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Homecoming

2026 Waseca Homecoming



CROWNING SPIRIT - The 2026 Waseca High School Homecoming Court. Back Row- Kallen Glynn, Henry Huttemier, Tovin Grannis, Titan Rahe, Owen Honstad, Brady McKenna. Front Row- Katelyn Weber, Violet Rohwer, Taylor Markeson, Elli Hoban, Stella Omtvedt, Reese Ludwig







BLUEJAY PRIDE - Congratulations to 2026 Waseca Homecoming King Tovin Grannis and Queen Taylor Markeson. Homecoming activities lasted from Oct. 6-9.

Waseca Marching Jays earn State Championship title



STATE CHAMPS! - The Waseca Marching Jays participated in the Youth In Music Marching Band Championship on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. The band recently posted to their Facebook page, "The results are in, and your Marching Jays are the 2026 Minnesota Class AA State Champions! The Jays earned second place in Class AA prelims and secured the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

We could not be prouder of these kids, their relentless work ethic, and the heart they bring to the field. They've poured so much into this season, and we couldn't be happier to see their hard work pay off!

Burger Fry Fundraiser at Waseca American Legion Friday, Oct. 16

The Waseca Exchange Club will hold a burger fry fundraiser at the Legion from 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Hamburger or fish sandwich with fries, $12.

Alice in Wonderland Paint and Sip at Waseca Art Center Saturday, Oct. 17

Caitlin Roberts will host a Paint and Sip style Tea Party from 10 a.m. thru noon Saturday, Oct. 17. This is for both children and adults, children under 10 must be accompanied by adult. Limit 10 participants, $25 per person.

Farmamerica Fall Festival Oct. 17

The Farmamerican Fall Festival will take place from 10 a.m. thru 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Complete with DeVod pedal pull, jump stations, llama visit, pumpkin patch and much more.

Toners Lake Karting no points race Saturday, Oct. 17

Toners Lake Karting will hold a no points race at noon on Saturday, Oct. 17, with a banquet to follow. Located at 8747 415th Ave. Janesville. Races are weather dependent, check for times.

Stitchers in Time at Waseca Art Center Saturday, Oct. 17

The Waseca Art Center will hold a Stitchers in Time quilt wall hanging for those with special needs at 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. This will include the Patriotic Quilt Wall Hanging Challenge celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

Flowers of Fall at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Oct. 17

Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm will hold their Flowers of Fall from 4-7 p.m. on both Oct. 17&18. Live music by Unruly Julie on Saturday, Federales and Kalen Braun Schults Sunday. Cider beers, garden walks, scavenger hunt and more.

Johnny Frost and the Heatseekers at Indian Island Winery Oct. 17

Indian Island Winery featuring Johnny Frost and the Heatseekers from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. They perform seven decades of music.

Paint and Sip at Indian Island Winery Sunday, Oct. 18

There will be a Paint and Sip event at the Indian Island Winery starting at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Glow in the Dark Party at New Richland Public Library Monday, Oct. 19

The New Richland Library will hold a Glow in the Dark Party at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19. This pumpkin party is geared towards children 7-12.

A word from The Word

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart.

Psalm 73:26

County looking at changes to cannabis codes

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

The county planning and zoning office is proposing numerous adjustments to the county's codes regarding cannabis which were presented during a county commissioner work session the morning of Oct. 6.

Planning and Zoning administrator Tina Wilson explained most of the county's existing rules are based on state requirements and suggestions that were presented in a somewhat haphazard manner as the state first legalized cannabis use and then created an Office of Cannabis Management which is still not fully staffed.

In a process which county administrator Michael Johnson summarized as "like it or not,

Cannabis continued on 5



Compostings

by Al Batt

A photo of a photo

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

Don't you ever clean your beard? I can tell what you had for breakfast this morning.

Oh, yeah? What did I have?

Eggs.

You're wrong. That's what I had for breakfast yesterday.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. It was a Goldilocks day: not too hot, not too cold, just right. I taught a writing class. One pupil was named Iris. I teach because I dream of one day being able to open accounts in the Cayman Islands, have safety deposit boxes in Zürich, or become a hard-charging shopper at Walmart.

One student, not Iris, had dropped the Jell-O he had for lunch onto his new, white basketball shoes. It was an assault with a congealed weapon.

Iris had a new eraser. It was half-blue and half-pink. In grade school, I believed the blue half was meant for erasing ink. In reality, the pink half is designed for soft graphite pencil marks on standard paper, while the blue is meant for thick, durable paper. I tried the blue on ink scribblings. It tore the paper. I thought it erased ink because I believed in magic. I believed the school custodian lived in a closet because he was always coming out of or going into one.

I CUT HEADS OFF IN FILMS

I took a photo of a photo at a county fair to remind myself to tell the photographer how much I liked his work. I remember using film and waiting two weeks to see what developed. A bottle of ketchup provided no anticipation in comparison. I waited forever to get photographs back with a tall man's head cut off in one picture.

I'VE LEARNED

Cabins are never built of cottage cheese.

In the first grade, I learned exits were on the way out.

I gave my turtleneck sweater to the Salvation Army. I had had it up… well, you know where with it.

If you eat ice cream before the meal and again after the meal, it's an ice cream sandwich.

The clock on the wall hadn't worked for years. We kept it there because we could depend on it.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

Authorities arrested a guy for stealing hay. He couldn't make bale.

Accordion to a recent survey, replacing words with the names of musical instruments in a sentence often goes undetected.

If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, there's something wrong with your goldfish.

NATURE NOTES

It was a lovely day, one offering perfect weather in October. The everlasting summer didn't last. Fall begins. Summer ends. Winter looms. The landscape turns the color of overdone meatloaf. I stopped at a pumpkin patch to have a pumpkin repaired.

I walked, moseyed, strolled, ambled, meandered, sauntered, wandered, ambulated, hoofed, traipsed, stepped, peregrinated, tramped, tiptoed, strutted, lumbered, waddled and toddled along, seeing many people on the trail who were taking their phones for a walk. The best things in leaf are trees. I played the "catch the falling leaf" game, a folk tradition that claims catching a tumbling leaf brings good luck, helps avoid colds, or grants 12 months of happiness. It's a form of mindfulness that fosters focusing on the present moment and the beauty of autumn. I snatched a red maple leaf out of the air. It was a vision of loveliness. Yay, me!

Meadowhawks are small dragonflies, 1 to 1.5 inches long. The males are red, and the females are a yellow-orange color. They are tough, sometimes surviving into November.

Flattery will get you everything. Fluttery gets a monarch butterfly to Mexico. Their future is up in the air.

Migrating birds carry built-in calendars. Unlike other warblers, yellow-rumped warblers (butterbutts) don't go far to overwinter, traveling to the southern United States, Mexico and the Caribbean. Some winter farther north on the east and west coasts. They survive harsh winters due to their ability to eat berries when insects aren't readily available. They're able to digest bayberry, juniper, wax myrtle and poison ivy berries.

A Jack-in-the-pulpit has red berries that glow on the forest floor, and the red sashes of ambitious Virginia creeper climb trees. Milkweed pods burst, having turned from green to a gray or brown color, and the seeds are mature when brown.

Bur oak (a white oak) acorns have fuzzy caps reminiscent of ushankas. Wood ducks, wild turkeys, squirrels and deer prize the acorns. White oaks have rounded leaf lobes, and red oaks have pointed leaves. A study found that squirrels eat 85% of white oak acorns shortly after discovery and store 60% of red oak acorns, which have larger amounts of bitter-tasting tannins than white oak acorns.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people."—Roy T. Bennett.



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

Surreal moments encountered on the road

There I was, on the road between New Richland and Ellendale, on a moonless night. Knowing some locals who refer to the road as "Venison Alley," I was being particularly watchful. After all, as farmers harvest their crops, deer have to readjust their habits to the decreasing amount of cover where they can conceal themselves. As the corn disappears, it must seem to them the area goes from being about 80 percent to roughly 5 percent "forest."

Anyway, there I was, watching the road closely, when a legless, brown creature maybe two feet tall began to dance in my headlight beam. It twisted and spun, then performed an effortless flip and disappeared into the darkness.

I was still staring ahead in confusion when I realized what I had just seen. On that particularly windy night, a dried corn leaf had been caught by the moving air and carried into the road. Puppet-like, it followed some invisible instructions before escaping to the roadside.

I saw another lengthy brown leaf behave in about the same way a couple days later. It caused me to speculate why these particular blowing leaves seemed so noticeable; I quickly realized the largest single thing is that the leaves were alone–that is, rather than being part of a flurry of leaves, they were the only ones moving at the time. That is why they seemed to be moving of their own volition–because we "see" the wind based on its effects. With only one unusually long leaf caught up in the movement, I saw the leaf without immediately recognizing the power behind it.

It was a glorious fraction of a second, though, thinking I had discovered some bizarre new creature…

Another experience that brought a smile to my face occurred in broad daylight. I topped a hill and quickly realized I would have to pull off the road.



CORN CONVOY - Deb recently pulled over for two combines traveling in her direction. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

Ahead of me, extending past the edge of the road on both sides, were two combines traveling in my direction. Though there were only two of them, and though there was considerable space between them, they sent an impression of being a convoy. I have great respect for farmers and for the pressure they are under during harvest, so I felt no resentment as I turned off on a convenient side road and waited for the two behemoths to pass.

For the three or four minutes I watched them, I recognized that pulling over was the right choice–the drop-off at each side of the road was a bit too steep or rough for us to have attempted sharing the road. Given the relative size of my vehicle to theirs, it was obvious who would have been the loser.

The driver of the first combine waved energetically as he passed–I took that as a signal of appreciation that I had chosen not to complicate their drive.

Appreciating the window into parenthood



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

So many thoughts, so many ideas, how do I get them all down?

I feel like my columns have been reflective and sappy lately. Maybe this week I'll try to put a smile on your face, teach you something new, or maybe even give some advice.

I still haven't decided.

I've been thinking a lot about parenting recently (don't worry Mom and Dad, that's still ten years in my future). But I guess working for a parenting magazine will do that to a person—especially one who isn't a parent. It's trying to look into the unknown, the future, that gets the mind curious.

In a work meeting I took part in with all of the editors, our managing editor, and production manager, the conversation wandered into new territory when our production manager started telling us about her silly parenting anxieties. How she won't let her two year old eat popcorn because he'll choke, how she's scared to put gas in her car because of the flamability, how she keeps life jackets in the car in case of flooding or a water-related emergency. The other parents chimed in, talking about anxieties that parenthood gave them. As I listened, I couldn't help thinking which ridiculous thing I might fixate about when I become a parent. Maybe I'll make sure my kids don't step on a sidewalk crack so they don't break my back. Or make them only drink from certain cups. Who knows?

Jack and I went to Pumpkin Fest this past weekend, when we arrived about 9 a.m., the lot was full of family cars. Parents were pushing wagons (pumpkin parking, of course), and little kids in a variety of Halloween and fall-themed outfits. Jack was telling me about his director, who was going to be there, and how she is eight months pregnant with twins.

That led me to start wondering what type of pregnant lady am I going to be (or what pregnancy is going to be like in general). What will my journey with fertility look like? While pregnant, will it be an excuse to eat a bunch of food and find the weirdest combo yet? Will I still work out? Will it be easy to come to anger or to cry?

Due to the nature of my work, my social media has also been infiltrated with parenting and pregnancy content. First off, childbirth looks absolutely terrifying, so my compliments to all the mothers out there who crushed it.

But it also shows me the concerns parents have which aren't part of my day-to-day considerations—what easy meals they're making when schedules are full, what events they're going to, how they're dealing with questions and teaching their kids the right things versus wrong. How exhausted they are, and how they're still crushing life despite the challenges of caring for kids.

I always tell people that I'm learning a lot, and truly, the window into parenthood has been eye opening. It's a community I have only ever experienced from the outside–and also one I never paid that much attention to–until my job put me right in the middle of it.

I guess the point of this column is once again a reflection. But I might take a guess and assume that a good majority of people reading this are indeed parents. I don't know what your journey in life has been like, but did you also question what parenthood was going to be like beforehand? Did it turn out like you thought it was going to? Or hoped it would? For your sake, I do hope so. As for my journey, I guess I will wait and see what life will bring me.

My Determination: "My child, the troubles and temptations of your life are beginning, and may be many; but you can overcome and outlive them all if you learn to feel the strength and tenderness of your Heavenly Father as you do that of your earthly one." — Louisa May Alcott, Little Women

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County receives strong audit, completes long agenda

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Members of the Waseca County board of commissioners plowed their way through a hefty agenda during their Oct. 6 meeting. Numerous actions and decisions from the day are summarized in separate articles which appear in this week's edition.

Among actions not addressed elsewhere, board members approved a report from Amanda Mboga of auditing company Baker Tilly, who informed them the company had issued an "unmodified" report regarding the county's 2025 finances.

Despite its neutral-sounding name, Mboga said classifying a set of books as unmodified is the strongest statement of accuracy an auditor provides. It indicates no errors or discrepancies were found in the records. Mboga also commented that the county has very healthy finances, having made only limited use of credit and keeping a significant level of funding in its general fund.

When it comes to public agencies, a general fund is an amount of money that has not yet been designated for spending, and which could, if necessary, allow the county to continue operating for a time, even if all outside sources of funding were not delivered. Mboga told commissioners the state recommends that counties keep a value equal to about 38 percent of their annual budgets in the general fund, which would allow roughly 5 months of independent operation. Waseca County, she said, averaged 48 percent, well above the state recommendation.

WASECA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

During the public comment portion of the meeting, board members heard from New Richland area resident Rick Schultz, who presented a detailed suggestion for routing water around New Richland to the north, rather than to the south as has been described by county leadership.

Schultz showed a map of the New Richland area and summarized information about the elevations of various features. Routing water to the north, he suggested, might be a better way to prevent future flooding in New Richland because it makes more efficient use of existing topographical conditions.

Commissioners approved a proclamation naming Oct. 4 to 10 as "4-H Week" in the county. The proclamation also recognized that 2026 begins the one-hundredth year 4-H has been active in the county, and praised the organization for its role of "empowering youth with the skills they

need to lead for a lifetime."

Amy Nelson, the University of Minnesota Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development in the county, shared that numerous events and celebrations are planned in the coming months to mark the anniversary, including a return of the "Share the Fun" event this spring.

Commissioners received a memorandum from the Courthouse Safety Committee which expressed concern that Waseca's is the only courthouse in the Third Judicial District where people enter the building without any sort of security screening. The memo pointed out the county received a grant, and has already acquired a metal detector for that purpose. It requested that commissioners move forward with steps to ensure the equipment can be set up and used–this would include providing funding so the sheriff's department could assign a staff member to operate the security station.

Consultant Renae Kuehl informed commissioners that she is part of a team helping to update the county's roadway safety plan, which was last updated in 2012. Kuehl provided a summary of severe "crashes" which have occurred in the county in the past five years, explaining that the Minnesota Department of Transportation focuses on updating roadway conditions with the intent of reducing incidents where victims are either killed or experience life-changing injuries.

The efforts are part of the "Toward Zero Deaths" initiative which began in 2003.

In a county-wide meeting held the afternoon of Oct. 6, Kuehl led a discussion regarding safety issues encountered by public employees and private citizens who chose to be present. Information regarding that meeting will be summarized in a future edition.



FULL FAMILIES - The Women of the Word at Christ the King Lutheran in Waseca held their annual potato bar and chili feed on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026. Pictured from left: Eli and Keeva Rosenau, Mary Shemonek, Dianne Munson, Carol Thor, Alice Siems, Linda Henslin, Wendy Mann, Karen Nev, Beverly Ishimaru, Peg Olson, Deb VanderHorst, Marilyn Wilkus, Linda Jenzen, and Frank Schemonek.
Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Christ the King's baked potato bar gaining steam

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Waseca held its annual Baked Potato and Chili Feed in the church basement the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 7. Beverly Ishimaru, wife to Pastor Eric Ishimaru said, "Of the potatoes we've prepared, so far we've used 119. After we covered all costs, we were also able to raise $1,100 for missions." This is the third baked potato bar and chili feed Christ the King has held.

For many it was a change of pace since in years past the baked potato bar usually happens over the lunch hour. Said Beverly, "We wanted to try a dinner potato and chili feed this year. This was an effort to see if we could get more people through the door, see if we can raise more funds that way. If we do the luncheon feed on a Wednesday, we miss out on full families and kids that are in school; this way we hope to include everyone." All proceeds go toward missions, added Beverly, "We give to local missions if possible. The Christ the King Women of the Word are the ones who put this on. We have also received donations from Thrivent."

The baked potato bar has been a popular destination in years past. Besides the big baked potatoes, guests could choose their own toppings like butter, diced raw onions, sour cream, shredded cheese, bacon, steamed broccoli, corn chips and of course, chili, and the refills were stocked and ready to go.

There were 15 volunteers helping out for the day, the youngest being Keeva Rosenau, a fourth -grade, nine-year-old elementary school student. She was quick to help out if asked. Linda Jenzen, another volunteer, said, "We have the chili roasters and people can decide if they want the chili on their potato, or if they want to have a bowl." For those who chose chili in the bowl, there were Oyster Crackers or corn chips. Continued Jenzen, "We have two big roasters full of chili and around 200 baked potatoes prepared."

Learn to Draw Like an Artist at Waseca Art Center, Wednesday, Oct. 21

Instructor Jim Zotalis will teach to draw like an artist at the Waseca Art Center from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Cost is $70 for members, $80 for non members.

Waseca Treats on the Streets Oct. 22

Treats on the Streets will take place in downtown Waseca from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22. Organizers will mark the sidewalks, businesses will get creative with handing out treats.

Dan Duffy Orchestra at Indian Island Winery Friday, Oct. 23

Indian Island Winery is having the Dan Duffy Orchestra from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. An exciting group from Mankato performing swing and hot club music from the 20s on up to today.

Schizmatics at Starfire Event Center Oct. 23

The Starfire Event Center will host Schizmatics w/ doors open 7 p.m., music 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. This local group draws a young crowd.

Great Fall Get Together 2026 at Waseca Art Center Saturday, Oct. 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.

Brad Finstad joins meet-and-greet at Alexander House as election nears

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Area residents were invited to visit with Minnesota's First District U.S. Congressional Representative Brad Finstad during a "meet and greet" event hosted by Mikhail Rostislavovich at Alexander House the evening of Monday, Oct. 5.

Former Minnesota House Representatives John Petersburg and Susan Ackland and current Representatives Tom Sexton and Keith Allen attended, alongside numerous county commissioners and city councilors from Waseca.

Guests mingled while Finstad shook hands and spoke about state and national issues affecting the residents of Waseca County. Referring to himself as a multi-generational farmer in Brown County, he stated he understands southern Minnesota: "Being from Minnesota right now can be challenging. I will tell you that I love this state; this is where I am raising the fifth generation and God willing there will be a sixth and seventh generation." Finstad said 15 years ago, traveling Minnesotans were from "the Land of 10,000 Lakes, good work ethic and cold winters and mosquitos the size of hummingbirds. Home to Hormel, 3M, IBM, Honeywell, farmers, loggers. Your taxes are high, but you are a highly educated state "Then they would mock the Vikings, and we would be on our way. We took pride in that.

"But now if you travel across state lines, we are told to leave our politics at home." There were nods of agreement around the room.

Finstad continued, "One of the political sayings surrounding our state is, 'Don't Minnesota my Wisconsin,' 'Don't Minnesota my Iowa.'

"We as a state have become in our lifetime something very different than what we grew



A Meet Your Candidate event was held on Monday, Oct. 5, 2026. Pictured from left: Waseca County Republican leaders Allison Vander Plas and Charlotte Smith, Representative Brad Finstad and host to the congressman's fundraiser, Mikhail Rostislavovich.
Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

up in. Look at where we are right now, in just the last month you could never have convinced me we would have a Minnesota owned steel mill going up in Iowa. A 700-million-dollar soybean crushing plant going up in Wisconsin. They chose not to build here."

Referring to the iron range, Finstad added, "We have a trillion dollars' worth of untapped minerals in the iron range and common sense would say we should build the steel mill right across the street from it. Wouldn't that be cheaper? But now we'll put the material onto trains, planes and automobiles to get it there. We've always been a high tax state, and twenty years ago our corporations shrugged and said, 'Yes it's expensive, but we have a great work ethic, smart people and our students are in the top five percent in the country.' Now only 40 percent of our students can read and do math at grade level, that's happened in our lifetimes."

He spoke to politics and how it doesn't matter if one votes left or right and how we as Minnesotans have lost our respect and our standing across this country. He pointed out Butterfield, Minn., needed 1.6 million federal dollars for their water/sewer system. Finstad was approached by a representative from Arkansas who didn't want to vote for that program because he is against fraud.

Finstad also lamented the fact America's 250th Birthday came and went, "I think we should have spent more time celebrating that we've made it 250 years, and reflected how we got here, the generations who sacrificed everything to give us this great country. How can we make it another 250 years if we're electing communists and socialists? Ronald Regan said, 'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.'

"We are disrespecting those who went before us, and their legacy if we do not fight for our country. Every generation that went before us has left America a little better than how they found it. Is our legacy to leave it worse off?"

Finstad represents the third largest city in Minnesota, Rochester, which began turning blue and has continued with that trend since the 2008 presidential election. He pointed out that $7 million have been spent running against him since May of this year. Confident that he will not be outworked but worried he might be outspent he assured the room he was trustworthy. "I'm blessed to call southern Minnesota home."

There was time for some questions and one participant asked, "What will we do about the changing of the school core values and the core curriculum they are teaching? We need to educate our children about the reality and that life is not some utopia from a book."

Finstad replied, "It will make your blood

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Applications now open for opioid settlement grants

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

About $75,000 in grants will be available in 2027 to Waseca County groups whose proposals are selected by the county Opioid Advisory Council, a group of county staff members and interested citizens who have volunteered to administer funds the county receives under a lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies who profited from the production and sales of highly addictive, opioid-based medicines.

Under the lawsuit, Waseca County is scheduled to receive well over $1 million spread out across 18 years.

At the recommendation of county public health nurse Sarah Berry, county commissioners recently approved $75,000 in opioid settlement funds for distribution during 2027. Area organizations and individuals may request money to expand or augment an existing program or to begin a new one. Applications will be evaluated quarterly, with an upcoming application deadline of Dec. 15. Applicants will be notified of advisory council decisions within about 45 days of the deadline.

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OBITUARIES

Diane Bluhm

Diane Elizabeth (Lortis) Bluhm, age 90, of Waldorf, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2026, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Mankato.

Diane was born on June 13, 1936, in Waseca, to Archie and Dorothy (Clarke) Lortis. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waseca. Diane graduated from Waseca High School in 1954, and from the Kahler School of Nursing in 1957, where she began a lifelong career dedicated to caring for others. She continued her education at Mankato State University and received an Associate of Science degree in 1981.

On May 18, 1958, Diane married the love of her life, Barton Edward Bluhm, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waseca. Together they built a loving home, family and shared many happy years before Bart's passing.

Throughout her career, Diane worked as a nurse at Wells Hospital, with Head Start and at Medi-Rental in Mankato. She later shared her knowledge and passion for healthcare as an instructor of medical terminology at Minnesota State University.

Family was the center of Diane's life. She treasured time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and especially cherished the special bond she shared with her great-grandson, Colten. Diane enjoyed teaching and delighted in her student interactions. She embraced life's simple pleasures and enjoyed music, embroidery, fishing, gardening, baking, cheering on the Minnesota Twins and all the special times she had with family and friends. Diane's life was a



Diane Bluhm

reminder that the simplest things often bring the greatest joy.

A devoted member of her church community, Diane served as a choir director, Ladies Aide member, and Sunday School teacher. She was also proud to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Diane is survived by her children, Lisa (Todd) Gray of San Francisco, CA, Stacy Bluhm of Plymouth, Justin (Stacy) Bluhm of Waseca; grandchildren, Emma, Rylee, Reagan, Toni; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Archie "Buzz" (Bernie) Lortis of St. Paul; along with many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Barton Bluhm; parents, Archie and Dorothy Lortis; and granddaughter, Chelsey Bluhm.

Funeral service for Diane will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at First Lutheran Church in Waldorf. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at First Lutheran Cemetery in Waldorf.

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Peggy Reed

Peggy Ione (Halstead) Reed, age 77, of Janesville passed away on October 12, 2026, at Whispering Creek Nursing Home in Janesville.

Peggy was born on April 13, 1949, in Dawson to Lester and Amy (Mealman) Halstead. She attended Janesville Public Schools. She grew up to build a life centered around family, friendships, and the activities she enjoyed. She was united in marriage to Wendall Abraham. Together they had three daughters, and later divorced.

On August 8, 1995, Peggy married Thomas Reed. Together, they shared many years of life and family memories.

Peggy enjoyed bowling, a hobby she participated in for approximately 40 years. She also enjoyed crafting with friends, dancing, making photo albums, driving around town, watching races, and attending family dinners with her siblings. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Janesville and was a blood donor. Her interests and connections with others were an important part of her life.

Peggy's family was an important part of her life. She will be remembered by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all those who shared in her life's journey.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Reed; children, Wendy (Lowell) Bronstad, Fay Abraham, Julie Carlson, Clint Johnson (Marcia Kral); grandchildren, Ashley Sydnes, Lowell Bronstad Jr. (Kelly Wendler), Megan Bronstad (Robert Shifflett), Lexi Bronstad (Kaleb More), Zabrina Bronstad (Walker Kruse), Lester Bronstad, Katelyn Ziemke (Jack Mertins), and Kadyn Ziemke, Dustin (Kristin) Abraham, Lindsey Jackson (Andrew Evans), Logan (Brittany) Abraham, Isaiah Abraham, Elizabeth (Xander) Hilburn, Amanda Carlson (Gregor Schultz), Tyler (Brittney) Carlson, Kyle Carlson (Meryah Burfield), Tristen (Jaclyn) Johnson, Trey (Lauren) Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Taya Johnson, Tim Johnson, Tanner (Zoey) Johnson, Torey Johnson, Tayte Johnson; and her great-grandchildren, Taylor, Tamyah, Zaeveon, Phoenix, Brody, Gavin, Zach, Blake, Carly, Daunte, Willie, Ravid Jr., Cyrus, Aniyah, Liam, Mara, Averie, Emory, Elijah. She is also survived by her siblings, Ervin (Sharon) Halstead, Diane Vogt (Rich Olson), Darla (Lonny) Zell; in-laws, Darlene Halstead, Bob (Sandy) Reed, Kenny (Sherry) Reed, Mary Roach, Dan (Jane) Reed, Elaine (Jim) Springer, Eileen Reed, Brian Reed, Kathy (Jim) Bastian, Elizabeth (Tom) Bastian, Barb Reed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Perry Halstead, Al Halstead; brothers-in-law, Donald Vogt, Jerry Reed; and nephew, Bill Halstead.

Visitation for Peggy was from 4 - 7 PM on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at the Janesville Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service. Visitation will continue one



Peggy Reed

hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at Janesville United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Tivoli Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Rolland Swenson

Rolland Wallace Swenson, age 99, passed away at his Colony Court home in Waseca in the early morning of Monday, October 12, 2026.

Rolland was born in Waseca County on March 15, 1927, to parents Carl and Hilda (Larson) Swenson. A first-generation Swedish immigrant, his family spoke Swedish in their home which caused Rolland difficulty as he began in an English-speaking country school. He graduated from New Richland High School. He later went on to serve his country in the United States Army from 1950 until 1952. During his time in the service, he was married to Carol Joanne Peterson at Vista Evangelical Covenant Church. Rolland owned and operated his own building construction business for over fifty years. His family recalls him driving throughout the area recounting stories and memories of the over eighty different residential properties and two churches that he built. He purchased his Otisco farm, and it was said that he "built houses so he could farm". He loved the Lord and his family and was a long-time member of Vista Evangelical Covenant Church.

Rolland is survived by his devoted wife of seventy five years, Carol of Waseca; four children, Douglas (Evie) Swenson of Woodbury, Jeanne (Evan) Shadduck of Prior Lake, Keith (Amy) Swenson of Savage, and Karl (Debbie) Swenson of Waseca; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; three sisters in infancy; two sisters as adults, Esther Dietrich and Frances Swenson; and six brothers, Arthur, Raymond, Russell, Kenneth, Emmeth, and Marvin Swenson.

A visitation for Rolland will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca, and will continue for one hour before the service at the church on Friday. In lieu of floral gifts, memorials in honor of Rolland may be directed to the Vista Evangelical Covenant Church or to Gideons International.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Vista Evangelical Covenant Church in rural New Richland.



Rolland Swenson

Following interment, a luncheon will be hosted at the church.

Annette Lord

Annette Kathleen Lord, (nee Wenger) of Buffalo, MN, passed away on August 25, 2026, at the age of 86. She was currently living at Glenn Cottages Memory Care in Buffalo, MN.

Born on 10/1/1939, in Oelwein, Iowa, Annette was the first of two children born to Lester and Florence Wenger. Annette grew up in the small towns of Iowa. She initially attended Methodist-Kahler College to become an LPN, and later returned to College at Winona State University, where she graduated in 1989, as an RN. Most recently, she worked as an Occupational Nurse at E.F. Johnson, and as an RN at Lakeshore Nursing Home, both in Waseca, MN.

In 1959, Annette married Robert Lord, and together they built a life filled with gardening, traveling, and antiquing, and raising their children, Tracy and Suzanne, (Suzy). Individually, Annette also enjoyed sewing, cooking/baking/entertaining, crafting, and volunteering. Annette was an avid reader and enjoyed studying a variety of topics.

Annette was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Florence Wenger; her husband, Robert; her daughter, Suzanne Strege; several in-laws; and many friends.

Annette is survived by her sister, Dianne VanGorder (Gene); her daughter, Tracy Lord; her son-in-law, Roger Strege; and grandchildren Taylor and Claire Strege; her sisters-in-law, Renee Gumbusky and Marlene Martin, and many nieces and nephews.



Annette Lord

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at The Peterson Chapel, located at 119 Central Ave., Buffalo, MN 55313. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM with a service to follow at 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

*Please know that this will be a dual celebration honoring Robert Lord as well; due to Robert's passing during the pandemic, his original funeral plans did not transpire. Donations have already been made in Robert's name. However, if you wish to make donations in memory of Annette Lord, the family asks that donations be made to: Glenn Cottages Memory Care/Activity Department, c/o Amber Fuchs at 407 8th St. NW, Buffalo, MN 55313. Please include in the memo line: "Activity Department Only, Memorial Donation for Annette Lord".

Arrangements have been entrusted to The Peterson Chapel of Buffalo. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.thepetersonchapel.com

Bethlehem Inn receives $42,000 in aid

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Waseca County appropriated $42,000 in "homelessness prevention aid" to Bethlehem Inn shelter in Waseca during the Oct. 6 county board meeting. Bethlehem Inn program administrator Sue McIntosh and shelter manager Angie Alvarez told commissioners that the shelter is supported entirely by grants and private donations; they went on to say that, in the current economic environment, the number of donations is shrinking.

Since being founded in 2019, McIntosh said, Bethlehem Inn has provided shelter for just over 500 women and children, often allowing them to escape abusive or dangerous circumstances. While part of the Bethlehem Inn caseload, women are given access to training and assistance to help them establish independent lifestyles. This may include anything from applying for government support programs to earning a GED or driver's license.

McIntosh revealed there are currently seven families living in the facility, which accepts only women and children. Most of the people taken in, she said, are from Waseca County.

Homelessness prevention aid is money appropriated to each Minnesota county based on its population. The funds are "certified" a year in advance and then paid out in two equal parts the following year, in July and December. The appropriation of $42,000 is both the money already received in 2026 and the funds expected in 2027.

The money is designated specifically for helping prevent homelessness, and is expected to focus primarily on keeping children under age 18 in safe, healthy environments. If counties do not use the money by the end of the year after receiving it, it must be returned to the state.

Fall Festival to unite learning, fun Oct. 17

The Farmamerica Fall Festival, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 17, is adding a range of new features to augment the activities which are traditions for the event, according to program coordinator Kari Wadd.

The $10 admission fee includes a pumpkin for each child, which can be painted on site, or taken home undecorated. Children can also participate in a DeVoss "Pedal Pull" contest either for the personal challenge or to earn the chance to compete at higher levels; registration for the pedal pull begins at 12:30.

A new Farmamerica labeled jump pad will allow children some springy fun.

Folks can also visit with the 2026 Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Steele County resident Jena Hanson, who was crowned on Aug. 26; Hanson will be at the 1930s farm site from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Llamas will also be at the farm site from 11 to 2, thanks to the Llama Mama petting zoo.

"It's our biggest event of the year," enthuses Wadd, "so we tend to pour our heart into it."

She expresses pride in the combination of fun and learning the event makes possible, mentioning era-appropriate demonstrations and activities at the facility's interpretive sites, which include a settlement-era homestead, a country schoolhouse and church, the 1930s farm, a blacksmith shop, and more. This year's demonstrations will include rope-making, rug weaving, metal-working, and hardanger; volunteers are also stationed at each site to answer questions and, in some cases, lead activities..

For the second year, area groups and organizations are being invited to take part in a scarecrow contest. Interested participants can find out more by accessing Farmamerica's website and following the "Fall Festival" thread. Eight participants have signed up so far. Votes from visitors on Oct. 17 will determine the winner.

Other activities are the corn maze, which Wadd says participants have found "challenging, but fun," sensory corn experiences, apple picking,



FALL FUN - The Farmamerica Fall Festival on Oct. 17 will feature a variety of activities for kids.

a 4-H concession stand, games led by the Janesville FFA, tram rides, and "the simple pleasure of coming out, enjoying our acreage, and appreciating the fall season."

Food vendors will be selling kettle corn, ice cream, cotton candy, and coffee.

The Waseca farmers market, which has been taking place at the county fairgrounds all summer, will be at Farmamerica that day. Vendors will be selling home-grown garden goods, homemade breads, jellies and treats, and craft items. Beginning Saturday, Oct. 24, the weekly market will be indoors at Farmamerica through the fall, winter and spring.







Opinion: County attorneys want to see longstanding sentencing practice continued

This write-up was submitted by the executive committee of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association and Waseca County Attorney Rachel Cornelius:

When someone commits multiple felony offenses, those crimes should matter when determining the appropriate sentence. That principle seems straightforward. Yet the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission is considering changes to a longstanding sentencing practice known as "Hernandizing," which recognizes the cumulative seriousness of multiple felony convictions resolved at the same time.

In Minnesota, sentencing is based on a grid. Every offense is ranked by severity, and an offender is sentenced based on the amount of criminal history points they acquire. Points are generally given if an offender has been convicted of a felony. If an offender is convicted of multiple felonies, they will have more criminal history points.

For instance, if John Doe has four criminal history points and commits an armed robbery with John Smith who has zero criminal history points — John Doe would face a more severe sentence than would John Smith.

This practice comes from a 1981 Minnesota Supreme Court case, State v. Hernandez, which allows a district court to sentence an offender for multiple offenses at one time while accruing criminal history points for each offense. So the court can sentence each next offense with each new criminal history score. In essence, the court is allowed to sentence multiple crimes in one hearing instead of setting it for different hearings, and if an offender commits multiple felonies in a short amount of time, they will face more time.

If one of the most radical proposals before the commission is successful, Hernandizing would end. And in doing so, criminal history points would no longer accrue for each pending offense. Eliminating this practice would fundamentally change how Minnesota courts account for multiple offenses at sentencing. It would risk treating defendants with multiple convictions more leniently simply because their cases happen to be resolved in a single proceeding.

Without Hernandizing, an offender facing multiple unrelated charges — arising, for example, from a spree of burglaries, a pattern of domestic violence against different victims, or a series of drug transactions — would receive an artificial discount simply because the cases happened to be consolidated for sentencing on a single day. That is not a technicality. It is the difference between proportional accountability and a loophole that rewards defendants who would arrange to have multiple cases resolved together.

For instance, and as an actual case example, a person sexually abused his daughter's 8- year-old and 10-year-old friends on several separate occasions over a 15-month period. This offender had hundreds of videos of the abuse that he filmed while he assaulted them. He was found guilty and received a 30-year prison sentence. However, under the new proposed policy he would only receive a 12-year prison sentence.

In another actual example, a person possessed child abuse material of five different girls under the age of 14 which he downloaded on separate occasions. He was found guilty and sentenced to a 102-month prison term. However, under the new proposed policy he would not go to prison but would, instead, be placed on probation and have a 24-month stayed sentence.

As county attorneys, we believe this would be at odds with our pursuit of justice and the protection of public safety. Hernandizing is one of our best tools to prosecute repeat offenders of crimes such as domestic abuse, possession and manufacturing of child sexual abuse material, and dealing drugs. Our offices are swamped with repeat felony offenders whose consequences for their actions will be lessened if the commission goes forward with this change. This change would frustrate victims, police and the judiciary as it would allow repeat felony offenders to continue committing crimes with impunity while their cases are pending.

It would also take away one of the most important aspects of the criminal justice system: discretion. Prosecutors have discretion to use Hernandizing as a method to get multiple cases resolved. However, prosecutors do not have the final say.

A judge's discretion is a check on overaggressive prosecutions. The sentences of those judges are reviewed by the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals' opinions are reviewed by the Minnesota Supreme Court. And at every level — the county attorneys as well as the judges at district court, the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court — these are elected positions which are subject to reelection and the approval of voters.

We ask you to reach out to the commission by emailing sentencing.guidelines@state.mn.us to voice your opposition to this proposal before its next meeting on Oct. 8.

It's rare that the Minnesota County Attorneys Association writes directly to the public to inform it of an issue. However, on an issue which could negatively affect victims' rights, public safety and the integrity of our justice system, we cannot stand silent. While reforms are sometimes necessary, they must make sense. And to us, reducing sentences for repeat felony offenders doesn't make any sense at all.

Waseca County Attorney Rachel Cornelius, and the leadership of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association

Ex-Waseca prison officer charged with sexually abusing 3 inmates he guarded

WASECA, Minn. (KEYC) - A former federal correctional officer at FCI-Waseca has been indicted on charges he sexually abused three inmates he was responsible for guarding, U.S. Attorney Daniel N. Rosen announced.

Albert Victor Freeman, 30, faces three counts of sexual abuse of a ward following an indictment by a federal grand jury. He made his initial court appearance Wednesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Cowan Wright.

According to the indictment, Freeman — then employed as a correctional officer at the Federal Correctional Institution in Waseca — knowingly engaged or attempted to engage in sexual acts with three inmates under his supervision in or around June 2026.

The case stems from an investigation by the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General. Assistant U.S. Attorney Evan Gilead is prosecuting.

An indictment is merely an allegation. Freeman is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Waseca City Council holds on nuisance law

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

WASECA CITY COUNCIL

During their meeting the evening of Oct. 6, Waseca city council members heard from city attorney Chris Kennedy regarding a proposed "repeat nuisance call" ordinance. As reported in a previous Pioneer article, the possibility of a nuisance law was proposed in August by city manager Carl Sonnenberg with the intent of reducing the number of times city police officers are called upon to visit residences by imposing a fine after a certain number of visits.

At that time, council members voiced approval for the concept of the law, but suggested changes to the number of visits needed to trigger the fines and to the amounts of the graduated fees. Specifications provided on Oct. 6 suggested that a fee of $250 would be imposed when police were called upon to visit a residence for the third time. Subsequent calls would lead to a $350 fine for number four; $500 for number five; $750 after number six; and a $1000 fine for any visits after that.

The proposed repeat nuisance ordinance was not approved, despite the revisions.

The City of Waseca is receiving bids through 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 from area farmers interested in growing corn, soybeans or alfalfa on land adjoining the airport. The rental agreement is for four years; it would cover nearly 200 acres of tillable land and nearly 35 acres for harvesting hay. More information is available from the city hall public utilities office.

Council members approved the sale of a decommissioned 2022 Ford Police Interceptor SUV that has been taken out of service. Also approved was the sale of a Garret Model 6500i walk-through metal detector.

Julie Froke's membership on the city heritage preservation commission was affirmed. Froke will serve through Oct. 31, 2030.

The council held a public hearing to adopt a Miscellaneous Assessment Roll for City Services and Fees. No residents voiced any concerns. These assessments are for unpaid bills issued by Waseca to various property owners for services and fees. The notice of the hearing was published and mailed to each property owner in accordance with state statute.

Elements of the agreement with Randy Zimmerman, developer of the Deerpath Enclave were changed: Where the agreement formerly stated no building permits would be requested until after all phases were complete, it now allows for the possibility of permits as each lot has the needed utilities available.

Treats on the Streets will be along Main Street from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. The Holiday Train will toot through Waseca on Friday, Dec 11 from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Councilman Jeremy Conrath wanted Waseca to know there have been no discharges into either Loon or Clear Lake this year. He stated he is proud of that accomplishment, and in his words, "I don't think staff or the community gets enough credit for that. I don't think we will have any discharges for all of 2026."

Mayor Zimmerman said he hopes those in New Richland are doing better. All of the council wanted to add, "Go Bluejays!" in honor of Homecoming.

Owatonna hires Alicia Fischer as new Finance Director

OWATONNA, Minn., September 30, 2026 – The City of Owatonna has selected Alicia Fischer to serve as its Finance Director, bringing more than a decade of municipal finance leadership to the organization. Fischer officially began in the role on Monday, September 28.

Fischer brings extensive municipal finance experience, including her 10 years with the City of Waseca, where she served seven years as Finance Director. In that capacity, she led budgeting, financial reporting, long-term fiscal planning, and the implementation of best practices in public finance.

"As we continue strengthening our financial operations and aligning them with industry best practices, Alicia's experience and leadership will be invaluable," said City Administrator Jenna Tuma. "She has a proven track record of guiding municipal finance departments with precision, transparency, and strategic foresight. We are excited to welcome her to the City of Owatonna."

Fischer, who has lived in Owatonna for many years, said the opportunity to serve the community she calls home was a central factor in her decision to join the City.



Alicia Fischer

"I have loved living in Owatonna, raising my family here and seeing so many great things happening across the community," Fischer said. "I wanted to be part of continuing to make Owatonna a great place to live and a thriving community. When I saw the job opening, it felt like the right move — a chance to bring my experience and knowledge to the table and serve the community my family and I are deeply invested in."

In her new role, Fischer will oversee the City's financial planning, budgeting, reporting, and compliance functions. She will work closely with City leadership and all departments to ensure strong fiscal stewardship, sustainability and long-term financial health.

Alicia Fischer worked as the City of Waseca's Finance Director before leaving for this position.

■ Cannabis

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here we come," counties were first told what they "shall" do, and were later informed they "may" follow certain procedures.

The proposed changes will be the subject of a public hearing at a future county board meeting.

Wilson summarized that her department's proposals begin with the straightforward step of consolidating all rules and expectations surrounding cannabis into one section of the county code, numbered 6.08. She also pointed out that, while many of the state's laws focus on specifics of retail establishments, Waseca County has reasons to pay more attention to agricultural aspects, specifically the growing and processing of cannabis. Two area farmers have so far leased land to producers; a number of indoor growing and processing facilities are also being established within the county.

The topic of cannabis production, and some of the rule changes in the proposal, sparked numerous observations from commissioners.

Commissioner Brad Milbrath, a former county sheriff, suggested there is a "stigma" associated with cannabis, given that possessing the substance was a crime for the majority of most Minnesotan's lives, and although the product is legal in Minnesota, it remains illegal on the federal level.

On the other hand, production and processing are already bringing economic benefits to the local economy, and have the potential to deliver many more.

Among the changes Wilson described is a 500-foot "buffer" between any outdoor production fields and a residence. Commissioner Brad Harguth raised a question about any benefits such a buffer might provide, given that the most commonly named inconvenience of a cannabis crop is its odor, which he suggested is noticeable even at much larger distances than 500 feet.

Commissioner Brad Krause asked how often the various fees associated with production would be reviewed: Wilson responded that all county fees are reviewed each year, and that the consolidated information in the proposed new law would make reviews more straightforward.

Board chair De Malterer pointed out that, as production in the county increases, it may take some work to balance any conflicts with traditional crop production, especially crop additives, given that the cannabis is highly regulated regarding what chemicals it comes in contact with, and might be located near crops where regulations are much different.

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Bluejays bounce back in a big way

Waseca wins Homecoming game, 49-7

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

How did the Waseca High School football team respond after last week's upset loss at Tri-City United?

By thoroughly pounding Worthington last Friday in the Bluejays' Homecoming game, controlling the line on both sides of the ball while waltzing to a 49-7 victory before a large crowd at the WHS field.

Afterward, WHS head coach Brad Wendland thanked the local faithful.

"Waseca is one of the best environments to play high school football in the state of Minnesota," he said. "It's a special place."

But, according to Wendland, the Bluejays still have improvements to make in order to reach their goals.

"Obviously, we don't feel or ceiling has been reached," he said. "Our players are relentless. It's an awesome thing to watch."

The Bluejays returned the opening kickoff to their 29-yard line and immediately went to work, with Sam Selthun breaking tackles and gashing the Trojans for 20 yards on the first two plays. Selthun picked up a first down on fourth-and-seven with a 12-yard run. Appropriately, Selthun ended the quick drive when he turned up the Waseca sideline and sprinted 40 yards for a touchdown. Owen Rupe's PAT kick made it 7-0 with 5:36 on the clock.

The Trojans' first drive netted negative yardage on three plays, and they promptly punted.

Picking up where they left off, the Bluejays meticulously moved the ball 80 yards in nine plays, the final one being a Selthun 20-yard touchdown run. Rupe kicked the PAT with 16 seconds left in the first quarter,

Worthington did not get three plays on its next drive. Kallen Glynn recovered a fumble on second down. This time the Jays needed only five plays to cover 17 yards, with Selthun crashing in from three yards out for the score and Rupe adding the PAT.

It was Aydan Kath's turn for a big defensively play when he intercepted a pass on Worthington's fifth play (the first down coming on a penalty), breaking it up the sideline for about 50 yards until he was brought down by a diving tackle at the seven-yard line. Four plays later Rupe made a spectacular diving catch from Klinger for a touchdown on fourth-and-goal from the five, and Rupe's kick made it 28-0 with 4:50 left in the first half.

Just as the Trojans' offense showed signs of life, Kath intercepted another pass, this time returning it about 20 yards, and the Bluejays quickly followed with a two-yard touchdown run by Klinger. Rupe's PAT made it 35-0 at with 1:33 left, and the Trojans were more than happy to run out the clock before halftime.

The second half saw more of the same. Worthington took the kickoff and promptly fumbled on second down, with Waseca's Daries Powell recovering on the 29. Rahe ran the ball three times from there, scoring on a seven-yard sweep with 10:29 left in the third quarter.

The ensuing kickoff was mishandled by the Trojans, and of course the Bluejays recovered the ball, setting them up on Worthington's 32. A 17-yard pass from Klinger to Jadon Entinger took it to the 14, and three Isaiah Dymeck runs led to a six-yard touchdown rush by Dymeck. It was 49-0 with 5:35 left in the third period.

Mercifully, the Mercy Rule - running the play clock almost nonstop - came into effect in the fourth quarter, and plenty of reserves saw action for the Bluejays.

Worthington finally found the end zone in the fourth quarter against Bluejay backups.

After hosting Albert Lea on the Oct. 14 MEA Week game, the Bluejays conclude the regular season Oct. 21 at New Ulm. Playoffs begin Oct. 20, with the section tournament continuing Oct. 27 and 31 and concluding Nov. 6 at New Ulm.



SCHOOL SPIRIT — Waseca's Owen Honstad (1) carries the Bluejay flag on the field prior to the Bluejays' big 49-7 Homecoming victory over Worthington last Friday.

Waseca Football Association Photo

Waseca 49, Worthington 7

WOR	0	0	0	7 -	7
WAS	14	21	14	0 -	49

First Quarter
WAS - Selthun 40 run (Rupe kick)
WAS - Selthun 20 run (Rupe kick)

Second Quarter
WAS - Selthun 3 run (Rupe kick)
WAS - Rupe 5 pass from Klinger (Rupe kick)
WAS - Klinger 2 run (Rupe kick)

Third Quarter
WAS - Rahe 7 run (Rupe kick)
WAS - Dymeck 6 run (Rupe kick)

Fourth Quarter
WOR - Ling 1 run (Karranza kick)

	WOR	WAS
First downs	8	12
Rushing Yards	95	268
Passing Yards	8	40
Total Yds.	103	308
Penalties-Yards	8-25	8-85

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing – WAS: Selthun 14-141; Dymeck 12-65; Klinger 10-33; Rahe 2-24; Harguth 2-4; Howard 3-1; WOR: Ling 20-100; McCuen 6-13; Kerkaert 1-3; Watson 2 —14; Hostikka 1-1

Passing — WAS: Klinger 5-7, 40; Schroeder 2-12, 8; McCuen 0-1, 0

Receiving — WAS: Entinger 2-21; Rahe 1-14; Selthun 1-5; Rohl 1-0; Gruis 1-7; Anderson 1-1

WAS Defense – Worke 2T;Stencel 2T; Rupe 2T; McKenna 2T, 1S; Rohl 3T; Powell 1T, FR; Wilson 2T; Glynn 2T, 1FR; Jeske 3T; Thompson 2T;Dufault 2T; Haley 2T, 1FR; Castro 1T; Knutson 2T; Nelson 3T; Viera 1T; Noble 1T; Madsen 3T; Peterson 1T; Mansfield 1T; Grannis 1T; Schlueter 2T; Bethke 5T; Howard 1FR2; Kath 2INT

Minnesota Class AAA
Football Ratings Through 6 Weeks
By Maxpreps.com

1. Pierz	6-0
2. Annandale	6-0
3. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton	6-0
4. Luverne	6-0
5. Waseca	5-1
6. Perham	5-1
7. Holy Family Catholic	5-1
8. Albany	5-1
9. Pequot Lakes	4-2
10. SCLNAUMLWA	6-0



FLUID FOREHAND — The Bluejays' Kayla Landrum hits forehand during a match earlier this season for the WHS girls' tennis team. Kayla's skill at the move turned the tables on USC to defeat the Rebels 5-2 in the opening round of the section tournament.

Photo by Jim Lutgens

WHS tennis girls beat USC when it counts

The Waseca High School girls' tennis team, seeded fifth in Section 1A, pulled off a mild upset in the opening round tournament play, defeating fourth-seeded United South Central at Wells last Thursday. The Bluejays lost 5-2 to USC earlier in the week in the final regular-season match.

On Thursday, the Bluejays jumped to a 3-2 lead with wins at No. 1 and No. singles and No. 1 doubles. Waseca earned its fourth and deciding point at No. 3 doubles, winning two tiebreakers to seal the win.

Singles results:

No. 1 - Hannah Rugger def. Ivy O'Rourke 6-2, 6-2

No. 2 - Ava Miller def. Elise Hanson 6-1, 6-1

No. 3 - Libby Miller lost to Tori Stevermer 4-6, 6-3, 10-7

No. 4 - Sam Sutton lost to Brooke Huper 6-0, 6-2

Doubles:

No. 1 - Anna Benson and Hannah Sommers def. Julianna Clore and Kylee Koziolek 6-1, 7-5

No. 2 - Lucy Deml and Olivia Hagen lost to Caitlin Rheingans and Gretchen Bungum 4-6, 6-0, 6-1

No. 3 - Kayla Landrum and Everly Kestel def. Ella Schmidtke and Kinley Koziolek 7-5 (6), 7-6 (6)

The win improved the Bluejays to 6-10 for the season and advanced them to the section semifinals against top-seeded Lake City Monday, Oct. 12 at the Rochester Athletic Club.

Results from the earlier USC match, which the Bluejays lost 5-2 and the junior varsity fell 2-1:

Singles:

No. 1 - Rugger lost to O'Rourke 7-6 (2), 6-4

No. 2 - Ava Miller def. Elise Hanson 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 - Hagen lost to Stevermer 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (8)

No. 4 - Landrum lost to Huper 6-1, 6-2

Doubles:

No. 1 - Benson and Sommers def. Clore and Kylee Koziolek 6-3, 6-0

No. 2 - Libby Miller and Deml lost to Bungum and Rheingans 6-4, 7-6 (6)

No. 3 -Sutton and Hagen lost to Schmidtke and Kinley Koziolek 6-3, 6-2

Dahlberg's school record leads Bulldogs past Medford

Say what you want about the JWP High School football team, but you have to say this: the Bulldogs definitely do not play boring games.

The Bulldogs put up another awesome offensive effort at Medford last Thursday, where Seth Dahlberg set a single-game school record for passing yards in a 42-34 triumph.

"It was an exciting game all the way to the end," said JWP head coach Ryan Luedtke. "We made some big plays when it mattered at the end of the half And Medford brought great energy to keep playing tough. It came down to the end. They had a chance to tie it in the last second."

The highlight, of course, was Dahlberg's record-setting performance of 372 passing yards. Jaxon Wolff caught four passes for 139 yards, Gavin Bauer 10 for 128, Gavin Weedman six for 65, Jeff Sturdivant three for 28, and Parker Geariety one for 13.

The Bulldogs outgained the Tigers 412-339 in total yards.

Bauer was in on 10 tackles to lead the defense.

"I really like how our guys responded and kept working through the ups and downs of the game," said Luedtke. "We have some things we have to clean up, but I am excited to see how we respond after a game like tonight."

After hosting Blooming Prairie/Hayfield Oct. 14, the Bulldogs finish the regular season Oct. 20 at home against Maple River.

JWP 42, Medford 34

JWP -	14	14	14	0 -	42
MED -	6	15	7	6 -	34

First Quarter
JWP - Wolff 72 pass from Dahlberg (Peterson kick)
MED - Krenz 20 run (kick failed)
JWP - Bauer 22 pass from Dahlberg (Peterson kick)

Second Quarter
MED - Seiler 11 run (Karsten-Atkins pass run)
JWP - Bauer 13 pass from Dahlberg (Peterson kick)
JWP - Geariety 13 pass from Dahlberg (Peterson kick)
MED - Madrid 41 pass from Seiler (Milewski kick)

Third Quarter
JWP - Wolff 24 pass from Dahlberg (Peterson kick)
JWP - Bauer 17 pass from Dahlberg (Peterson kick)
MED - Seiler 7 run (Milewski kick)

Fourth Quarter
MED - Karsten-Atkins 18 pass from Seiler (Milewski kick)

	JWP	MED
Plays	57	45
First downs	20	17
Rushing	42	148
Passing	24-36	13-20
Passing Yards	370	191
Passing TDs, int.	6-1	2-0
Total Yds.	412	339
Third down	8-11	5-9
Fourth down	0-1	2-3
Fumbles lost	1	0
Penalties	7-83	7-62

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — JWP: Sturdivant 12-40; Dahlberg 6-11; Wolff 1 —3; C.Schultz 1 —1; MED: Seiler 6-54; Milewski 8-53; Krenz 6-43;Karsten-Atkins 8-8; Burr 1 —2; Limon 3 —8

PASSING — JWP: Dahlberg 24-36, 372; MED: Seiler 13-20, 191

RECEVING — JWP: Wolff 4-139; Bauer 10-128; Weedman 6-65; Sturdivant 3-28; Geariety 1-13; MED: Karsten-Atkins 7-71; Madrid 2-49; Krenz 2-14; Limon 1-6; Milewski 2-4

JWP Defense: Bauer 10T; Sturdivant 2T; Weedman 2T; Harris 2T; Geariety 6T; C.Schultz 3T; Bure 2T; Kronbach 3T; Elliott 1T; Miller 2T; Rider 5T; Huber 2T; Schoenrock 1T; Johnson 3T; Wheelock 1T; Unknown 2T.



WHS CC girls win Waseca Invitational

The Waseca High School cross country teams hosted its annual invitational last Thursday at Lakeside Golf Club, where the WHS girls finished first among three complete teams and the boys were fourth out of six full squads.

"It was a great day for team competition," said Bluejays head coach Grant Popp. "We had a lot of season bests and it was great to have the opportunity to compete on our home course."

The WHS varsity girls won with 24 points. Faribault had 51, Maple River 54. Also competing were girls from WEM/JWP, NRHEG, Tri-City United and United South Central/Alden-Conger.

Places and times for the varsity girls for 5,000 meters: Taylor Markeson, third, 20:53.8; Stella Omvedt, sixth, 21:43.8; Quinn Yoder, seventh, 21:50.2; Maren Schimming, eighth, 23:03.5; Ellie Kopischke, ninth, 22:18.4; Ava VanDenHemel, 12th, 23:04.2; Leah Wilson, 21st, 24:09.3.

Waseca's junior varsity had two runners. Megan Tegmeier won the race with a time of 24:13.1 and Violet Rohwer was second in 27:03.8.

Places and times for the WHS junior high girls, who ran 3,000 meters: Zoe Popp, second, 13:58.4; Violet Hughes, third, 14:15; Lylah Jorgenson, sixth, 14:34.5; Josie Selthun, seventh, 14:36.2

Faribault won the varsity boys' division with 35 points. Following were WEM/JWP with 70, Tri-City United 77, Waseca 84, United South Central/Alden-Conger 102 and Maple River 105.

Sam Feldkamp paced the Bluejays, finishing third in 17:41.5 for 5,000 meters. Following were Keenan Collins, ninth, 18:47.2; Luke Feldkamp, 19th, 19:48.0; Ryan Yoder, 29th, 20:41.3; Miles Popp, 31st, 20:46.0; Korbin Collins, 32nd, 20:50.3; and Collin Guggisberg, 43rd, 28:34.2.

Waseca had five runners in the boys' junior high race. Places and times: Eli Rohwer, fourth, 12:56.3; Will Deml, sixth, 13:07; Levi Rohe, 11th, 13:39.1; Joe Harguth, 13th, 13:59.9; Owen Fierke, 18th, 14:30.7.

WEM/JWP's girls had three runners in the varsity race: MaKenzie Westphal, 19th, 24:00.2; Lydia Coulsey, 23rd, 24:32.8; Hailey Heinz, 32nd, 30:20.1.

WEM/JWP's varsity boys results: Wyatt Jans, fourth, 17:56.1; Teagan Mulder, eighth, 18:44.5; Wesley Heinz, 13th, 19:11.8; Brennan Welvaert, 15th, 19:29.3; Parker Smith, 36th, 21:25; Cash Wenker, 40th, 22:31.8; Dalton Ling, 42nd, 25:28.6.



CROSS COUNTRY — The Bluejays' Maren Schimming (9154) and Quinn Yoder (9159) race during the Waseca Invitational last Thursday at Lakeside Golf Club on the north shore of Clear Lake. Photo by Larry Nydegger



HIGH FIVE ALL AROUND — Members of the Waseca High School volleyball team celebrate a point during their Senior Night match against St. James last week. The Jays played well but lost 3-0 before falling to a strong Belle Plaine team Thursday. Photo by Jim Lutgens

Bluejays battle St. James on Senior Night

Waseca girls fall 3-0 at Belle Plaine

It was Senior Night Monday, Oct. 5 as the Waseca High School volleyball team hosted St. James in a nonconference match.

It didn't produce the outcome the Bluejays were hoping for, but fans saw competitive volleyball.

"We played much better as a team tonight," said Waseca head coach Krissy Plonske. "We didn't let them get us down, but once we got a few points behind it was tough to get back. Overall, it was great volleyball."

> "Overall, it was great volleyball."
> **— Waseca coach Krissy Plonske**

The Saints won 3-0, with set scores of 25-18, 25-15 and 25-17.

Brier Hayes led the Bluejays in set assists with 19.

Ashley Fliflet was tops on the team with eight kills. Savanna Vagts totaled five.

Fliflet also led the team in digs with 11 while Hannah Helget netted 10.

The next night, the Bluejays took a long road trip to face a strong Belle Plaine team and lost 3-0.

"It was a tough match," said Plonske. "We knew it going in. Our goal was to go out, have fun and play hard, and we did just that. Belle Plaine is a good team. We got some blocks and digs. My players were smiling at the end. That's all I can ask for."

Bryal Nelson, a seventh-grader, led the Bluejays in digs with nine. Madalynn Root had six.

Avery Flifflet, an eighth-grader, was tops on the team with three kills. Tyler Stagman registered two.

Youth Night



The Waseca High School girls' soccer team takes the field prior to the Bluejays' recent Youth Night on the WHS Field. Photo by Debbie Rodriguez



Brad Dushaw

New coach hired for boys' hockey

Waseca Public Schools is pleased to announce the hiring of Brad Dushaw as the next head boys' varsity hockey coach for the Waseca Bluejays.

Dushaw brings more than 12 years of coaching experience and a strong connection to hockey in the Waseca community. He has served as an assistant coach with the Waseca boys' varsity hockey program since 2015, working closely with student-athletes and coaching staff in all aspects of the program, including practice planning, offseason development, game strategy, player development, team operations, and game-day preparation.

"I am honored and excited to lead this incredible group of athletes," Dushaw said. "I look forward to continuing to build on the strong foundation and success that Waseca High School hockey has established. I cannot wait to get back on the ice with the team and work together to build our brand of hockey."

His extensive background in youth hockey has also allowed him to play an important role in developing players throughout the Waseca hockey system. Dushaw has served as the Director of Mites, 8U Girls, and Mini-Mites for the Waseca Hockey Association and as a Pee Wee head coach. His additional coaching experience includes serving as a youth head coach with UNRL AAA Hockey and as a Bantam assistant coach with the Mankato Area Hockey Association.

Throughout his coaching career, Dushaw has placed an emphasis on developing student-athletes both on and off the ice. His coaching philosophy centers on fundamentals, player development, teamwork, accountability, sportsmanship, integrity, and academic success while creating a positive and competitive team culture.

Dushaw is a USA Hockey Level 4 certified coach and holds current SafeSport and Minnesota State High School League coaching certifications.

A graduate of Saint Paul Johnson High School, Dushaw was a three-year varsity hockey player and served as an assistant captain during his playing career. He later attended Minnesota State University, Mankato, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services.

In addition to his coaching experience, Dushaw brings a strong professional background in recreation, facilities, and community programming. He currently serves as Parks Director for the City of Waseca and previously worked as Recreation and Facilities Coordinator for the City of Owatonna.

Dushaw's familiarity with the Waseca hockey program, established relationships with student-athletes and families, and extensive involvement in youth hockey provide a strong foundation as he transitions into the head-coaching role.

Waseca Public Schools is excited to welcome Brad Dushaw as the next leader of the Bluejay boys' hockey program and looks forward to the continued growth and development of Waseca hockey under his leadership.

Volleyball Panthers improve at Alden

NRHEG plays well after lop-sided home loss to Kenyon-Wanamingo

After a disappointing loss to a strong Kenyon-Wanamingo squad last Tuesday, NRHEG High School volleyball coach Bethany Tennis was looking for a bounce-back performance in Thursday's non-conference match at Alden-Conger.

She got it.

The Panthers improved their play all around while dropping a 3-1 decision. The final in favor of the Knights was 25-20, 25-18, 22-25 and 25-15.

"The girls came out with strong energy and communication, creating some scrappy volleyball with plenty of hustle and defensive touches throughout the match," commented NRHEG head coach Bethany Tennis.

Panther senior Izley Boerner recorded 10 digs, while libero Aubrey Hendrickson led the back row with 18 digs. Offensively, outside hitter Anika Ladlie led the Panthers with nine kills.

The Panthers, according to Tennis, continued to battle throughout the third set, staying competitive and finding a way to come out on top. The Panthers will look to carry that energy and teamwork into two games next week as they continue to build consistency and momentum.

Full statistics from Alden-Conger: Ezra Boerner six kills, three digs, two blocks, two aces serves; Izley Boerner 10 digs, one set assist, one ace; Sierra Fish four digs; Hendrickson 18 digs; Jovey Knudson three kills, three digs, three blocks; Ladlie nine kills, eight digs, three blocks; Brooklyn Sommer one kill, six digs, 21 set assists one block; Emmy Stadheim four kills, eight digs, one block, three aces; Ciara Stenzel three digs.

> "The girls came out with strong energy and communication."
> **— NRHEG coach Bethany Tennis**

Two nights earlier was a rough outing for the Panthers, who lost 3-0 with set scores of 25-13, 25-1 and 25-12.

Coach Tennis had no comment on it.

Individually: Ezra Boerner two blocks; Hendrickson eight digs; Knudson one kill, three blocks; Ladlie three kills, four digs, two blocks, one ace; Sommer two digs, four; Stenzel two digs.







ALL OUT — Above, the Panthers' Joey Rossing lays out for a dig against Kenyon-Wanamingo last Thurasday. Below left, Anika Ladlie sends it over the net. Below right, Emmy Stadheim smacks a spike. Photos by Jim Lutgens

Panthers start slow at Fillmore Central

NRHEG football team's record falls to 3-4 as playoffs loom

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

According to New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva first-year head football coach Devin Lockerby, there was one distinct difference between the way his squad and Fillmore Central started last Friday's game.

"They came out with their hair on fire, and we didn't," said Lockerby. "They are a really well-coached team and we caught them after a bye week. You can't start with a three-and-out on the first drive and so forth. We're excited for Senior Night on Wednesday."

The Panthers fell behind early, surrendering a pair of first-quarter touchdowns as the Falcons set the tone.

There was ray of light in the second quarter when the Panthers cut it to 14-6 on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Brooks Gilliland to A.J. Deen.

Unfortunately for Panther fans, it was the last time they found the end zone, and the Falcons went on to score 21 unanswered points. They led 28-6 at the halftime break.

Sean Lassahn was held under 100 yards rushing for one of the few times this season, finishing with 74 yards on 17 carries.

Gilliland was 6-for-19 passing for 82 yards, with 58 of those yards going to Deen.

The Panthers were outgained 305-150 in total yards, totalling eight first downs to Fillmre Central's 20.

Ryan Schlaak led the NRHEG defense by getting on on 12 tackles. Lassahn, Fynn Baumann and Dakota Schlaak had a part in six stops apiece.

The loss dropped the Panthers' season record to 3-4.

After hosting Medford Wednesday, Oct. 14, the Panthers finish the regular season Oct. 21 at United South Central.

> "They came out with their hair on fire, and we didn't. You can't start out with a three-and-out on the first drive, and so forth."
> **— NRHEG coach Devin Lockerby**

Fillmore Central 35, NRHEG 6

NRHEG	0	6	0	0 — 6
FC	14	14	0	7 — 35

First Quarter
FC — 30 pass from Bahl (Bahl kick)
FC — 1 run (Bahl kick)

Second Quarter
NRHEG – Deen 12 pass from Gilliland (two-point conversion failed)
FC – Run (kick failed)

Third Quarter
No scoring

Fourth Quarter
FC – Bahl 5 run (Bahl kick)

	NRHEG	FC
Plays	45	48
First downs	8	20
Rushing	68	153
Passing Yards	82	152
Total Yds.	150	305
Third down	3-10	5-9
Fourth down	3-5	2-3
Turnovers	1	0
Fumbles lost	0	2
Penalties	4-30	2-10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — NRHEG: Lassahn 17-74; B.Gilliland 4 —6; FC: Bahl 11-43; Rest of team 30-110

PASSING — NRHEG: B.Gilliland 6-19, 82; FC: Bahl 12-14, 149

RECEVING — NRHEG: Deen 5-58; Lasssahn 1-13; Nissen 1-11; LA: Team 13-152

NRHEG Defense — R.Schlaak 12T; Lassahn 6T; Baumann 6T; D.Schlaak 6T; Schroht 5T; O.Schlaak 2T; Holland 1T; Rest of team 16T

NRHEG CC teams compete at Waseca

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School cross country teams competed last Thursday in the Waseca Invitational at Lakeside Golf Club.

The Panthers' Julieann Wobbrock continued to lead the girls, placing second overall with a time of 19:54 for 5,000 meters. Violette Botten was 28th in 25:54, Rylie Cromwell 31st in 28:57.

Kasey Jewison was the boys' runner-up, taking second in 17:19. Colton Lermon place 26th in 20:30, Devlin McWilliams 39th in 21:52.

Neither the girls nor boys fielded a full squad.

"It was nice weather for a run," said NRHEG head coach Larry Nydegger. "Kasey got into a real test of wills with a runner from Faribault, ultimately taking second place with a personal-best time. That was a fun race to watch. Kasey and Julieann continue to put up strong performances as we near the end of the season, both consistently near the front of the pack."

After the No Frills meet hosted by USC/Alden-Conger Oct. 13, the Panthers travel to Medford for the Gopher Conference meet Oct. 20 and to Norwood-Young America for the section meet Oct. 29.





GREAT DAY TO RACE — NRHEG's Violette Botten, left, and Devlin McWilliams, right, race at Waseca's Lakeside Golf Club last Thursday. The Panthers' Juliann Wobbrock and Kasey Jewison both placed second overall. Photos by Larry Nydegger

LEGAL NOTICE

CASE TYPE: OTHER CIVIL/MISCELLANEOUS
STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF WASECA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 81-CV-26-680

SUMMONS

Associated Bank, National Association,
Plaintiff,
v.
Warehouse Storage, LLC; and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants,
Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

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You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights. Your reply is called an *Answer*. Getting your reply to the Plaintiff is called service. You must serve a copy of your *Answer or Answer and Counterclaim* (Answer) within 21 days from the date you receive the *Summons* and *Complaint*.
ANSWER: You can find the *Answer* form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the *Answer* form.
You must respond to each claim. The *Answer* is your written response to the Plaintiff's *Complaint*. In your *Answer* you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the *Complaint*. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the *Complaint*, you must say that in your *Answer*.

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THIS LAWSUIT AFFECTS OR BRINGS INTO QUESTION TITLE TO THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY located in Waseca County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:

The following described real property located in the County of Waseca, and State of Minnesota:

17-21-30010:
Corchrans 2nd Subdivision Lot-001 Block-001

17-21-30020:
Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Corchran's Second Subdivision, City of Waseca, Waseca County, Minnesota

17-22-70030:
Out-Lot A, as shown on the plat of Delta Subdivision, Waseca County, Minnesota

Parcel 1:

Lot 1, Block 1, Corchran's Second Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, Waseca County, Minnesota

Parcel 2
All that part of Lot 2, Block 1, Corchran's Second Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof. Waseca County, Minnesota. described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 2: thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 400.00 feet, on an assumed bearing, on the North line of said Lot 2, to a Northeast corner of said Lot 2; thence South 00 degrees 42 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 183.55 feet, on a East line of said Lot 2: thence South 01 degree 26 minutes
37 seconds West a distance of 100.04 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 2, said point being 251.52 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Lot 2: thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 27 seconds West a distance of 398.48 feet. on the South line of said Lot 2. to the Southwest corner of said lot 2: thence North 00 degrees 39 minute 153 seconds East a distance of 283.19 feet. to the point of beginning

Parcel 3•
All that part of Outlot A. Delta Subdivision. according to the recorded plat thereof. Iying West of the East 251.52 feet of said Outlot A.

Waseca County, Minnesota.
Abstract Property

The object of this lawsuit includes, among other things, the enforcement of a certain mortgage that encumbers the Mortgaged Property as such term is defined in the Complaint. The mortgage liens are evidenced by the following documents: Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Financing Statement dated March 27, 2024, and recorded with the Waseca County Recorder on April 11, 2024, as Document No. A336594, and the mortgage encumbers the real property and all improvements thereon commonly known as 1340 State Street South, Waseca, Minnesota.

Dated: August 10, 2026

MESSERLI KRAMER P.A.

/s/ David M. Tanabe
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT
The undersigned hereby acknowledges that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211, subd. 2, costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded to the opposing party or parties in this litigation if the Court should find that the undersigned acted in bad faith, asserted a claim or defense that is frivolous and that is costly to the other party, asserted an unfounded position solely to delay the ordinary course of the proceedings or to harass; or committed a fraud upon the Court.

Dated: August 10, 2026 */s/ David M. Tanabe*
David M. Tanabe (#400262)

IF PART OF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD CONTAINS YOUR HOUSE, YOU MAY DESIGNATE AN AREA AS A HOMESTEAD TO BE SOLD AND REDEEMED SEPARATELY.
YOU MAY DESIGNATE THE HOUSE YOU OCCUPY AND ANY AMOUNT OF THE PROPERTY AS A HOMESTEAD. THE DESIGNATED HOMESTEAD PROPERTY MUST CONFORM TO THE LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCES AND BE COMPACT SO THAT IT DOES NOT UNREASONABLY REDUCE THE VALUE OF THE REMAINING PROPERTY.
YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE HOMESTEAD YOU HAVE DESIGNATED.

IF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD CONTAINS SEPARATE TRACTS, YOU MAY REQUEST THAT THE TRACTS BE SOLD AND REDEEMED SEPARATELY. EACH OF THE SEPARATE TRACTS MUST CONFORM TO LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCES.
YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A COPY OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH OF THE TRACTS YOU HAVE DESIGNATED TO BE SOLD SEPARATELY.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm HALL BINGO	2 MEAT Raffle 5:30 pm Horse racing 6:30 pm	3
4	5	6 BURGER NIGHT 5 TO 7	7 6PM BAR BINGO	8 7pm HALL BINGO	9 MEAT Raffle 5:30 pm Horse racing 6:30 pm	10
11 Breakfast 8-12 Your Host Bantam Hockey	12 7 pm Post & AUX. Meeting	13 NAVY Birthday BURGER NIGHT 5 TO 7	14 6PM BAR BINGO	15 7pm HALL BINGO	16 Walleye Dinner 5:30 – 7 pm	17
18	19	20 BURGER NIGHT 5 TO 7	21 6PM BAR BINGO	22 7pm HALL BINGO	23 MEAT Raffle5:30pm Horse racing 6:30 pm	24
25	26	27 BURGER NIGHT 5 TO 7	28 6PM BAR BINGO	29 7pm HALL BINGO	30 MEAT Raffle 5:30pm Horse racing 6:30 pm	31

HOURS OF OPERATION
SUN.– MON. CLOSED
TUE.– 1pm to 11pm Tue. Is Lady's nite 2 for one-Men Busch light $2.50 from 4 to 6pm.
WED.– SAT.-1pm to 11 pm
POST & AUX MEETING 7pm club open 6pm MEMBERS only. Mn. Gambling license number 00385

CITY OF WASECA
REQUEST FOR QUOTES
CITY OF WASECA AIRPORT AGRICULTURAL FARMLAND LEASE
CITY OF WASECA AIRPORT HAY LAND LEASE
CROP YEARS 2027-2030

There are approximately 196.8 agricultural tillable acres and approximately 34.2 acres of hay land located at the City Airport, available under varying circumstances, for a four (4) year lease. The quote packet contains a field map with acreages (Attachment A).

Sealed quotes will be received by the Utilities Office at Waseca City Hall and publicly opened at City Hall by the City of Waseca, Minnesota, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, for leasing all fields.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the leases, specifications, and quote forms, please contact the Utilities Office at City Hall at 835-9718. Those persons with questions may contact Tim Roessler Deputy Public Works Director, by emailing, TimR@ci.waseca.mn.us.

Acreages of the Airport Farm have received nitrogen application from municipal biosolids and micro-nutrients at varying levels.

The quote forms must be marked in a sealed envelope as **CITY OF WASECA AIRPORT LAND LEASE** and returned to the Utilities Office at City Hall no later than **10:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time) on Tuesday, November 10, 2026; at which time all quotes will be publicly opened and read aloud.**

The City of Waseca reserves the right to award quotes and to reject any or all quotes in the best interests of the City, and to waive any minor irregularities, informalities, or discrepancies.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Waseca City Council will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 508 South State Street in Waseca to hold a public hearing, consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed final assessments against abutting properties for the 2nd Street NW Reconstruction Project (City Project No. 2025-01 – Assessment Roll #287).

The project improvements consisted of complete asphalt street reconstruction, water and sanitary sewer main and service replacement (to the property line), storm sewer improvements, ADA sidewalk and ramps, pavement striping, and other related items of work in the following location:

2nd Street NW between Elm Avenue West and 7th Avenue NW

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at Waseca City Hall. The total construction, engineering, and administration cost for this project is $5,213,033.77 (as of September 11, 2026). The total amount of the proposed assessments is $421,864.77. Written or oral objections will be considered at the hearing. Adoption by the City Council of the proposed assessments may occur at the meeting. No appeal regarding the amount of the assessment may be taken unless a signed, written objection is filed with the City Clerk prior to the hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may take action to consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at a future meeting.

An owner may appeal an assessment to the District Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal to the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the District Court within ten (10) days after service upon the City Clerk. However, no appeal may be made as to the amount of the assessment adopted pursuant to subdivision 2, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 429.061 unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner(s) is filed with the City Clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing.

Under Minnesota Statutes Sections 435.193 to 435.195, the Council may, in its discretion, defer payment of this special assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments in accordance with City Policy. Under this deferment, payment of the assessment plus accumulated interest would be delayed until the property is sold or transferred. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this law may contact the City Clerk for the deferral of payment form and apply for deferment of the special assessment on their property within thirty (30) days of confirmation of the assessment.

Nathan Willey
Director of Engineering
Published in the Waseca County Pioneer on Oct. 1, 8 and 15, 2026

The Pastor's Column

Seek first, all things will be added

By REVEREND MICHAEL GRANNIS
St. Paul Lutheran Church

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ~ Matthew 6:33

I have heard, and spoken, and sung these words of Christ countless times throughout my life. I have preached on them and taught on them many times as well. However, the real challenge is living them out. What does it mean to "seek first the kingdom of God?" What does it mean to seek "His righteousness" first?

And what are "all these things" that will be added to them?

Well, Jesus what teaching His disciples (and us) not to worry about food and clothing... that they don't need to chase after these things. Worrying and chasing after these things is what the world does. Though we ARE in the world we are NOT of the world. Moreover, our loving heavenly Father (our King) knows what we need. He is the One who provides all good and needful things to us (and to all the world).

So what is meant by the kingdom of God? What it means in this context is that we live first as citizens of His kingdom, rather than citizens of the world. That means God is our King. That means He is in charge. That means His law is the law by which we live our lives.

Similarly, to seek "His righteousness" means that we seek to do what is right in His eyes (which is objectively and actually right). When we seek God's righteousness.

That means we live our lives asking "Is this what God would have me do?" "Is this right in God's sight?"

And what of "all these things" that will be added to us? Well, Jesus is talking about the stuff in life that we often worry about or spend all of our time and energy chasing after. Jesus tells us that we don't need to worry about them or chase after them. God will give us what we need when we need it. He will provide for us day by day, even as He did for the people of Israel in their 40 years in the wilderness.

He will provide for us day by day, even as He provides for the birds of the air and the plants of the field. It may not look glamorous, or be decadent, but it will be good and worthy of thanks.

God who made our bodies knows that we need clothing. If He can knit you together in your mother's womb cell by cell, certainly He is able to provide you with knit clothing to cover your body. If God has given you life in order to do what is holy and righteous in His sight, certainly He is able to provide you with the food and drink that you need to give you the strength to do His will. This is the whole frame of Christ's teaching.

When we chase after the stuff of this world - when we are preoccupied and worried about it - it monopolizes our time. We begin to look at the stuff of this world as if it is providing us with the good things we need - our jobs, our spouse, our parents, our children, our abilities, our government, etc. In short, we make gods for ourselves out of the good things that God gives to us. Worse yet, when we lift up these things as the end all be all (the goal of our existence and where our identity lies), we become willing to do whatever it takes to please those gods and to keep them in our lives.

So we do what is asked of us and we sacrifice time...sacrifice money... sacrifice relationships... sacrifice our morals... we even sacrifice God on the altar of our false gods. We worry that if we don't make these sacrifices we will miss out. And we do miss out; we miss out on God being our King and Savior... We miss out on His righteousness for us in Christ, because we do not trust Him.

On the other hand, if we seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness, what does He promise? He will give us the clothing that we need. He will provide us with the food that we need. We will have the stuff of this world that our heavenly Father knows is needed and good for us. But more than that, we will also have the ONE thing that is needful. We will have a relationship with God defined by faith in His faithfulness. And you know what comes along with that besides "all these things?"

When we trust in Christ's words, and we seek God's Kingdom first and His righteousness, we not only have all these other earthly blessings in this life, we also have His Salvation and eternal life. Although none of us live as perfect citizens in God's Kingdom (doing everything according to His righteous will), when we trust in Christ...when we trust in His Word...when we trust in His righteousness and His sacrifice for us in His life and in His death upon the cross, then we need not be anxious about anything in this life or in the life of the world to come.

Because Christ is faithful, through faith in His name we are knit together as members of His Body (the Church). As members of His body, we are clothed with the robes of Christ's righteousness in Holy Baptism, making us holy and righteous in the sight of our King. Yes, we are given new life through faith in His name - a life that is eternal and can never perish. And this new life is fed and refreshed as we gather together as one to eat and drink the very body and blood of Christ that was sacrificed for us upon the cross, rose for our justification, and lives and reigns on high at the right hand of the Father. Yes, our whole life is found in Christ Jesus our Savior. And because of that, we need not worry.

■ Grants

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tions, Berry said, advisory council members will consider whether proposed programs or processes focus on priorities indicated during a 2025 county survey: "prevention in youth, family and community programs, followed closely by treatment and recovery by expanding treatment options."

Successful applicants from the first round in 2026 included the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school district, which received $15,800 to begin a "Hope Squad" program in the district; the Waseca County Community Corrections department, which received $10,500 in support of the "Rehabilitative Support for Youth on Probation or Diversion" (RESET) Program; and the Waseca County Recovery program, which received $3,000 to organize monthly events where individuals in recovery and their sober supports could take part together in activities like bowling, bingo, and volleyball.

More information about the application process is available on the county public health website.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WASECA

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION
Court File No.: 81-CV-26-57

In the Matter of the Ruth A. Mittelstadt Amended and Restated Revocable Trust Agreement dated May 3, 2024

AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER REFORMING TERMS OF TRUST PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. §501C.0415

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS GIVEN that a Petition for Order Reforming Terms of Trust pursuant to Minnesota Statute §501C.0415, signed by Michael O'Neil and Judy O'Neil dated August 19, 2026, has been filed with the Court. The Petition requests an order for the following:

A. Reforming the terms of the R. Mittelstadt Trust to provide for a distribution of the assets of the Trust remaining after payment of all expenses, to the heirs of the deceased grandparents of Ruth A. Mittelstadt, namely, Diedrich and Bertha Helms (one-half) and Carl and Augusta Mittelstadt (one-half), by right of representation (per stirpes) under Minn. Stat. § 524.2-709(b) and according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. §524.2-103(4) and 524.2-106(c)(2), all as set out on Exhibits A and B attached hereto.

B. Determining that this Trust is subject to continuing jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to and for the purposes set out in Minn. Stat. § 501C.0202, subdivision 4.

C. Granting such other relief as may be proper.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or at the hearing. If no objections are filed the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition will be heard on remotely via Zoom on October 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. by this Court at Waseca, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all persons named in the Petition as having or as claiming an interest in the Trust.

2. Notice shall be given by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order for Hearing to all persons named in the Petition as having or who may claim to have an interest in the Trust, at their last known addresses by U.S. Postal Service at least 15 days prior to the hearing date, and Publishing this Notice and Order for Hearing one time at least 20 days prior to the hearing date in a legal newspaper of Waseca County, Minnesota.

Dated: 09/22/2026

/s/ Carol Hanks
Judge of District Court

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ORDER FOR CONTINUED HEARING REGARDING REFORMATION OF THE RUTH A. MITTELSTADT AMENDED AND RESTATED REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 3, 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Exhibits A and B referenced in the Notice of September 22, 2026, set out above are reproduced below and that it is anticipated the hearing in this matter on October 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Waseca, Minnesota as noted above will be continued until November 9, 2026, at 10:30 AM via Zoom with Judicial Officer Carol M. Hanks, Judge of District Court, Waseca County, Minnesota. At that hearing, the matters identified in Paragraphs A, B and C in the Amended Notice and Order for Hearing set out above will be determined. Any objections must be filed with the Court prior to or at the hearing. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted.

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EXHIBIT A

LIST OF HEIRS KNOWN - MITTELSTADT

Carl & Augusta Mittelstadt - 50%

August H. Mittelstadt - 0%		*Emma Priebe - 10%*	ind sh	*Augusta Steinberg - 10%*	ind sh	*Raymond Mittelstadt - 10%*	ind sh	*Carl Mittelstadt - 10%*	ind sh	*Ella Mundt - 10%*	ind sh
Ruth Mittelstadt Ø	0%	*Harold Priebe:*		*Herman Steinberg:*		*Florence Kubista Kasper:*		*David Mittelstadt:*		*Walter Mundt Ø*	
Adeline Mittelstadt Ø	0%	**Charles Priebe**	1.11%	*Eileen Zabel:*		**Deanna Amberg**	1.66%	**David Mittelstadt Jr.**	0.66%		
Luverne Mittelstadt Ø	0%	**Charlotte Wilhelm**	1.11%	**Lori Vanderheiden**	0.66%	**Deborah Wilker**	1.66%	**Jeffrey Mittelstadt**	0.67%	*Norman Mundt:*	
		Curtis Priebe	1.11%	**Linda Zuhlsdorf**	0.67%	*David Kubista Ø*		**Brian Mittelstadt**	0.67%	**Randy Mundt**	1.11%
				Lisa Obert	0.67%	*Raymond Kubista:*				**Debra Ayers**	1.11%
		Helen Atkinson:				**Alexis Ann Marie Kubista**	1.67%	**Paul Mittelstadt**	2.00%	**Norma Hoffmaster**	1.11%
		Emily Thompson	1.66%	*Elsie Hammann:*		**Jenine Kubista**	1.67%				
		Josephine Rebman	1.67%	*James Hammann:*		**Kelly Kubista**	1.67%			*Wayne Mundt Ø*	
				Ronald Hammann	0.165%	**Mike Kasper**	1.67%	*Mary Alice Unger Ø*			
		Luella Priebe		**Jerald Hammann**	0.165%					**Lloyd Mundt**	3.33%
		Ø		**Kristine Boese**	0.165%	*Loraine Benson Ø*		**Ellen Mittelstadt**	2.00%		
				Julie Sturges	0.165%					**Linda Sorenson**	3.34%
		Marcella Brown:		**John Hammann**	0.67%			*Joseph Mittelstadt:*			
		Jimmy Brown	3.34%	**JoAnn Hammann**	0.67%			**Carl Mittelstadt**	2.00%		
				Olga Anhorn:							
				Robert Anhorn:				*Myrna Drazen Barth:*			
				Robert Anhorn, Jr	0.33%			**Daniel Drazen**	2.00%		
				Pam Elzen	0.34%						
				John Anhorn	0.33%						
				Janet Finne	1.00%						
				Emil Steinberg:							
				Judith Kaurus	0.28%						
				Paul Steinberg	0.28%						
				Sally Gwin	0.28%						
				Richard Steinberg	0.29%						
				Susan Knippel	0.29%						
				Todd Steinberg	0.29%						
				Kerry Steinberg	0.29%						
				Evelyn Warner:							
				Stephen Warner	1.00%						
				Michael Warner	1.00%						

EXHIBIT B

LIST OF HEIRS KNOWN - HELMS

Diedrich & Bertha Helms - 50%

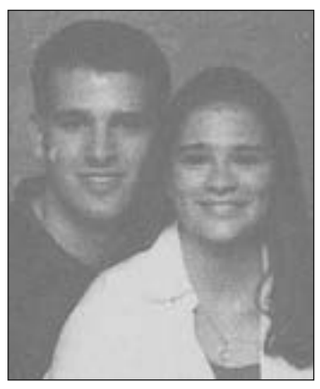
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				Vicki Miller	0.46%	**Jon O'Neil**	1.19%			
				Gary Gehring:		**Daniel O'Neil**	1.19%		*Evelyn Lee:*	
				Joe Gehring	0.47%	**Michael O'Neil**	1.19%		**Jodie Tvedt**	2.77%
				Richard Helms	1.85%	**Timothy O'Neil**	1.19%		**Eric Lee**	2.78%
				Lorna Himmer	1.85%				**Krista Hardyman**	2.78%
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				Marie Jensen:		**Suzanne Ahrens Hedeen**	1.19%		*Harold Lee Ø*	
				Everett Jensen:		*Karla Ihrke:*				
				Chad Jensen	0.2224%	**Corey Irhke**	0.46%			
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				Marlowe Helms:		**Randy Ahrens**	1.19%			
				Kevin Helms	0.55%	**Marshall Ahrens**	1.19%			
				Catherine Seykora	0.56%					
				Martin Jensen:		*Lucille Helms Ø*				
				Joni Trotter	0.55%					
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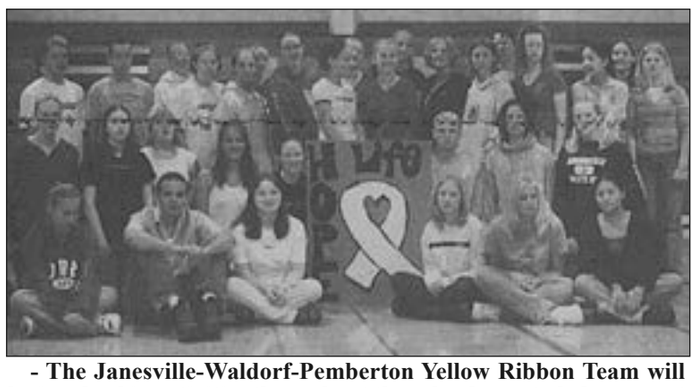
25 years ago

- Jim King made a hole-in-one on Wednesday, Sept. 25, on Hole 6 on the south course or Prairie Ridge. Denny Garms was golfing with him and can verify this exciting event.



- Linda and Jerome Ehresman of Chaska announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather to Mark Mihm, son of BIll and Suzy Mihm of Forest Lake. Heather is currently attendIng Minnesota State University In Mankato and will graduate in December, 2001. Mark is a graduate of Minnesota State University in Mankato and is currently employed with Gwest Communications. A Saturday, Oct. 27, 2001, wedding is planned at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Chaska.

- The Book Club met on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at Fenelon Place with Karen Lochner, Ellen Tetzloff, Ann Johnson and Pauline Fenelon present. Discussion was held on the book "Sherlock Holmes and the Red Demon," and interesting fictionalized account of the 1894 Hinckley White Pinery Fire. On Tuesday, Oct. 30, discussion will be on Thomas Hardy's classic "Far From the Madding Crow." If interested in joining, please call Community Ed at the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School.



- The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Yellow Ribbon Team will be involved in activities throughout the school year to help prevent youth suicide. Front row (left to right): Jena Yentsch, Luke Weimert, Julia Ulmen, Maria Schultz, Katie Jorgenson and Brenda Trahms. Row two: Heather Swenson, Teah Sylvara, Julie Radunz, Jenny Potter, Kelli Christianson, Levi Mulcahey, Katie von Holtum and Erika Schoer. Row three Lance Meyer, Tim Malterer, Amanda Danberry, Rachel Lutter, Cassandra Kuhl, Bridget Kester, Cassandra Hayenga, Cassandra Kopischke, Heather Johnson, Kaleena Steinberg, Danielle Mulcahey, Tonya Balow, Tina O'Brien, Trevor Aase, Stephanne Steinhaus, Cataline Jewison, Laura Ewald and Samantha Fox. Not present were Trisha Charlton, Brenda Hiles, Anna Hall, Jennifer Jewison, Stephanie Kraft, JoAnna Krienke, Katie Linde, Nicole Ozmun and Nikki Steele.

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- Members of the What's Trump Club and three guests, Mrs. Lyle Born, Mrs. Ray Gomsrud and Mrs. John Graff, were entertained at the home of Mrs. David Ostrem Sept. 22. Bridge prizes were taken home by Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. David Tonolli. Coffee and dessert were served after cards. Mrs. Tonolli will be hostess at the next meeting Oct. 6.



- Mrs. Charles Griffin shows the Argus photographer one of the huge tomatoes that grew in the Griffin garden this summer. She says the dry weather didn't seem to hurt the vegetables.

- The first annual Janesville Jaycees Golf Tournament will be held at the Waseca Country Club this Saturday, October 2. Tee off time is 9 a.m. The tournament is open to Jaycee members only. If any Jaycee has questions, please call project chairman Jim King at 835-3799, or Terry Pooley at 234-5448. Jaycees who work Saturday morning can still tee off in the early afternoon.

- The 21 volunteers on the Janesville Fire Department will be doing their best in October to make a good case for a new fire barn. We hope you will take time to attend their informational meetings and to learn why they need a larger facility. Anyone who has watched local firemen in action cannot help but wonder where they get such dedication. It would take a lot more than $2 a call to get most of us out of bed at 2 a.m. when the temperature is hovering at zero!

75 years ago

- Residents will be proud to learn the Janesville high school band has been asked to take part in the giant festival of bands at the University of Minnesota football game with Northwestern October 13. This is an extremely colorful spectacle wit the entire field benign covered by high school bands playing in concert during the halftime. The local band, under its new director Robert Kading, has expanded substantially this year. A number of new instruments have been added and some of the old ones repaired. All of the band members now wear white shoes during marching and concerts.

- While there will be no money in it for the farmers, they will find themselves in the position of having two factions bid for the corn their pickers didn't get. Bidders will be the senior class of Janesville high school and the pheasants. The senior classmen said, "As many readers know, we are planning a class trip this year and as all trips do, it will cost money. We would like to pick up corn in any field where the farmers are through picking. If anyone would be willing to let us do this would you please notify Mr. Ashpole at the high school. Thank you very much." It is highly unlikely the pheasants will ask, but you can bet they will give the seniors a run for their money.

100 years ago

- Gossip is a violent disrespect of personal rights. It is nobody's business who your friends are, what you wear, how many social engagements you may have, what color clothing you buy, whether your hair is bobbed or not, whether you and your husband go out together or separately. Everyone should be jealous of th privilege of living his own life and should not let a lot of dimwits and wagging tongues direct his life.-Zumbrota News.

- We agree with the fellow who said that he had found from experience that the man who bragged about being boss in his own home would lie about other things also.-Ellendale Eagle.

- It is said that women's skirts are going to be even shorter than ever this fall. If they get much shorter we will have to quit calling them skirts and refer to them as ruffles. - Faribault Journal.

Waseca

25 years ago

- Adam and Joy Strand of Waseca, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Autumn Hope, born September 25, 2001. At the Owatonna Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 20 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Lawrence Schoenrock and the late Joyce Schoenrock of Hugo. Paternal grandparents are Terri Halleck and Doug Strand, both of Waseca. Great grandparents are Don and Dixie Strand, and Rosemary Halleck, all of Waseca.



- Ellen Johnson and Alex Barnett were crowned the 2001 New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Homecoming king and queen at the homecoming coronation held Monday night. The members of the queen's court are: Elizabeth Schultz, Jennifer Schroeder, Kelli Schlaak, Jennie Gollhofer and Rachel Andree. Members of the king's court are: Seth Tukua, Luke Perry, Isaiah Lundberg, Gavin Berg and Clark Fleld. The football team will play Blooming Prairie Friday night; kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

- The Business Education Department is proud to award Student of the Week to Heidi Hovland. She is the daughter of Rick and Shelly Hovland of Waseca. Heidi has one younger brother, Steven. Heidi's mother is employed as a paraprofessional at both the Junior High School and the Intermediate school, and her father is employed as a design draftsman at Johnson Components. Heidi has taken numerous business courses and has been an active member of Business Professionals of America since her junior year. Heidi is president of the local Business Professionals of America chapter for the 2001-02 school year and in October she will be running for a state BPA office. Through the Business Internship program at Waseca High School, she is receiving on-the-job training as an office assistant at Waseca Family Chiropractic Center. Heidi also works at the Dairy Queen. She is the type of employee who can be counted on to accept responsibility and complete all tasks thoroughly and on time. Heidi is a member of the Bluejay hockey and golf teams. Her most interesting classes at Waseca High School include her business classes and history classes. Heidi's future planes are to attend college. The Business Education Department congratulates Heidi and wishes her the best as Student of the Week of Sept. 24, 2001.



- The Bluejay secondary will be looking to keep the Fairmont passing attack from getting any big plays when the two teams tangle at Fairmont Friday. Pictured (from left) are: John Kaminski, Kellen Driscoll and Shaun Borchert. The three Waseca defenders have five Interceptions and 95 tackles between them this year.

50 years ago

- Simley traveled to Waseca yesterday for a 4:30 dual meet, but because of their late arrival time they were forced to forfeit the meet with a score of 11-0. The girls did get a chance to swim most of the events and established two new school records. The medley relay team of Sheila Ostendorf, Laura Hanson, Liori Rieck and captain Deb Rohde again bettered their time for a new record of 2:11:26. Kathy Kohnert set the other school record yesterday in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:22:61. Waseca took first and second in most of the events that were swum, with the 100 breaststroke trio of Lori Rieck, Cindy Sampson and Laura Hanson sweeping the event.

- The Waseca Civil Air Patrol will be having a Fly-In and Drive-In breakfast at the big hangar at the airport from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancakes, sausages, coffee, milk and orange juice will make up the menu. Pilots from all over the state will be there and the public is also invited to attend. All proceeds will go towards the Waseca chapter's Cadet activities.

75 years ago

- Waseca's Promotion committee, formerly knows at the Retail division of the Chamber of Commerce, was busy this week lining up two special promotions for the city. A special meeting held on Wednesday afternoon of the committee it was decided not to bring the Jay Gould St. Nicholas circus back for a second engagement here. The committee members-businessmen in Waseca-decided the $375 cost of the one day circus would be better used in a locally sponsored promotion. A special meeting has been called for noon Tuesday for all businessmen to talk over the plans for Christmas as well as to continue planning for Flying Saucer day which is coming up in November.

- The South Side Mothers club met Thursday afternoon. Plans were made for two interesting trips this month. October 12, a half day trip to Faribault is planned. Leaving Waseca at 1 p.m. they will visit the Woollen Mills, the School for the Deaf there. Anyone wishing to go is to contact Mrs. Jack Hall. October 25, an all day trip to Red Wing is scheduled. The group will leave Waseca at 9 a.m. and tour the Red Wing Pottery Works and the State Schools for Boys. Mrs. Percy Born is in charge of the reservations for this outing.

- Elmer Steele. Sr. who was a candidate for the senatorship of Waseca and Steele counties on two different occasions, celebrated his 87th birthday Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Sawyer, near Ellendale. Others present were Mr.and Mrs. Wm. Sullivan of New Richland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bedney of Owatonna. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steele Jr. and daughters of Hope and Mr. and Mrs. Alver Wilker and family.

100 years ago

- Two stage hands were discussing vaudeville. "I don't like those Apache dancing acts," said one, "where the guys drags the dame all over the place by the hair of her head." "Oh, I like them acts," the other replied. "After one of them the stage is so easy to sweep." Youngstown Telegram.

- "What's the matter now?" asked the bureau chief in Washington. "Some grouch out in the sticks says he'll complain to his senator." "Tell him to refer is senator to my senator." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

New Richland

25 years ago

- New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Panther Marching Band placed first for the third year in a row in Class A at the Tri-State Band Festival at Luverne on Saturday, September 29. Performing JAy Dawson's "Canson", the 90+member Panther band, lead by director Dave Haugh, and drum majors Gavin Berg and Britt Panuska, outclassed eight other class A schools from Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa in the parade marching competition.

- Second Lieutenant Karl Felsheim , son of Glenn and Kathy Felsheim, New Richland was commissioned into the Minnesota Army National Guard on Friday, September 14, 2001. Felsheim received a Bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and is working as a physician assistant in Huntingdon Tennessee.

- Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) District Representative Susan Bengtson, FIC, Albert Lea, has been honored for outstanding mutual fund sales and service to AAL members during June. Bengtson finished the month fifth among more than 1,700 AAL representatives across the nation.

50 years ago

- Gloria Griffin, DFL candidate for Congress from the second district, has received endorsement and financial support from IMPACE, Independent Minnesota Political Action Committee for Education.

- Angela Sue Giles born August 31, 1976 at Holy Trinity Hospital, Graceville, Minnesota was baptized October 3 at Elim Lutheran Church, Clinton, Minnesota. Angela's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Randy (Val Beckmann) Giles, Graceville, Minnesota. Pastor Robert Bleeke officiated.

75 years ago

- Arnold Schember of Albert Lea, a member of the Inactive Naval Reserve, has been called back into service, leaving Albert Lea November 6 to report at Seattle, Washington November 8.

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Westland announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born at the Naeve Hospital, Albert Lea, Tuesday, November 6 and weighing 8 pounds.

Public Health emphasizes cannabis safety

Secure substances at home, talk to youth, and drive sober

As cannabis availability increases, public health reminds community members about essential steps to keep families, teenagers, and roadways safe. The focus is on locking up cannabis away from children, engaging teenagers in open conversations about cannabis use, and preventing impaired driving.

Cannabis edibles often closely resemble regular snacks, making them attractive to young children. Accidental ingestion by infants and children can lead to severe health consequences, including extreme drowsiness, breathing difficulty, and hospitalization.

Lock it up

Keep original packaging

Contact Poison Help at 1-800-222-1222 or dial 911 after accidental ingestion

The developing brain remains vulnerable to the effects of cannabis through early adulthood.

Regular cannabis use during adolescence can impact memory, learning, attention, and mental health. Parents and caregivers play a crucial role in preventing youth cannabis use.

Talk early and often

Set clear expectations

Focus on wellness

Driving while high on cannabis impairs reaction time, coordination, spatial awareness, and decision-making skills. Impaired driving puts everyone on the road at risk.

Plan ahead

Avoid mixing substances

Know the law

By safely securing substances, guiding teens, and never driving under the influence, we can help protect health and prevent avoidable injuries" says Samara Plotz, Public Health Educator.

Learn more at Cannabis - MN Dept. of Health or contact Samara Plotz at samara.plotz@wasecacounty.gov or 507-308-8746 with questions.

Waseca County Pioneer History Question of the week:

What year was the Palmer creamery established and what year did it close?

The answer to this question and future history questions can be found online at explore.wasecacounty.gov, through the Explore Waseca County app, or by scanning the QR code shown here.

Ways to contact the Pioneer:

1. Call 507-837-6767
2. E-mail news@wasecacountypioneer.com
3. Mail: P.O. Box 578, Waseca, MN, 56093
4. Stop in the office at 111 West Elm Ave, Waseca on M, T, TH, F from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

■ Finstad

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boil to find out they aren't teaching about Ronal Regan and Mikhail Gorbachev and the history of communism and what America was up against. Our kids need to know about that. Peggy Flannigan clapped when the Christopher Colombus statue was torn down. I've also heard biology classes and how certain teachers will not define what a woman is; we've lost our minds. We used to have the top education in the country, now we don't."

Another question was, "I've noticed there are more democrat signs than republican signs. The gas prices right now are not good."

Finstad replied, "Like him or hate him, the President has a good way of ripping off band-aids. Iran's navy was at its strongest that it had ever been, and could reach further away from shore, and the long-range missiles, and they gave us all the signals to say thanks for the money, but we're still going for nukes. The President said enough is enough, that has an effect on gas prices. But who stopped the refineries, the Keystone Pipeline? Who did that? The democrats. Yes, the mess in Iran is also affecting gas prices."

Another guest stated how important it is to win the war against Iran. Finstad replied, "The warfare against Iran has become an economic war, we've shut down their transportation system. If you have money with Iranian interest or in their banks, all that money is locked up. That's part of getting the region involved, and they all wanted our help. That will open up opportunities for them."

Representative Sexton spoke about drones and fiber optics with a range of 15 miles and said, "It's a new battlefield out there, hugely different." Finstad added, "We're also making our own drones in our country now."

Another guest inquired, "It seems like support for Israel is being pulled back."

Finstad answered, "It's crazy to see the rhetoric about Israel, who they are and who they aren't. I cannot speak to the President, but the armed services committee says it's a unique partner and a unique part of the world and we need their help. When Iran uses human shields, that creates anxiety in the public square."

In August, 167,000 new jobs were created in the US. In September that number was 60,000. The press only focuses on the poorer numbers, and never the positive. Jimmy Carter and Joe Biden have been the only two times in our country's history that we've had an agricultural deficit, more food coming in than going out to the tune of 50 billion per year. Said Finstad, "If we have to rely on the rest of the world for our food, then we're in trouble." He pointed out soybeans were $10.30 per bushel last year, and are selling at $13.21 this year. But the focus has only been on diesel prices.

There was a question concerning the Farm Bill being held up and Finstad replied, "We, through bipartisan means, passed it through the house on April 29, and it's been sitting in the Senate ever since. Amy Klobuchar, the ranking democrat member, has refused to move the bill because of SNAP money, wanting to give the State of Minnesota two years to figure out how to work with individual counties and how to disperse those programs. The Chair of the Agriculture Committee in the Senate gave her a year, she said no. We were at zero, we wanted 2, she was offered 1 and she said no."

Representative Finstad is seeking his second term in the First Congressional District and is up against Democratic challenger Jake Johnson.

County 4-H launches 100th anniversary celebration

Search On for Oldest Living Alumni and Historical Artifacts



CELEBRATING HISTORY - Members of the historic Thrifty Peppers 4-H Club in Waseca County, circa 1930s. Waseca County 4-H is searching for historic photos, artifacts, and senior alumni as part of its 100th anniversary celebration.

WASECA, Minn. (October 6, 2026) — Waseca County 4-H is officially marking 100 years of youth leadership, hands-on learning, and community impact. As part of the 2026–2027 Centennial celebration (100 Years of Waseca County 4-H), University of Minnesota Extension in Waseca County is inviting community members, past participants, and local families to join in honoring a century of growing local leaders.

To root this milestone in local history, Waseca County 4-H is launching two major historical initiatives: a search for the county's oldest living 4-H alumni and a community call for historic 4-H artifacts to be displayed at the Waseca County Historical Society.

Honoring Our Roots: Search for Waseca County's Oldest Living Alumni

Waseca County 4-H is seeking to identify and celebrate its earliest living members. Organizers are asking the public to nominate centenarians, grandparents, family members, or neighbors who participated in Waseca County 4-H clubs—such as the historic Palmer Sunbeams—during the 1930s, 1940s, or 1950s.

In addition to finding senior alumni, 4-H is collecting "100 Stories of 4-H Impact" to highlight how local 4-H experiences shaped careers, character, and community life across generations. To nominate an alum or submit a personal 4-H story, visit z.umn.edu/CentennialAlumniAndStorySearch

Call for Historic Artifacts & Photos for Historical Society Exhibit

To showcase a century of youth achievements, the Waseca County Historical Society is partnering with Extension to host a dedicated 4-H Centennial exhibit. Community members with historical 4-H memorabilia are invited to loan their items for display.

Items needed include:

- Historic 4-H project displays and fair exhibits
- Award ribbons, banners, medals, and pins
- Vintage uniforms, club banners, or apparel
- Historic photos (digital scans or prints) accompanied by descriptions, names, or dates

Loaned items and historical photos can be dropped off directly at the Waseca County Extension Office (300 N State Street, Waseca, MN 56093) along with the owner's contact details and the story behind the piece. Digital photo scans may also be emailed directly to mnext-waseca@umn.edu.

Upcoming Centennial Community Events

The year-long celebration includes monthly community service activities, special projects, and promotional campaigns:

- October – Centennial Yard Signs: Show community pride by displaying an 18" x 24" full-color Centennial yard sign. Signs are $15 each, with a discounted rate of $10 for 4-H alumni who submit a current or vintage 4-H photo with their order. Orders are open through Monday, October 19 at z.umn.edu/CentennialYardSignOrder.
- November – Community Food Drive: Hosted by the Janesville Jacks & Jills 4-H Club, a drive-through food collection benefiting the Waseca County Food Shelf will take place on Saturday, November 21, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Farmamerica (7367 360th Ave, Waseca, MN).

How to Get Involved

Waseca County residents and alumni everywhere are encouraged to stay connected throughout the Centennial year:

- View Full Centennial Schedule: z.umn.edu/Waseca4HCentennialCelebration
- Share Memories on Social Media: Use hashtag #wasecamn4H100
- Follow Updates at: facebook.com/WasecaCounty4H

For questions regarding artifact loans, alumni nominations, or event details, contact the Waseca County Extension Office at 507-835-0600 or email mnext-waseca@umn.edu.

Got news? • 837-6767 • news@wasecacountypioneer.com

Driving Awareness

Gearing up to Break the Stigma of Mental Health & Getting Help

Minnesota Prairie County Alliance
Community Services of Dodge, Steele & Waseca Counties

TIME
November 14, 2026
9:30 AM- 3:30 PM

LOCATION
The Midway - Dodge County Fairgrounds
100 11th St. NE, Kasson, MN 55944

Keynote Speaker: Jason Lennox
"What would I do if this was a loved one?"

Ray Stenglein
QPR for Agriculture & Industry
"Making the tough conversations easier"

Meg Moynihan
Dept. of Agriculture
"No wrong door"

- Mindfulness activities during lunch/breaks
- Community Resource Fair

FREE Admission upon registration, lunch/snacks, beverages included

REGISTER via Link
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RE-ELECT GENE DORNINK FOR STATE SENATOR

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WHILE THE STATE BUDGET HAS GROWN **73%**
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AS YOUR DISTRICT 23 SENATOR, I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR:

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- ✓ Lower taxes for all Minnesota families by identifying commonsense spending priorities. You can't over spend your checkbook, why should the state?
- ✓ Stopping ALL fraud, but also penalizing those who stole billions from Minnesota families, and get our money back!
- ✓ Making Healthcare more affordable for all Minnesotans!
- ✓ Fully eliminate the state tax on Social Security. You have already paid more than your fair share in taxes to Minnesota!
- ✓ Making vehicle license tab fee reductions permanent!
- ✓ Eliminating unfunded state mandates on our schools, cities, and business communities which lead to higher property taxes for everyone!
- ✓ Adequate funding for Minnesota nursing homes so our most vulnerable adults have the quality of life they deserve!

IN SHORT, I WANT YOU TO KEEP MORE OF YOUR HARD EARNED MONEY AND LOWER THE COST OF LIVING FOR ALL MINNESOTANS!

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