing something like this and I am very grateful for all those who helped make it possible. And, I didn’t get to say this over the weekend, but I’m really grateful for the locale we serve with the newspaper. I drew on the knowledge of having written about so many similar events that it made organizing this one rather seamless.

This week’s cribbage tallies updated from last week:

Dad 472 wins, 70 skunks
Eli 424 wins, 43 skunks, 1 double skunk

2026 totals, Eli 87 wins, 4 skunks, Dad 59 wins, 9 skunks

IN BRIEF

Marching Jays Parade
Saturday, Aug. 8

The Marching Jays will hold a parade from 1:30-2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8. The course will start behind Bomgaars in Waseca and end at the fairgrounds.

Lutheran Night at the
Twins event Aug. 11

The 33rd Annual Lutheran Night at the Twins event will depart from behind HyVee in Albert Lea at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11. The game is Orioles vs. Twins. There will be activities on the bus, cost is \$65 if paid by July 1. For reservations call Bob or Genie Hanson 507-373-8655 or Bev Indrelie 507-402-8228.

Customer
Appreciation at Ace
Hardware on Tuesday,
August 11

Ace Hardware will have a customer appreciation from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11. There will be pulled pork sandwiches and reps on site. Sale prices as well, "Thanks for being part of our community."

Clay Chicken Class at
Waseca Art Center
Tuesday, August 11
and 18

The Waseca Art Center will feature a two part class, Clay Chickens from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11 and 18. Join us in creating a quirky chicken in clay. The first class will be sculpting the chicken and the second will be glazing it. For ages 7-16.

Acrylic Painting a Sea
Turtle at Waseca Art
Center Wednesday,
August 12

Guest artist Peggy Paulson will be leading the kids in painting a sea turtle at the Waseca Art Center from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug 12. Perfect for summer vibes, for Ages 7-11.

Soil Water
Conservation District
(SWCD) Board
Meeting Aug. 13

The SWCD will be holding its monthly board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13. The meetings will be held in the SWCD offices located at 300 North State Street - Door 4.

Acrylic Painting
Ethereal Landscape
(Two Part Class) at
Waseca Art Center
August 13 and 20

Local artist Caitlin Roberts will teach how to paint an ethereal landscape over two sessions at the Waseca Art Center from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13 and 20. Supplies will be provided. Minimum of three, limit 10. Geared toward teens 13 - 18 years old.

Waseca Freemason's
Soap Box Race
Saturday, August 15

The Waseca Freemasons are throwing their eighth annual Soap Box Race starting at noon till 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 15. The location is 4th St. NE, next to Tink Larson Field. For ages 8 and up, registration must take place before noon. Refreshments provided. The rain date is August 22.

Rock'n Cars Roll-In at
Katie O'Leary's
Thursday, August 16

The Rock'n Car Roll-In will take place at Katie O'Leary's from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug 16. Classic cars, motorcycles, food trucks, music and 50/50 raffle.

Waseca Art Center
adult art classes
Mirror of Kindness
Wednesday, August 19

Dr. Mattilan Martin will teach a class Mirror of Kindness at the Waseca Art Center from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19. Participants will create an abstract self-portrait inspired by the colors, patterns, and uniqueness of their own iris. Supplies provided. 16+ only, cost \$40.

Outdoor Bash to feature Montgomery Gentry

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The Waseca Hockey Association's Outdoor Bash for 2026 fundraiser will take place at the Boxcar Bar on Saturday, Aug. 1. With Montgomery Gentry featured at 10 p.m., the local Angel Val Trio will be on stage from 5 to 7 p.m. and Chad Johnson from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Waseca gambling manager Joshua Lynch observed, "The Outdoor Bash is the Waseca Hockey Association's biggest fundraiser of the year, but it's really just a great night out for the whole community."

Lynch went on to say the event has become a summer tradition for the region. "People come from all over southern Minnesota, and it's grown into one of those events people mark on their calendars every summer. At the same time, it's become a huge fundraiser that helps keep our hockey

program going."

He points out that the money goes directly to help participants: "Every dollar raised goes right back into our youth hockey program. It helps keep registration costs affordable, pays for ice time, equipment, facility improvements, and gives kids the opportunity to play hockey who otherwise might not have that chance. We're a nonprofit that's run almost entirely by volunteers, so events like this really make a huge difference. Every ticket someone buys helps support local kids."

Lynch continued, "Any event this size takes a lot of planning. There are a lot of moving parts—booking bands, setting up the stage, food vendors, security, sponsors, volunteers, you name it. But we've got an amazing group of volunteers and community partners who put in a ton of time every year. It really takes a team effort, and

we're fortunate to have so many people willing to help."

In addition to the rewards it brings the hockey program, Lynch says, "It's pretty special to see all the people enjoying great music while supporting something that's important to our community. And obviously having Montgomery Gentry here is going to be incredible. You don't get opportunities like that very often in a town our size, so we're really excited."

Lynch assures that being a hockey fan is not a requirement for enjoying the Aug. 1 event: "You don't have to be involved in hockey to come out and have a great time. If you enjoy country music, good food, and spending a summer evening with friends, this event is for you. And the bonus is that every ticket helps support local youth hockey."

Lynch says he is grateful to be part of an

organization which is so sincerely focused on its central purpose which, despite the name, is not teaching kids to play hockey. "There are so many people who give their time coaching, organizing events, fundraising, and doing all the behind-the-scenes work that most people never see. Our goal is about a lot more than hockey. We want kids to learn teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, and build friendships that last a lifetime. We're incredibly thankful for the support we've received from our sponsors, local businesses, volunteers, and the entire Waseca community. We couldn't do it without them, and we hope to see everyone out at the Outdoor Bash on August 1."

Angel Val Trio 5-7 p.m. Chad Johnson 7:30 p.m. Montgomery Gentry 10:00 p.m. Get details regarding ticket availability via Eventbrite and the Boxcar Bar. General admission \$40, VIP \$150.



SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS - Three members of the JWP Clay Target team, Janessa Carstensen and Carter and Cody Wiederhoeft, went to Michigan in mid July for the USA High School Clay Target League National Championships. Right, Carter Wiederhoeft captured a 75-straight, or three straight perfect rounds, to qualify for the Championship round in 127th place.



JWP Clay Target team lines up at Nationals

JWP team member Carter Widerhoeft places 151st out of 1,800 in National Championships

By JANESVILLE
JOURNAL

As temperatures outside continue to climb, so too does the incredibly hot sharpshooting of some local gunslingers. Three members of the JWP Clay Target Team—Janessa Carstensen along with Cody & Carter Wiederhoeft—traveled to the USA High School Clay Target League (USAHSCTL) National Championships from July 8-12 in Mason, Michigan.

Since the Championships began in 2007, participation in clay target

shooting has increased exponentially with the League acknowledging over 55,000 participants across the nation taking aim in 2025.

For these specific Nationals, roughly 1800 shooters across the country gathered for two intense days of focus and nerves of steel. In many ways, the competition came familiar to the trio with two, 50-target sessions determining who qualified for the Championship round. The pressure was immense as the nation's best shooters lined up, and nearly 1000 of these sharpshooters failed to qualify.

Carstensen and Cody Wiederhoeft did not advance to the final round; however, they ended their careers with exceptionally high marks. Wiederhoeft placed 648th with a two-round score of 93 while Carstensen landed in the 1668th position with a score of 77.

Proving to have the steadiest aim amongst the three was standout deadeye Carter Wiederhoeft, who on his Day One prelim, captured a miraculous 75-straight or three straight perfect rounds to claim a score of 97/100 as well as qualifying for the Championship round in

127th place. Success is often defined by being able to replicate it, and Wiederhoeft maintained his poise amidst the pressure, landing two more 25-straight patches en route to a second consecutive 97 score.

Despite the impressive score, the 400+ shooters in the final rounds posted similar rounds, showcasing a rich pool of talent when it comes to Clay Target teams around the nation. Wiederhoeft's performance earned him 127th place out of 404 participants, putting him in the nation's top third percentile amongst

youth shooters.

Coach Dale Fleming expressed immense pride in the three shooters for their performances, "It's incredibly tough competition shooting with some of the best in the country, but those three put up phenomenal scores...they represented Bulldog Clay Target well and we couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments."

As participation in JWP Clay Target grows, so too does the skill level of its gunslingers. Congrats on a highly successful season!

Air pack purchase approved; Rep. Allen attends meeting

By JANESVILLE
JOURNAL

The Janesville City Council met on Monday, July 13; the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Minnesota Representative Keith Allen visited the Council to show his intent to support Janesville and Minnesota cities to fulfill their needs as a community.

"I've just completed my freshman year at the Capital," said Allen before sharing his experience on the Bonding Committee and how their work has supported infrastructure improvements throughout the state of Minnesota. "It's been impressive to watch what Janesville has done as a community. . . It really shows a great example of what other communities need to be looking at long term."

Council Member Jim Mulcahey asked Allen how he liked his new job, to which Allen said, "I've been impressed with how things have gone. . . The early 80s was the last time the house chamber was completely tied. . I was amazed with the amount of work I was able to accomplish in a situation like this."

Before Representative Allen stepped away from the podium, he shared his condolences with the Council for the loss of Mayor Andy Arnoldt, "It was a sad thing to hear about. . losing a colleague unexpectedly really does shake everybody to the core." Weeks prior to the meeting, a letter written by Representative Allen was sent to the Arnoldt family and an American flag was flown over the State capital in his honor.

Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton representatives, Superintendent Jeremy Erler and Business Manager Wendy Diecker, attended the

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meeting to make the Council aware of an upcoming amendment that could increase the amount of funding schools receive from the state.

The Permanent School Fund is an allocation of funds generated by school trust lands that are used for natural resource gathering. The current language in the Minnesota constitution does not allow the legislature to increase the amount of funds being given out to schools in Minnesota.

During the 2026 elections, a vote will be taken on whether the amendment should be made to allow the legislature to have more decision making power when it comes to the Permanent School Fund. A yes vote would allow the legislature to grant more money to schools without any change in taxes for voters.

As an example of the potential benefits of the Permanent School Fund, Diecker showed that the per pupil amount of funds being granted by the State was \$68.17 in fiscal year 2025, would have had the potential to be \$96 with the passing of the amendment. The total speculated increase of revenue to the school per pupil was around \$17,000, "Which doesn't sound like a ton when we're talking about a ten million dollar budget, but as our enrollment is declining and things are costing more, that \$17,000 could be very helpful." Discussion centered around the importance of voting yes on the ballot in November. Voters who do not mark a Yes or No answer on the amendment vote will be defaulted to a No

vote.

Concerned citizen Mike Santo, spoke during a public forum to voice concerns about the railroad. "I'm just wondering if you all could apply more pressure to the railroad to get something done with the Main Street railroad crossing. That thing is as rough as can be," said Santo. The Council was quick to agree with Santo and appreciated the concern but no action was determined for the time being.

Council member Ivan Maas reported that the Lehrke family were the winners of the EDA's business challenge. The \$20,000 grant will be used to make improvements to their property on East Main Street.

Sarah Johnson reported that Whispering Creek had a water main break weeks prior. The Department of Health required an engineering plan be constructed before a new main could be installed, but the current main was not repaired. An estimated \$20,000 will be required to repair or upgrade the water main.

In Administration, Katelynn Kratz passed the probation period as required by the city's personnel policy. Johnson motioned to have Kratz advanced to a full time staff member and the motion was seconded by Maas.

The 2027 Street and Utility Improvements discussed in the June meeting were accepted and passed with Resolution 2026 - 21. Following the approval of the resolution, the city engineer will begin the preliminary engineer report and work towards maintaining the tentative schedule. Bids for the project are expected to begin in early 2027.

The Council was asked by Administrator Rogers to approve, "a three percent cost of living increase across the board for wages.

Tonight, at this point, we are going to budget a ten percent increase for all insurance," as the Council reviewed the 2027 General Fund Budget. Rogers noted that the different branches of Janesville's government are meeting budget expectations as they reach the mid way point of the year.

Council member Kyle Luitjens brought up the topic of raising the salaries of council members. Rogers noted that the increase would not affect the council until the following year. Luitjens stated, "I think we should start the ball. I'm perfectly happy with what I am doing and what I'm getting, but it would allow for more interest [in council membership]."

Fire Chief Santo presented two quotes for new air packs for the department. Sourcewell is a buying group set up by the legislature that allows cities to purchase a wide variety of items through appropriate channels. The department's current air pack equipment is beginning to show wear after twenty two years, originally purchased in 2004. \$232,007 are the estimated total price for purchasing new air packs, with a few thousand to be reduced from the price as the department elects to lease storage cylinder tanks.

MSA is the current brand of air pack equipment used by the Fire Department and they intend to purchase MSA equipment once again. "We do have the money in the capital expenditures," began Santo, "We do realize that by doing this we are putting our next tanker [purchase] back two years, but we feel that packs get used a lot more than the second tanker." The Council accepted the presented bid for \$232,007 to purchase new air packs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Sunday, Aug. 2

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Honoring a tradition from early in our region's history, music will be provided by a band consisting of volunteer musicians. Seating provided; bring your own chairs for comfort.

If taking part in the meal, please bring a dish to pass. Immanuel is part of a four-location Missouri Synod parish which also includes St. John, Danville Twp; First Lutheran, Waldorf; and Trinity Lutheran of Wilton.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Waseca County Property & Election Services Office will test the electronic voting machines to be used for vote tabulation in the Primary Election of August 11th, 2026.

Testing will be held on Wednesday, August 5th & Thursday, August 6th, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Election Room on the main floor of the Waseca County Courthouse, 307 North State Street, Waseca, MN.

The Public is invited to attend.

Tamara J. Spooner, Director of Property & Election Services

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NOTICE

Unclaimed property located at 300 15th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093, a Vending Machine V540, Model 720TDX00060020114, Serial Number 958511 located at 300 15th Ave NE, Waseca, MN. Last known owner or interested party is VendAttend, will be considered abandoned, and to be sold, disposed of, or other, unless claimed by the verified owners by August 27, 2026.

Claimant verified owner(s) shall reimburse incurred handling and clerical costs associated to the machine, their owned, personal property retrieval.

Personal property claimant(s) reply to info.jjpm@gmail.com.

This notice is in accordance with Minnesota Statute 345.75.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the annual review of the City of Waseca's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will take place at the City Council meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 508 South State Street in Waseca. The purpose of this public review is to educate and raise awareness regarding stormwater and related issues and to receive public comment and suggestions. Any questions or comments about this public meeting or stormwater related issues may be directed to the City of Waseca Engineering Department at 507-835-9730.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6pm Bar Bingo	2 7pm BINGO	3 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	4 250 th Independence Day
5	6	7	8 6pm Bar Bingo	9 7pm BINGO	10 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	11 QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 5pm
12	13 7 pm Post & AUX. Meeting	14	15 6pm Bar Bingo	16 7pm BINGO	17 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	18 QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 5pm
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26	27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28 National Buffalo Soldiers Day	29 6pm Bar Bingo	30 7pm BINGO	31 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm BLAKE'S FOOD TRUCK 5-7 PM	

HOURS OF OPERATION

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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 public hearings at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS of CITY HALL located at 508 South State Street in Waseca, Minnesota.

The purpose of the public hearings is to gather information regarding the following:

VARIANCE REQUEST:

Jinfeng Chen is requesting the following Variances from Section § 154.024 of the Municipal Code:

Granting reconstruction of a commercial parking lot with a five (5) foot front yard setback, a fifteen (15) foot corner side yard setback, and a zero (0) interior side yard setback, whereas the required setbacks, respectively, are ten (10) feet, twenty (20) feet, and twenty-five (25) feet.

The property is Parcel ID No. 174830010, which is located at 105 17th Avenue NE and is currently zoned B-2 (Community Retail and Service Business District).

REZONING REQUEST:

The City of Waseca is requesting to rezone three (3) recently annexed Wastewater Treatment Plant parcels at 35408 110th Street from RR-S (Rural Service District) to I-2 (Moderate Industry District).

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST:

The City of Waseca is requesting a Conditional Use Permit covering three (3) recently annexed Waseca Municipal Airport parcels at 35493 110th Street to allow the use of a public airport within the Rural Service District (RR-S).

Complete copies of the proposed variance, rezoning, and conditional use permit are 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.

Upon request, accommodations will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Waseca services, programs, and activities.

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