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Food prep class

"Battle Buddy" veterans share Waseca landscaping business

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Is it a "whirlwind" romance when two people find each other because they worked with helicopters?

Whirlwind or not, Army veterans Toni Walker, a nine-year helicopter mechanic, and Jordan Schulz, who spent 13 years in Army Aviation, have operated Southern Minnesota Horticultural Services in Waseca for about two years. Neither talks about those years as something extraordinary; they say that, to them, military service was simply a job they were fortunate to do alongside good people, and that many of the lessons they learned there still shape how they approach family, work and their community today.

They first met in the early 2000s, when the helicopter Jordan was serving on underwent a major inspection by Toni's crew. Their paths crossed again during a one-week training exercise, where their compatible personalities and interests led them to become "battle buddies," a relationship they maintained throughout the remainder of their military careers and into life.

In Army basic training, soldiers are commonly paired with a "battle buddy," someone they can rely on for assistance, accountability and support. For Toni and Jordan, the term eventually came to mean something much more enduring.

Between Toni's experience as a helicopter mechanic and Jordan's as a mechanic, crew chief and flight instructor, the two share years of experience around military helicopters. Yet both are quick to point out that none of that work was done alone. Every safe flight and successful mission, they say, depended on pilots, mechanics, crew members and support personnel doing their part and trusting the people beside them.

Jordan's 13-year Army Aviation career included five combat deployments, two to Afghanistan and three to Iraq, and more than 4,000 flight hours. He worked with UH-60 Black Hawks as well as UH-1H and UH-72A helicopters, eventually serving as a Senior Non-Rated Crewmember Standardization Instructor. Rather than viewing the hours or titles as accomplishments belonging to him alone, Jordan says he remembers the people he served with and the responsibility they shared for getting one another home safely.

Jordan lived most of his childhood in the Brainerd area. After moving around

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WHIRLWIND ROMANCE - Veterans Jordan Schulz and Toni Walker originally became acquainted because of overlapping duties regarding Blackhawk helicopters. They now share the operation of Southern Minnesota Horticultural Services in Waseca. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

Redemption Project celebrates milestone

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

About 50 people gathered at a venue in Minneapolis on Oct. 27 to celebrate one year of "symposiums," monthly gatherings where participants in the Redemption Project come together to hear from experts on helpful topics, network, and celebrate their individual successes as they take on the challenges of reintegrating themselves back into society.

Keynote speaker for the evening was former Minnesota Supreme Court Judge G. Barry Anderson, who retired from the court in May of 2024. Among a range of other observations, Anderson spoke of former Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz, who has been a persistent supporter of the Redemption Project and the stability it helps provide released inmates as they work to rejoin society.

As has been previously reported in the Pioneer, The Redemption Project is a statewide initiative now in its eighth year co-founded by Waseca resident Dwight Tostenson.

Tostenson decided to devote his time to the non-profit organization after a friend was incarcerated, served his time, and came out of prison with a new perspective on inmates.

"Seventy to eighty percent of them want to do the right thing," Tostenson summarized. "They leave prison ready to be good citizens…they get a job and start to earn some honest money. Then the results of their background check come back, and they're fired." According to research Tostenson sometimes cites, the national "recidivism" rate, that is, the number of inmates who end up returning to prison, is about eighty percent within six years of being released. Redemption Project graduates have a recidivism rate of under 10 percent.

The Redemption Project has three steps beginning with a 16-week class, complete with a workbook and homework assignments, which inmates take part in shortly before they are due to be released. The material,

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Commander Christy Easton, Director of Education and Programming for the Waseca Art Center, served in the US Navy for 21 years. She is pictured here with her father, Captain Greg Easton, also a retired Navy man. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Two decades of service, Easton calls Waseca, Art Center home

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Christy Easton, the Waseca Art Center's Education and Programming Director, retired from the U.S. Navy after serving a career that spanned from 2002 to 2023. This 21-year veteran saw numerous deployments, duty stations and life from the upper decks of a ship at sea.

She isn't very tall, at 5 ft. 1 inch, and doesn't seem like the average sailor, but serving at sea apparently runs in her blood. "My father served 30 years in the Navy, my mother also served, just four years; that's where my parents met at Officer Candidate School." Both her grandfathers served in the Navy as well.

As part of a military family, Christy says she moved around a lot when she was younger for her father's assignments in the Navy. Her father, Captain Greg Easton "graduated in the class of 1987 from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Thirty years later in 2017,

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CELEBRATING INDUCTEES - A Minnesota Honor Society celebration and induction was held at the Waseca Junior Senior High School Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Minnesota Honor Society inducts 29 Waseca High School students

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

On Wednesday, Oct. 28, 29 Waseca Junior Senior High School students were inducted into the Minnesota Honor Society during a ceremony in the school's performing arts center. It was a somewhat formal event, with students and advisors speaking on topics related to integrity and accomplishment.

Waseca High School Principal Justin Johnson welcomed everyone and deferred to the first student speaker, Violet Rohwer, who told those in attendance, "Leadership means a lot of different things to a lot of different people. To some it means a position and a title: manager, captain, or something along those lines. I believe leadership is a lot more abstract and simpler than that. Leadership at its core is to influence those around you in a positive way, and that can absolutely come with a position or title. I think all the leaders around me are changing me for the better. Leadership can mean doing the right thing when no one around you is looking, because eventually, someone might be."

Katelyn Weber described another virtue, "Service is about recognizing that we're all connected and that we all have the ability to make a difference in the lives of others. It is looking beyond our own experiences, recognizing the needs of those around us and choosing to do what we can to contribute to something greater than ourselves."

The introduction of the current members was read by Cash Lynch, Kaylie Morrissey and Zoey Dunn.

Students Noelle Drake, Isabella Garza, Jacey Jensen, Jacob Harguth and Henry Huttemier lit the candles representing Spirit of the Torch, scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Certificates were handed out as Brody Du-

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Preview to Christmas at Vista Lutheran Church Nov. 5

Vista Lutheran Church will host a presentation in word and music from Gustavus Adolphus College at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5. This is a preview to their annual Christmas in Christ Chapel concert. Refreshments to follow

Winter Farmers Market at Farmamerica Nov. 7

Winter Farmers Market events will be from 8 a.m. to noon at Farmamerica's indoor visitor center on many Saturdays through March. Consider shopping from local bakers, pickle-makers, and crafters on Nov. 7.

Veterans' Appreciation Brunch at First Lutheran Church of Waldorf Nov. 7

The First Lutheran Church of Waldorf will hold a Veteran's Appreciation Brunch at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. For further info contact Susan Kipp-570-420-8973.

Soup and Pie Luncheon at Faith United Methodist Saturday, Nov. 7

Faith United Methodist of Waseca is having a Soup and Pie Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7. Chicken Wild Rice Soup, fresh bread, assorted pies. Will also have a bake sale and gently use thrift items. Free will donations accepted.

Holiday Porch Pot Class at Indian Island Winery Nov. 7

The Indian Island Winery will hold a Holiday Porch Pot Class at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7.

Polka Service and Meal at St. Paul Lutheran Church Saturday, Nov. 7

There will be a Polka Service with music from Chuck Thiel and The Jolly Ramblers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waseca at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Kielbasa, roasted potatoes, saur kraut, pickled vegetables, and rolls. Cost is $10 per person.

Purse and Gun Bingo at Starfire Event Center Sunday Nov. 8

The Starfire Event Center will hold a Purse and Gun Bingo event with doors open at noon, kitchen open and bingo starts at 1 p.m. Cost is $50, for 21 and over.

Blood Drive at New Richland City Hall Wednesday, Nov. 11

A Red Cross blood drive will be from 1 to 6 p.m. at the New Richland City Hall on North Broadway, Wednesday, Nov. 11. Donors can sign up in advance online or simply walk in.

A word from The Word

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8



Compostings

by Al Batt

A twist at the end

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

Each year, I am reminded that there is only one thing that scares me at Halloween.

Which is?

Exactly.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Mac Davis wrote and sang, "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way. I can't wait to look in the mirror cause I get better looking each day. To know me is to love me. I must be a hell of a man. Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble, but I'm doing the best that I can."

I find it impossible not to be humble.

I told stories at an elementary school. My throat became parched and dry. I stooped to get a drink from the water fountain. I bent way down. The fountain was low, having been built for its regular clientele. For a tall drink of water like me, it was an epic bow to staying hydrated. It was the fountain of youth. Ponce de Leon would have been proud. Except for the part where the first jet of water went up my nose.

ASK AL

"Why does an ostrich hide its head in the sand?" It didn't want to hear or see one more campaign ad. An ostrich doesn't exhibit the behavior of burying its head in sand.

"My husband and I are about to celebrate our 48th anniversary. What's a suitable gift for him?" The 48th is the Barbed Wire Anniversary. A coupon good at the Endless Paper Cuts Store is an appropriate gift.

"What is the book "Catch-22" about?" It is about a local baseball team's average number of catches out of 100 pop flies.

IN LOCAL NEWS

Used bookstore offers reheated coffee.

Man gets his 10,000 steps while looking for his car in a gigantic parking ramp.

Local store makes good money when business is good, but business has never been good.

Rest area is too closed for comfort.

The emerald ash borer proves that all wood things must end.

Man sells a homing pigeon for the 37th time.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

If there is a toilet in your dreams, don't use it.

Carpenter ants are just like other ants except rainy days and Mondays always get them down.

Where do geese go on vacation? Honk Konk.

I read a book on installing lightbulbs. It had a great twist at the end.

What is the hardest thing about skydiving? The ground.

NATURE NOTES

A joyous cloud of birds twisted across a harvested field. They were blackbirds taking advantage of flock intelligence, and they weren't quiet about it. The birds had something to say. The mixed flocks could include red-winged blackbirds, common grackles, brown-headed cowbirds, European starlings, rusty blackbirds, Brewer's blackbirds and yellow-headed blackbirds.

The multicolored Asian lady beetle is known as the Asian lady beetle, Halloween lady beetle, harlequin ladybird beetle, pumpkin ladybird beetle, multivariate lady beetle and Japanese lady beetle (not to be confused with the Japanese beetle). Asian lady beetles were introduced in 1916 and in 1964-65 to control pecan aphids. From 1978 to 1982, Asian lady beetles were released in Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington for biological control. The released beetles spread. They were never introduced to Minnesota for biological control measures but traveled here and were first documented in 2004. Multicolored Asian lady beetles are drawn to soybean fields, where they feed on aphids throughout the growing season. After the beans are harvested and temperatures begin to drop, the beetles look for a warm place to spend the winter. They migrate en masse toward buildings—particularly the sunny, south-facing walls of light-colored structures. Unlike our beloved native ladybugs, these beetles bite, and they emit a foul-smelling yellow fluid when disturbed. They don't reproduce indoors, but they do hibernate in large groups in warm, protected spots in attics, wall voids, or behind trim and baseboards. On warm fall or winter days, they become active again, appearing as surprise guests inside our homes. In Minnesota, lady beetles fly to buildings between late September and late October, when temperatures are above 65°F and before freezing temperatures set in. Look for a distinct black M-shaped marking behind the head to identify it as a multicolored Asian lady beetle.

"Do vultures find food by sight or by smell?" All vultures find food with their incredible eyesight, but turkey vultures have a keenly developed sense of smell, which they can use when foraging for carrion. It's not clear to what extent turkey vultures rely on their eyesight versus their ability to smell.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness."—George Sand.

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In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

Trick-or-treat entourage

I was part of a trick or treat entourage this Halloween. I can claim I was one member of a group of 13, roughly half of whom were adults supervising as children went from place to place. What we really were was an amorphous, ever-changing mix and remix of groups which adjusted (not always smoothly) as older children moved ahead excitedly and a toddler stopped intermittently to do one of his favorite things, climb the nearest set of stairs.

Of course a wagon was brought along for the small child to ride in–everyone who's raised a child knows how that went: A person ends up pushing the wagon and carrying (or chasing) the child.

None of this is a complaint, I had grand fun. Thank goodness for cell phones, though, or who knows how long those of us with the car would have been circling to find the folks on foot as the evening was winding down.

I was very impressed by a number of circumstances as my loosely associated crew circulated in the northeast section of Waseca. It was obvious a fair number of homeowners and "trunk or treat" operators had enjoyed themselves as they chose the decor for their many stations. During those times when the amorphous shifts in our groupings left me only in the company of adults, I was grateful for the chance to appreciate the clever themes of the trunk-or-treats and, in some cases, the literally festive decorations at some houses.

Given the price of candy, I was also impressed how generously people handed it out. The various bags and buckets of our group became very full after two hours of dashing at high speed from place to place. The fellow who took the trouble to be sure he had a liquid treat for the adults seemed to have fun surprising them as he handed over a can of hard cider.

Finally, I was astounded at the weather. I took note of one lad dressed in the tank top and shorts of a basketball player, and of numerous girls in elegant-looking short-sleeved dresses and was struck with the realization they were perfectly comfortable in the 60-something temperatures. The members of my group who dressed in warmer costumes–a full-body one similar in shape to a onesie pajama, eventually had to fold the top half down and tie it around her waist using the sleeves. Another member who had a sort of fleece poncho was so warm by the end of the evening, the poncho was wet with his sweat. He was okay, though, because he ran so fast from place to place the cape flew out behind him, cooling him underneath.

Because each was helping supervise children, it was the first time in 20 years or so that I was out trick or treating in the company of my three sons while trick or treating. My eldest, who is 6'4" tall, somehow got hold of a flamingo costume in his size; all I have to do is think about his comical strutting, and I find myself laughing–again. If you see me in the next week or so, just say the word "flamingo" and see what happens.





Above, Diana and Steve Welander of Waseca were among the many, many area people who set up a clever, appealing "trunk or treat" display at local church parking lots.

Below, Deb's son decided to dress as a flamingo. Pioneer photos by Deb Bently

Filled in the bubbles, earning my sticker



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

I never really enjoy getting super political.

Not nowadays, when everyone is opposed on every issue and some people always have to be right.

And especially not with the fact that it's hard to find accurate information when we constantly question sources and fact checking (granted there are reliable resources out there for fact checking).

So politics to me has never been something I wanted to talk about. Why get into an argument with someone when I don't have to? Why sit through a conversation wondering the whole time where they got their information and trying to remember where I got mine and if it was reliable.

Jack and I had dinner with his grandma's brother about a month ago, and out of curiosity, he asked us if us young people ever talked about politics or had political conversations with friends or other people our age.

And honestly, I never do. While I did talk about politics quite a bit in college, I think a lot of it was because I was either talking with journalism friends at the Minnesota Daily where it was our job to be caught up on politics so it was easy to converse, or it was because I was talking with my best friend, who I was comfortable with.

But here, it might be because I'm still trying with friends and learning who they are and how I fit, or if it's because I don't want to talk about it, but never once do we talk about politics. Jack says he never talks about it with his friends either, so we had to tell his relative no. He found it interesting, and the question, of course, got me thinking.

All this to say, I voted. I am currently writing this after sitting at a kitchen table late into the night trying to fill out my ballot like a good citizen.

Now, being 22 and having recently moved to a big city (where I wasn't attending college) this has been the first time I recall when I've really sat down to go through and fill out a ballot. It took me over an hour to fill out the two-page, double-sided form, and if I'm completely honest, it was a lot harder than I thought it was going to be.

As a journalist, I have been taught through classes, active coverage of an election, and working, how important it is to vote and to participate as a citizen. We fought for this right, it is our duty to vote. But not only that, I've learned how important it is to be an informed citizen.

As I was filling out the questions and doing my research so I could learn more about the issues at hand, part of me wondered how much my vote truly matters. Is my vote going to be the difference in whether Colorado's transit system expands? But then that saying of "Your vote matters!" came floating back and I started to feel the weight of my vote. My Yes or No could be life changing to someone.

So I did the research, meticulously filled in the bubbles, and submitted my envelope with a bit more pride than I had before.

Anyway, I just wanted to say it's cool to vote, no matter what your belief is, so I hope you did.

My Determination: "The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed." — Alexander Hamilton, The Federalist Papers

What does a 'perfect day' look like?



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

I am grateful the political season is behind us.

Election years are generally good for the newspaper, but not my health.

Many advertisements, election notices, questionnaires, all require lots of time, energy and attention to detail. I'm glad it's done.

I told Editor Deb this week that I don't really feel comfortable putting very many health updates into the paper. Folks ask me when they see me how I am doing. And honestly it's just up and down, up and down. It feels disappointing and confusing to communicate that there's some form of pain and discomfort every day, and some days are worse while others are less bad.

Lately I have been seeing a GI (gut) specialist at the Mayo Clinic and she has ordered loads of tests. I was diagnosed with a bacterial overgrowth in my small intestines. Antibiotics helped but didn't clear it out. After my appointment this past week, the doctor told me we need to figure out what was causing it to persist. She prescribed a stronger antibiotic, ordered more blood tests and more…let's just call them stomach tests. I left the office feeling pretty hopeless.

Another appointment wasn't available until February. But it will take a couple months for the tests she ordered, regardless.

The latest thing to be optimistic about, however, are the results from my most recent blood test. I have a really high iron count in my blood–roughly twice what is considered normal. This could either be a result of my GI issues or their cause. The Artificial Intelligence gods tell me it is highly likely I have faulty genes that cause my body to hang onto way too much iron. A simple blood test is needed to confirm. If that is the case, it is likely that is what has caused the overgrowth in my insides because bacteria thrive on iron.

I have written explanations for what is wrong with me before and am generally wrong as are the doctors who keep guessing right along with me.

On the bright side, I get to make a really funny joke about this.

What might you consider the most archaic medieval medical practice that no practitioner would consider using in a modern medical facility, but which might work on my condition?

If you guess leeches or bleeding, you would be right. To treat excess iron, "blood-letting" is the treatment. Removing blood removes a couple hundred milliliters of iron at the same time. Treatments are typically spaced one or two weeks apart and continue until numbers are normal, followed by treatments every couple months.

When I was talking to Editor Deb about this she asked me, "I suppose you can't just donate blood?"

Yes!

That is actually the typical treatment.

Reading about the side effects of excess iron, I experience all of them, minus some of the longer term ones. Oftentimes excess iron is identified in autopsies because of the damage caused to various organs. When the body has excess iron, it stores it in major organs, which is damaging over time.

So I guess I need to be leeched?

Who would have thought?

I don't know if this is actually the answer as the long list of symptoms I have fall under a few categories of possible factors.

Honestly, I just hope my body will feel normal again at some point in my life, before I die.

My back is healing, albeit slowly. I can move around and walk and am exercising again.

In the middle of September I was so low, my back in so much pain, I prayed simply asking for the ability to go on one more walk on a nice day. At nine months of injury time, with it not getting any better, really only worse, I was pretty miserable.

I am grateful that prayer was answered. And I do have faith my stomach/gut issues will be resolved.

The other difficult part of this is being fully reliant on those around me to help with so many parts of my professional life (and honestly personal life at various points). I am incredibly grateful for everyone I employ and everyone in my life. The newspaper staff is truly great.

This past week Dad was out sick and unable to do his job, so I had to fill in on sports. I still cannot take pictures at sporting events because standing that long is incredibly painful.

After sleeping for 15 hours from Friday into Saturday (extreme fatigue is a side effect of all of my issues), I watched both NRHEG and Waseca play football games and proceeded to work until roughly 2 a.m. Sunday morning.

I still get out of my house to see folks. I love people too much to stay inside, no matter how tired I am. But for anyone wondering how I spend my time, oftentimes it is devoted to steps meant to avoid pain.

I believe in trying to have "per-

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Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Meeting Thursday, Nov. 12

The SWCD will be holding its monthly board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12. The meetings will be held in the SWCD offices located at 300 North State Street - Door 4.

Red Cross blood drive at Trinity Lutheran, Janesville, Nov. 12

The need for donated blood is on-going. Donors are encouraged to take part in blood drives whenever they are eligible. A drive will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville, at 412 N. Main Street, from 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12. Sign up in advance on the Red Cross donor app, or walk in.

Murder Mystery at Alexander House Nov. 13 and 14

The Waseca Exchange Club is sponsoring four live murder mystery performances at 610 N. State Street in Waseca at 6:30 and 8 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14. Tickets are available at the Waseca Art Center: $35, payable with check or cash.

Winter Farmers Market at Farmamerica Saturday, Nov. 14

Winter Farmers Market events will be from 8 a.m. to noon at Farmamerica's indoor visitor center on most Saturdays through March. Consider shopping from local bakers, pickle-makers, and crafters on Nov. 14.

Wreaths Across America Breakfast at Waseca Legion Sunday, Nov. 15

All-you-can-eat Breakfast for Wreaths Across America at the Waseca Legion from 8 a.m. thru noon Sunday, Nov. 15. Cost is $12 for adults, $8 kids 12 and under. Proceeds honor Fort Snelling National Cemetery Veterans.

Members Show featuring Joan Finnegan at Waseca Art Center Saturday, Nov. 21

The Waseca Art Center will feature painter Joan Finnegan along with the WAC members' show from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

Turkey Trot at Farmamerica Saturday, Nov. 21

Farmamerica's family-friendly Turkey Trot fun run/walk invites people to run, jog, walk, and even push strollers at their own pace for the 5K event, completing as many or as few laps as they wish. Advance registration is required; either use the Farmamerica website or stop by the facility in advance. To secure your T-shirt and fun race merch, register by Nov. 10.



THE FRUITS OF FOOD PREP - Middle, Landon Mattson and Ton Betheke were grilling up some tuna steaks and vegetables outside for a middle school foods class on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026. Right, Jackson, Kegan and Mayson were part of the outdoor grilling session. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Food prep class teaches grilling for the future

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Armed with tongs, a collection of middle school students encircled about 10 grills on the west side of the Waseca Junior Senior High School the afternoon of Oct. 26. Members of a Family and Consumer Sciences food preparation class, they were there to try their hands at the safe preparation of various foods, including chicken, pork, steak, and tuna steaks. Kevin and Amy Kelm of the Waseca-based food truck Kelm's BBQ were there to offer assistance–including lighting the charcoal grills. Hy-Vee and Morgan's Meat Market had donated the meat.

Questions rang out, including, "Should the meat be on fire?" or "I lost my tongs, do you have another pair?" and "Can I keep the coals after we're done using them?"

Supervising the group was Brenda Harguth; a substitute for the day, she had led Teighlor Eilertson's Food Prep class out for the experience. Also on hand was Ag teacher Robin Tidd; she had brought the members of her Animal Science class. "This is a great opportunity for junior and senior students to learn about the animal industry," she mentioned. "Food is just one of the many products we get from them."

Working in groups of three or so, students were allowed to select a cut of meat or fish, season it, and then place it on the grill. Landon Mattson, who was in the process of cooking tuna steaks said, "I took the tuna because no one else wanted to." He was also in the process of putting a tin of vegetables on the grill, then adding butter to aid in the cooking and flavoring. Alongside him were Brayden Malecha and Crosby Hinna, who both said they were experienced grillers.

Tidd observed, "The students love this hands-on stuff. This is a first-time thing for some of them, and they will take that into adulthood. Not just the grilling, but the marination, the preparation, the handling of the raw meat–it all plays into it."

As the meat began to be done, students used meat thermometers to confirm each type had reached its safe serving temperature. That done, they shared the various dishes they had prepared. They all looked like they enjoyed it; the students were outside for about an hour.

Lutefisk dinner keeps a 38-year tradition alive

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Some of the 225 or so diners who bought tickets to the Nov. 1 lutefisk dinner at North Waseca Lutheran Church have been coming for decades. Not only that, but they travel a large region of Minnesota to find the lutefisk dinners which still exist.

Jerry Schaefer of Madison Lake first learned about the dinner from church member and lutefisk cook Greg Thomson more than 20 years ago, and has been coming ever since. For the past decade or so, he's brought along Mankato residents Steven Vatndal and Anita Baerg-Vatndal. Anita made a point of bringing some lingonberry preserves–the traditional and tasty spreading for lefse.

"This dinner is special to us," said church member and event organizing committee member Roy Srp. "It's a way we connect with the community, and part of our heritage." The dinner has been served for about 38 years. Srp greets diners as they arrive and has them take a seat in the main part of the church while preparations downstairs proceed.

This year he composed lyrics to go with the tune of the John Denver song "Take Me Home, Country Roads." The song invited, "Eat all you want, we do this just for you."

The Kyle and Amanda Johnson family from New Richland are also among the lutefisk aficionados willing to travel to find the famous dish. Family matron Amanda makes lutefisk for special family celebrations, including Christmas Eve.

Youngest family member Aurella, 8, declared the lutefisk was the best-tasting food on the table, even though a plate of homemade cookies and a small platter of lefse were among the options. Kyle revealed Aurella wasn't even a year old when Amanda gave her a few spoonfuls at her first Christmas; on Sunday she quickly consumed three helpings.

The Johnson family has many stories related to the dish–one people seem either to love or to hate. In fact, the very first time Amanda met Kyle's parents was at the North Waseca lutefisk dinner. Amanda has never been one to eat any kind of fish; not knowing that, Kyle's father Odean dished some lutefisk onto her plate.

Even a small taste of the famously aromatic fish had her ready to gag; she reached for what seemed to be a glass of water and discovered it was juice that had been poured off the fish platter.

When Kyle's sister Rochelle brought her fiancee Chris to a family celebration, Kyle says Odean piled his plate high with lutefisk and told him he was expected to eat it. The incident was more successful than that with Amanda: "He really loves it now," Kyle says of Chris.



KEEPING IT HOT - Cooks (from left) Greg Thomson, Ryan Miller, Nathan Schultz, Gary Paulson and Jim Hansen kept busy getting the lutefisk, mashed potatoes, and meatballs ready for the three settings of diners who visited North Waseca Lutheran Church during the annual lutefisk dinner. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently



FAMILY TRADITION - Three generations of the Kyle and Amanda Johnson family of New Richland have been coming to the North Waseca lutefisk dinner since, well, since before there were three generations. Youngest group member Aurella, 8, declared the lutefisk to be the best-tasting food on the table, outdoing even the Rommergrot and the cookie platter offered for dessert. Pictured here are, from left, Kendall, Amanda, Aurella, Kyle and Andrea Johnson. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

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ROCHESTER, Minn. — With upcoming elections, the Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds campaigners that state law prohibits placement of political signs or any advertising on highway right-of-way.

These areas include driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches, sight corners at intersections, and boulevards in urban areas. It also includes displaying flags or other signs on bridges over traffic. You can also visit the MnDOT website for additional information about signs on state right-of-way.

State law requires MnDOT workers to take down political or advertising signs located on the state highway right-of-way. County, city and township employees administer the laws on their roads. You can retrieve signs by contacting your local MnDOT office.

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Waseca Legion Blood Drive



GIVING FOR GOOD - Lori Harris got her blood drawn at the Waseca American Legion by Jaycee of the Red Cross on Monday, Oct. 26, 2026. Jaycee said their goal for the day was 45 units. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

High school class features political forums

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

"There are intricate things that go into running a government," observes Waseca High School senior Henry Huttemier. "It was interesting listening to the different candidates. They had different ideas sometimes, but they all seemed to be seeking office because they want to serve the public."

About 20 Waseca high school students are taking part in a year-long political science class taught by local social studies teacher John Hanson. Because of an arrangement with the University of Minnesota "College in the Schools" program, students are earning high school and college credits simultaneously.

As part of the course, students have helped coordinate three political forums which were recorded and posted online. Offices presented have been for the Waseca school board, the city council and mayor, and Minnesota House seat 19B.

On Oct 28, students heard from Democratic candidate Zach Meyman and incumbent Republican Tom Sexton on issues including the state budget, funding of education, data centers, and fraud.

Describing their impressions afterward, class members Elliott Galle, Eryn Harrison and Huttemier said the forums, and the chance to meet and interact with candidates in person, have broadened their perspective regarding politics in general and elections particularly.

"It's not the party, it's the person," observed Harrison. She describes having been able to build an understanding of the candidates as people rather than only names on a ballot. That understanding, she continues, extends to the entire election process. "You want to find out who they are," she suggests.



FORUM FEEDBACK - Students (from left) Eryn Harrison, Henry Huttemier, and Elliott Galle were part of a Waseca High School class which had local politicians as guest speakers. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

Galle says she values compassion in a leader, while she also acknowledges some level of aggressive leadership might be needed to accomplish goals or projects. "I guess I'm looking for some level of happy medium," she states. She and Harrison both observe that, as they heard statements from Sexton and Meyman, they appreciated it when each provided evidence and illustrations to support their positions.

Both also express gratitude for the class and the opportunities it affords them–including the chance to earn credits toward their future college careers.

"There's so much I wouldn't have realized without forums like this," Galle states. Where she probably would not have before, she says she is now fairly likely to attend future political debates or events.

Huttemier, the only one of the three old enough to vote, says he plans to be casting a ballot come election day. He says the forums have helped him understand how important it is to the political process.

The three explain students can register for the College in the Schools course only if invited. They have appreciated the academic challenge of the college-level curriculum, and the specific subject matter they have covered so far.

Instructor Hanson has been teaching the course since 2008, and says he regards it as a privilege. "Every year, there's growth," he comments. "It's enjoyable to see how their perspectives change from starting in the fall to when we're finishing up in the spring. I'm glad to say we can send them out as graduates who will be ready to make real contributions to their communities."

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as described by one person at the symposium, "is pretty heady stuff. Not the kind of subjects people in prison are used to talking about."

The course centers on four main virtues: wisdom, courage, self-control and justice. Sessions encourage participants to consider the importance of personal integrity.

Another participant present at the Oct. 27 symposium commented, "People think we can just walk out of prison and start new lives, but there are so many hurdles that make it difficult."

Participant Mike McHaney told of how, as an inmate, he had taken great pleasure in helping raise and train puppies destined to become service dogs. When he left prison, he decided he would like to pay back that opportunity by rescuing a dog, a 73-pound American bulldog named Houdini, from a shelter, only to find out a city law required anyone with a felony conviction to pay a $250 application fee to have a dog larger than 20 pounds.

McHaney went to the city council to protest the fee; soon after, the law was changed so that individuals whose crimes were nonviolent no longer had to pay to apply.

One participant described the "A, B, C" rule of being employed. "First, you get 'Any' job," he explained. "You build a good reputation there, so you can get a 'Better' job.

"After a while, you can start working toward building a 'Career.'"

One speaker who provided a brief testimonial during the symposium thanked the Redemption Project for teaching him about values, and went on to say that the people attending the meeting had the responsibility to represent themselves well for the sake of others who will be leaving incarceration and working to rebuild their lives in the future.

Applications sought for Santa Anonymous

The Christmas Holiday season is fast approaching! This means the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center is now taking applications for the Santa Anonymous program.

Santa Anonymous offers Waseca County families a way to provide gifts for their children for Christmas. Parents of children ages newborn to grade 8 who are income eligible and are residents of Waseca County may apply.

Check the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center and Food Shelf Facebook page and www.wasecareaneighborhood-servicecenter.com website for details regarding scheduled sign up dates and times. You may also stop in at the Waseca Area Neighborhood Center or call (507) 833-4119 to ask questions, including eligibility requirements for this program.

Applications are also available at the Waseca County Health building, MVAC Waseca and through Waseca schools.

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fault, Amilya Lynch and Savanna Vagts introduced the new inductees:

Armaan Bhatti, son of Atif and Farkhanda Bhatti. Samuel Feldkamp, son of Jeannie and Gregg Feldkamp. Brier Hayes, daughter of Tom and Stephanie Hayes. Hannah Helget, daughter of Brooke Helget and Mike Rolling. Allyson Holmseth, daughter of Kirsten and John Holmseth. Oriana Jewison, daughter of Ben and Dominique Jewison. Charley Kietzman, daughter of Katie Clayton. Kellen Klinger, son of Tony and Heidi Klinger. Jacob Knutson, son of Brian and Heidi Knutson. Carly Kratzer, daughter of Andy and Emily Kratzer. Ty Krautkremer, son of Amy Krautkremer and Ryan Krautkremer. Mya Lynch, daughter of Jon and Tiffany Lynch. Allison Mader, daughter of Andrew and Molly Mader. Khloe Nelson, daughter of Melissa Nelson, Chris and Raenee Nelson. Archer O'Brien, son of Ben and Ria O'Brien. Violet Patterson, daughter of Jody and Alice Patterson. Lillian Petersen, daughter of Kyle and Christine Petersen. Isaac Pfeifer, son of John and Dawn Pfeifer. Enoch Possin, son of James and Christine Possin. Resse Rodriguez, daughter of Nathan and Debbie Rodriguez. Claire Roemhildt, daughter of Bill and Stephanie Roemhildt. Madalynn Root, daughter of Charles and Brianne Root. Mandi Root, daughter of Sheila and Brian Root. Hannah Rugger, daughter of Nathan and Sarah Rugger. Patsy Sandoval-Pliego, daughter of Luis Sandoval-Palma and Marisela Pliego-Leana. Maren Schimming, daughter of Chirs and Rebecca Schimming. Ava VanDenHemel, daughter of Dennis and Becky VanDenHemel. Cyrus Wilson, son of Krissy Wilson and Mathias Wilson. Ryan Yoder, son of Ted and Michele Yoder. Addison Zimmerman, daughter of Randy and Crystal Zimmerman.

Afterward students and their families were invited for refreshments out in the high school commons.

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I graduated from there as well."

After receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Government from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, Christy received a Master of Science in European and International Politics from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. She was finally designated as a Naval Intelligence Officer after finishing Naval Intelligence Officer basic training in Dam Neck, Virginia.

She has served in Hawaii; Molesworth, England; Ottawa, Canada; and Washington, DC. Her assignments also placed her as the Air Wing's Intelligence Officer on the USS Abraham Lincoln and the USS John C. Stennis, both nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. Her duties were to serve as an advisor to the ship's captain regarding potential and developing threats.

Across her naval career, she earned two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Commendation Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals and the Joint Achievement Medal.

Currently, a typical naval officer's career lasts between 12 and 15 years. After 21 years and having attained the rank of Commander, she found she wanted to spend time with her family. She moved to Waseca because that's where her parents retired to and what was named as her military "home of record," so it was only fitting she returned here upon retirement.

Once in Waseca, she was looking for activities completely different from the Navy so she started volunteering at the Waseca Art Center and eventually became a staff member. She has scheduled art classes, been a student in the classes themselves and has played a major part in gallery openings and receptions. She said, "we are always looking for art instructors, so contact the Art Center if you have an idea!" She enjoys her new life here in Waseca and being with her family and making new friends.

In her down time, she says she tries to avoid the news: "I watch the 'Antiques Roadshow' almost constantly, sometimes it feels like it's on a loop." She's also a big fan of "Portrait Artist of the Year," "Landscape Artist of the Year," and "Last one Laughing."

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St. John's Lutheran Fall Festival offers dining, shopping options

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

St. John's Lutheran Church of Waseca held its annual Fall Festival over lunch on Saturday, Oct. 31. They served sloppy joes and vegetable beef soup along with an assortment of pies to choose from for dessert.

Kim Groskreutz and Linda Sandburg organized much of the food prep for the day. Said Groskreutz, "This week was a little different, but on a normal week in order to be ready by Saturday, we would go shopping Tuesday and get everything we need. On Thursday, we do all of our prep and cutting of the vegetables and beef, not just for the sloppy joes but for the soup as well. The cooking was done in kettles this morning."

Ticket taker Marie Tesch, said there were over 100 people through the door by noon, "Usually at these we see from 125 to 150 people. It would be great if we beat that number today." She said they had 30 volunteers working, all members of the church, "The church paid for all of this, with help from a Thrivent grant; the proceeds go toward local missions first, like Bethlehem Inn and the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center Food Shelf. Any surplus funds go toward the national missions."



SERVING COMFORT - The St. John Lutheran Fall Festival took place on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026. There were about 30 volunteers, including these seven gals in the kitchen, from left: Doreen Bathke, Kim Groskreutz, Rhonda Conrath, Julie Keen, Marsha Vollbrecht, Linda Sandborg, and Luanne Huber.
Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Debbie Barttelt was manning the bake sale on the upper level. It was also a thrift sale and had some pretty unique items. Lots of collector China plates, puzzles, dolls, bags of popcorn, pies, jams and jellies and Thanksgiving and Christmas themed items. Barttelt is also a member of the St. John's Quilters and wanted everyone to know, "We donate 100 quilts a year to the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center, and 200 every year to the Albert Lea St. John's Lutheran. We also put together baby quilts and include them in little baby kits, including things like diapers, onesie outfits, wipes etc." Mary Meyman said they also have quilts for graduating high school students, "All they have to do is come in and pick one out. Anyone can be a quilter, just stop by and ask!"



Bits and Pieces

by Dave Zika

Dinner table musings

My mom, Sweet Adeline, was a stay-at-home mom, as were most of the mothers living on our block in Austin. One of her biggest chores was to feed three growing, always hungry, boys. She was the casserole queen, making tuna hotdish, goulash, and tater tot hotdish. On Sundays it was always a beef roast or Hormelcure 81 ham. Mashed potatoes and vegetables rounded out the meal. She was a master at doing many different things with Jello. Pancakes were another frequent favorite; Dad made a point of rationing the bacon or little sizzlers so each boy got an equal share.

Supper was always on the table at 5:30 pm. During the summer dad always made us sit and digest our food for 15 minutes when the meal was finished. Neighborhood friends never understood how important it was to sit and digest your food. Daily they would knock and beat on the back door, trying to get our attention to come play kick the can. During the school year, each of us had to stay at the table after supper and share with Mom and Dad what we'd learned in school. I don't remember any of us ever sharing a school story with great enthusiasm. I guess it will always be the teacher, educator in me: I hope you always learn something when you choose to read my bits and pieces, this and that, and abstract random musings.

It's fall, there is a special scent in the air, and a new crisp feeling to the breeze. Leaves are turning their brightest colors and the migration to a warmer climate is now in full swing.

I enjoy watching birds during the fall; a special element is the arrival of birds I haven't seen all summer. Thousands of swallows arrive on the lake shores in late September. They start out earlier than most because they want to make sure plenty of insects are still around for them to eat; The need the energy for the long journey ahead. I had a spectacular drive coming back from the cabin one afternoon. Thousands of swallows were sitting lined up on the powerlines for a couple miles. A number of hummingbirds were using the feeders at the cabin the third week in September. They didn't stay long after that, hedging their bets that the flower gardens would soon fall victim to the first frost.

White birds of all sizes are now seen everywhere in Waseca, the seagulls and terns have arrived. When I go to Walmart to shop, I slow down to see the seagulls perched on the roof of the Grand Stay hotel. It's as if the head seagull taught them to line up perfectly on the gray, freshly creamed, rooftop.

Seagulls have now also taken over the lawn in front of the high school, and the ball diamond grass next to the swimming pool. Those large areas are ideal for hunting grasshoppers and other insects

On a drive down the highway, you may observe a farmer plowing and thousands of gulls and terns following the turned up earth fiesting on worms and other dirt inhabitants.

Clouds of birds now fill the skies. Many of them are black in color and fill trees, marshes or sloughs in the evening.

Many people who enjoy their bird feeders can now share stories about birds they haven't seen all summer. Birds are making short stops in backyards so they can build up energy for the long journey home.

The coots, also called mudhens, are observed in tight-knit groups on Clear Lake. You won't see them flying south. Coots are poor flyers, and

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Christmas Time at the Mill Donation



Discover Waseca Tourism donated to the Christmas Time at the Mill celebration on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the American Family Insurance building. The sixth Annual Christmas Time at the Mill will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, from noon until 7 p.m. It's a winter wonderland built for children and families, and featuring Santa, Olaf, Elsa, and the Grinch. There will be crafts, face painting, story time, free books, free hot chocolate and Christmas cookies, and a stuffed animal for every child. Last year, 400 children and 1,100 people enjoyed the day, prompting this year's extra hour to allow more families a chance to attend.

Pictured from left, front row: Diane Beckmann, Barb Timlin, Matt Petsinger, Discover Waseca Tourism President Mikhail Rostislavovich, and Christy Easton. Back row: Scott Kassel, Jenny David, and Kaleb Kubat.
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The Pastor's Column

Panic equals death

By PASTOR MICHAEL COGLAN
Real Life Covenant Church

About twelve years ago, I found myself in an anxious situation. I was aboard a gold-dredging ship off the coast of Alaska. I was suited up in diving gear and was literally about to be dropped into the Bering Sea. I had no experience, no training, and, in truth, I barely knew how to swim.

The only instructions I had received came during an intense journey out to the dredge. Over the noise of wind, waves and machines, I yelled to my benefactor that there was no way I was going to remember everything he was shouting at me. He shouted back, "That's okay, Mike. You only have to remember one thing: Panic. Equals. Death. You stay calm. Control your breathing. If you don't panic, you'll be okay."

Those words have stayed with me.

I was on a three-month sabbatical, and I had deliberately chosen a series of risky experiences. I was inspired by a short passage of Scripture I had memorized in seminary:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6–7)

It is fascinating that Scripture commands us not to be anxious. We need to be careful here. I am not talking about mental illness or the emotional wounds that can result from trauma. Our emotions can be broken just like our bones. There is no shame in seeking medical treatment for emotional wounds any more than there is shame in treating a physical injury.

But anxiety should not become an excuse for running away from difficult situations. Sometimes fear is a signal that we are being called into the furnace, not away from it. We cannot allow fear to become an excuse for spiritual negligence.

Paul's instructions in Philippians 4 were written in the context of a church conflict. Two women, Euodia and Syntyche, were having a disagreement. These were mature Christian leaders who had worked alongside Paul in spreading the gospel. Yet something had gone wrong, and their disagreement had become serious enough to threaten the unity of the church. , Paul never tells us what they were arguing about. Apparently, the issue itself was less important than resolving the conflict.

We can all relate to this. A difference of opinion becomes an argument. Feelings get hurt, bitterness develops, and suddenly two people cannot even be in the same room together. Even people who aren't directly involved begin to feel the anxiety. People take sides, factions develop, and newcomers walk into the church wondering what in the world is going on.

We sometimes turn minor differences into major divisions. We don't all agree about politics, personal preferences, or the best way to do things. But we need to distinguish between the essential truths of our faith and the lesser matters on which Christians can disagree. We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that salvation is by grace. These are foundational truths. Other matters allow room for differences of opinion.

The church needs leaders who value unity more than winning an argument. Even mature Christians sometimes need help resolving disagreements. But whether we need help or not, we need to work things out before division takes hold.

Anxiety is the opposite of hope. Biblical hope isn't wishful thinking. It is the confident anticipation of God's goodness. I can trust that God loves me, is teaching me, and is developing me. Even in difficult circumstances, I can anticipate that God is at work.

Anxiety, on the other hand, anticipates the worst. It focuses on everything that might go wrong. Instead of living with hope, we begin living with fear.

So how do we overcome anxiety? Paul gives us five practical instructions. First, Paul writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Some of you might think Paul doesn't understand your circumstances. You have a terrible commute, a difficult job, or a seemingly endless list of problems. But Paul understands suffering. He is writing these words from prison, knowing that he may soon die.

His instruction is to rejoice anyway. The secret is learning to respond to Jesus rather than simply reacting to our circumstances. Don't freak out. Don't leave nasty voicemails. Don't yell at people and blame them for your problems. Remember who Jesus is and what he has done for you.

Paul continues, "Let your gentleness be evident to all." When we become anxious, we often become rough with other people. We make unreasonable demands, speak harshly, and expect everyone else to accommodate our emotions. Gentleness is a sign that we are trusting God. When we are rejoicing in the Lord, we don't have to take our frustrations out on everyone around us.

Thirdly Paul writes, "The Lord is near." When we are stressed, we can feel isolated and alone. But Jesus promised never to leave us or forsake us. He is alive, he is present, and he is interceding for us. You are not facing your circumstances alone. Remember that Jesus is near.

Next, pray. Paul says, "In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Don't let your first inclination be to fire off an angry email, gossip, or announce your grievances on Facebook. Your first inclination should be to talk to Jesus.

Pray until your heart is better. That doesn't necessarily mean your circumstances will change. But your attitude can change. Your motives can become clearer, your emotions can settle, and your words can become more gracious. Sometimes the most important thing that changes through prayer isn't the situation. It's us.

Finally, meditate on beautiful things. In verse 8, he tells us to think about whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, or praiseworthy.

There is a lot of beauty in this world. It isn't all bad. Sometimes I realize that the television, radio, or internet news is simply dragging me down. Why am I spending so much time filling my mind with things that make me anxious?

Think about Jesus. Think about Scripture. Think about what is good and beautiful. Think about how you can respond faithfully instead of reacting emotionally. Sometimes we use our anxiety as a blank check to say and do whatever we want. We tell ourselves that because someone upset us, we are justified in responding however we please. But we are never off the hook. Our response is our responsibility.

I learned something about that on a gold-dredging ship in the Bering Sea. When you are in deep water, panic doesn't help. You have to stay calm, control your breathing, and remember what you have been taught.

The same is true when we find ourselves in the deep waters of conflict, uncertainty, and fear. We don't have to pretend that the danger isn't real. We don't have to ignore our problems. But we do need to remember that Jesus is near.

Panic equals death. Faithfulness leads us toward life. And the promise of Philippians 4 is that when we bring our anxieties to God, his peace will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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Murder Mystery fundraiser at Alexander House Nov. 13, 14

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

The year is 1916. Decades of imperial leadership are coming to a close as middle class citizens of Russia are rising up against the Czar and his family, some of whom have lived lives of conspicuous decadence while commoners went hungry.

Aware that the country is on the very brink of revolution, nervous members of the imperial family and some of their acquaintances have gathered to hear a live performance by the composer Sergei Rachmaninoff in the hope it will calm them and allow them to support one another.

Some of the nobles are so confident the revolution is coming that they will be fleeing the country within the next 24 hours. As the concert proceeds downstairs, one maid is upstairs sewing jewelry into her mistresses' skirts.

A member of the older generation who became a nun after her husband's death is upstairs praying fervently for her son, who is suffering yet another attack of hemophilia thanks to the inbreeding the family has followed to preserve their bloodline.

Angry and unpredictable, the monk Rasputin prowls the upper floor, not so much praying perhaps as ranting at God.

In the midst of all this tension, a murder has occurred. The victim's name is Kirill: No one in the building is sorry to see him dead. A two-faced traitor, he has been revealing the secret hiding places of the nobility to the Bolsheviks striving to exterminate them.

Investigators have been called in to determine the facts of the case.

For the third year, the Waseca Exchange Club is hosting a murder mystery at Alexander House, the restored Edwardian era home of Dwight Tostenson and Mikhail Rostislavovich at 610 North State Street in Waseca.

A total of four performances will take place, two each on both Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14 at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets are $35 each, and can be purchased with checks or cash at the Waseca Art Center, at 200 N. State Street, during its open hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Money raised by the event will be divided to both help support Exchange Club programs, and to help out the Waseca Area Food Shelf.



WHO DUNNIT? - High-class intrigue was in the air at Waseca's Alexander House in 2025, and will be returning on Nov. 13 and 14 this year. As they will again, performances featured volunteers from the Waseca Exchange Club as staff and royalty who happened to be present in the house when a murder occurred.
Pioneer photo by Melanie Piltingsrud

"Investigators" will receive a summary of who the characters and suspects are, along with a list of possible murder weapons and locations where the crime may have occurred. The summary will be available when tickets are purchased for those who wish to do some research in advance, or upon arrival for the more spontaneous sleuths.

Anyone desiring to do so is encouraged to dress in era-appropriate clothing.

For about an hour, detectives will circulate through the action, asking questions of the many witnesses and suspects. It is important to remember, that while most people present will tell the truth, the suspects cannot be relied upon to do so. Investigators are also warned the four performances will each have slightly different solutions, so borrowing the notes of other detectives will not provide the answers.

After an hour, sleuths will gather in the summer house to share their conclusions, as well as a few refreshments.

Anyone who wants more information about the event can contact the Waseca Art Center at 507-835-1701.

■ Veterans

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a bit, he enlisted in the Army thinking he would like to become a member of the Military Police. When that didn't work out, he wanted to be a flight warrant officer, but aptitude tests showed his strongest scores were in mechanics, leading him toward helicopter maintenance and flight operations.

He later spent time stationed in Germany, where being "Sergeant Schulz" provided an endless source of humor during training and classes. Unlike the character in Hogan's Heroes, however, Jordan jokes, "I do know everything, and I see whatever you're doing."

Toni's path into Army Aviation began long before adulthood. She decided at age 12 that she was going to join the Army, signed pre-enlistment papers on her seventeenth birthday, and spent the time before turning 18 training with the National Guard and Civil Air Patrol.

She says becoming a helicopter mechanic fit naturally with an upbringing built around hard work and machinery. Many of the people who raised her were truck drivers, including her mother, who drove a dump truck. By the time Toni entered military service, working with tools, solving mechanical problems and getting her hands dirty were already second nature.

"I had a wrench in my hands at a pretty young age," she says. "We did our own repairs to save money, and I was called on to help."

Across her nine years as a helicopter mechanic, Toni turned that early experience into an aviation career centered on the UH-60 Black Hawk. She performed repairs and comprehensive maintenance and, at times, flew with the aircraft to provide maintenance support away from home station. Toni speaks less about the complexity of the work than about the people around her and the satisfaction of being one part of a team responsible for keeping an aircraft safe and ready.

One experience Toni still remembers came in Alaska, when a Chinook crashed on a mountainside and she was part of a group sent in a Black Hawk to locate and recover pieces of the aircraft. It was the kind of assignment that brought home both the seriousness of aviation and the importance of relying on the people beside you.

"I loved my job," Toni says of the challenges, camaraderie and duties. "I did UH-60 Black Hawk repairs, comprehensive maintenance, sometimes I flew with the aircraft to do maintenance en route."

As a Senior Non-Rated Crewmember Standardization Instructor on the UH-60A/L/M Black Hawk, Jordan eventually helped train and evaluate other crewmembers in safe aircraft operations. He describes instructing less as being the person with all the answers and more as passing along what other soldiers had taught him. In aviation, he says, there is always something more to learn and always someone whose experience can make you better.

After leaving the military, Toni carried the same hands-on drive into civilian life while raising her daughter Tiegen, now 12. To be near family, she moved to South Dakota and went to work for a landscaping company, where she discovered that working with soil, plants and outdoor spaces offered many of the things she had valued in aviation: physical work, problem-solving and the satisfaction of seeing the result of a job done well.

She also took accounting classes and developed an interest in working with numbers--experience that now complements the fieldwork involved in running a small business.

Jordan is the father of two adult children and 12-year-old Mason. After leaving the Army, his family eventually came to Waseca to support his grandmother-in-law during health concerns. After Jordan and his wife later divorced, Toni and Jordan, both single, decided to go from being battle buddies to building a family together. They have now been together for about two years.

Jordan carried his mechanical background into civilian aviation and manufacturing. After leaving the Army, he worked for Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company, developing maintenance training systems in support of the VH-92 Presidential Helicopter Program. He later moved into maintenance and reliability leadership in manufacturing and now works in Faribault. He credits much of what he uses today not to any one position, but to years of learning from mechanics, soldiers, coworkers and leaders who took the time to teach him.

Toni says civilian life eventually reinforced something she already knew about herself: she is happiest when she can work with her hands. She tried working behind a desk, "but I was miserable." That realization helped lead to Southern Minnesota Horticultural Services LLC, bringing together her landscaping experience, practical business skills and preference for being outdoors.

What began primarily with landscaping work has grown into a veteran-owned and operated lawn, landscape and property-service company serving Waseca and surrounding communities. Toni and Jordan take on residential and commercial work ranging from mowing, trimming and seasonal cleanups to planting, landscape renewal, retaining walls and other property services.

They are proud of how the business has grown, but both say they remain grateful simply for the people willing to trust a young company with their homes and properties. Much of the business has been built job by job and relationship by relationship, with plenty learned along the way.

"If it has to do with plants or landscaping," Toni summarizes, "we probably do it."

Toni and Jordan say the business has become about more than maintaining properties. Customers, friends, veterans and community members have helped them build something they could not have created by themselves. The lesson feels familiar from their Army years: do your part, look after the person beside you and never forget how much you depend on others.

"Waseca has been really good to us," Toni says. "There are some great people here and we've built relationships with some customers who are great to work with."

Something else Toni values is the company's involvement with a local life-skills program, through which so far, two crew members have been able to assist with projects and gain hands-on experience.

"They're always ready to help with every type of work," Toni says. "They love what we do together, and they give it their all. They come every day with a positive attitude."

More than two decades after Army helicopters first brought their paths together, Toni and Jordan say they are simply grateful to have found their way back to one another and to a community that has welcomed the business. They repeat adamantly that they have not built any of it alone. Family, friends, fellow veterans, customers and neighbors have all had a hand in where they are today. They say that, for two people who started out as battle buddies, being able to work side by side, raise their family and make an honest living doing work they enjoy feels like more than enough.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Southern Minnesota Horticultural Services LLC, can visit the company's Facebook page. The company can be reached at 507-384-2625.

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Janesville

25 years ago



- Trick-or-treaters visited Culligan/Water King in Janesville last Thursday night to get their treats. More trick-or-treaters will be out tonight for Halloween.

- Pastor and Marion Rosenau wish to thank everyone who was involved in any way with the benefit for their great granddaughter last Sunday. A special thank you to the workers, AAL members, the Janesville Argus and Carol Gahler, who helped set it up and worked to completion. God continue to bless each of you. The amount donated was $10,600 and matching funds were $6,800.



- Jenna Ziemke goes up for a block against Le Sueur-Henderson's Jenny Thelemann. The Bulldogs lost to the Giants 4-15, 12-15, 1-15.

- We, the family of Mike Wheelock, would like to express our most sincere thanks to everyone for your thoughts & prayers, cards and visits during Mike's illness and in his passing. We would like to extend a special thank you to the ISJ Hospice program, Mankato Clinic, Father Syl. Brown for his prayers & visits, ISJ Cancer Center and the McRaith Funeral Home. Also your expressions of sympathy, memorials, flowers and food donations were much appreciated. On September 11th the world was forever changed not only for our family but for the lives of many others. We are saddened by the loss of Mike, but his memory will live on in our hearts forever. The Family of Mike Wheelock.

50 years ago

- Guests entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Radke on Saturday evening. In honor of their daughter, Jennifer's second birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Beelow, Bob Beelow, Paula Eustice, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huelsnitz, Jeff, Laurie and Ronnie of Waseca, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Radke, Terrie and Tammie of Mapleton, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schostag of rural Janesville. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Froelich of St. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. Avin Nerstad of near Good Thunder. Jennifer received many gifts. Cake and ice cream were served for lunch.

- A total of 11 building permits have been issued in Janesville for 1976 to date-down somewhat from the 1975 total of 13. Since the last census in 1970, permits have been issued for 80 new homes. On the basis of national averages, 3.2 persons occupy a home, "On that basis Janesville's population might well be 1,899 instead of 1,557 as computed by the 1970 census," said Don Schneider, Janesville's Zoning Administrator. Schneider believes this growth calls for a special census and a resulting greater share fo Federal Revenue Sharing. Schneider also believes that the cost of such a census would be offset in one year by the increase in Revenue Sharing.

75 years ago

- Mr. and Mrs. William Blank, Janesville, have been informed their son Dale, student at the University of Minnesota, has been selected as one of a six man general livestock judging team from the University. Dale left October 17 with the team to judge at the Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City. In December the team will judge at the International Show in Chicago.

- The Janesville Gold Star Rebekah lodge met Monday evening, October 22, at the Odd Fellows hall. Eleven members were present. Plans were made for the annual turkey supper in November, the date to be set later. Final plans were also made for the benefit card party for a new bath house at Lakeview park, to be held on Monday evening, October 29, at the Odd Fellow Hall. Prizes for the evening went to Mrs. Roy Vinson, Donald Sharp and Earl Wilson. Lunch was served by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson. The next regular meeting will be Monday evening, November 12.

100 years ago

- Your newspaper is your best friend. It tells you all about the trouble the other fellow gets into so that you may profit by his example.

- California has its earthquakes, Florida has its hurricanes. Minnesota has its marvelous, bracing climate, very seldom at fault, and besides it is a good state for those who are not millionaires. A good state in which to make a living. -Jordan Independent

- The Supreme Court of Wisconsin has decided that animals have rights on the highways. We can soon expect a similar decision for pedestrians. -Stillwater Gazette.



Waseca

25 years ago

- The Waseca High School drum line placed second at Central Iowa Drum Line Contest held in Ankeny, Iowa on Tuesday. A total of six drum lines competed. Waseca finished second behind Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. WHS drum line advisor Joan Conway was pleased with the group's performance. "It was probably our best performance of the season so far," she said. Waseca's percussion section is made up of 20 members.



- Miss Waseca County Emily Keller (center) visited with the students of Waseca High School on Friday to answer questions about depression awareness and suicide prevention.

- Stacie and Nathan Brinkman of Waseca are proud to announce the birth of their son, Tanner Jay, born September 7, 2001 in Owatonna. He weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Carol Meyer of Waseca and Larry Meyer of Waseca. Paternal grandparents are Erwin and Phylis Brinkman of Fulda. Great grandparents are Glenn and Nina Youngberg of Waseca and Kenneth Meyer of Waseca. Tanner is welcomed home by his sister, Kelsea, who is five years old.

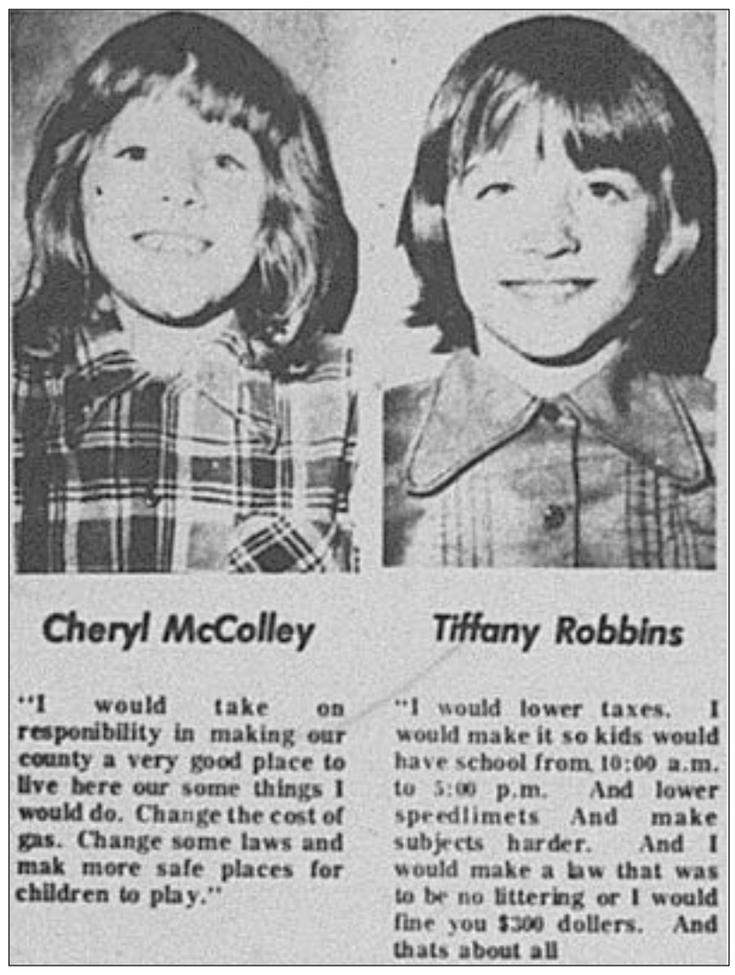


- Jenny Lien, left, Julie Larkin, Melaina Flattum (back left), Rosie Myer and Katie Hoyme are part of a big Waseca High School cast that will bring "The Music Man" to the Central Intermediate School on Nov, 1, 3, 4. Advance sale tickets can be purchased at Waseca Music, adults $6, students $3.At the door $6.50 and $3.50.

50 years ago

- Kathy Everline of Waseca will be appearing in the Bemidji State University theatrical production "Gypsy." Eberline, who plays Rose, is a senior Speech Theatre Major. Based on the vaudevillian life of Gypsy Rose Lee, the performance contains such show stopping tunes as "Small World" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses." The BSU Theatre is the only theatre in the Upper Midwest whose annual musical comedy is entirely student produced and directed. Performances this year are Nov. 2-6 at 8:29 p.m. on the Bangsberg Main Stage. Tickets can be reserved by calling the Speech-Theatre Box Office (218-755-3935) and the cost is $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for students.

- What would I do if I were president?



75 years ago

- Harold C. Matso, 705 Fourth street NE, welding instructor and superintendent of the buildings and grounds at the Southern School of Agriculture in Waseca, is $500 richer today with a sixth place prize in a national welding contest. The $20,000 contest is sponsored by the James F. Lincoln Arc. Welding Foundation of Cleveland. First prize of $5,000 went to an employee of the New Mexico State Highway Department. Second was $4,000, then $3,000, $2,000 and $1,000 for fifth. Matson was one of five who got the $500 sixth place awards.

- Carl and Lucille Raatz of 515 SE Second street, Waseca are open for business at their "Pine Island Superette" just completed on Highway 15 five miles north of Waseca. They will have a full line of foods and groceries. Mr. Raatz presently is the mail messenger between the postoffice and the trains here. He is veteran of World War II.

100 years ago

- Woyke & Co. this week finished a dandy piece of paving on the block between Elm and Wood, on First street. This block of paving will be especially appreciated by patrons of the Waseca Creamery, who can now drive to the creamery over a pavement, no matter what direction they come from. Recently, Wood street was widened in front of the Creamery, making another improvement.

- The members of St. Rita's circle sponsored one of the most delightful dancing parties of the season at the Sacred Heart auditorium Monday evening. The hall was attractively decorated for the occasion and excellent music was furnished by Hurst's Club Royal orchestra of Mankato. About 140 couples were in attendance, including many out of town guests.

New Richland

25 years ago

- A resident of New Richland on South Broadway, Guy LeBlanc, received appointment to the New Richland City Council, Monday evening. LeBlanc will fill the open position by the resignation of Kermit Kalke.

- Lindsey B. Covey has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air force after completing the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program, and graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

- The NRHEG eighth grade football team finished the season 10-4. "This was outstanding for a team of 27 members," Coach Jeff Reese said.They defeated Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 36-0; Waterville-Elysian-Morisstown 6-0; New Ulm 18-12; Mankato East Black 18-6; Mankato East Gold 18-6; Owatonna 22-20; Faribault Bethlehem Academy 20-6; Waseca 32-8; and Blooming Prairie 18-6.

50 years ago

- A Conference of twelve young people took place at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 31, 1976. Since that Sunday was also Reformation Day, the theme for the service was "This I Believe…" In an impressive service, attended by 394 worshippers, each confiirmand took part in the message of the morning by reading a statement of their own personal faith, based on a portion of the apostle's Creed.

- Time insurance Company has named the Al Batt Insurance Agency of Hartland as the top income disability producer in southern Minnesota over this past year.

- Mr and Mrs. David Proehl announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Suzanne Vlera, who was born on October 4, 1976. Suzanne has one brother, Jerry.

- Benjamin Francis Bushlack, son of Gary and Mary Beth Bushlack of New Richland was baptized at St. Casimer's Catholic Church, Wells, Saturday, October 16 with Rev. Harold Mountain officiating.

75 years ago

- Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Betchwars, 2801 Girard Ave. So., announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosemary E., to Lawrence L. F. Engel of Hoven, S. D. Miss Betchwars is a senior at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Engel is now serving with the United States Marine Corps.

- Genevieve Frisk, New Richland, Waseca county 4-H health contest titlist, receives mention in the November issue of "Everybody's Health" the state of Christmas Seal magazine. It is currently being distributed to some 10,000 Minnesota subscribers.

- Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Jessen, living west of New Richland, became the parents of a daughter, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born at the Wells hospital Tuesday, November 27. Besides the new arrival, Mr. and Mrs. Jessen are parents of a son and one other daughter.

■ Stargazing

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fect" days. No, it isn't actually possible, but I try to make the most of every single day.

My "perfect" days include: faith, family, purpose and physical activity.

Every day I spend time with my father.

Every day I speak with people I care about.

Every day I work.

Every day I move my body.

Every day I do little things that bring me joy.

I try to be intentional. There are so many people I love and care about. When I think of them, and I am not too tired, and sometimes even when I am, I reach out via text message or phone call.

This week I called Dave Zika. I sometimes joke that people speak telepathically. I called him about an hour after he stopped at the office. (I had no idea he had stopped.)

We chatted for 30 minutes or so. The conversation, the connection, made me forget about every single one of my pains for that entire time. Those are types of relationships I try to cultivate. When I can connect with a person, I work to make them a part of my life. I feel really fortunate that I am blessed to be surrounded by such great people.

Finally, I really do look at things on the bright side. For one thing, these stomach issues have caused me to eat a much fresher, healthier diet, rather than choosing what happens to be handy or convenient, which is typically not healthy.

If it were not for these terrible pains, I do not know if I would have ever delegated work the way I have. Of course I had the plan to do so, but it was my nature to do things myself because that was less anxiety provoking than asking others or employing others to do the tasks.

To recap my past few weeks; they have been filled with election coverage, meetings, good conversation, so many doctor appointments and quite a bit of rest.

Cribbage

Dad and I played cribbage in person on his birthday, otherwise all games have been online, which I do not keep score of, however he does. Notably, I double skunked him last month. Unlike, in person, where Dad skunks me almost 2-1, in the online game, I have skunked him almost three times as frequently. Growing up he always said his dad's cribbage board was lucky. It seems to hold true.

Before I put scores below, I must tell a story.

Buddy, Terry Bortle, family friend, came down to visit when I was around the age of 12. We played cribbage that evening and I must have won nine of 10 games. Every hand, it seemed, was a dozen points. It still makes me smile thinking back to that night. The board's luck seems to be a family thing.

Our updated scores for the year follow:

Eli 181 wins, 17 skunks, Dad 152 wins, 27 skunks.

Lifetime

Dad 565, 88 skunks, Eli 518 wins, 56 skunks, 1 double skunk.

Waseca County Pioneer History Question of the week:

Name the service station that closed in 1981 after over 30 years in business.

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.

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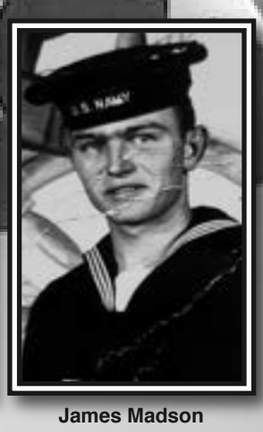

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Parental Rights Matter

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NOTICE TO: Cora Charleen Griffen**, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).**
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YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.
You have a right to be represented by counsel.
If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition.

Dated: October 29, 2026
Lacey Bartsch Court Administrator
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The Waseca County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the Waseca County East Annex (Commissioner's Room), 300 N. State Street, Waseca, MN 56093 on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to consider the following items:

A. **Larry and Jan Hoffman** request a Conditional Use Permit to operate apiary agritourism for the parcel (PID 06.011.0500) in Section 11, Township 108, Range 24 in Janesville Township. The request will be pursuant to Sections 3.07, 6.07, and 6.08 of the Waseca County Unified Development Code. The parcel is zoned A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.
B. **Waseca County requests Amendments to the Unified Development Code, Articles 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 of the Unified Development Code (UDC).** Waseca County requests amendments to the UDC by adding to Section 6.07 Cannabis Cultivation Standards, adding Section 6.08 General Standards for Cannabis Business, adding Definitions to Article 8 and additional housekeeping edits in the remaining Articles 2, 3 and 4.

The staff reports for these items will be available at the Waseca County Planning and Zoning Office, 300 N State St., Waseca, MN 56093 during regular business hours 8:00–4:30 and will be on the county website www.wasecacounty.gov on the agenda tab by November 16, 2026. Oral comments will be accepted at the meeting. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all Waseca County services, programs, and activities.

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Bluejays return to section title game for 10th straight year

Waseca takes down Albert Lea, and Luverne in rematch of last year's playoff run

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

The last time the Waseca Bluejay football team failed to reach the section title game was 2016. They advanced to their 10th consecutive championship game after dismantling Albert Lea 34-16 on Tuesday October 27 at home and Luverne 42-21 Saturday Oct. 31 in Janesville.

Both games were closer than they appeared.

Albert Lea, seeded 7, kept the game close. A first half 31-yard touchdown scamper by junior Sam Selthun was the only scoring of the game until he punched it in from two-yards out with 5:54 remaining in the third quarter.

An explosive fourth quarter saw 3-yard and 22-yard scoring runs by quarterback Kellen Klinger along with a 63-yard connection from Klinger to Owen Honstad. Albert Lea tallied their only scores with 6:42 and 0:18 remaining in play.

The win set up a rematch of last year's section championship game, pitting the 2-seed Bluejays against the 3-seed Cardinals. Last year the Jays won 31-12.

The game was closer than it appeared, although the Bluejays jumped out to an early, large lead.

After going up 7-0, the Jays traded possessions after interceptions by both teams. A Nolan Dufault interception set up the Jays on the Cardinal 35-yard line with 8 minutes left in the first half. Two plays later, Klinger took it 31-yards for his second touchdown of the game.

After a defensive stop, the Jays turned it over on a Selton fumble with three minutes left in the half. A big 3rd and 15 conversion pushed the ball from the Cardinal 10 to their own 43. Five plays later the Cardinals scored on a 19-yard fade pass to Darious Dold with under two minutes left in the half.

A good return by Glynn set up the Bluejays on their own 41-yard line. A long connection to senior Titan Rahe pushed the Jays past midfield. A 23-yard run from Seltun and three yard-run from Klinger set up a 3-yard score for Seltun.

The score at halftime was 21-7

A three and out from Luverne was followed by a 53-yard scoring drive by the Jays that took only two plays. Klinger scored his third touchdown of the day on a 46-yard run.

A penalty by Waseca on a 4th and 20 allowed the next Luverne drive to continue and end in a touchdown, cutting the score to 28-14.

After a three and out, Luverne went 84-yards before cashing in with 10:52 remaining in the 4th quarter.

Both teams traded possessions again before Waseca took over control on the Cardinal 46-yard line with six minutes remaining. Klinger would score his fourth touchdown of the game two minutes later on a six-yard scamper.

An explanation point was put on the game after a long Cardinal drive ended in a 95-yard interception returned for touchdown by Owen Rupe.

The Bluejays will play Friday night against 1-seed TCU in New Ulm at 7 p.m.



TOUCHDOWNS - Junior quarterback Kellen Klinger, 15, smiles after scoring a touchdown, one of four on the day. He celebrates with Titan Rahe, 2, right and Jack Durisen, 38, left.



GO GO - Junior back Samuel Selthun, 23, runs right as senior Sean Noble, 55, blocks.



TEAM UP - Jacob Knutson, 45, and Kallen Glynn, 22, team up to make the tackle over the Luverne back.



FREE - Jonah Worke runs free down the sideline.



ALL SMILES - Kallen Glynn enjoys the Bluejays' semifinals victory over Luverne, 42-21.



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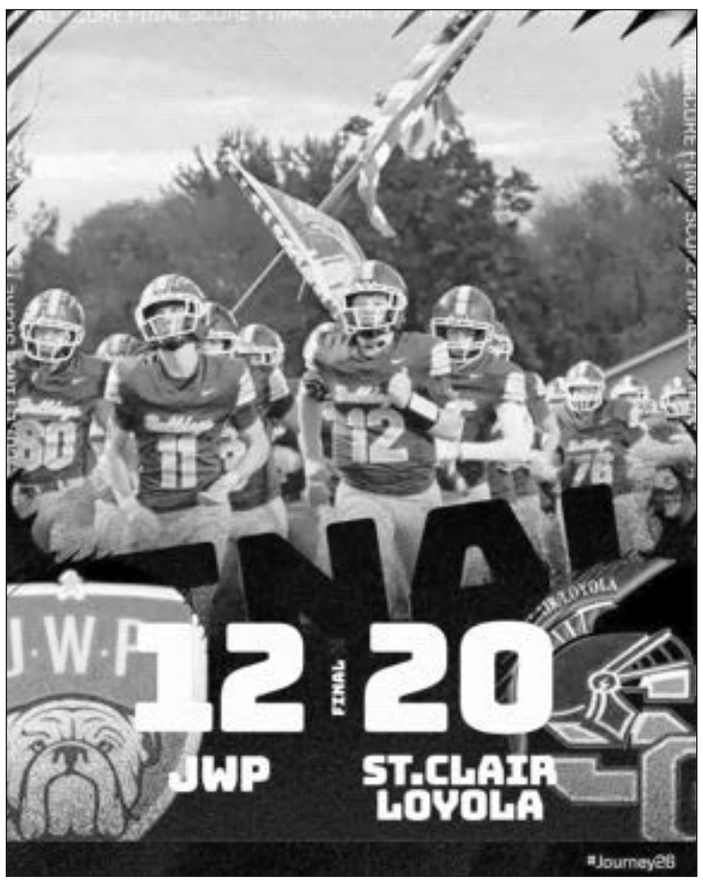
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NRHEG Spikers' season ends

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

The NRHEG Volleyball team saw its season come to an end in three sets against Kenyon Wanamingo.

Seeded 15th in the section 1A tournament the girls lost 25-8, 25-15 and 25-13. The final record for the Panthers is 8-18.

Individually for the Panthers:

Ezra Boerner three kills, two digs, four blocks, one ace; Izley Boerner four digs; Clara Buendorf one kill; four blocks; Gia Cazares one kill; Sierra Fish one kill, one block; Aubrey Hendrickson 10 digs; Jovey Knudson one dig, three blocks, one ace; Anika Ladlie five kills, two digs, four blocks; Joey Rossing one dig; Brooklyn Sommer two kills, one dig, 10 assists, one block; Emmy Stadheim one dig; Ciara Stenzel four digs.

One spot away

Runners' season ends at sections

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

The Waseca Cross Country season wrapped up Thursday, October 29 at the section competition in Fairmont.

"It was a mixed day for our boys and girls," head coach Grant Poppe said after the competition. "Stella Omtvedt and Taylor Markeson finished one spot away from individual qualifiers (for state). The boys had a much more competitive performance than last year."

As a team, the girls finished 5th and the boys 12th.

Omtvedt finished 19th with a time of 20:31; Markeson 20th, 20:33; Ava VanDenHemel, 32nd, 21:34; Ellie Kopischke, 40th, 22:01; Maren Schimming, 43rd, 22:10; Quinn Yoder, 57th, 22:54; Megan Tegmeier, 61st, 23:31.

Winning the girls competition was Northfield, followed by these schools: Byron, Winona, Pine Island, Waseca, Stewartville, Austin, Kasson-Mantorville, Albert Lea, Faribault, and Red Wing.

Individually Samuel Feldkamp led the Waseca boys team, finishing 29th with a time of 17:34.

Keenan Collins finished 51 with a time of 18:54; Luke Feldkamp, 67th, 19:53; Eli Hagre, 73rd; 20:24; Ryan Yoder, 75th, 20:41; Korbin Collins, 80th, 21:15; Miles Popp, 81st, 21:22.

Winning the boys competition as a team was

Zumbrota-Mazeppa/Kenyon-Wanamingo, followed by these schools: Winona, Stewartville, Kasson-Mantorville, Northfield, Pine Island, Byron, Red Wing, Austin, Faribault, Albert Lea and Waseca.



PODIUM - Julieann Wobbrock stands with her award after qualifying for the 2026 state tournament. Her next meet will be November 7 at Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake.

Next stop, the state tournament

Wobbrock extends running season

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

The NRHEG Panther Cross-Country team competed at the Class 2A Section meet in Norwood Young America on Thursday October 29th.

"It was a great day," coach Larry Nydegger said. "Julieann Wobbrock once again qualified to participate in the State Cross-country.

"I am extremely proud of the effort that all of these runners put forth today," Nydegger continued. "To see so many personal best times at the end of the season means that all the hard work paid off. It was nice to see the boys' team score as a full team again. And for Kasey to get so close to making it to the state meet was fun to watch."

Up next the is the State meet on November 7 at the Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake.

Girls results:

Julieann Wobbrock 4th (19:29) Season Best

Violette Botten 75th (24:56) Personal Best

Rylie Cromwell 96th (27:57)

Boys results:

Kasey Jewison 14th (17:09) Personal Best

Colton Lermon 68th (19:49) PB

Devlin McWilliams 108th (21:42) PB

Marvin Tolzman 122nd (24:24) PB

Jordy Klocek 123rd (24:47) BP

Jacob Klaras 1236th (29:58) PB



Ava Miller and Hanna Rugger represented Waseca at the Class A Tennis State Tournament in the Twin Cities. They made it to the second round of the consolation bracket, competing on Thursday and Friday last week.

Run ends at state tournament

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Waseca girls tennis sent Ava Miller and Hannah Rugger to the Class A Individual State tournament on Thursday and Friday at the Reed Sweatt/ Inner City Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

In their first set on Thursday, the girls lost 6-0 and 6-0 to Solveigh Rahm and Maahi Bhalla from Mounds Park Academy.

Later in the day in the consolation bracket the girls defeated Brecklyn Nicoll and Lily Rootkie from Pine City 6-4 and 6-1, earning them another round on Friday.

The successful season for the doubles team came to an end to the due of Perius/Perius from Staples-Motely by scores of 6-4 and 6-1.

"We are very proud of Ava and Hannah for advancing to this year's Class A state tennis tournament. ," head coach Kyle Collins told the Pioneer. "They represented Waseca very well, and gained a lot of good experience, playing some higher caliber doubles teams. Even though they won 1 of 3 matches, they got to play on the final day of the 2026 tennis season, which not many players can say. I hope they can make it back there next year."

Panthers humbled in semi-finals, season ends with 28-6 loss

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

The Panthers season came to an end in the section 1A semifinals to the hands of Fillmore-Central 28-6, Saturday on the road.

The Panthers were down 7-6 early with a chance to take the lead. Fourth down conversions by Sean Lassahn and Ryan Schlaak were both part of a 17 play, 78-yard drive that stalled out on the Falcon 2-yard line after a fade pass was knocked down.

The Panthers had two more good drives that fell short in the game.

At the end of the half, trailing 21-6, the Panthers took over on their own 29-yard line. Big pass plays to Senior Brendan Schmidt and Alexander Deen moved the Panthers up the field. A penalty negated a pass that would have had the Panthers at first and goal. Instead a final pass of the half from the Falcon 32 yard line was intercepted to end the half.

If the Panthers had converted a few more fourth downs or turned redzone trips into scores, the game would have looked differently.

To start the second half the Panthers turned the ball over on downs around the 50-yard line after being unable to convert 3rd and 2 and 4th and 1 plays.

An interception by Deen, returned 35-yard to their own 40-yard line set up the Panthers final, best drive of the day.

Passes to Nissen for 14-yards, a 15-yard penalty and a 16-yard run from Lassahn set up the Panthers on the Falcon six-yard line. A four-yard gain was called back for holding, pushing the Panthers back to the 16-yard line. A short pass to Schlaak on 4th down gave the ball back to the Falcons with 1 minute left in the 3rd quarter.

The Falcons would then possess the ball until there were only four minutes remaining the game, going 94-yards before scoring a touchdown to ice the contest.

Senior Brooks Gilliland completed 21 of 34 passes for 164-yards with two interceptions. Lassahn ran the ball 18 times for 68 yards, with 45 of those yards coming on the Panthers 2nd quarter drive that stalled inside the 10-yard line.

The Panthers finish their season 5-4.

Playing their final game in a Panther uniform were seniors: Ryan Schlaak, Brooks Gilliland, Brendan Schmidt, Alexander Deen, Jack Bartlett, Finnegan Baumann and Shane Service.

"I am proud of those Seniors and how they led the team every game," head Coach Devin Lockerby said after the game.

"Hard fought game. We needed to convert a couple of plays that hurt us. Proud of the team for their work this year. Proud to be Panther."

Waseca spikers fall to one-seed

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

The Waseca Bluejays Volleyballers saw their season come to an end at the hands of the 1-seed Southwest Christian team last week.

"The team had a smile on their face the entire match and had some good rallies," coach Krissy Plonske said after the match. "Sad to see the season end."

After winning in five sets in the 'play-in'' match two weeks ago, the girls lost by scores of 25-13, 25-10 and 25-8 to Southwest Christian.

Individually Kaia Satori had seven digs w/a solo block; Madalynn Root seven digs; Brier Hayes eight assists; and Ashley Fliflet four kills.



TEAM - From left, Waseca volleballers: Ashley Fliflet, Ahvah Maas, Avery Fliflet, Addison Zimmerman, Hannah Helget, Savanna Vagts, Kaia Sartori, Madalynn Root, Brier Hayes, and Tyler Stagman.



SHOP AND TROT 'TIL YOU DROP - Farmamerica will be hosting their annual Turkey Trot 5K fun run/walk alongside the Waseca County Farmers Market indoor market on Nov. 21. Pictured here are runners from last year's Turkey Trot.

Shop Then Trot

Farmamerica hosting dual event Nov. 21

(Waseca, Minn.)- Farmamerica invites the community to kick off the holiday season with a morning of shopping, movement, and family fun during its annual Turkey Trot 5K fun run and the Waseca County Farmers Market on Saturday, Nov. 21.

The Waseca County Farmers Market will run from 8 a.m. to noon inside Farmamerica's conference room, offering visitors the opportunity to shop local and support area vendors ahead of Thanksgiving. Admission to the farmers market is free, and everyone is welcome.

At 10 a.m., participants can lace up their sneakers for Farmamerica's family-friendly Turkey Trot fun run/walk. Whether running, jogging, or walking, participants can complete the full 5K or enjoy a lap or two at their own pace. Strollers are welcome, making this a fun way for the whole family to get outside and enjoy the season together. Advance registration is required for the fun run. To secure your T-shirt and fun race merch, register by Nov. 10.

Adding to the holiday excitement, Farmamerica is home to Blossom, the Minnesota turkey pardoned by President Biden at the White House in November 2024. Raised in Northfield, Minnesota, Blossom received his presidential pardon during the National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation and now resides at Farmamerica as an agricultural ambassador.

This morning offers a fun way to kick off the Thanksgiving season. Guests can shop local vendors at the indoor farmers market and enjoy a family-friendly 5K fun run/walk, all in one morning at Farmamerica.

Dan Duffy croons at Indian Island Winery

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The sun was setting and clouds were rolling in as the five members of the Dan Duffy Orchestra unloaded their vehicles and carried their instruments into the Indian Island Winery on Friday, Oct. 23. There was a chilly wind blowing in off the fields as the doors closed behind them and their setup began.

At the same time the winery was setting up for the dinner crowd. There was a woman getting the second bar ready as customers made their way to their tables, drinks in hand. A few members of the orchestra were chatting with a person or two whom they saw on their way in and recognized. In the middle of it all was Dan.



SMOOTH TUNES - The Dan Duffy Orchestra out of Mankato played some smooth crooner music at the Indian Island Winery on Friday, Oct. 23, 2026. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Dan Edward Duffy, the one whose name is on the poster set in the front of the stage, has been in the music business since the 60s. Years ago he heard the music of the Blue Vipers of Brooklyn when he was on a trip in Key West. After listening to them for a while he approached them and complimented their style, "You guys are great, if you don't mind, I'm taking that back to Minnesota with me." His original band called the "Jesters" had a hit that made it all the way to number 40 on the top 100 charts. Nearby, Frank Cesario, who plays tenor and saxophone added, "City Mouse was birthed from that group as well." From Cab Callaway, to Linda Ronstadt, to Route 66, these guys play a little bit of everything.

Tom Bierer, who plays the trumpet is a retired music director, "I taught brass and trumpet at Martin Luther college. I taught at Loyola for 17 years, New Ulm Cathedral for nine and Holy Trinity for two." He also does private instruction.

Paul Horrisberger used to be a guardian ad litem for the courts, "But I was not a social worker, I worked in child related social work." He also was an administrator for the People Fair, a music festival back in the 80s.

Marti Ryan, who plays violin, has been with the Mankato Symphony for 50 years. The Mankato Symphony has existed for 76. She has taught violin at numerous schools including Jefferson, Roosevelt and West. She also taught elementary music but has also since retired.

Laura Christine, the young one who sings for the group, spends her days working in the mental health profession, but she's sung in a number of groups. She and her husband Colin Scharf have played in the groups "Given Names," "Goodnight Goldust" and of course the "Dan Duffy Orchestra."

Marti Ryan, who also plays in a Patsy Cline Tribute band, wanted everyone to know her group will be playing at the Grand Event Center in Northfield on Nov. 14.

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only migrate in the dark of night.

Time to learn something…. Adult loons migrate together, not with their young. They migrate from northern breeding lakes to southern coastal and ocean waters. Some even begin migrating as early as late August. The juveniles follow about a month later and can be observed together in large rafts on lakes.

Maybe the juveniles team together to find young friends and possibly a friend to make a family with…

Most people know the monarchs' migration story, that they head to forests in central Mexico. We all know we can find its caterpillars on milk weed, or find them as a chrysalis, and then check on them regularly to see them turn to an orange and black adult; if they are among the last of the summer to emerge, new adults take to the sky and fly south. Each fall the huge green darner dragonfly migrates across North America in small groups, sharing skies with the monarch.

Monarchs need flowers on their journey, but green darners need wetlands and small insects to eat on the way. Green darners spend much of their life cycles in the water. They can emerge from the water as an adult in the north, or as an adult in the south. What an interesting life flying one way north, or one way south.

The next time you are in your lawn chair on a beautiful autumn day, make sure your eyes are constantly on the skies. You may observe a squadron of four-winged, three-inch, blue darner dragonflies flying high and powering their way south. You've just witnessed a dragonfly migration!

Eddington starring Joaquin Phoenix

Revermann Recommends

Good movies you might've missed

By Ben Revermann



The movie *Eddington* was released in July of 2025, a quasi modern day western with social media added in, the action is set in 2020 during the height of the covid pandemic and the George Floyd riots. It was directed by Ari Aster-who also directed both *Midsommar* and *Hereditary*-two movies I absolutely hated. This movie is rated R and it deserves it, there is a lot of violence. *Eddington* stars Joaquin Phoenix, Pedro Pascal, Luke Grimes, Deirdre O'Connell, Micheal Ward, Austin Butler, and Emma Stone. Although he appears in everything lately and is beginning to seem overused in my opinion, Pedro Pascal did not disappoint! The casting was perfect.

This was one of the most intense movies I have ever seen. It jumped up to being my fourth-favorite movie of all time–no small accomplishment. Joaquin Phoenix is in the majority of scenes and he really earns it. This movie has extremes from both right and left; it deals with the never-ending frustration of the covid pandemic and the misinformation that accompanied it. There are riots, out of control cops, lying politicians, government conspiracies, and plenty of spoiled, stupid teenage kids.

The movie begins with an insane man walking through the desert, heading toward the fictional town of Eddington, New Mexico. There, Sheriff Joe Cross (Phoenix) and Mayor Ted Garcia (Pascal) are at each other's throats long before mask mandates drive further wedges into an already tense situation. Garcia is up for reelection and is determined to make sure all covid restrictions–no matter how frivolous–are followed. He is also attempting to keep his teenage son under control. Sheriff Cross uses covid overreach and a rape allegation against Garcia to start his own campaign for mayor, and posts it on social media.

While this builds, the white teenagers of Eddington begin protesting against police brutality and causing problems in the streets, it is pointed out there is only one black person in town, and he is a deputy sheriff. Sheriff Cross also has to deal with the Tribal Police Department, with whom he has always had a difficult relationship. There's also a campaign against data centers being built in the desert; in addition to locals, outsiders come to town to further rock this boat. This movie starts out soft and stays that way for the first 25 minutes or so, then it takes off at a dead run and doesn't slow down until the end. I have always been a sucker for movies that have gatling guns; one of the coolest scenes I have ever seen in a movie involves Sheriff Cross shooting up empty city streets after being chased for miles through the desert.

The only problem I had with this movie was how the sheriff ends up framing one of the deputies and the only reason I can see for doing so was a simple plot device, but it does give birth to a bittersweet ending. Other than that single issue, I assure you the script was sound. This movie will make your heart beat faster! If nothing else, check out the movie poster, that's really cool too!



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