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4-H Results

Waldorf Days city celebration August 21 to 23

The town of Waldorf will hold its annual city celebration from Aug. 21 to 23. A parade will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday. The town's memorial park will be dedicated. Kids Zone, Live music including IV Play, classic car, truck and tractor show, and more. For more information and a schedule visit <https://cityofwaldorf.com/waldorf-days-event/>

Burger and Sweet Corn Feed at Waldorf Community Center Friday, Aug. 21

The Waldorf Fireman's Burger and Sweet Corn Feed is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday, August 21, 2026. This event is part of Waldorf Days and will take place at the community center.

Great American Kite Festival at Waseca Intermediate School August 22

Building-sized kites will take to the air near the Waseca Intermediate School beginning about noon on Saturday, Aug. 22. Great American Kites will have units of all sizes and colors from noon until about 4:30. There is no admission cost; the event is made possible by the Waseca Sleigh and Cutter organization.

Ian Hilmer's Drive Station at Half Pint Brewing Co. Aug. 22

Ian Hilmer's Drive Station will play the Half Pint Brewing Co. from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22. Hilmer is a singer/songwriter out of Mankato.

Indigo Moon at Indian Island Winery on Saturday, August 22

Indigo Moon will play the Indian Island Winery from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. They perform all your favorites from the 60s to present day.

Junk Journals at Waseca Art Center Tuesday, August 25

Junk Journal Class at the Waseca Art Center from 5-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25. Local artist Michele Bollmann will guide participants in making junk journals. Supplies will be provided, but you can bring anything you want to put into your journal. Limit 10 students, \$35 per person. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Waseca Art Center adult art class Rooted and Resilient Wednesday, August 26

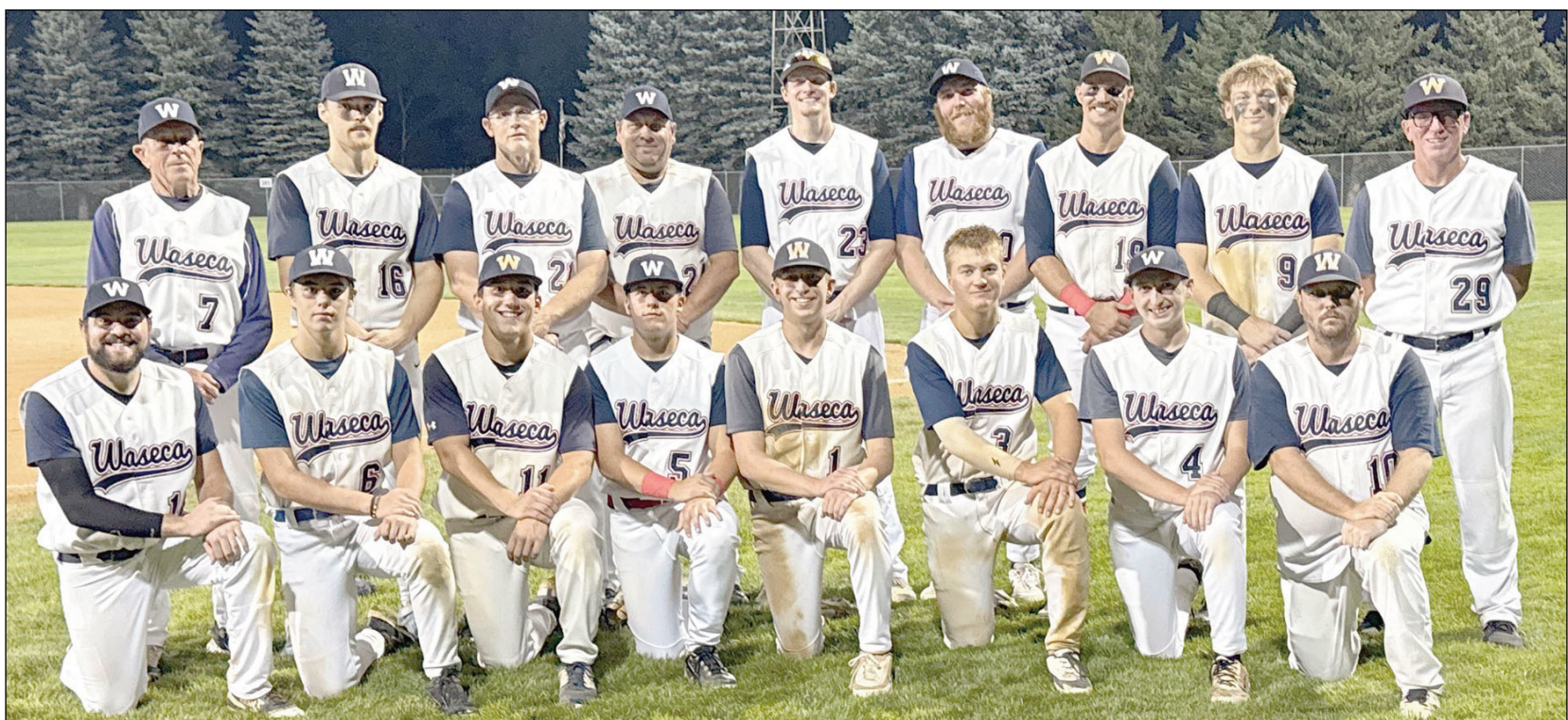
Dr. Mattilan Martin will teach Rooted and Resilient at the Waseca Art Center from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26. Participants will create an acrylic and marker depiction of a tree, incorporating abstract symbols, affirmations, or meaningful words into the roots and leaves. Supplies provided. 16+ only, \$40.

A word from The Word

May he grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed.

Psalms 20:4

Region 5C Champions



STATE TOURNAMENT BOUND - The Waseca Braves baseball team punched its ticket to the 2026 Class C State Tournament after defeating the Waterville Indians 5-1 Friday night in the Region 5C Championship game at Waterville. The team earned its first trip to state since 2016. The Braves will next play in the single elimination tournament against the Brownston Bruins beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Jordan. This will be the Braves' 18th appearance in the state tournament. They won the state championship in 1957. More photos and coverage on Page 12.

Above, front row, from left: Cody Huiras, Jaideen Schafer, Payton Garza, Owen Honstad, Tyson Reger, Kellen Klinger, Logan Reger, Kodi Cunningham. Back row: Tink Larson, Ryan Hanson, Ryan Wangen, Jason Reger, Kyle Waugh, Tom Plendl, Kelvin Nelson, Keato Roeker, Blake Nelson.

Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

WALDORF CITY COUNCIL

Council looks into allegations of improper payment

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff Writer

During the Aug. 10 meeting of the Waldorf city council, city attorney Christopher Kennedy was asked to review and clarify data center ordinances, which he will present to the council for review. Kennedy was also present because it was brought to his attention there are allegations of improper payments for extra work made to Waldorf public officials that were not approved prior by the council. There was no action taken, but there will be a public hearing and council approved ordinance passed. The Waldorf burger feed will take place Friday, Aug. 21, coinciding with Waldorf Days on Aug. 21, 22 and 23.

It was announced that the wi-fi system in the city community center is up and working. The installation of new accessible playground equipment was completed on Wednesday, August 12, with wood chip installation on Sunday. Two recent donations brought the amount of money raised toward the accessible play area to \$64,987; fundraising efforts will continue until the overall goal of about \$123,000 is reached.

The Waldorf Trex recycling program has been discontinued; residents will need to recycle their plastic elsewhere since there is no longer a drop-off point at the community center.

The next council workshop to discuss tax levy and budget work will take place at 6 p.m. Aug. 24.

For water/sewer, eight accounts did not pay, 13 accounts made partial payments and eight received shut off notices, \$2,738 was not collected.

Young drivers learn Soap Box technique

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

A long, downhill block of Waseca's Fourth Street Northeast became a racetrack the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 15, as the Waseca Freemasons invited all area youth ages 8 to 15 to take part in the organization's eighth annual soap box races. Money raised by the event is donated to local public safety agencies for use at their discretion; past donations have been as high as \$3,500.

Ten young drivers ages 8 to 12 heeded the call. Taking first through third places were, respectively, Patrick Bartz, Michael Berg and William Deml. Additional contenders were Parker Bartz, Osiris Riffe, Asher Johnson, Elliot Nelson, Brolin Nelson, Jack Royce, Sophie Berg, Henry Weber, and Maverick Peterson.

Each racer navigated the track three times, being seated at random in any of the 10 track-ready cars sponsored by area businesses. Though they went down the track in pairs, drivers were not truly racing against each other. Instead, their runs were timed. When all heats were complete, the times from the three runs were totaled up; competitors with the lowest cumulative totals were declared the winners.

In addition to steering their cars down the track, drivers were towed back up the hill behind a designated tow vehicle, a golf cart driven by Ryan Sexton. Also volunteering for the event were

Soap Box continued on 4



ON THE PODIUM - Taking home trophies from Saturday's Soap Box Races sponsored by the Waseca Freemasons were (from left) William Deml, third; Michael Berg, second; and Patrick Bartz, first.

Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

ICAN nurse offers health advice at Exchange Club

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The Exchange Club met over lunch on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Guest speaker for the day was ICAN Nurse, Tonya Miller.

Treasurer Jeanne Sexton said there will be a VFW breakfast on behalf of the Exchange Club on Sept. 13. There will also be a Legion burger fry on Oct. 16. Jake Lieser, recent Minnesota Special Olympics gold medal winner, showed off some interesting pins he acquired during the Olympics. His two favorites were an Oklahoma pin which featured a cow caught in a tornado and the Hawaii pin which consisted of two surfboards.

ICAN Nurse Tonya Miller was the day's guest speaker. Miller has been a nurse since 1997, "For 29 years this year, it's been a fun, fun trip." She's worked at clinics, hospitals, assisted living, group homes and that last one is where she says she fits in best. Growing up, she had a cousin with disabilities, and she decided that's who she wanted

to help. For ICAN, she oversees the medical care of residents living at 14 different sites. She is acquainted with every individual's medical needs and medications. She's on call to her staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. She says her favorite thing about working with ICAN is that she loves the people she gets to take care of.

August is National Wellness month, so Miller went on to provide general information beneficial to everyone's health. She observed that during the latest heat waves she's been treating many patients who are suffering from dehydration, and went on to suggested that everyone should carry a water bottle with them. She also said everyone should add fruits and vegetables to every meal, "Half of your plate should be fruits or vegetables." Another important basic habit is monitoring and adjusting sleep habits, "Too much sleep can be just as

Exchange continued on 4



GUEST SPEAKER - The Exchange Club met over lunch on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026. Pictured from left: Josh Sorenson, outgoing Exchange Club President Mikhail Rostislavovich, guest speaker ICAN Nurse Tonya Miller, incoming President Dr. Jay Bulfer and Jen Williamson.

Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann



Compostings

by Al Batt

Speak softly and carry deep-fried foods

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
Sorry, I'm late. I had car trouble. What kind?

I couldn't make it reach the 160 mph needed to get me here on time.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I grew up alongside a rural road. We were the last owners of every car we had. They went from us to the junkyard. Our cars were gravel dust with license plates. When it rained, my mother directed us to back the car out of the shed so it could be washed.

I was traveling by shank's pony, which meant I was walking. I was in a small town. I asked a local if there was a park nearby. He told me there was one about two football fields away. I thanked him for giving me a target for my walk. It was a long walk. The small town had one football field. The second football field was in the next town 9 miles away.

STATE FAIR

I worked at the Minnesota State Fair for many years, spending a lot of time by the 50,000-gallon fishpond. Big fish full of little fish. After working on the fairgrounds for a few days while surviving on a diet of health foods impaled on a stick, I felt as if I'd plowed the entire 322 acres while walking behind a recalcitrant mule. There were 270,426 people there on one memorable day in 2018. It was cramped and difficult to avoid anyone. Christina Aguilera holds the grandstand attendance record of 22,117. The 10 most often appearing grandstand acts are Alabama (19 times) Garrison Keillor (13) Willie Nelson (11) and The Beach Boys (11). Teddy Roosevelt gave his famous "Speak softly and carry a big stick" speech at the fairgrounds in 1904. Minnesotans heard it as, "Speak softly and carry deep-fried foods on-a-stick."

COUNTY FAIR

I peeked out from between two large pickup trucks. One of the parked vehicles was big enough to have its own ZIP code. I looked left. I looked right. I was checking for the presence of a wonderful thing—a Kiwanian driving a golf cart. They were there to give people rides around the fairgrounds. I appreciated all the good the Kiwanis do, but I didn't want a ride. I needed to walk.

I'VE LEARNED

A highway teaches us that no matter where we are, we're in somebody's way.

It's a rare person who leaves the

house on the first try. A reminder that car keys are handy for a driver.

BAD JOKES

DEPARTMENT

The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.

Never let your children shenan. If they shenan once, they'll shenanigan.

I chastised a grandson for saying Jim Morrison was a terrible singer. We don't slam The Doors in our house.

NATURE NOTES

The presence of tiny unidentified flying objects in homes is linked to overripe or rotting fruit, damp soil in houseplants, food scraps, drain residue or standing water. Fruit flies (or vinegar flies) are brown, and hover around overly ripe fruit, open beer or soft drink containers, bread, garbage disposals and trash cans. Phorid flies have several common names, including scuttle flies, sewer flies, humpback flies and coffin flies. Unlike fruit flies, phorid flies characteristically run short distances before pausing and then abruptly running in another direction. They often run instead of flying away. Adult drain flies are fuzzy, dark or grayish insects covered with hairs. Wings are longer than the body and held roof-like over the body when at rest. Some species hold the wings out to the sides, giving them a moth-like appearance—hence the name "moth fly." They're weak fliers and make irregular, hesitating, short flights. All these insects could be called drain flies since they breed and feed in drains or standing water and eat decaying matter. Fungus gnats are tiny insects hanging around houseplants.

On a sweltering day, when the roar of a crop-dusting airplane drowned out better sounds, a male indigo bunting's voice proclaimed the day's goodness. A helpful mnemonic for remembering his song is "Fire, fire! Where, where? Here, here! See it? See it?" He sang it repeatedly, trying to overcome the plane's noise. The bird sings when many other songbirds have muted.

Damp soil provides more slugs, snails and pillbugs to feed firefly larvae, which means more fireflies for us to see.

The Carolina grasshopper has black hindwings and is commonly found in open, dry and sunny areas where it blends in with the bare ground, earning the nickname "road duster." They look like tiny, parked Tesla Cybertrucks. Males are known for their "crackling" flight sounds, called crepitation.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It should be easier to love than to hate. Be kind.



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

The uncertain fate

The church where my parents were married, where I was married, where my children were baptized and confirmed and where I taught Sunday School for more than 20 years, is closing.

The membership of Trinity Lutheran Church of Wilton is down to somewhere around 20 active members, and keeping the doors open is no longer financially viable.

Along with all the personal connections I mention, I know that my grandfather, New Richland area resident Alfred Schroeder, was among the volunteers who helped build the high-arching brick structure which has been the congregation's home since the 1950s. His brother, Ted Schroeder, was coerced by the big-hearted, German-accented pastor of the time, Rev. G.W. Malling, to learn how to work with stained glass so that he could make the windows.

Rev. Malling created the designs. My class of 13 area middle schoolers was the last set of learners Rev. Malling confirmed. He explained to our class in the early 1970s—and I pre-

sume to every class before us—that images in the windows on the north side of the church represented the divisions of the church year.

Symbols on the south side were chosen to accompany a prayer he had written and prayed at the beginning of each service. *In the name of the father, the son and the holy ghost, ever blessed trinity, in this thy church we pray: Gather into thy eternal harvest our families, confirmed in faith, who are thine through baptism and communion.*

It happened I was alone in the church earlier today, looking at those windows, those walls, and thinking that the fate of the building is uncertain.

Conversations that have taken place since this spring when discussion of closing the church began have suggested the closing will lead to a grieving process not unlike that which follows a death. In fact, I've noticed similarities to a death watch. There are times when I drive past the church and find myself wondering what it will be like when it is an un-



SAYING GOODBYE- Trinity Lutheran Church of Wilton, the church Deb has attended her whole life, is closing.

used building, or one which has been repurposed in some way.

There are tendencies toward guilt: Am I taking care of the legacy created by those who came before me? Toward sentimentality: What will it be like when those high beams, the striking altar, the resounding ring of the church bell, are no longer mine to appreciate on Sundays and holy days? Even, to a small degree, toward relief: I do not expect my church associations in the future will lead to the level of responsibility I feel for this church and its operations. Over the past few years, our declining numbers have placed more and more tasks on the shoulders of fewer and fewer people, and closing

the church will bring that to an end.

But the epiphany I reached today as I walked through the still-whole church is that even if the building closes, that does not undo the dedication, fellowship, love, service, and good-spirited fun which coalesced here over the generations. Those offerings have been here, stubbornly whole, as our numbers declined and the dust began to gather.

A smile formed on my face as the understanding coursed through me: I cannot ever truly leave them behind because they are part of me. They are as enduring as the souls which received their final earthly send-offs in this building. As invincible as God's love.

Honey, we (almost) sunk the canoe

It is officially my birthday weekend, and by the time you read this, I will be oo-la-la-ing my way through Italy. Don't worry, you'll get a full breakdown on that next week.

But for now, let me tell you how much I've missed and adore cabins.

This past weekend, Jack and I flew into MSP for a short weekend stint in northern Wisconsin, where I know a lot of you are lucky enough to enjoy a cabin and possibly property on a lake.

We had come because a group of Jack's college friends had planned to get together at one of their relatives' cabins in Gordon, on Lake Minong Flowage, and we were invited. So we flew out on Friday, spending the afternoon in Minneapolis with one of his friends as we waited for him to be done with work. He and his roommate then drove us up to the cabin, where we spent the weekend.

It was a nice cabin, with plenty of space for the 10 of us. Although their dock wasn't in, there was thankfully a place on shore for us to put in canoes, paddleboards and kayaks. A couple of the friends were excited to go fishing, and as my family raised me right, I had a large voice in where



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

we went to drop our lines, best practices for putting on a minnow and how to put on a bobber (just doing my duty to help some of these city folk out).

I regret the need to report that, although we spent a good chunk of time with six of us in two canoes, we did not catch a single fish nor even have a single bite. But we had a blast. The other friends who weren't as interested in fishing joined us on the paddleboards, kayak and tubes and we collectively chatted and floated on the water.

Then it got fun.

Jack and I were in one canoe, with him steering and a friend sitting in the middle. It had been a long time since I had been in a canoe, and he was teasing me that I wasn't pulling my weight. So on the way back to

shore, I started paddling really fast and really hard, and he took the bait and matched me.

The problem was that he had started doing it on the same side as I was, so with two paddles going furiously in the water on the same side, and us trying to turn to the shore, we promptly flipped over, dumping all three of us into the water.

After spending a solid thirty seconds laughing our butts off in the water, we realized that all of our things had been in the canoe, including the property of the relatives who had so kindly lent us their cabin. And I learned that when a canoe doesn't have floaters on the end, it gets really heavy in the water.

But we successfully completed a capsizing drill, which Jack learned at camp as a boy. After managing to put

the end of our canoe on the end of the friend's canoe, we were able to flip it and get it right side up. But then as Jack tried to get back in, it took on water and just ended up flipping it again, this time full of water.

And for those who are curious, a canoe full of water being upside down in the water means a heavy canoe that makes Amelia nervous it will sink. We tried doing the capsizing drill again, but with no luck, so Jack and I decided to just swim it to shore where we could get leverage to flip it over.

At the end, as we stood on the shore and took stock, we realized everyone was okay and nothing was lost—and thank goodness for that. I was worried we were going to lose the fishing poles that belonged to the owners of the cabin.

So it was another story for the books, another successful weekend cabin stay, and an adventure filled with long-lasting memories. I love cabins.

My Determination: "The early worm catches the fish, Russell. Remember that." — *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*

Just more food for thought

Last week my dad told me about falling in love with my mother. It took me completely by surprise when he said it was "love at first sight."

It's such an odd thing. I told my dad last week that I love him more than any other person. He told me I was his best friend.

In previous columns, I've described some of the pain I'm experiencing; I want you to know I make a genuine effort to find bright sides to all of it. One thing—perhaps if my mobility weren't reduced, I might not be spending as much time with my father, and might have missed out on the shared reflection time and the chance to grow closer to him.

It's true we have been close my entire life, but I never made my dad a priority like he is now. Every night I make sure to call. I answer the phone whether I am busy or not. And I try to see him every day. Most days I succeed.

There have been numerous incidents in my life where I have experienced "love at first sight."

The earliest was my first crush on the neighbor girl growing up. As a young boy I kept wondering when I would start to like girls until that one day when the neighbor girl my age moved in. She and her older sister set up a lemonade and soda stand. None of my friends had the courage to walk across the street and talk to them. But I did. How could I not? It was love at first sight.

That decision to cross the street



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

led to incredible childhood and teenage memories. We all became best friends. We made up nicknames for each other. My future wife, or so I hoped, "Sharon" I would pretend to propose to on the regular. She would giggle and turn red and we would all continue in our games and jokes... all beautiful memories now.

Of course things did not work out. I don't believe I ever really shared my feelings in a sincere way. Not that it was even necessary looking back.

My friend was a wandering soul, much like me but different in a way. I desire to travel and return here to the home and people I love.

I have no regrets whatsoever regarding this person other than a reminder to myself to enjoy the good old days while they're happening.

One morning after we had stayed awake until the sun came up, my friend walked home. From my front porch I shouted to ask whether I could come over.

She laughed and smiled and said yes. Ahh to be a teenager.

As I write this, it's the night after I spent an evening in the worst pain

of my life due to my back and I am feeling hopeful. I was couchbound in my apartment this evening watching movies and these stories and words popped into my mind. It is really quite the scene. As I look around me, I realize there is beauty in the simple brick wall with its string of small, dim white lights running around the entire room. I find warmth and comfort in the small collection of pictures I have cultivated over the past years, framed or not. A french coffee house, my favorite framed poem and another with my favorite song lyrics. A bear light my mom got me for Christmas. An electric fireplace I got from my sister. Three beautiful white-topped kitchen bar stools at the island my mom built for my kitchen. A guitar from Jon Lucca sits in the corner of the room, a reminder that when I heal, I will learn to play. Or maybe that I won't have time because I'll be too busy living life.

I was surprised by my dad talking about love at first sight. Besides my own experiences, I don't know how many times I have seen it and believed it.

Apparently, love doesn't always mean two people are supposed to be together. In my dad's case, even though the relationship ended, he promises—and I have no trouble doubting his sincerity—it was the best decision he ever made. Because he got us kids, whom he raised mostly as a single parent.

In my previous columns, I have mentioned the instant connection I felt when I first met my best friends Kyle and Anastasia. Of course I remember meeting Deb for the first time as a high school freshman. I remember a similar sense of instant familiarity with her as well.

It is special to feel a connection with my dad through his stories. Growing up, Dad used to tell us kids bedtime stories. Except they weren't made up fairytales. He told us real stories from his life. It must have been the newsmen inside of him. Sticking to the facts.

I struggled for a long time telling stories or writing anything fictional and I didn't know why. Now I do. It was how I was raised.

Dad and I played cribbage a handful of times this week, in back and forth contests. I won 21 games to Dad's 19, however, I was skunked four times, my dad, three.

This week's cribbage tally updated from last week total:

Dad 515 wins, 79 skunks

Eli 468 wins, 49 skunks, 1 double skunk

2026 totals, Eli 131 wins, 10 skunks, Dad 102 wins, 18 skunks

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OBITUARIES

Jack Gray

Jack Matthew Gray, age 30, died suddenly on Friday, August 7, 2026.

Jack was born on October 30, 1995, in St. Louis Park, the oldest child of Matthew Alan and Debora Jean (Williams) Gray. He was baptized as an infant at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Savage, later receiving his First Holy Communion and Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jordan. Jack grew up in Jordan and graduated from Jordan High School with the Class of 2014. From childhood through his teenage years, Jack was active, curious, and full of energy. He played football, basketball, and competed in track and field; he sang in the choir and was captain of the Robotics team. He had a quick wit and a knack for harmless mischief—often alongside his best friend, Tony. His lifelong love of Star Wars began after a childhood trip to the Children’s Museum, and from that moment on, he was hooked.

Jack was a true big brother from the start. He opened his sisters’ gifts “to help,” knew every type of construction truck, and took things apart just to understand how they worked—sometimes without getting them put back together. As he grew older, that same protective instinct deepened. He called his mom daily, texted his sisters regularly, and watched over them with a quiet, steadfast loyalty. He wasn’t always comfortable with words, but he showed his love through action—fixing engines, solving problems, and offering the kind of hugs that made everything feel safe.

Jack had a natural gift for mechanics. He was a gearhead through and through—tinkering at his bedroom workbench, repairing lawn mowers, cars, and snowmobiles, and telling his mom, “Don’t let Dad touch it,” before diving into whatever project needed attention. He loved hunting, trap shooting, airsoft, Minnesota sports, movies (especially Star Wars), jet skiing, snowmobiling and the band Foo Fighters. On many golf outings with his dad, there was a friendly competition of who could drive the ball farthest. Jack always won with his 300 plus yard drives. His Grandma Mary affectionately called him her “Little Jack,” despite his 6’4” frame.

During his senior year of high school, Jack enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserves. He was proud of his service and his time stationed in Qatar, and he carried that pride with him even after a medical diagnosis led to his honorable discharge. Jack graduated from Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, South Dakota, studying Aviation Maintenance Technology in 2018. He worked for Delta Air Lines until the pandemic, then transitioned to Target in Asset Management as a security guard. Motivated by that experience, he was accepted into the police program at Alexandria Technical & Community College. When the pandemic shifted his plans, he returned to what he knew best—engines and mechanics—working for Federal Ammunition as a lead mechanic.

In June of 2023, Jack met the love of his life, Megann Coles. Their connection was immediate. Not long after they began dating, Jack proposed—spontaneous, heartfelt, and certain. The next day, he told Megann they should keep



Jack Gray

it a secret for a while, but he already knew she was the one. Jack “officially” proposed in June of 2024 and they were united in marriage on October 12, 2025 at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa. In January of 2026, Jack and Megann learned they were expecting a baby boy. Jack embraced his role as a future father with the same devotion he had shown his sisters all those years. He read to his son every night—“I want him to know my voice”—and approached fatherhood with excitement, tenderness, and pride. He was ready to be a protector, a teacher, and a loving dad.

Jack was a man of deep faith. His faith provided a steady foundation throughout his life and was reflected in the kindness, compassion, and service he showed to others. Jack had a big heart and a loyal spirit. He was an attentive husband, a proud and protective brother, a devoted son and grandson, and a man who showed his love through small, thoughtful acts. His family was tight-knit, and he was at the center of it—brave, caring, and always willing to help anyone in need.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Megann Gray; their son, Baby Noah Gray, due in October; parents, Matthew and Debora (Williams) Gray; sisters: Katie (Alec) Sames and Josie Gray (financé, Dan Dvorak); grandparents: Jack and Mary Williams, and Mark and Janet Gray; Uncles and Aunts, Ed (David) Williams, Kristen (Tim) Cibulka, Mark (Liz) Williams and Jimmy (Cam) Williams, David (Phoebe) Gray and Anne (Shane) Paulson; Cousins, Sam (Kayla) Cibulka, Jaimee Cibulka and Ryan Cibulka, Caden (Kortney) Williams and Casey Williams, Liam Koehler and Owen Koehler, Isabelle (Tyler) Gray and Caroline Gray, Ben (Brooke) Paulson and Andy Paulson; Great Uncle, Dennis Cadari; Partner in crime/best friend, Tony (Molly) Eichten; father-in-law, Patrick Coles; mother-in-law, Julie Story; sister-in-law, Madison (James) Koch; nephew, Henry Koch; his two cats, Moose and Oliver; and many other relatives, and friends.

Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (5005 Northwest Blvd, Plymouth, MN 55442). Visitation will begin at 11:00 AM and continue until the time of service at the church. Burial will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family. Gifts will be used to support Jack’s wife, Megann, and their son, Noah, as they move forward with the love and strength Jack carried so deeply for them.

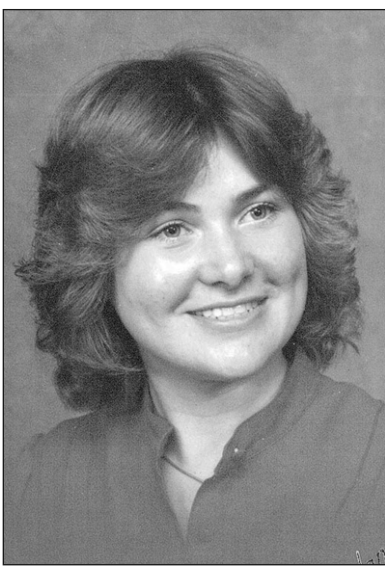
Gloria Clausen

Gloria Jean Clausen, age 69 passed away on August 16, 2026, at the Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN.

Born on May 26, 1957, in Waseca, MN she was the daughter of David and Lorriane (Witt) Clausen. She was raised on the family farm in Pemberton, MN and graduated from Waldorf-Pemberton high school in 1975.

Gloria moved to Texas, where she owned and operated a copy business. She also enjoyed sewing and created numerous costumes for the local Renaissance Festival. In 2012, she returned to Minnesota, where she worked at Quad graphics in Waseca and Minn Kota in Mankato.

Gloria was an independent woman with a strong spirit and a tough exterior, but beneath it all was a tender and caring heart. She loved deeply in her own way. To honor Gloria’s memory, hug your loved ones a little tighter, a little longer, and never miss an opportunity to let them



Gloria Clausen

know they are loved.

Gloria will be lovingly remembered by her siblings, Denise (Gene) Liner, Judith (Tom) Shupien, and Roger Clausen; and her nephew, Lee Liner.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

At Gloria’s request, no formal services will be held.

IN BRIEF

Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Meeting October 8

The SWCD will be holding its monthly board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8. The meetings will be held in the SWCD offices located at 300 North State Street - Door 4.

Great Fall Get Together 2026 at Waseca Art Center October 24

The Great Fall Get Together 2026 will take place at the Waseca Art Center from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Mingling, appetizers and full bar with music from Bump & Hustle to Hoehn Brothers DJ Entertainment. Tickets \$40 at Waseca Art Center or from a board member.

Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Meeting November 12

The SWCD will be holding its monthly board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12. The meetings will be held in the

SWCD offices located at 300 North State Street - Door 4.

CredibleMind offers free mental health resources

All area residents are eligible to use free online access to mental health resources available at MNPrairie’s “CredibleMind” website.

The site offers interactive, evidence-based ways to explore local and national mental well-being resources. Free and anonymous at www.mnprairie.crediblemind.com

Waldorf Veterans Memorial Fund Drive

Donations are requested to support the construction of the Waldorf Veterans Memorial. Checks written to WVMP Fund Drive can be mailed to WVMP Fund Drive; Judy Joecks, treasurer; P.O. Box 55; Waldorf, MN 56091. Questions can be directed to Charlie Barnes at (763) 286-2246.



AND THEY'RE OFF! - Above left, racers steer their cars downhill along Fourth Street Northeast in Waseca during the eighth running of the Waseca Freemasons' Soap Box Races. Above right, Waseca County Sheriff Jay Dulas was the chief safety officer, making sure drivers got their helmets on correctly and showing them where the handbrakes—new features on the cars this year—were located.

Pioneer photos by Deb Bently



REASONS TO SMILE - At left, Abby Clemons of Suburban Furniture is seated in the car sponsored by her company. The car was voted the "people's choice" winner. Center: Racer Maverick Petersen, 8, drove in his first Soap Box event this past Saturday. Right: Two cars exit the launching ramp without scraping the sides, an all-important start for a good run.

Pioneer photos by Deb Bently



■ Soap Box

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members of the Waseca Fire Department, who helped lift vehicles up onto the starting platform. Waseca County Sheriff Jay Dulas was the safety supervisor, making sure drivers got their helmets on correctly and knew how to operate the brakes—a new feature on vehicles this year.

Brad Kubat of KOWZ Radio narrated the races and provided live commentary. Trophies were donated by Mark and Jan Wolff of Toner’s Lake Carting.

Young driver Maverick Petersen, 8, reveals that he has driven bicycles, go-karts and scooters. He says that experience is not necessarily helpful when it

comes to driving the soap box cars because each of the motorless vehicles handles differently, thanks to the differences in their wheels, steering mechanisms, and seats. As the cars go down the track, the road has a tendency to pull the wheels in different directions, making it a much different process to steer in a straight line than it is on the other things he rides. Still, he says staying on a straight path is one of the most important aspects of getting a good time.

Maverick also mentions that he likes to keep one hand on the soap box’s brake, “just in case.”

Second-place winner Michael Berg, 10, drove in his third soap box race on Saturday. His other experiences as a driver, he says, include both traditional and electronic bicycles and scooters. Michael took home a first-place

trophy last year, and shares that one of the most important elements of a good race is “keeping the car off the rails,” in other words, being sure to get a clean exit off the ramp and onto the roadway.

Event organizers estimate the vehicles reach top speeds of about five miles an hour.

Another winner for the day was a white soap box vehicle sponsored by Suburban Furniture. It brought in the most votes in the “people’s choice” category—in which spectators were

asked to vote for their favorite. Also sponsoring cars were Minnwest Bank, Edina Realty Jodie Thompson, Deml Ford, Kibble Equipment John Deere, Shoney’s Auto Body, Britton Plumbing, Troy Matz Roofing, Farm Bureau Financial Lisa Bruder, Larry Johnson Premier Mortgage, and RIC Properties.

Sponsoring hay bale safety cushions were Morgan’s Meats, Order of the Eastern Star Hope Chapter 34, and one in memory of Jean and Don Boyer.

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harmful as not enough.” Miller said everyone should get moving, including going out walking, “Everyone should get out for 150 minutes of exercise a week at a

minimum.” She added that it’s very easy to keep track of because of the latest features in smartphones, so there’s one less excuse. Another important choice is wearing sun block; sunburn can cause skin cancer. She also emphasized the importance of dental and medical appointments saying people should see their dentist every six months, and check in with their doctor regularly.

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New laws effective as of 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 nonpartisan House Public Information Services at house.mn.gov/newlaws/search/2026.

CIVIL LAW

New judicial branch policy laws
A new law makes changes to some judicial branch operations.

Once the law takes effect Aug. 1, 2026, district courts will be permitted to publish a notice, summons, order or process in judicial proceedings on the official website of the Minnesota Judicial Branch if the judicial branch determines there is no qualified local newspaper for such notices.

A person petitioning for a dissolution or legal separation must notify the applicable county child support enforcement agency if either party is receiving public benefits. That requirement will apply only in cases where the dissolution or separation involves children.

Further, when an order for restitution is docketed as a civil judgment, the filing will not expire until it is satisfied or pursuant to a court order. Currently, civil judgments expire after 10 years.

Rep. Tina Liebling (DFL-Rochester) and Sen. Bonnie Westlin (DFL-Plymouth) are the sponsors. HF3875*/SF4064/CH71

Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act established

The Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act developed by the Uniform Law Commission allows estate planning documents like trusts, power of attorney, health care directives, and documents for guardianship and probate to be electronic.

The law, effective Aug. 1, 2026, is like the 2023 Uniform Electronic Wills Act that allows electronic wills.

House Republican Floor Leader Harry Niska (R-Ramsey) and Sen. Bonnie Westlin (DFL-Plymouth) are the sponsors.

HF3560/SF3602*/CH45

EDUCATION

READ Act changes, diplomas for Korea, Vietnam veterans

Better late than never is one aspect of a new law taking effect Aug. 1, 2026.

It requires school districts and charter schools to issue, upon request, high school diplomas to veterans who served during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War and did not finish their secondary education.

Rep. Patricia Mueller (R-Austin) and Sen. Steve Cwudzinski (DFL-Eden Prairie) sponsor the law that will also make changes to the state's READ Act that aims to ensure every Minnesota child, beginning in kindergarten, annually reads at or above grade level, and supports multilingual learners and students receiving special education services in achieving their individualized reading goals to meet grade-level benchmarks.

Per the law, any teacher candidate enrolled in a Minnesota-approved elementary, special education, or early childhood education teacher preparation program on or after June 1, 2026, will not have to take READ Act training because they receive that education in their teacher preparation program.

Among other changes, the law will direct a district to administer an approved reading screener to grade 4-12 students not reading at grade level at least once per year until the student reaches grade-level proficiency, require local literacy plans to include a description of how schools will use the school library media center to complement students' foundational reading skills, and allow an English language learner's screening for the characteristics of dyslexia to be done according to vendor assessment guidelines.

HF4492*/SF4560/CH125

Constitutional amendment could increase aid from permanent school fund

State voters will be asked to allow the annual distribution from the permanent school fund endowment to be increased up to 4.5% of the fund's three-year average.

The law, effective Aug. 1, 2026, requires that the proposed amendment be submitted to the people at the 2026 state general election: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the funding going to all school districts from the permanent school fund, which is a fund that supports school districts without raising individual income or property taxes, effective July 1, 2027?"

If approved by voters, statutes will be updated to reflect the change for aid payable in Fiscal Year 2028.

Additionally, the director of the permanent school fund endowment will need to report by Aug. 15 the distributable amount to the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission and the Department of Education.

Rep. Spencer Igo (R-Wabana Township) and Sen. Mary Kunesh (DFL-New Brighton) are the sponsors. HF3900/SF3593*/CH114

Farmamerica Minnesota Extension Drainage Program



ALL ABOUT DRAINAGE - University of Minnesota extension educators Tim Gieseke and Gary Sands spoke at the U of M Drainage Program at FarmAmerica on Thursday, Aug.13, 2026. This was a full day class and those who attended were eligible for college credit.
Pioneer photos by Ben Revermann

Child's History of Waseca County

Chapter XV, 1856. Attempted division of county—Circulation of remonstrance—Tramp on foot through Medford, Clinton Falls, Blooming Grove and Woodville.

The last chapter necessarily carried this history into the year 1856. There are other matters that took place that winter that belong to both years. It is intended to keep the history of each year by itself, as far as possible, but there are some matters that cannot be separated by months without destroying the thread of the narrative. Of such matters will this chapter relate.

FIRST ELECTION

The first election in Steele county, of which the present Waseca county as then the larger part, territorially, was held October 9th, 1855. The LeSueur precinct, as it was called, included the south half of this county and the township of St. Mary; the polling place was at the residence of Chris Scott, of the farm now belonging to Mr.

Carmody in Wilton. Twenty votes were cast. The north half of the county, then called Swavesey, also held an election at the same time, but I have been unable to learn how many votes were polled there at that time. Only one hundred seventeen votes were cast at that election in the territory comprising the counties Steele and Waseca. The following officers were elected: County commissioners, S. B. Smith, Wm. Allen and M. P. Ide (Mr. Ide lived then in what is now Blooming Grove); register of deeds, Chas. Ellison; sheriff, Wm. F. Pettit; treasurer, David Sanborn; surveyor, John W. Park; clerk of the court, F. W. Fisk; county attorney, John M. Bliven (then a resident of what is now Blooming Grove); judge of probate, F. B. Davis; assessors, David Linde-smith, Chas. Thompson, and Luke B. Osgood (Mr. Osgood lived on the line between Janesville and Iosco); justices of the peace, Simon Smith and Curtis Hatch, of the north part of the county, and

John Jenkins, of the south part.

Originally the territory of Minnesota was divided into nine counties. By act of the territorial legislature, Wabasha county originally occupied all that portion of Southeastern Minnesota east of a line running due south from a point on the Mississippi river, known as Medicine Bottle village at Pine Bend. Dakota county embraced all the territory west of Wabasha county and south of a line beginning at the mouth of Crow river and running up said river and the north branch thereof to its source, and thence west to the Missouri river. In 1852, Hennepin county was carved out of Dakota county, and, in 1853, Goodhue, Fillmore, Scott, LeSueur, Rice, Sibley, Blue Earth and Nicollet counties were carved out of Dakota and Wabasha counties. Rice county, by that act, included all of what is now Steele county and townships 105, 106, 107 and 108, range 22, of what is now Waseca county. Blue Earth county, by the

same act, included the townships in ranges 23 and 24, of what is now the larger portion of Waseca county.

By legislative act of February 23, 1854, the counties of Houston, Fillmore, Wabasha and Goodhue were changed, and the county of Winona was organized. By act of Feb. 20, 1855, the counties of Olmsted, Dodge, Mower, Freeborn, Faribault, and Steele were created and the boundary lines of the old counties changed. By that act, Steele county then contained ranges 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, and townships 105, 106, 107, 107—a territory twenty-four miles north and south and thirty miles east and west. The geographical center of the county, as then bounded, was near the western line of the township of Meriden.

The county seat of Steele county was not designated, nor the county fully organized by statute until Feb. 29, 1856, although county officers had been elected in the fall of 1855.

‘Ask a Trooper’: proper turns

Question: Can you talk about how people need to make proper turns? I see a lot of unsafe maneuvers when it comes to turning.

Answer: Drivers who turn improperly cause many traffic crashes. Move safely into the correct lane well ahead of the place where you will make the actual turn.

- Slow down before turning. Signal your intent at least 100 feet before the turn. Signals let pedestrians and drivers know what you plan to do.

- While waiting to turn, keep your wheels straight and your foot on the brake. If your vehicle is struck from behind, you are less likely to be pushed into oncoming traffic.

- Continue signaling until you begin your turn.

- Do not make sudden turns from the wrong lane.

- Watch for traffic or obstacles in the road you plan to enter.

- Always finish your turn in the correct lane.

- If the car ahead of you is signaling for a left turn, slow down and prepare to stop.

- When waiting to make a left turn at a green light with oncoming traffic, position your car into the intersection where your body is even with the curb line. You may only be able to make the turn when the light changes to yellow.

You can avoid a ticket - and a crash - if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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 Minimum Age	12	15	16		
 Helmet	Required if under 18	Preferred, not required	Required if under 18; encouraged on private property		
 Bike Paths	 Yes	 Yes	 No		
 Vehicle Lanes	 Yes	 Yes	 No		
 Sidewalks	 No	 Yes banned in business districts unless allowed locally	 No		
 State Trails	 No	 Yes	 No		
 Traffic Laws	Follow general traffic laws. Must have lights.	Follow general traffic laws. Must have lights.	Illegal on roads unless registered as a motorcycle and ridden by a licensed motorcycle operator. Allowed on private property. Must have lights.		
----- ➤ Ride Safe ⚡ ➤ -----					
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The Pastor's Column

A story of hope

By PASTOR RICK WULF

There are times in your life that it's easy to struggle with how much to share. Especially in a public place like a newspaper article, it's easy to write what feels good and what perhaps, at times, something to make people think. But to bear one's soul, to share the deep, invisible struggles is simply another thing completely.

But there are times as a pastor, that it's worth sharing. There are times it's worth the "invasion of privacy". So, I'm going to do a hard thing. I'm going to share my difficult season with you so that you may read this knowing that there is no manual for how to process hard seasons and that you're not alone in your struggle as you process hard things. Hopefully, you will see where I find my hope, so when undesired events come into your life, you know where you can turn to find the hope you need. So here goes.

On Saturday, August 8, at about 9:20 AM, my mom breathed her last breath on this earth.

While that is what will be printed on her death certificate, the process of her dying started long before that. My parents live in Illinois, and my mom had been on dialysis for the last 3 to 4 years. It's ugly and the longer she was on dialysis, the more we saw they were stealing life from her. She had lost all strength in her legs, and she had become physically, emotionally, and spiritually exhausted. Over the past 4 months, she had been back and forth from home to the hospital, and then a rehab facility to help her get the strength she needed three times. It wasn't working. The dialysis wasn't working. Nothing was working. I was becoming overwhelmed and exhausted watching from afar.

It was becoming apparent that she was in her last days. Saturday August 15, would be their 50th wedding anniversary. Though we had planned a big party for them, we didn't know if mom would make it that long. So, my whole family, including our son-in-law-to-be, was able to join my brother's family to celebrate my mom and dad's anniversary 10 days before the actual date.

I am so glad we made the trip. It was great. Mom was tired, but we got to spend great time with her. We drove back home Wednesday night. To be honest, I felt guilty leaving, knowing that at any time, the poisons in her body would ultimately take her life. That visit would be the last time we saw her on this earth.

I called dad every morning and every evening after we got back to check on mom and him.

On Saturday, August 8, at about 8:45 AM, I was in the middle of a run. I often called dad while on my runs, so I called dad to check on mom. He told me she was good but breathing differently. I didn't say anything, but I had a feeling. We talked for 10 minutes or so. At the end of the call, I said, "Bye mom, I love you!" At about 9:25 AM, I got a second call. I assumed it was an accidental dial; my dad isn't great with smart phones. I answered and heard a whimper.

"She's not breathing. I can't get her to respond. She's gone." And just like that, mom was gone.

Now, before I move on, my heart breaks and I am going to miss her terribly.

Mom had a very tough life. Between physical and health issues, she battled significant traumatic experiences, and it developed into severe emotional and mental illness. She battled these for a very long time.

When her kidneys began to shut down, she told me that she

didn't want to dialysis. I told her, "If you love Stephen [my brother] and me, you will do dialysis." I know, that may sound harsh, but she battled suicidal ideations very often. After that conversation, she signed up for dialysis and she faithfully went to her appointments three-times-a-week, even though it literally killed her a little every day.

Now, if this were the end of the story, it would be sad, and that would be really sad. But this is the part of her story that I love to tell whoever will listen.

The moment that my mom closed her eyes and breathed her last on this earth was the exact moment that she saw Jesus face-to-face. And I'm extremely happy for her. More than the sadness, the heartbreak, and the grief that I'm feeling, I have an inexpressible joy in my heart.

Why? How can I have a joy, even amid the struggle of losing the woman who gave birth to me, raised me, loved me, help me buy my first truck (I loved that little red Chevy S-10 pickup)?

My only hope is that Jesus died and rose again so that one day even though we may die on this earth, death does not win. It's only the beginning. And mom is more alive now than she has ever been. How can I say this? When my mom was a teenager, she called on the Name of Jesus, and she surrendered her life to Him. And because of that day, and a lifetime of following His lead, she is in heaven with Him. We believe that to be the truth.

I told you that this life was not easy for her. And there were days that she wanted to be with Jesus, but she endured. She fought. She held tight to Jesus. Out of the hundreds of things that I could say about her, this is what stuck out to me most about her. She ran the race and at the finish line, she broke the tape and fell into the arms of an outstretched Jesus waiting for her.

I think I can honestly say the only thing that really mattered to her was that she and my dad raised us to love Jesus with everything in us, and to raise our kids to love Jesus with everything in them. My two kids are how we leave a legacy of her faith, and whoever comes next will know that Nana's faith is now a part of them, too.

And Rose Wulf would want you to know how you can have that hope, too. How you can trust in Jesus to save you from your sins and how you can be assured of eternal life with Him. You can call on His Name and whoever calls on the Name of Jesus in true faith and repentance will be saved. Her life was a living testimony that life is hard, but you can endure through the grace and strength that Jesus gives. If you have questions about faith, Jesus, heaven, or how to have a relationship with Jesus, please reach out to me personally. I would love to tell you about how Jesus changed my mom's life, how He has changed my life, and how He will absolutely change yours if you let Him.

Here is an eternal truth that God's Word promises us. Though the world may take us away, nothing can take us away from His love for us (Romans 8:35, 38-39; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

Mom, thank you. Thank you for loving Jesus. Thank you for teaching me to love Jesus. Thank you for not killing me when I was a teenager (I have stories, let me tell you). Thank you for everything.

I will miss you. But I wouldn't want you to worry about that. Enjoy heaven. I bet it's more amazing than you even dreamt it to be.

See you soon. Save a place for me. Love you always.

WAC hustles for the Great Fall Get Together

WASECA, Minn. — Break out the bell bottoms, dust off the dancing shoes and get ready to celebrate 50 years of art in Waseca. The Waseca Art Center's Great Fall Get Together returns Saturday, October 24, with tickets now on sale to the public for \$40 per person.

This year's event marks an especially significant milestone as the Waseca Art Center celebrates its Golden anniversary. In recognition of five decades of supporting the arts in the Waseca community, previous board members are being invited to join the celebration and help commemorate the many people who have contributed to the organization throughout its history.

Fittingly, the evening will turn back the clock with a 1970s and disco theme, celebrating the decade in which the Art Center began. Guests are encouraged to embrace the spirit of the era while enjoying an evening of food, music, games, auctions and plenty of surprises.

The Great Fall Get Together will also have a new home this year in Ballroom 1 of the Starfire Event Center, providing a larger setting for the anniversary celebration. The Hoehn Brothers will serve as DJs for the evening, keeping the party going with music befitting the occasion.

Guests can start the evening with this year's signature cocktail, the Tequila Sunrise, before trying their luck at returning game favorites including



READY TO BOOGIE - The Waseca Art Center's Great Fall Get Together will return Saturday, Oct. 24 with tickets on sale now. Pictured here are (front row, from left) Ann Johannson, Monica Priebe and Molly Hendrickson. Back row: Christy Easton and Mikhail Rostislavovich.

born in the 1970s than with a little disco?"

The Great Fall Get Together has itself become a Waseca Art Center tradition, thanks in large part to the extraordinary commitment of the women who have planned and organized the event year after year. Ann Johannsen, Tara Bjerke, Christy Easton, Molly Hendrickson and Monica Priebe have devoted 10 years to making the fundraiser a success.

"Ten years of planning an event like this represents countless hours, endless creativity and an incredible amount of dedication," Rostislavovich said. "We owe these women a tremendous debt of gratitude. The Great Fall Get Together has continued to grow and evolve because they have cared so deeply about both the event and the Art Center it supports."

Proceeds from the Great Fall Get

■ Author

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The book, written from Trebie's perspective, shares how the couple eventually took her to the park, but could not find it in their hearts to leave her there.

Instead, the pup was taken to a veterinarian for a health check, housed with family members for two months while she received a series of inoculations required for international travel, and delivered to the U.S. by a family member. The process did genuinely involve a pet passport, which has been kept all this time, even though Trebie has not experienced any inter-

national travel since changing homelands.

In putting the book together, Deb tells that she worked with Florida illustrator Donna Stackhouse whose lively, revealing artwork fills each page from margin to margin, leaving lighter-colored spaces open for the text. The intended reading level of the book is ages 3 to 8.

The book is available on Amazon for around \$12.

"I'm not in this to make money," says Deb with a smile. "It's only that it's a very sweet story that tells how, at least sometimes, bad situations can turn out well."

"We've had 10 years so far with this wonderful little dog, and we're glad all the time that we found her and brought her home."



A SWEET STORY - Deb Repya read her book, written from the perspective of her dog Trebie, to around 35 children at the New Richland Library on Aug. 11.

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Janesville

25 years ago

- Paul and Jill Berry of Janesville are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Ruth, born on Monday, July 10, 2000, at Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospital in Mankato. She weighed 7 pounds, 13-½ ounces and was 20-¾ inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Herman Guse and Shirley Winter of Janesville. Paternal grandparents are Roland and Helen Berry of Waseca.



- Janesville residents participated in the eight annual Relay for Life Cancer walk in Waseca last Friday. Pictured here are first time walkers *Team Eustice." Family members walked in honor of Pat and Patty Eustice, who both died of cancer in 2000. A team from Faith Lutheran Church in Janesville, called "Walkers in Faith" also participated in the Relay for Life walk.

- The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton School Board has set the dates for filing for candidacy for the November 6 school board election. Filing will begin on Aug. 28, 2001 and close on Sept. 18, 2001. The cost for filing is \$2. Candidates must be 21 and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the election. The board seats of Gene Oelke, Linda Finley, Jim Jewison and Dale Schweer will be up for election. To date, only Oelke has indicated that he does not plan on seeking re-election.

- Negotiations between the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school district and teachers are continuing, according to Don Hainlen, superintendent of schools. The two groups have been meeting every two weeks since June, said Hainlen. The discussions so far have been focused on language issues in the contracts and have not yet reached the financial issues. Hainlen expects that within the next couple of sessions the talks will turn to finances, although the district financial situation doesn't allow for much discussion. "There isn't much to work with," said Hainlen. "The district doesn't have much money." Hainlen blames declining student enrollment for a big part of the district's financial woes. As of now, JWP could be down as many as 17 students when school starts this fall.

50 years ago

- Tex Schroeder, employee of Janesville Creamery Association, attended the 1976 Iowa-Minnesota TBA School sponsored by Land O'Lakes, at the Sheraton Airport Inn here July 20-22. Major emphasis at the three day school was on selling and serving tires, batteries, and accessories. "Perpetual Inventory and Margins", "Serving and Selling Your Customers Lubricant Needs", and "Selling and Preventive Maintenance of Passenger and Truck Tires" were some of the seminars attended by employees.

- Mankato State University today announced its 109th annual "Alumni People Hunt" to locate members of the classes of 1925 and 1926. The University will hold a reunion for those classes on October 23 when President Douglas R. Moore welcomes them as freshmen members of the Half Century Club as part of Mankato's Homecoming celebration. Howard Williams, Marion Mason and Mary Dickmeyer of Mankato and Clarence Nelson, president of the class of '26, are helping plan the combined golden anniversary reunion. Members of the two classes are asked to contact Williams (621 Byron, Mankato) or Nelson (1422 W. California Avenue, St. Paul).

75 years ago

- Eidor Tesch's horse of Janesville may be the winner in the Waseca County Fair Plug Horse Derby Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock-it's the only one entered. But it's too soon to tell. Entries are open until noon Sunday, only an hour before the race starts. There are more entries expected from the farmers in the area. The horses will compete in the State fair races if they win here. The race is sponsored each year by the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch and the Waseca Journal and Herald. Horses may be entered in the race by reporting to the Olson and Anderson Livestock Co. on the north city limits. Highway 13 between 11 and 12 noon Sunday where the horses will be weighted. Minimum weight is 1,350 pounds. Officials for the derby will be Floyd LaMont and Phill Amberg as starters and Bob Powell and John MacMartin as judges.

- The Janesville high school band will play at the Waseca County Fair this Saturday evening beginning at approximately 7:00. The band will be in front of the grandstand and will play until the evening performance is scheduled to begin. There will be no band concert in Janesville this Saturday. Band members are requested to report to the school house at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and to take the school bus to Waseca. Uniforms will be worn. There will be no band concert in Janesville on the following Saturday (Aug. 11) either since Mr. Kading is on vacation. Mr. Hanke will direct the band at the fair this week.

- After three years of negotiations the directors of the Steele County Free Fair are pleased to announce they are able to present Ladd Lyon, one of the countries foremost comedians. Here is a comedy act with a new slant and with a surprise finale. This is Mr. Ladd's first appearance in this part of the country, after having been featured in practically every Eastern fair in the United States and after having played the famous Music Hall in New York City five different times and is the only comedy act that can truthfully make that statement. He will be seen nightly in front of the grandstand at the Steele County Free Fair for three nights, starting August 17.

100 years ago

- A meeting of all the members of the Janesville Live Stock Shipping Association will be held in the Town Hall in Janesville on Tuesday August 17, 1926, at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing into a New Association. Those who are members in the old association are requested to be present as well as any one that is interested in the organization of a new Live Stock Shipping Association. E.J. Goltz, Secretary

- It is against the law to kill song birds in Minnesota and most of our wild birds are listed as songsters. The law seldom used-possibly because no necessity arises, and possibly because complaints has not been made against the killers. It is worthy of note that boys do not kill as they delighted to do a few years ago. They have been taught the value of birds, and the beauty, and many of them know more of bird life than their parents. The lad with a gun faces a great temptation, but a little talk will probably satisfy his longing by taking a crack at a tin can-or maybe an insulator on a telephone pole. Hibbing news.

- "You ought to go to Canada if you want to see hard times," said one who recently moved onto a farm in this vicinity. "I hear so many farmers talk about hard times it sounds funny to me. Why, man, they are wealthy, they are in paradise. Go to Canada if you want to see hard-times." And the face of the man who spoke thusfairly radiated his unbounded joy and satisfaction at the wonderful agricultural opportunities he found here on every side.--Wadena Journal.

Waseca

25 years ago

- Another year has come and gone, it seems like just yesterday we crowned Courtney Adams as Miss Waseca County 2000, and here it is time to welcome our Miss Waseca County 2001, Emily Keller. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun filled year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for making my first year as director so great. I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. My biggest thank you goes to the people and business of Waseca, for without your sponsorship our show would not have been possible. We want to welcome our newest sponsor, "Curves for Women", who donated a year's membership for our new Miss Waseca County. -Jacque Jenkins

- Pam Marquardt of Waseca and Ben Trumbull of Waseca are happy to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Pam is the daughter of Phil and Bonnie Marquardt of Janesville. Ben is the son of Ranae Trumbull and the last Briand Trumbull of Waseca. Pam is a 1993 graduate of Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School and a 1995 graduate of South Central Technical College, where she earned a degree in Graphic Arts. She is currently employed with the Waseca County News. Ben is a 1991 graduate of Waseca High School and attended South Central Technical College for Sales and Retail Management. He is currently employed with Sibilrud Trucking in Hartland. An October 6, 2001 wedding is planned.

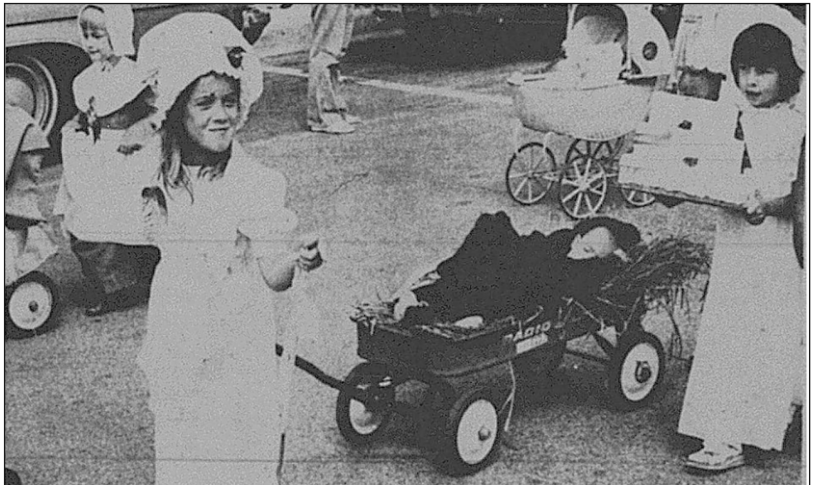
- Scott and Michelle (Matz) Aragon are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Ryne, born May 18, 2001 at 10:45 p.m. at the Owatonna Hospital. He weighted seven pounds, nine ounces and was 21 and one-half inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Kathy and Curt Anhorn and Merie Matz, all of Waseca. Paternal grandparent is Pattie Wheelock of Owatonna. Paternal grandparent is Pattie Wheelock of Owatonna. Maternal Great-grandparents are Phyllis Schmidt of Owatonna, Vincent and Myrtle Matz of Waseca and the late Doris Matz and Phillip Schmidt. Paternal Great-grandparents are Sharon and Jenaro, (Jerry) Aragon of Burbank, Calif. and Waseca.



50 years ago

- The Waseca City Council is expected to petition the Minnesota Public Service Commission for another railroad crossing for Waseca. The proposed crossing will go in south of the E.F. Johnson Co. and west of the Edward Priebe Implement Co. on the south edge of Waseca. The council has been making arrangements to establish a street from Minnesota 13 where the road bends from its normal north-south axis to an east-west axis, to County Road 4 where it meets County Road 57. The resolution for the petition will be discussed at Tuesday evening's regular council meeting. The council will meet at the City at 7:30 p.m. Also on the agenda, Middle School Principal Jim O'Regan is expected to present a proposal to the council which would establish a system of stop signs on 2nd AVE. NE which would be put up where students are playing next to the school. The council will also discuss whether or not Thompson's Boat House, at the corner of 9th St. and 4th Ave. NE. can be sold. Although the business has been privately run for many years, it sits on city property.

- The annual corn pack at Birds Eye General Foods here got underway Friday, according to Ken Earle, Agriculture Supervisor who said harvesting is currently going full force in Iowa. The pack, he said, is ahead of schedule but the quantity and quality of the crop is "not as good as we expected due to the lack of moisture. We're disappointed in the yields," Earle said, "but we expect the Minnesota crop will be an average or better than average crop if we get lots of rain." Harvesting of the 6,000 acres of sweet corn in Minnesota and Iowa is expected to move into full swing within the next week with employees at the plant expected to world 20 hours a day, six days a week, on alternating shifts. Currently there is no lack of help for the pack at the Bird's Eye Plant, according to Personnel Director David Armstrong. However, applications for 'long term' employment are still being taken. Long term employment means persons who can work the duration of the corn pack. Pea Pak at Birds Eye was completed on July 17 following a "crop beyond all our expectations" according to Earle.



- Alex Kortuem was a participant in the Kiddies' Parade at the New Richland Farm-City Day, but wasn't awed by the crowds and went to sleep halfway through the parade. Alex is being pulled in the wagon by his sister Tonya. The parade was only one of many events sponsored Saturday by the New Richland Commercial Club.

75 years ago

- Chicken and turkey lead the plentiful foods list for the month of August, reports Home Agent Helen Fahning. The month of August has been designated as Sandwich Month by the food industry, with the cooperation of U.S. Department of Agriculture. Many of the separate food items on the list of plentiful lend themselves well to the good sandwiches appropriate by August eating sliced turkey, sliced chicken, hamburger, roast beef, cheese, peanut butter, lettuce and tomato.

- The DeGroat funeral home in Owatonna has been sold to Andrist C. Thompson of Cannon Falls. Thompson is a native of Owatonna but has been employed in the mortuaries in Cannon Falls and Rochester for 25 years. The DeGroats have been in business in Owatonna for 40 years.

100 years ago

- The annual outing of the Waseca Boy Scouts, which was planned for two weeks, from August 9 to 23, at Fish Lake in Scott county, has been called off. In order to enjoy the camping privileges at Fish Lake, an attendance of at least 40 Scouts was required. A number of the boys have jobs just now which they cannot leave, so it was impossible to secure the required number and the outing had to be called off. A winter camp for Scouts has been successfully pulled off in some cities during the holiday vacation and it may be possible that the Waseca Scouts will have such an outing next Christmas time, some of the local Scout official say.

- Yesterday was the 87th birthday of David Erwin of St. Mary and the ladies of the W.R.C. planned a surprise in his honor. With Comrades Harry Read and Ales Brisbane, as invited guests, they drove to his home in the afternoon, extended congratulations and tendered him a number of presents. A fine picnic dinner was then prepared by the visitors and enjoyed by all present. One of the features of the feast was a handsome birthday cake with 87 candles. The cake was baked by Mrs. Rollin Erwin. A pleasant social hour was enjoyed following the dinner, especially by the three veterans who recalled many incidents of army days. Despite his advance years, Mr. Erwin is still in fair health and his hosts of friends, hope that he will live to celebrate many more happy birthdays.

New Richland

25 years ago

- Dana Walker, daughter of Doug an dSandy Walker of Baldwin, Wisconsin and Jay Bergner, son of Tom and Karen Bergner, both of Mankato announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. An August 11 wedding is planned.

- Tom and Kate Bartz of Waseca are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Courtney Michelle, born Tuesday August 1, 2001, at the Owatonna Hospital. Courtney weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 22 inches in length. Courtney is welcomed home by her big brother Kyle, who is 3 ½.

50 years ago

- Residents at the New Richland Care Center were entertained by violinist Lewis Olson, Tuesday. He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Walter Michaelis. Mr. Olson is a brother of Mrs. Annie Haugen, who is a resident at the center.

- Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Evers of Minneapolis are the proud parents of a daughter born August 13. She tipped the scales at 8 pounds and 9 ounces.

- Concordia College academic dean's honor list for the second semester has been announced by Registrar Donald Dale. Among those listed was Jodel Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nelson of Route 2, New Richland. - Jeff Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Thompson of New Richland, a Freshman at Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa was named to the deans list for the second semester.

75 years ago

- Arnold Schroeder and sons of near Wells, formerly of the Waldorf vicinity, won high honors with their trick horse at the recent Wells Red River Valley Rodeo. Theory were winners in the barrel race as well as being tops in some roping events.

- Many of the 1951 graduates of the New Richland high school are attending college this fall and included in the list are Audrey Burtness and Otto Neumann to Mankato Teachers College, Jane Rotegard to Macalester College, St. Paul, and Gwendolyn Byersdorff to Gustavus Adolphus at St. Peter.

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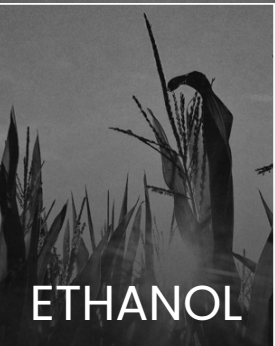
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Waseca County Fair 4-H

2026 Waseca County Fair 4-H Judging Results

The 2026 Waseca County Fair has been the highlight of the year for the over 170 4-H exhibitors in Waseca County 4-H, as they saw their hard work pay off with livestock shows, exhibit judging, and other fun events. Below are the 4-H youth who received recognition for their project work at the 2026 Waseca County Fair.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Family & Consumer Science - Gemma Eaton, Home Grown Explorers
- Overall Reserve Champion Family & Consumer Science - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Child & Family Development - Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Constructed Clothing - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Purchased Clothing - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Champion Upcycled Clothing - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Upcycled Clothing - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Sewn Non Garment - Willow Bartelt - Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Sewn Non Garment - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Home Environment - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Champion Needle Arts - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Quilting - Gemma Eaton, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Quilting - Addison Anderson, Homegrown Explorers

FASHION REVUE RESULTS

- Champion Fashion Revue - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Fashion Revue - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers

FOODS & NUTRITION RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Food & Nutrition - Julia Alvarado
- Overall Reserve Champion Food & Nutrition - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Food - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Food - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Nutrition - Julia Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Nutrition - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Food Preservation - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Food Preservation - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Food Revue - Kenley Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

PERFORMING ARTS

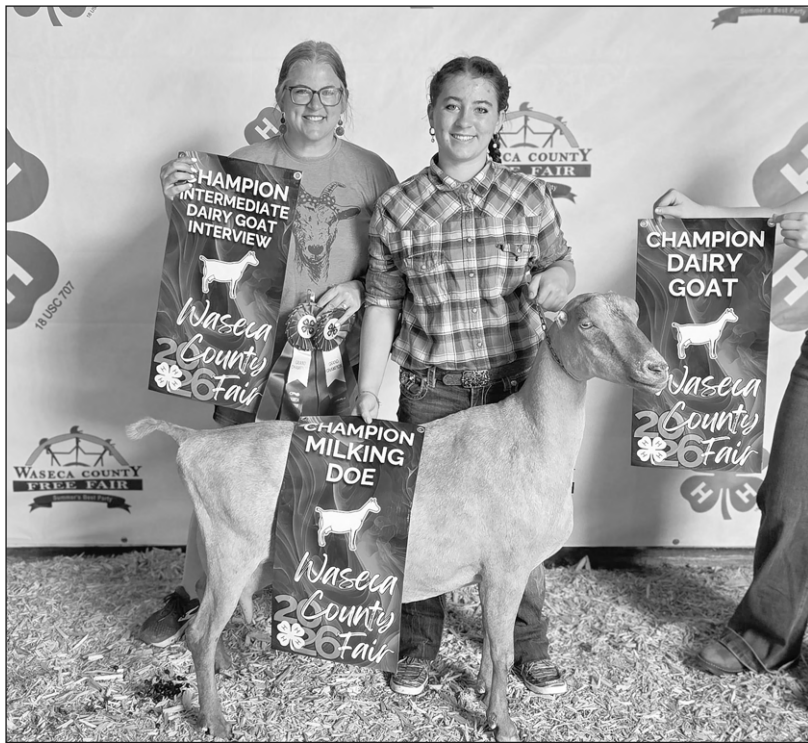
- Overall Grand Champion Performing Arts - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Performing Arts - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Performance-Based - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Performance-Based - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Personal Growth & Development - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Personal Growth & Development - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Health & Wellness - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Health & Wellness - Cole Christenson, Palmer Sunbeams
- Champion Global Connections - Oriana Jewison - Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Global Connections - Chayce Bartelt - Clover Clan



Mackenzie L - Champion Market Beef Rate of Gain and Champion Market Steer



Rylie C - Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Interview, Champion Milking Doe and Champion Dairy Goat

- Champion Citizenship - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Plastic Sculpture Challenge - Orlin Schaezke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Plastic Sculpture Challenge - Cora Schaezke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Safety - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Youth Leadership - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Youth Leadership - Oriana Jewison, Home Grown Explorers
- Champion Self-Determined - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Self-Determined - Thomas Coon, Palmer Sunbeams

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Champion Individual Demonstration - Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Individual Demonstration - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Individual Livestock Demonstration - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Individual Livestock Demonstration - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Team Livestock Demonstration - Adler & August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Team Livestock Demonstration - Kashton & Kaeson Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

ANIMAL SCIENCE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Animal Science - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Animal Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Exploring Animals - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Exploring Animals - Daniel Sipe, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Cat - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Champion Dog - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Dog - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Champion Pets - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Champion Science of Animals - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Champion Veterinary Science - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Veterinary Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Horseless Horse - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Horseless Horse - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

AGRONOMY, GARDENING & HORTICULTURE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Agronomy - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Overall Reserve Champion Agronomy - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Overall Grand Champion Gardening - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Gardening - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Overall Grand Champion Horticulture - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Overall Reserve Champion Horticulture - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Agricultural Technology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Corn - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Forages - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Plant and Soil Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Fruit - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Fruit - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Potatoes - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Potatoes - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Vegetable Plate - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Flower Gardening - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Flower Gardening - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Indoor Gardening - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Indoor Gardening - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Landscape Design - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan



Alexis F - Champion Junior Meat Goat Interview



Alexis F - Champion Junior Meat Goat Interview

culture - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Reserve Champion Horticulture - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Champion Agricultural Technology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Corn - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Champion Forages - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Plant and Soil Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Fruit - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Fruit - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Potatoes - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Potatoes - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Champion Vegetable Plate - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Champion Flower Gardening - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Flower Gardening - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Champion Indoor Gardening - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Indoor Gardening - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Landscape Design - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

• Overall Grand Champion Expressive Arts - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Overall Reserve Champion Expressive Arts - Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Crafts - Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Crafts - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Champion Fine Arts - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Fine Arts - Matthew Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Champion Creative Writing - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Creative Writing - Matthew Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Champion Photography & Video - Mikael Nelson, Vista Busy Bees

• Overall Reserve Champion Photography & Video - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Elements of Photography - Mikael Nelson, Vista Busy Bees

• Reserve Champion Elements of Photography - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Photo Manipulation - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Photo Manipulation - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan

• Overall Grand Champion Environmental & Natural Resources - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

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ronmental & Natural Resources - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Fishing Sports - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers

• Reserve Champion Fishing Sports - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Entomology - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Entomology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Exploring the Environment - Noah Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Champion Forest Resources - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Forest Resources - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Champion Wildlife Biology & Management - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Wildlife Biology & Management - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

• Champion Geology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Water Resources - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Overall Grand Champion STEM & Mechanical Sciences - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Overall Grand Champion STEM & Mechanical Sciences - Daniel Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Champion Bicycle - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Engineering Design - Kaeson Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Engineering Design - Orlin Schaezke, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Champion Metal Work - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

• Reserve Champion Metal Work - Charles Kahnke, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Champion Woodworking - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Woodworking - Kaylee Ahna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Champion Mechanical Science - Matthew Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Reserve Champion Mechanical Science - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Technology - Daniel Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills

• Champion Science Inquiry - Kaeson Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Reserve Champion Science Inquiry - Kasey Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Overall Grand Champion Club Hay Bale Decoration - Palmer Sunbeams

• Reserve Champion Club Hay Bale Decoration - Homegrown Explorers

• Champion Club Banner - Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Club Banner - Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Champion Club Scrapbook - Homegrown Explorers

• Reserve Champion Club Scrapbook - Waldorf Peppy Peppers

• Overall Grand Champion Club Scrapbook - Waldorf Peppy Peppers

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Isaac F - Champion Market Duck



Jayson L - Champion 6 Class Intermediate Buck

- Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Dog Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Champion Dairy Goat Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Promotional Poster - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Meat Goat Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Meat Goat Promotional Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Champion Horse Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Horse Promotional Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Champion Llama Promotional Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Llama Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Champion Poultry Promotional Poster - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Rabbit Promotional Poster - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Reserve Champion Rabbit Promotional Poster - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Sheep Promotional Poster - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Reserve Champion Sheep Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan

- Champion Swine Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Swine Promotional Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
- LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST RESULTS**
- Champion Junior Livestock Costume Contest - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Junior Livestock Costume Contest - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Intermediate Livestock Costume Contest - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Livestock Costume Contest - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Senior Livestock Costume Contest - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Livestock Costume Contest - Daniel Sipe, Homegrown Explorers
- BEEF SHOW RESULTS**
- Champion Cow/Calf Pair - Lucas Hoehn, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair - Memphis Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Market Heifer Prospect Calf - Siri Kuhns, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Prospect Steer/Bull Calf - Lucas Hoehn, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Prospect Steer/Bull Calf - Hudson Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Dairy Steer Prospect

- Calf - Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer - Carson Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer - Ashley Haefs, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Registered Breeding Heifer - Hailey Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Registered Breeding Heifer - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Market Beef Steer - Mackenzie Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Market Beef Steer - Siri Kuhns, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Market Beef Heifer - Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees
 - Reserve Champion Market Beef Heifer - Vivienne Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Dairy Steer - Brayleigh Kuball, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Market Beef Rate of Gain - Siri Kuhns, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Senior Beef Showmanship - Mackenzie Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Senior Beef Showmanship - Hailey Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Intermediate Beef Showmanship - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Beef Showmanship - Owen Kelm, Clover Clan
 - Champion Junior Beef Showmanship - Carson Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Junior Beef Interview - Hudson Levos, Janesville Jack & Jills
 - Champion Intermediate Beef Interview - Brayleigh Kuball, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Beef Interview - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Senior Beef Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Beef Interview - Jacob Klaras, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- DAIRY SHOW RESULTS**
- Champion Overall Dairy Animal - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Overall Dairy Animal - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Registered Holstein - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Registered Holstein - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Grade Holstein - Katy Eldeen, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Color Breed - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Color Breed - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Senior Dairy Showmanship - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Showmanship - Katy Eldeen, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Intermediate Dairy Showmanship - Landon Olmanson, Independent
 - Champion Junior Dairy Showmanship - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Showmanship - Elizabeth Olmanson, Independent
 - Champion Dairy Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

- Reserve Champion Dairy Interview - Katy Eldeen, Riverside Ramblers
- DAIRY GOAT SHOW RESULTS**
- Champion Overall Dairy Goat - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Overall Dairy Goat - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Milking Doe - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Milking Doe - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Dry Doe - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Dry Doe - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship - Adler Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship - Asa Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Senior Dairy Goat Interview - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Goat Interview - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Interview - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Interview - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Junior Dairy Goat Interview - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Goat Interview - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- HORSE SHOW RESULTS**
- Champion Horseless Horse Skills Class - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Horseless Horse Skills Class - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Champion Showmanship Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Showmanship Senior 10+ - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Showmanship Senior 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Showmanship Mini - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Champion Ranch Pleasure Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
 - Reserve Champion Ranch Pleasure Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Western Pleasure Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Western Pleasure Grades 10+ - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Western Pleasure Grades 10+ - Mackenzie Moorman, Independent
 - Champion Western Horsemanship Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Western Horsemanship Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Western Horsemanship Grades 10+ - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Trail Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Trail Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Trail Grades



Brody G - Champion 4 Class Rabbit, Champion Purebred Rabbit, Champion 4 Class Senior Buck



Jaxon L - Champion 6 Class Senior Buck, Champion 6 Class Rabbit

- 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Champion Barrel Race Grades 6-9 - Evelyn Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Barrel Race Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Barrel Race Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
 - Reserve Champion Barrel Race Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Pole Weaving Grades 6-9 - Evelyn Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Pole Weaving Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Pole Weaving Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
 - Reserve Champion Pole Weaving Grades 10+ - Mackenzie Moorman, Independent
 - Champion Jumping Figure 8 Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
 - Reserve Champion Jumping Figure 8 Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Key Race Grades 6-9 - Evelyn Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Key Race Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Key Race Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
 - Reserve Champion Key Race Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Heart Run - Ezra

- Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Heart Run - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Egg and Spoon - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
 - Reserve Champion Egg and Spoon - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Costume Class - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Pleasure Class - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
 - Champion Games Class - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
 - Champion Junior Horse Interview - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Junior Horse Interview - Evelyn Schlaak
 - Champion Senior Horse Interview - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Senior Horse Interview - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
- MEAT GOAT SHOW RESULTS**
- Champion Overall Meat Goat - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Overall Meat Goat - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Champion Meat Goat Breeding Doe - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Meat Goat Breeding Doe - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion Meat Goat Wether Dam - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

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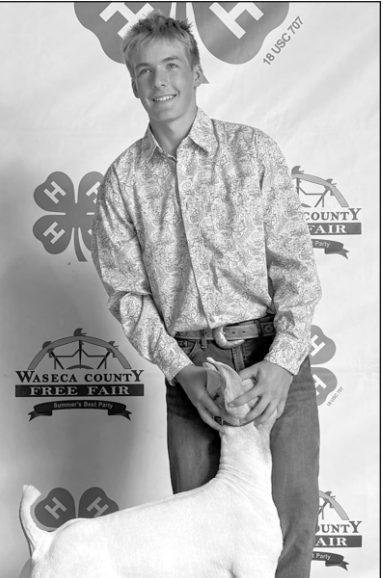
Kendrick C



Ashley & Avery F



Cole C - Champion Junior Lamb Lead, Champion Junior Sheep Interview



Ty K - Champion Market Wether



Hailey L - Champion Market Steer



Kendrick & Rylie C - Champion Dairy Market Wether



Oriana J & Daniel S - Champion Senior Beef Interview

- Champion Market Doe - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Market Doe - Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Market Wether - Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Market Wether - Peyton Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Dairy Market Wether - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Dairy Market Wether - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Senior Meat Goat Showmanship - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Senior Meat Goat Showmanship - Ashley Fliflit, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship - Avery Fliflit, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship - Ashley Haefs, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Junior Meat Goat Showmanship - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Junior Meat Goat Showmanship - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Senior Meat Goat Interview - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Senior Meat Goat Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Interview - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Interview - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Junior Meat Goat Interview - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clean
 - Reserve Champion Junior Meat Goat Interview - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- POULTRY SHOW RESULTS**
- Champion Overall Poultry - Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Overall Poultry - Aaron Merritt, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Market Chickens - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Market

- Chickens - Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Breeding Chickens - Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Breeding Chickens - Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Bantam Breeding Chickens - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Bantam Breeding Chickens - Meredith James, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Egg Production, White Layers - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Egg Production, White Layers - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Egg Production, Brown Layers - Aaron Merritt, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion Egg Production, Brown Layers - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Egg Production, Colored Layers - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Reserve Champion Egg Production, Colored Layers - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Poultry for Fun - Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Reserve Champion Poultry for Fun - Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills
 - Champion Market Ducks - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Market Ducks - Peyton Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Breeding Ducks - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Bantam Breeding Ducks - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Market Geese - Wyatt Coon, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Market Turkeys - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Market Turkeys - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion Show and Hobby - Noah Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Show and Hobby - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion Market Guinea - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion Senior Poultry Showmanship - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Poultry Showmanship - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion Intermediate Poultry Showmanship - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Poultry Showmanship - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion Junior Poultry Showmanship - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Junior Poultry Showmanship - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Senior Poultry Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Poultry Interview - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion Intermediate Poultry Interview - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Poultry Interview - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Junior Poultry Interview - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Junior Poultry Interview - Charles Kahnke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- RABBIT SHOW RESULTS**
- Champion Overall Purebred Rabbit - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Overall Purebred Rabbit - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Overall 4 Class Rabbit - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Overall 4 Class Rabbit - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Overall 6 Class Rabbit - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

- Reserve Champion Overall 6 Class Rabbit - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion 4 Class Junior Doe - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion 4 Class Junior Doe - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Champion 4 Class Junior Buck - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Reserve Champion 4 Class Junior Buck - Jaiden Johnson, Clover Clan
 - Champion 4 Class Senior Doe - Evelyn Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion 4 Class Senior Doe - Hadley Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion 4 Class Senior Buck - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion 4 Class Senior Buck - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion 6 Class Junior Buck - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion 6 Class Intermediate Doe - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion 6 Class Intermediate Buck - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion 6 Class Senior Doe - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion 6 Class Senior Doe - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Champion 6 Class Senior Buck - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Reserve Champion 6 Class Senior Buck - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
 - Champion Doe & Litter - Ashley Haefs, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Doe & Litter - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship - Asa Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
 - Champion Junior Rabbit Interview - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Interview - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Intermediate Rabbit Interview - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
 - Reserve Champion Intermediate Rabbit Interview - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
 - Champion Senior Rabbit Interview - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- SHEEP SHOW RESULTS**
- Champion Market Lamb - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Registered Breeding Sheep - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Registered Breeding Sheep - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Champion Commercial Breeding Sheep - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Sheep - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Wether Dam - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Wether Dam - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
 - Champion Junior Lamb Lead - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Reserve Champion Junior Lamb Lead - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
 - Champion Senior Lamb Lead - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
 - Reserve Champion Senior Lamb Lead - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
 - Champion Fleecce - Avary Hopper,

- Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Fleecce - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Intermediate Sheep Showmanship - Owen Kelm, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Sheep Showmanship - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Champion Junior Sheep Showmanship - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Junior Sheep Showmanship - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams
- Champion Junior Sheep Interview - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Junior Sheep Interview - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
- Champion Intermediate Sheep Interview - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Sheep Interview - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
- Champion Senior Sheep Interview - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Interview - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

SWINE SHOW RESULTS

- Champion Registered Market Barrow - Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Registered Market Barrow - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Commercial Market Barrow - Aaron Merritt, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Commercial Market Barrow - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Market Gilt - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Market Gilt - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Breeding Gilt - Presley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Swine Rate of Gain - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Swine Rate of Gain - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Senior Swine Showmanship - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Senior Swine Showmanship - Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees
- Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship - Presley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Junior Swine Showmanship - Asa Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Junior Swine Showmanship - Henrik Roesler, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Senior Swine Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Senior Swine Interview - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Junior Swine Interview - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Junior Swine Interview - Asa Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Jacob Strobel Memorial Spirit Award - Owen Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers

DOG AGILITY SHOW RESULTS

The Waseca County 4-H Dog Agility Show was held on July 25 in Albert Lea, MN in conjunction with the Freeborn County 4-H Dog Agility Show. Waseca County 4-H Dog Project extends a special thank you to Freeborn County 4-H Staff, Dog Project Volunteers, and 4-H members for their

willingness to host our 4-H members during their show!

- Champion Beginner Agility - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Beginner Agility - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Elementary Agility - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Elementary Agility - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Jumper 1A Agility - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Jumper 1A Agility - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Jumper 1B Agility - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Jumper 1B Agility - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

DOG SHOW RESULTS - SHOWMANSHIP, OBEDIENCE, RALLY

- Champion Obedience Foundation - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Obedience Foundation - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Obedience Beginner - Jacob Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Obedience Beginner - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Obedience Graduate Beginner - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Obedience Novice - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Obedience Novice - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Novice Dog Showmanship - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Novice Dog Showmanship - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Open Junior Dog Showmanship - Jacob Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Open Junior Dog Showmanship - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Open Senior Dog Showmanship - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Open Senior Dog Showmanship - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Foundation Rally - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Foundation Rally - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Senior Swine Showmanship - Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees
- Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship - Presley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
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PREMIER SHOWMANSHIP RESULTS

- Champion Premier Showman - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Premier Showman - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Waseca County 4-H awarded scholarships to youth members who graduated High School in the spring of 2026. The scholarship recipient was:

- Olivia Johnson, Clover Clan 4-H Club

MARKET LIVESTOCK BLUE RIBBON AUCTION

Several representatives from local businesses gathered at the recent Waseca County Fair to purchase the ribbons of 4-H market livestock animals. 4-H youth who earned a blue ribbon on their animal participated in the sale, with the ribbon being sold on 82 dairy steers, beef steers, swine, sheep, poultry, rabbits, and goats. Area auctioneers Larry Born, Landen Flem-



Paige J - Champion Market Heifer



Rylie C - Chmapion Dairy Market Wether

ming, and Bill Harguth volunteered their time as auctioneers for the event.

The Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction is the biggest fundraiser for the Waseca County 4-H Federation. This year \$50,775.00 was raised for youth in market livestock projects with the 4-H Federation receiving \$16,925.00 to be used for programming and scholarships to camps and leadership development opportunities. It will also support existing 4-H programming, like clubs, adventures, project workshops, and adult volunteer training. All 300 youth in Waseca County 4-H will benefit from profits raised at the 2026 auction.

Individuals and businesses who were buyers at the 2026 Waseca County 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction included: A & A Farms, Ag Partners, Androi Ag, Brad Krause, Chip Mack - Whitewater Creek Grain & Feed, Cody Root, Corn Country Seed, Dale Hoy, Dead End Cattle Company, FM Bank, Hi Yield Hartland, Holland Ag, James Brothers Construction, Johnson Berkshires, Jule Johnson, KFS Hope, Kuball Dairy, Layne L Janike, Let's Ride Boots & Apparel, Lydia Holland, Lyle Kuhns, M Eaton Trucking LLC, Mark Sommers, Matt Groskreutz, Minnwest Bank, Professional Building Erectors & Excavating, Roesler Seeds, Schlaak Seeds, Schwartz Insurance, Smiths Mill Implement, South Bend Show Goats, Southfork Seed, TDL Farms, Troy Buendorf, and Upper Midwest Plumbing - Tim Woeste.

Area businesses and community members who supported the Waseca County 4-H Market Livestock Auction through pledge bids included: Alee Services - Angie Wilson, Andy Dimmel - McPherson Crop Management, Anonymous, Chad Johnson, Compeer Financial, Condon Farm Service, Grant Berg, Hamilton Livestock, Ivers Cattle Company, Jens & Jenny Wyrum, Kelms BBQ, Larry & Pam Goehring, Lyle & Kathy Peltz, Troy Buendorf, Waseca Glass - Dustin Roeker.

Waseca County 4-H would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors, buyers and volunteers who took part and helped with the Auction. Without them, Waseca County 4-H wouldn't be able to support the youth program members in such an enormous way.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WASECA

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION
Court File No.: 81-PR-26-558

In Re: Estate of

ARLENE R. BRAUN,
Decedent

ORDER AND NOTICE OF
HEARING FOR FORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSU-
PERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-
SONS:
It is Ordered and Notice is
hereby given that on the 16th day of
September, 2026, at 10:30am., a

hearing will be held in the above
named Court at Waseca, Waseca
County, Minnesota, for the formal
probate of an instrument purporting
to be the will of the above named
decedent, dated July 4th, 2026, and
for the appointment of Robert C. Lau
whose address is 17178 627TH
Lane, Pemberton, MN 56078 as per-
sonal representative of the estate of
the above named decedent, in an un-
supervised probate, and that any ob-
jections thereto must be filed with
the Court. That, if proper, and no ob-
jections are filed, personal represen-
tative will be appointed to administer
the estate, to collect all assets, pay all
legal debts, claims, taxes and ex-
penses, and sell real and personal
property, and do all necessary acts
for the estate. Upon completion of
the probate, the representative shall
file a final account for the allowance
and shall distribute the estate to the
persons thereunto entitled as ordered
by the Court and close the estate. See
Notice of Remote Hearing.

Notice is further given that ALL
CREDITORS having claims against
said estate are required to present the
same to said personal representative
or to the Court Administrator within
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tice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: 08/14/2026
/s/ Carol Hanks
Judge of District Court

/s/ Shannon M. Asselin
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Waseca County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing at the Waseca County East Annex (Commissioner's Room), 300 N. State Street, Waseca, MN 56093 on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following item:

A. David and Patricia Gertz requests a variance for their parcel (PID 12.326.0970) in the Highlands, Lot 19, Block 5 in Woodville Township. The applicant's proposed detached garage will require a variance for a side yard setback of 5 feet and a road right-of-way setback of 39 feet. Sections 6.20 and 6.22 of the Waseca County UDC requires a side yard setback of 20 feet and a road right-of-way setback of 50 feet. The parcel under review is zoned UE Urban Expansion District and is in the SO Shoreland Overlay District of Gaiter Lake (Natural Environment).

B. Sam Borneke requests a variance for the parcel (PID 06.029.1100) in Section 29, Township 108, Range 24 in Janesville Township. The applicant's proposed single-family dwelling will require a variance for two side yard setbacks of 20 feet. Section 6.08 of the Waseca County UDC requires a side yard setback of 40 feet. The parcel under review is zoned A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WASECA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Waseca County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Waseca County East Annex (Commissioner's Room), 300 N. State Street, Waseca, MN 56093 on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following items:

A. Ulland Brothers Inc requests to renew their Conditional Use Permit to mine aggregate materials for the parcel (PID 08.012.1010) in Section 12, Township 106, Range 22 in Otisco Township. The request will be pursuant to Sections 3.07, 4.13, 6.07, 6.08, and 8.03 of the Waseca County UDC as well as State and Federal regulations. The parcel is zoned A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

B. Larry and Jan Hoffman request a Conditional Use Permit to operate apiary agritourism for the parcel (PID 06.011.0500) in Section 11, Township 108, Range 24 in Janesville Township. The request will be pursuant to Sections 3.07, 6.07, and 6.08 of the Waseca County. The parcel is zoned A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

The staff reports for these items will be available at the Waseca County Planning and Zoning Office, 300 N State St., Waseca, MN 56093 during regular business hours 8:00-4:30, and will be on the county website www.wasecacounty.gov on the agenda tab by August 31, 2026. Oral comments will be accepted at the meeting. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all Waseca County services, programs, and activities.

Tina G. Wilson, Planning and Zoning Administrator

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ARCHITECT

WIDSETH

3777 40th Avenue NW, Suite 200

Rochester, MN 55901

SITE VISIT INFORMATION

Pre-Bid Meeting: 08-12-2026, at 10:00 A.M. (CST)

Location: 1495 5th St. SE, Waseca, MN 56093

BID DATE INFORMATION: AUGUST 28, 2026

Bid Time: August 28, 2026 at 10:00 AM (CST)

Bid Location: Online via QuestCDN vBid

Attn: Jim Kollar, Public Works Director

1495 5th St SE, Waseca, MN 56093

at which time they will be submitted electronically via QuestCDN - vBID. Bids will be received and evaluated, the awarded bid will be announced on September 1, 2026 during the County Board meeting.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Demolition of the existing roofing material to metal deck. Installation of new low-slope roofing system. Roof area is approximately 15,300 sf.

Each bid must be accompanied with a cashier's check, bid bond, U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) or certified check equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal. Security is payable to the Owner as a guarantee of prompt execution of the contract in accordance with the proposal and Contract documents, along with furnishing Payment and Performance Bonds of One Hundred percent (100%) of the bid amount acceptable to the Owner.

For electronic bid submissions provide a scanned copy of your Security bond with your bid. Provide a original copy to the Bid Recipient within five (5) days of bid due date.

This Bidder shall be required to execute the Agreement and obtain the Performance Bond, Labor and Material, Payment Bond and Project Insurance within ten (10) calendar days from the date when Notice of Award is delivered to the Bidder.

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Bids may not be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids without consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

By: Jim Kollar, Public Works Director

Waseca County

Braves punch ticket to state after decade absence

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

On to state.

The third-seeded Waseca Braves upset the second-seeded Waterville Indians 5-1 at Waterville in the Region 5C championship game Friday night, earning the team's first trip to state since 2016.

The Braves have taken steps over the past four seasons, improving each year, falling one game short of state a year ago.

"I know that some of our veteran players were still thinking about that as we started this season," coach Tink Larson said. "This was very satisfying to them and for me."

For Larson, this is a remarkable seventh consecutive decade playing or coaching in the state amateur baseball tournament.

Two veterans and one young "superstar" played a large role in both a successful season and the victory at the region tournament.

"The most obvious difference this year was the emergence of Tyson Reger," Larson shared. "Both on the mound and with the bat, he has had a sensational season."

The 13-60 League Player of the Year pitched a complete game for the Braves Friday, striking out 11, walking one, and allowed only one unearned run.

Reger escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning. Indian runners were in place thanks to an infield single, a hit batter and a walk. It was a tense moment of the game before the final out was recorded on a ground ball to short.

The Braves exhaled after scoring three runs in the top of the third. After a lead-off walk, Reger hit what many thought was a home run, but was called foul. An infield single got him on base a bit later. A throwing error on a Keato Roker bunt scored the first run before a throwing error secured the second. Kelvin Nelson delivered a line-drive single to right field to plate the third run of the inning.

"Kelvin is the glue of our team," Larson told the *Pioneer*.

"It's crazy to think it has been 10 years since the Braves have been to state," Nelson said after the game. "It's a whole new group. I am excited to continue playing some ball."

Nelson, a Waseca native and 19-year veteran ballplayer, started with the Braves in 2008. After his Blue-jay career, Nelson went on to play Division II baseball at Grand Canyon

"There is no better feeling than getting to extend the baseball season a couple more weeks." — Kelvin Nelson

University before playing at Willmar Community College and Bellevue University in Nebraska. Nelson's dad, Blake, is the Brave's manager.

The other veteran Larson highlighted was Kyle Waugh.

A Brave for 10 years, Waugh has never played in a state tournament.

After striking out three times, all on outside pitches, Waugh stepped to the plate in the 8th inning, trying to deliver some insurance runs for the Braves.

Singles from Payton Garza and Ryan Hanson set up runners on the corners with two outs. Down to his final strike, Waugh stretched out his at-bat, put the ball in play and plated two runs via an infield single, followed by a throwing error, one of five fielding miscues for the Indians.

The Indians' lone run came in the bottom of the 8th after runners reached via error and a single off Reger's leg. A single off the top of the wall in center caused confusion for the Indian runners, who only plated one on the play. Reger struck out the final two batters to end the threat.

On the night, Reger only allowed four Waterville hits, all singles.

At the plate, recording one hit each for the Braves were Reger, Kelvin Nelson, Garza, Hanson, Waugh, and Ryan Wangen.

"There is no better feeling than getting to extend the baseball season a couple more weeks," Kelvin Nelson said after the game. "This is an awesome feeling. Making the state tournament means a lot, especially being one of the older guys on the team now (37). I am excited for the younger guys who haven't been there to get to experience playing in the state tournament."

After the game, Coach Larson thanked the players for doing their part to get through the region tournament.

"I think Blake Nelson did a good job throughout the season emphasizing that we had a lot of good players with the makings of being a good team, but that we needed to keep working on improving our fundamentals if we wanted to be successful," Larson said. "Cody Huiras was a nice addition to the team. He was a solid player both offensively and defensively and was a good teammate."



ADDING ON - Kyle Waugh singled in his final at bat to give the Braves some insurance runs in Friday night's 5-1 state tournament clinching win.

Larson said moving young players into more prominent positions played an important role.

"Probably the biggest of those moves was moving (high school junior) Kellen Klinger into the catching position as his VFW and American Legion seasons were starting to wind down. He did a great job defensively for us," explained Larson.

"Owen Honstad became the starter in center field towards the end of the season and did a good job defensively. Logan Reger was another youngster who was with us all year and he had a couple good outings on the mound and was a solid defensive player when he played in the field. Keato Roker and Payton Garza are a couple young players who had very good years for us with the bat, and Kyle Waugh and Kelvin Nelson had good years. Ryan Hanson improved as the season progressed."

Up next for the Braves will be the single-elimination Class C state tournament against the Brownton Bruins, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Jordan.

This will be the Braves' 18th appearance in the state tournament. They won the state championship in 1957. On the season, the Braves' record improved to 14-8.



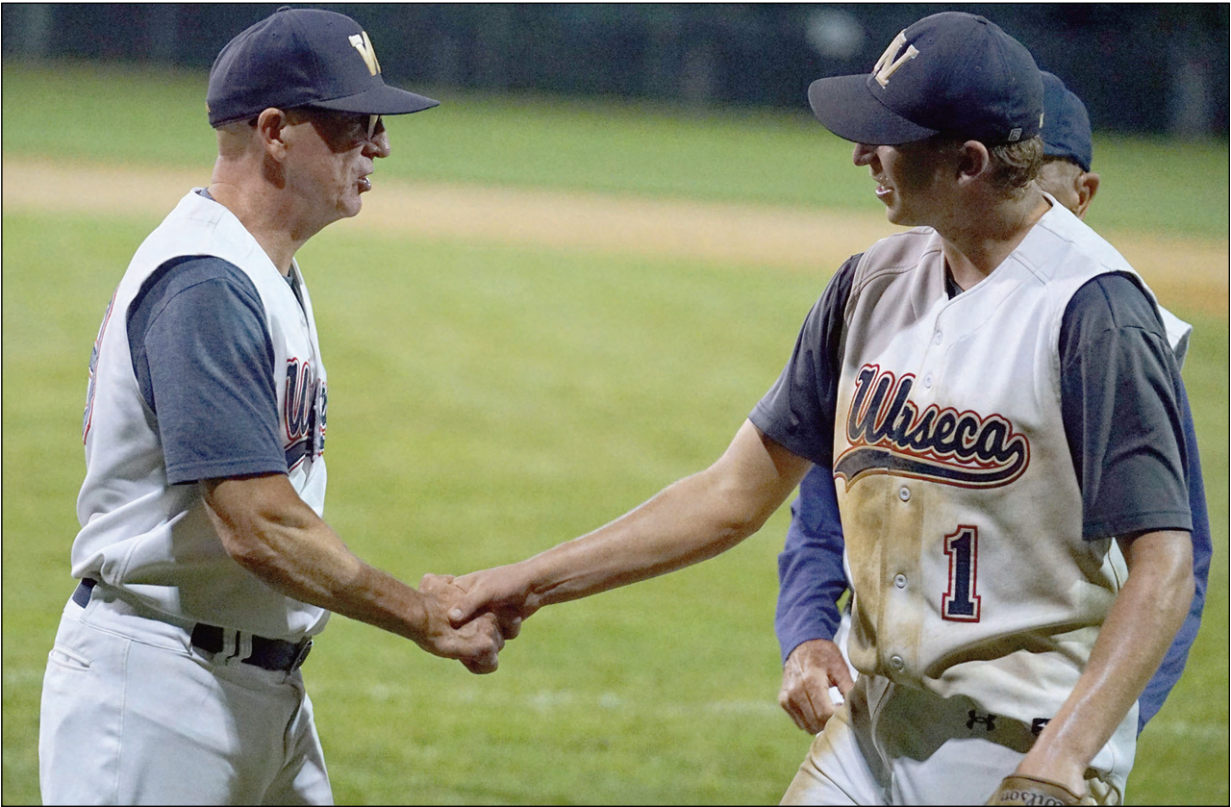
CELEBRATION - Hall of Fame coach Tink Larson embraces Payton Garza after the final out was recorded Friday night in Waterville. Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens



CAUGHT - A threat from the Indians was cut down in the fourth after the shortstop intercepted the throw on a steal attempt to second. Above, Garza tags out the Indians runner at third.



CONNECTION - Above, second baseman Cody Huiras takes a throw from Garza, right, who fielded a ground ball.



CONGRATULATIONS - Manager Blake Nelson shakes the hand of starting pitcher Tyson Reger, who pitched a complete game, striking 11 and allowing one unearned run.

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