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SAY CHEESE - Dairy Princesses Maia Bartlet, Allie Eldeen, and McKenna Eichorn were in charge of the cheese throwing station at Acres of Pizza.

Acres of learning

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

On-and-off showers didn't stop families from experiencing the wonders of pizza at Farmamerica's second annual Acres of Pizza event June 24 from 11 - 3 p.m. While tram rides and Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm's food truck continued outside, the booths and stations were moved indoors, where children and families were able to learn more about the connection between home and farm.

"Acres of Pizza is a celebration of one of our favorite foods; we look at how it ties back into agriculture," explained Jenny Delnay, program director at Farmerica, as she listed all the stations.

At Acres of Pizza, children could extract DNA from tomatoes and take it



'AG AROUND YOU'- Teddy Ford and his grandson Lyle Luppess explore the connections from farm to home in Farmamerica's new exhibit. Pioneer photos by Amelia Roessler

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Good Game Gaming Center has closed

The Good Game Gaming Center of Waseca announced on Wednesday, June 28, its intention to close permanently. The following message was posted on Facebook:

"We are a Gaming Center. What is a Gaming Center? A place where people can come together and play their favorite PC and Console games in a fun friendly arcade-like environment.

"We have closed permanently and this website will be a reminder of what could have been for the next nine years. We want to thank everyone who utilized Good Game Gaming Center; we wish we could have found a way to keep the doors open."

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Waseca County Farmers Market open on Saturdays

Waseca County Farmers Market at 409 8th Ave. NE in Waseca will be open Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon through October.

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Thirty-third annual FCA Sports Camp set for Aug. 1-3

The thirty-third annual Waseca Fellowship of Christian Athletes Jr. Sports Camp is set for August 1-3, 2023.

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SWCD to meet July 13

The Waseca Soil and Water Conservation district will hold its regular meeting July 13 at 6:30 p.m.

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Otisco ice cream social 4 p.m., July 9

St. Peter Lutheran Church of Otisco is hosting an ice cream social beginning 4 p.m., Sunday, July 9. On the menu are barbecues, ham sandwiches, potato salad, calico beans, pie, ice cream, coffee, and lemonade. Suggested donation is \$12. Proceeds go to roof repair.

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Elysian 4th of July Celebration begins

The city of Elysian is sponsoring a wide range of events which began June 29 and conclude July 4

A word from The Word

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me

Matthew 25:35

Different but alike

Lifelong pen pals meet again

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

In 1972, impulsive high school students in Crailsheim, Germany, and Worthington, Minnesota, raised their hands. Yes! They would love to have a pen pal from another country.

Not just "another country," either—from their respective "sister cities," a connection of friendship and sharing between the two communities which began in 1948.

The suggestion of finding a pen pal came from an American teacher, one who was taking part in a sort of short-term exchange: he had come to Crailsheim from Worthington and would be teaching English to students at the school.

Because English is a sort of universal diplomatic language, German school children begin studying it in elementary school.

Among the students who thought he could not only improve his English but also make the acquaintance of someone from the other side of the world was tenth-grader Gert Schoeniger. He indicated his interest and was lucky enough to be given the name and address of a pen pal.

"Some people didn't get one," Gert remembers. "I believe the teacher was very surprised at how many people raised their hands."

Back in America, young Dawn (Eshleman) Nelemans had made an equally impulsive decision. "We were high-schoolers," she jokes. "We all thought we wanted to try it just for fun."

Gert thinks back to some of the early letter exchanges, laughing about the many elements that modern students will never have heard of.



TOGETHER AGAIN - Pen pals since the 1970s, Dawn Nelemans and Gert Schoeniger spent a few days together recently here in Waseca. Pictured with them is Christiane, Gert's wife of more than 20 years. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

"We used that special, thin 'air mail' paper," he remembers. "It was light blue and it had a rather smooth finish, all so that it would be especially lightweight and cost less to mail. There were specific air mail stamps, too, with pictures of airplanes on them." He remembers agonizing over what to say, and choosing subjects whose vocabulary he had learned in school.

Gert not only remembers feeling a connection to Dawn, but also to her community—the sister city which had helped the previous generation recover from the destruction and shortages left behind after the war.

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LONG AGO - Dawn and Gert during a visit Dawn took to Germany in the 1970s.

WASECA CITY COUNCIL

ConAgra water study approved

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

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Little Rascals troop member Mandi Root
Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

Little Rascals

Middle schoolers perform "Rose Red"

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

About a couple hundred audience members enjoyed the Little Rascals of Waseca's production of "The Adventures of Rose Red" this past Friday and Saturday, June 23-24 at the Waseca High School Performing Arts Center. The play, written by Sean Abley, was directed by Karen Pfarr Anderson with the assistance of Waseca High School student Sadie Schimming.

The play focused on the idea of "fame": 13-year-old Rose Red, portrayed by Maren Schimming, struggles with the idea of becoming famous after her sister, Snow White (played by Maddie Halla), gets fa-

mous for falling into a deep sleep that can only be broken by a kiss from Prince Charming.

Everyone in the kingdom — two Prince Charmings, Cinderella, and Goldilocks to name a few — want to help her find a way to become famous. But Rose Red doesn't want to become famous; she wants a normal life without the press following her all the time. She consults a man turned frog in the middle of the woods for advice. He tells her to be herself.

Despite Rose Red's wishes, the Grimm Times newspaper does make her famous, reporting that she "mur-

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CAPACTIY CROWD - The Waseca Fire Relief Association's annual fish fry on June 24 was very well attended.
Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

Fishy fundraiser

By **MICHAEL ROY**
Editor

The Waseca firefighters hosted the annual Waseca Fire Department Relief Association fish fry and fundraiser Saturday, June 24 from 4 to 7 p.m that had people lined up down the street waiting for their fish. To make sure that they didn't run out of fish like last year, the fire department had ordered more, making sure everyone received deliciously fried fish.

"We always come to the fish fry," said Jane Cervenka, who waited in line with her husband, Bob. Jane and

Bob have not missed a fish fry since it started around 40 years ago, enjoying the fried fish and supporting the fire department.

"We have a good department in town here and we want to make sure it stays that way," Bob explained.

The annual fish fry is the second largest fundraiser the fire department hosts, the onion ring stand at the county fair being the largest only because it lasts more than one day. Even as the second largest fundraiser, there is still a lot of planning that goes into making the fish fry happen. Eric Cox, a firefighter at the

Waseca department, explained that they have to send out the mailer early with details of the fish fry and requests for donations.

"It's a good time of the year for people in the community to donate to the fire department," Cox said.

The fish fry is a relief association event, but it is mandatory for all the firefighters and their spouses to attend and to help where they can.

"We appreciate the community coming out every year and supporting us," Cox said. "It's nice to see everybody too."



Becky Ferch

Lakefest set to be success

Planners scheduling many events

By **MICHAEL ROY**
Editor

Waseca resident Tom Sexton has fond memories of watching the fireworks and listening to the music during the city's annual Lakefest celebration.

Those memories prompted him to take on a leadership role for the 18th annual festival on Tuesday, July 4, after he heard that nobody else was interested.

"When I heard Lakefest wasn't going to happen, I raised my hand to lead it after talking with my wife about it," Sexton said.

Before this year, Waseca County History Center's executive director Joan Mooney was the leader of the festival. After a few years of doing a bunch of planning, especially during Covid-19, she wanted to step back and focus on other projects, according to Sexton. "She is involved in so many things," he said. "We're good friends."

But he didn't realize she wouldn't lead Lakefest this year until he happened to attend a meeting for the Waseca Lakes Association in the first week of April. "It wasn't going to happen unless I stood up."

Sexton grew up close to Clear Lake Park, where nearly all of Lakefest's activities take place. His family moved around for a while, including to Omaha, Nebraska, before returning to Waseca in the 1970s, where he lived next to E. F. Johnson.

"It was a booming time in Waseca when E. F. Johnson and Brown Printing were doing so well," he said.

His family moved to Apple Valley in the late '70s, and he graduated from Rosemount in 1981. After spending 26 years in the Air Force, he retired in 2012.

Throughout his time moving around the country, one thing was constant: he always returned to Waseca in time for Lakefest.

"I usually stayed with my grandma," he reminisced. "The bands and fireworks were always fantastic."

It's why when he heard there was a chance that it wouldn't happen this year, he stepped up.

He said he understands why no one else volunteered. "It is a bit time consuming," he admitted. "I've got a lot of folks who are helping me out."

Sexton is receiving help from

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Boston not bust

Long distance cyclists ride through Waseca

By **DEB BENTLY**
Staff Writer

"It's an incredible time to spend together. We get to see the country. We get to face adversities and solve them using our shared resources."

So says Sharon Lodge, 58, outside Waseca's southern KwikTrip around 4 p.m. on the last Sunday in June. She and her son Caleb Pitcher, 21, have biked nearly 1,000 miles this month, and have a couple hundred to go.

Already today, she and Pitcher have had to cope with a flat tire. A Janesville area resident who stopped to see whether they needed any help has claimed to be jealous. "He said we are doing something other people think about, but never actually take the time to do," Lodge recalls.

It's all part of a plan the two of them have: Piece by piece, they are going to ride across nearly the entire country. Having started at Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming, they are going to make it - eventually - all the way to Boston. During their 2021 ride, they made it across Wyoming and all the way to Boseman, Montana, roughly 600 miles. Circumstances forced them to skip 2022, but this year they got themselves back to Boseman and set out at the start of the month.

On the backs of their bike seats they have hand-made signs proclaiming "Boston not Bust!"

Their message: They will do it in their own time, on their own terms, and without "busting" themselves.

Lodge, a teacher of fifth- and sixth-graders in Tennessee, has chosen a month-long bike ride as a way to decouple from the demands and expectations of the job and everyday life. "It's a mind



1,000 MILES - Long distance cyclists Sharon Lodge and Caleb Pitcher rode through Waseca this past weekend. They have ridden 1,000 miles so far this month.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

reset," she says. "Once July comes along, it will be time to start getting ready for fall."

She and Pitcher each have a typical two-wheeled bicycle with a bike-sized trailer hitched behind. In it they have "a very, very good" tent and camping supplies. Looped over the framework of one of the trailers are two spare bicycle tires.

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Energy questions answered (mostly)

Over the past decade there has been a tremendous move to wind and solar energy. The reason: the windmills and solar panels don't pollute our air and they transfer new energy to a grid representing the definition of renewable energy. The grid is the transmission and distribution lines operated by one or more control centers. The energy created by windmills or solar panels goes into the grid, to the wholesale power provider and is sold to Waseca so we can be comfortable with air conditioning on those 90 degree hot humid days, and light in our homes at night.

Back in the day I worked for Austin, MN utilities for a couple of summers. My first summer I was the hired hand who helped wherever needed. A quick lesson learned story. There was a water leak in a main in residential Austin. I went out with the water crew and helped them excavate and clean out a hole in the street main pipe. My foreman was doing some welding and I was running supplies to him from our utility truck. I was watching him weld with no safety glasses on. Big mistake, within an hour my eyes were red and



Bits and Pieces

by **Dave Zika**

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bloodshot. The feeling was similar to someone taking a pail of sand from a Jamaican beach and throwing it into my wide open eyes. The result was a visit to the hospital, my eyes cleaned out, medication, and a week off work. The good old boys sure had fun with this naive high school kid when I returned to work.

My second summer at Austin Utilities was a pretty easy summer. I was now a freshman in college and a seasoned utility veteran. Working with my boss, Lloyd Herron, I called him old blue after the waterbird, the great blue heron, we drove around in the morning sampling water stations. In the p.m. we'd check our samples making sure our water was safe to drink. Old Blue would look at me and say after testing, "Zeke, life is good, no bugs in the water." The

power plant I reported to work has now been decommissioned and no longer provides the power it used to; as have many other power plants, burning coal, in MN.

The city of Waseca provides our water and electricity for city residents. I chatted with Duane Brase and Lor Hanson about some utility questions. Duane worked many years for Waseca Utilities and retired as a supervisor. Lori is currently the Waseca Utility office manager. Both spent time with me and thoroughly answered questions I had.

Our city water tower is taller than any building in town and is a simple machine. Clean treated water is pumped up into the tower where it is stored. Water pumps utilize the pull of gravity to provide high water pressure. Water mains run underground

throughout Waseca to our faucets and homes. The water filling the water tower is tapped from an underground aquifer, underground river, running far beneath the ground under Waseca. I talked with someone living in the country and he told me they had to drill 300 feet to water before being pumped up the well. Waseca's aquifer is much deeper.

SMMPA, Southern MN Municipal Power Agency is Waseca's wholesale power provider. IT has 17 member utilities. Waseca buys electrical power from them and provides electric power for our city residents.

There are many state laws governing energy production and generation and SMMPA and Waseca must abide by them. I was shocked to research that MN's energy generated by solar panels, wind mills, and hydro was less than 30%. So where could SMMPA get energy other than solar, wind, or hydro? Maybe the nuclear power plants at Monticello and Red Wing or the powerplant at Fari-bault that operates on natural gas.

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Ferch retires

By **TRISTAN JENSEN**
Staff Writer

Becky Ferch, a teacher in Waseca for 36 years, has retired as of the end of the 2022-23 school year. Teaching in Waseca was Ferch's first post-graduation job, and she has devoted her entire career to Waseca's elementary students in grades 4, 6, 2, and finally kindergarten. "I have always loved school," she said about her choice of career. "I have always loved learning; I've always loved children." She is still considering her post-retirement options, but doesn't know yet what shape her life will take. "After all this time I want to continue to contribute in some way," she explained, "I just don't know what that will be yet."

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"Everybody knows I love books. I love reading with my favorite students," Ferch said about her hobbies. She can't name a favorite book, she says, because there are too many. While studying for her Master's, she did coursework in children's literature and had

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OBITUARIES

Belvy J. Kaiser

Belvy Jean Kaiser, age 94, of Janesville died on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Mapleton Community Home.

Belvy was born on February 12, 1929 to Bert & Myrtle (Groth) Root in New Richland Township, Waseca County. She grew up for a time on St. Olaf Lake and cherished the memories she had yodeling, roller skating, playing baseball, swimming, and playing the harmonica. She attended rural Waseca County Schools and graduated from New Richland High School in 1949. On November 26, 1949, Belvy was united in marriage to Kenneth Kaiser at St. Mary Catholic Church. Together they had 11 children and shared 68 years of marriage before Ken passed away on March 21, 2018. Belvy worked at Birds Eye, and EF Johnson Co. in Waseca. She enjoyed tending to her flower and vegetable gardens, quilting, and most of all spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Belvy was a member of the St. Michaels Guild and quilting group at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waldorf.

Belvy is survived by her children: Danny (Louise Taylor) Kaiser, Ginger (Gary) Meurer, Connie (Claude Curtis) Kaiser, Mary (Alan) Kaiser, Tim (Ann Crabtree) Kaiser, Rose (David) Kruse, Brian Kaiser, and Cindy (Steve) Arndt; grandchildren: Daniel Jr., Eric, Shandora, Franchesca,



Belvy J. Kaiser

Josey, Luke, Kali, Alana, Devann, Jake, Dillon, Dustyne, Walker, Chelsea, Marissa, and Lincoln; and many great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Esther Kaiser of Clairmont; many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband; children: Sandra, Charles, and Randy; grandson, Carter; siblings: Richard, Dellas, Donnie, Goldie, and Patsy.

Mass of Christian Burial was 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waldorf. Interment was in St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

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DeWayne Bennett

DeWayne James Bennett, 85, died on January 9, 2023 at Lakeshore Rehabilitation, Waseca, Minnesota, following a short, but fierce battle with COVID-19. Funeral services will begin at 11 am on Saturday, July 15 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salem, SD. Visitation will begin at 10 am. Inurnment will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery after the service and a luncheon will follow.

DeWayne was born in Mitchell, South Dakota on October 22, 1937, the only child of Lowell M. and Rosella Herting Bennett. He was raised in Salem, South Dakota where he graduated from St. Mary's High School with the class of 1956. He then attended State Teacher's College in Springfield, South Dakota, graduating in 1962 with a degree in

History. It was during his college years that DeWayne had his first eye surgery, which, while experimental, was successful and limited his vision loss for many years.

DeWayne held several jobs over the years, including owning his own janitorial service, manning the front desk at the Sioux Falls YMCA, and began his career as a residential counselor at McCrossan Boys Ranch in Sioux Falls. He retired from Hope Haven in Hull, Iowa, in 2001 following 20 years with them.

On June 19, 1993, DeWayne married Mary Z. Liberte in LaCrescent, Minnesota. Following his retirement, they moved from Boyden, Iowa, to Waseca, Minnesota, to be closer to her children. He was employed with the Waseca School District as a Janitor until 2009, when he became legally blind and he fully re-

tired. DeWayne loved to read, extensively using both Talking Books and a reading machine following his blindness, until his death.

DeWayne greatly valued his extended families. He is survived by four cousins who were like sisters to him: Elaine Thompson and Donna (Bob) Bray of Sioux Falls, and Kathy (Dave) Myers and Debbie (Phil) Peterson of Norton Shores, Michigan, and their families, and one godson, Todd (Brenda) Thompson, Sioux Falls, and many other cousins. He is also survived by his stepchildren: John C.F. (Ann) Zlabek of Walker, Iowa, and Mary L. Zlabek of Waseca, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandsons, Colin and Gus.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Bennett, his parents, one godson, Troy Thompson, one step-



DeWayne Bennett

granddaughter, Sarah Zlabek, and his cousin-in-law, Harley Thompson. www.kinzleyfh.com

Veronica Kormann

Veronica Elizabeth Kormann, age 74, of Waseca died on Friday, June 23, 2023, at Foxdale in Waseca.

Veronica was born on March 8, 1949 in Mankato to Raymond and Monica (Hinton) Phillips. She attended Minnesota Lake High School, graduating with the class of 1967. On May 5, 1984, Veronica was united in marriage to David Kormann in Waseca. She began working for Blue Earth Telec before starting a 29 year career at EF Johnson Company in Waseca. Prior to retirement she worked for a short time for Itron. Veronica Loved her dogs. She also enjoyed camping and watching the Minnesota Twins.

Veronica is survived by her husband of 39 years, David of Waseca; siblings: Rose Mary (Verlyn) Pool of Byron, Patricia Hasher of Mankato, Raymond (Barbara) Phillips of Shakopee, and Colleen (Dennis) Lindgren of Ben Brook, TX; brothers-in-law: Thomas Slechta, and Richard Gay; sisters-in-law: Cindy Fordham, and Carla (Mike) Penticco; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her



Veronica Kormann

parents; sisters: Eileen Slechta, and Elizabeth Gay; brother-in-law, Richard Hasher; niece, Patricia Pichard; nephew, Adam Fordham; great niece, Evangeline Burns.

Funeral Service will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Interment will be in Woodville Cemetery. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

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The Waseca Public Library's Alice in Wonderland Party June 22 invited children to use their imaginations.

Photos by Brianna Bleaker

Wonderland for readers

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

Children's librarian Brianna Bleaker welcomed 30 guests to another world of fun at the Waseca Public Library's Alice in Wonderland party Thursday morning. The event was inspired by the 19th-century classic book Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, which was famously adapted for the screen by Walt Disney Animation studios in 1951 (and received a live action remake in 2010). Children took part in a variety of Alice-

themed activities, including stacking the Mad Hatter's tea cups, playing the Queen of Hearts' croquet game, and competing in a white-rabbit-inspired memory game. The kids also made their own Cheshire cat grins with pipe cleaners and colored paper. Another craft was a Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum inspired thaumatrope (an optical illusion, in which two discs with pictures on them spin into one design). Children and all community members can look forward to many other events at the Waseca Public library as the summer continues.



Games of many types were offered during the library's June 22 event.

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the Waseca Lakes Association and many others whom he has recruited for help with the music and other activities.

Individuals who are helping him this season are Duane Rathmann, Freedom Run Chair; Trevor Kanewischer, Food and Beverage Chair; Abbe Hoehn, Adult Sports and Games Chair and Music Coordinator; Jennifer Johnson, Boat Parade Chair; Brit-tany Krueger, Kid Games Chair; Tom Krause, Marketing Chair; Justine Meyer, Marketing Technical Expert; and Charli Harguth, Graphic Artist.

"I have a great team backing me," Sexton said. "We're looking forward to having a great day."

Lakefest, Waseca's July 4 celebration, will start with the 18th annual Freedom Run. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with the kids' one-mile at 8 a.m. and the five-mile run to follow. Additionally, the Wiggle Butt Dog Walk will begin at 8:30. Participants in the dog walk will be able to receive a t-shirt and dog scarf for their furry friends.

Lakefest activities continue through the afternoon with live entertainment. Five musical acts are set up for this year: Pete Klug from noon to 1:30 p.m., Genera-

tion Gap from 1:45-3 p.m., Melissa Schultz from 3:30-4:45 p.m., Los Tequileros from 5-7 p.m., and Gary West from 7:20-9:30 p.m.

During the half-hour break between Generation Gap and Melissa Schultz, there will be a boat parade on Clear Lake with Mayor Randy Zimmerman, Molly Penny, and Dale DeRaad judging the entries. Sexton and his wife, Jeanne, will give the judges a ride on their pontoon to see the boats up close. To enter, scan the QR code on the Lakefest flier.

There will be food and drinks provided by The Mill, Lucia's Cocina, Carribean Jerk, and Snobiz in Clear Lake Park. Other activities include kids' games and volleyball and bean bag tournaments; signup is by QR code.

At 10 p.m., Sexton and company will "hand over the baton" to Discover Waseca for the fireworks over Clear Lake.

"We want to make this year's Lakefest fun not only for the people attending, but for those volunteering," Sexton concluded. "We want to make this a hometown event and make people feel like they can come back, even if they moved away."

"I was in the Air Force for 26 years. I've always wanted to come back here. When you're serving, events like these are what you're trying to preserve. I hope this event makes people remember why we're such a great country."

Cycling

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Riding in Lodge's trailer is a medium-sized black and white dog with soulful eyes. "We couldn't leave Shadow behind," she comments. Despite the many people coming and going outside KwikTrip, Shadow has lain patiently in his bed allowing the occasional passerby to pet and admire him while barely reacting.

"When we come to a stop at the end of the day, though, he's good to chase a ball or a stick with all kinds of enthusiasm," says Lodge.

Their route sticks to two-lane roads like Hwy 14. They try to time their days so that they end up near a suitable community park or campground for the night. But sometimes, Lodge admits, they have little choice but to find a spot along the road.

Every fifth night or so, they treat themselves to a stay in a hotel.

"It's everything we hoped for," she says of this month's ride. "We're glad we have the chance to be out seeing the country and spending time together." She adds that it's a very pleasant feeling to pull into a campsite at about 7:30 in the evening, exhausted, but knowing how far they have come and all they have accomplished during the day.

Pressed for some stories about the not-so-good moments, Lodge recalls being caught in heavy hail during a thunderstorm in Wyoming. She mentions a tornado which passed too close for comfort, and remembers the time ambient electricity building for a lightning strike caused her hair to begin rising away from her head.

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HARD WORKERS - Catholic Daughters Linda Groh, Joanne Earle, Nancy Miller, Deb Perreault, Judy O'Neil, and Connie Ockwig volunteer at the annual salad luncheon.

Pioneer photos by Amelia Roessler

Salads aplenty Catholic Daughters offer variety

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

Around 100 people attended the annual Catholic Daughters salad luncheon at Sacred Heart Church last Friday, June 23, to enjoy 10 different types of homemade salads for \$10.

All the proceeds from the luncheon will go to the church and school along with local charities such as Bethlehem Inn in Waseca and Pregnancy Options in Fari-bault.

Members of the Catholic Daughters made all the salads in the Sacred Heart School kitchen. It is a three-day process, according to Deb Perreault, the co-chair of the Waseca branch of Catholic Daughters, which has 100 members and has been active for about 77 years. Group members start making the



Kevin Walter

salads on Wednesday and continue on Thursday to be certain the wide variety of serving selections will be ready to serve by Friday. Perreault said even the cookies are home-made.

“We have fun while we’re doing it and that’s the best part,” Perreault said. “It’s a team effort; everyone just does great.”

According to Perreault and fellow organizer Pat Foley, the annual salad luncheon has been happening for about 30 years, with both of them in charge and working at it for about half of that.

As many people enjoyed the choices in salads, parish member Kevin Walter decided to try them all, saying that there’s “something about adding all the flavors mixed together.” He later decided he needed a bigger plate.

NR man killed in crash

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

A New Richland man was killed the morning of Wednesday, June 21, in a collision with a semi.

58-year-old Scott Bolduan was traveling southbound on Highway 13 between Hartland and New Richland at about 11:07 a.m in a 2006 Dodge Ram truck when he was struck by a semi-truck driven by Darryn Bullock, a 35-year-old man from Dallas, North Carolina.

Troopers say Bolduan wasn’t wearing a seat belt and died at the scene. Bullock suffered non-life threatening injuries and was transported to the Owatonna hospital. He later was charged with felony vehicular homicide (operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner) in Waseca County District Court.



New Richland man Scott Bolduan was killed Wednesday, June 21, in a head-on collision with a semi-truck on Highway 13, just outside of New Richland.

Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

In the complaint, one witness stated that she was traveling the same direction as the semi, heading northbound on Highway 13. She said the semi passed her and was attempting to pass another semi in front of her by going into the southbound lane when the accident happened.

Bullock had a taxi driver traveling behind him so that he could be taken from “Crystal Lake” [sic. Lake Crystal] to Mankato after Bullock delivered a new semi-trailer. The taxi driver said that they were traveling approximately 70 to 75 mph and that Bullock was “speeding, tailgating,

and did attempt to pass someone.”

The complaint stated that Bullock said he “thought the truck had a speed lock on it and thought the truck was governed at 65 mph.” He said he began to pass a slower semi-truck in a passing zone but that the semi he was passing sped up when he was passing it. Bullock could see about a mile up the road, but there was a curve in the road when he saw the pickup Bolduan was driving heading southbound. Both vehicles swerved in the same direction to avoid the crash. Bullock said he was going around 55 mph at the time of the col-

lison, but admitted that he was on a video call at the time.

Bullock was apprehended at the MSP/St. Paul airport after being released from the hospital. According to the complaint, Bullock said that he was not trying to run and was unaware he was under arrest prior to leaving the hospital.

Both Bullock and the taxi driver had stated earlier in the complaint that Bullock needed to be on a flight at 7 p.m. the day of the crash.

Bullock’s next hearing is set for Aug. 29, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Waseca Courthouse.

■ Pen Pals

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Dawn remembers writing about simple everyday things—games, activities, and other common events likely to be memorable to a tenth-grade girl.

She also remembers feeling a connection—being glad to share ideas and impressions with someone who spoke a different language and lived in a different part of the world.

The two met in person the first time only 2 years later, in 1974, when Dawn joined a group of 12 Worthington students and two teachers who were backpacking together through Germany, using railway passes and staying in inexpensive “hostels.” Their trip took them through Crailsheim and Dawn was able to introduce herself.

The two had such a connection that Dawn ended up getting special permission from her family to stay behind in Crailsheim with Gert’s family, then catch up with her backpacking group 3 days later.

Gert’s family treated her to a number of local historic sites. He also remembers Dawn’s energetic, outgoing personality—coupled with her bellbottom pants and “flower power” mode of dressing—made quite an impression among his circle of friends when he took her along to a teen get-together at the local high school. There, after he taught her the steps, Dawn danced with energetic abandon to the 1973 hit “Dancing on a Saturday Night.”

“That’s what makes the world go around,” jokes Dawn. “Different personalities, different ways of doing things.”

“Germans, they are a bit more concerned with the impressions they make on other people,” admits Gert. “The bellbottoms, the dancing, people wondered a little bit about this crazy American.”

Gert apparently chose not to be embarrassed. He gave Dawn a vinyl record of the song to take with her: Dawn says she still has it.

Of her sudden decision to break away from her traveling group, she says, “It was an easier time to live, then. The world was a better—a safer—place.”

Gert repaid Dawn’s visit in 1978. He and a friend came to the United States and stopped by the Waseca home where she and husband Paul had been living for only a few months.

“Here come these two German fellows,” laughs Dawn, “all excited to be visiting and to find someone they knew in this big, strange country.”

The Nelemans took the two to visit various local sites and take part in seasonal activities. As they remember, it was fall. Among other things, they visited a pumpkin patch and found their way to a late-season baseball game.

Over the fifty years that have passed since 1972, each has visited the other in his or her home country about three times. They have continued to exchange communication, typically a few times each year.

A great deal has happened on their respective home fronts.

Gert became a school administrator, specializing in facilities for

the disabled. He recently retired from a 20-year position which supports students with visual difficulties. He married Christiane, a doctor, in the 1990s.

Dawn and her husband Paul have been married 45 years and raised two children: daughter Brittinii and son Cassidy, now both in their 30s. Paul has also worked very hard on his construction and development business.

“Every time we visit her, she is in a bigger house,” jokes Gert. He mentions an email in which Dawn described having 12 Christmas trees on display in her home.

“In Germany, we have one Christmas tree,” he says.

He goes on to highlight that as a major difference between German and American cultures: space. For numerous reasons ranging from the fact that the centers of many German cities were laid out when nearly everyone traveled on foot or on horseback, the streets tend to be very narrow—there is simply no space for the many cars, parking spots, and other features Americans take for granted in the centers of large towns.

Land is very expensive, so homes are kept narrow and tall; at least by comparison, yards are small. “It all makes sense for us and for the way things are in our country,” he observes. “But it is very, very different from the way things are done here.”

Thinking of a trip he, Christiane, Dawn and Paul took together to the Mall of America, he comments, “Our communities tend to resist malls like that one. Their buildings, their businesses, have been as they are for a very long time, and they would see it as an intrusion if a company tried to

change that.”

Gert and Christiane mention having many conversations with curious passersby during their time at Mall of America. “I am not sure Germans would approach strangers quite so openly as Americans were approaching us,” Gert says.

On the other hand, “There were signs saying ‘No Guns’ everywhere,” remembers Christiane. “We would not have those in Germany, either.”

Gert and Christiane ended their visit with the Nelemans last Friday, catching a plane to visit Gerts’ aunt, who married an American serviceman and moved to the U.S. in the 1970s.

“Germany is not as big as the United States,” he comments. “You could drive to almost any other city in our country in only a few hours—no need to take an airplane.”

Gert and Christiane also admired the wide variety of foods and products available in America. “You would probably not find all those options in Germany,” Gert said. “But here it’s always the same beer...” That specialty, he said, can be found in immeasurable variety in every region of Germany, rather than the relatively limited number of options available across wide areas in the U.S.

Still, Dawn and Gert agree that such differences are no impediment to making a connection.

“People are people,” says Dawn. “Small things about our lives might be different, but inside, we’re all the same.

“We shouldn’t let those surface differences keep us from making genuine friendships.”

■ Adventure

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dered a worm” that was in an apple she was eating. When Rose Red is forced to prepare for her first press conference, she admits that the story is fake, and shares the advice of “being yourself no matter what.”

In a way, though, Rose Red does get her happily ever after. She kisses

the frog who turns into a man named Jack, and she realizes that she loves the normal life.

In the end, the Grimm Times gets its story that makes Rose Red and Jack famous; Jack finds a seed that will grow a magic beanstalk, and the Grimms are there to get the scoop on how he found the plant.

Before the play, Anderson took a few minutes to acknowledge everyone who made the production possible, starting with Schimming.

“Schimming was actually unable to be with us tonight,” she said at the

Friday evening performance. “She’s rehearsing for another production. But she’s been so good with the kids and so helpful. I can’t thank her enough.”

Anderson also gave credit to the newly formed non-profit, the Waseca Drama Department, which funded many of the props and set pieces created for the play. “In the past, we paid for a lot of these things out of pocket,” Anderson explained. “But because of the Waseca Drama Department, we didn’t have to. They made all this possible.”

The Waseca Area Foundation and Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council also made it possible for the Little

Rascals to perform by providing grants. Additional special thanks went to Paul DeMorett and Nikki Benson of Waseca’s Community Education; Chuck Pollock, Anna Pollock, Jodie Pollock, Tracy Kopetzki, and Karie Priebe.

After both shows over the weekend, two eighth graders were recognized during the bows: Eryn Harrison, who portrayed Evil Mrs. Blush; and Max McShane, who played Baby Bear. “These two will graduate out of the program after this summer,” Anderson said.

A photo page of the play is on Page (12) of this week’s Pioneer.

Otisco St. Peter Lutheran Church

Braves win 2 of 3, run record to 10-2-1

Waseca upends defending Class A state champions

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The Waseca Braves prevailed in two of three games last week, improving their overall season record to 10-2-1.

The Braves traveled to Blue Earth Wednesday, June 21 and came home with a 10-0 shutout victory.

Left-hander Kelvin Nelson was, according to Braves coach Tink Larson, no less than masterful on the mound. He pitched all seven innings while scattering six hits, walking none while strikout out five.

For the Braves, Chris Glynn went 2-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs, Tyson Reger 2-for-4 with two RBIs and one run, Kyle Waugh 2-for-3 with two runs and one RBI, Scott Hanson 2-for-2 with two RBIs and one run. Nelson was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run, Jimmy Loonan 1-for-4 with a run. Erik Simmons had a hit and a walk.

“It was another nice win,” said Larson. “Kelvin was masterful on the mound again, with a shutout and no walks.”

The Braves hosted defending Class A state champion St. Louis Park Friday, June 23 and held on for an 8-7 victory at Tink Larson Community Field.

“It wasn’t a pretty win, but it was a nice win against the defending Class A state champions.”

The visitors came to town with just nine players, but that was enough to keep it close most of the night. St. Louis Park, however, stranded 16 baserunners, and left the bases loaded in each of the final three innings.



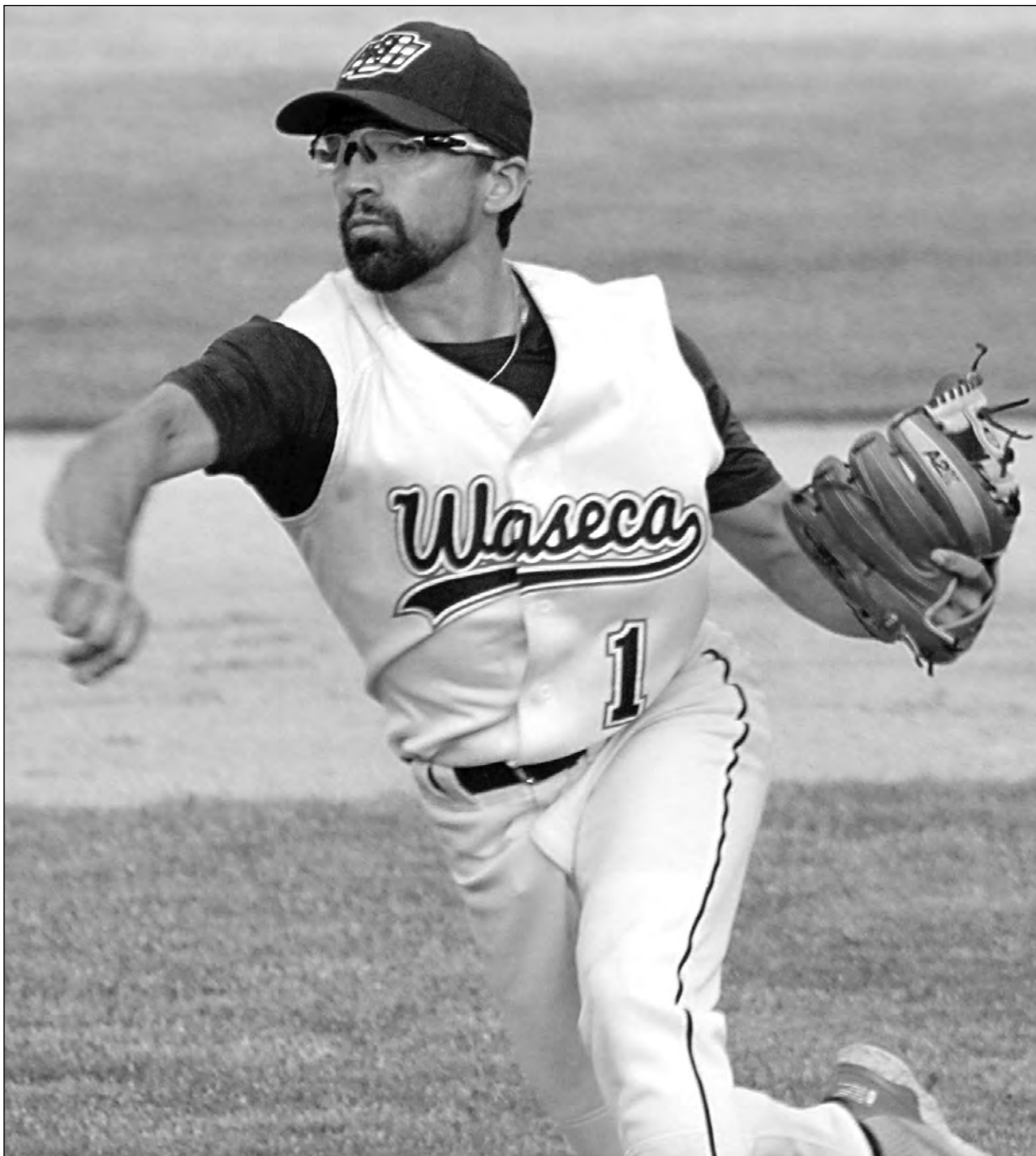
PULLING THE UPSET — The Waseca Braves knocked off defending state champion St. Louis Park 8-7 at Tink Larson Community Field Friday, June 23. Above left, shortstop Tyson Reger makes the throw for a double play with Chris Glynn in the background. At left, center fielder Kyle Waugh makes a diving attempt at a catch. Above right, Chaz Verduzco delivers a pitch.

Tyson Reger got the pitching win in relief of Chaz Verduzco, who started and went seven innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits, with seven strikeouts and 10 walks. Reger gave up one run in the eighth and one in the ninth.

Only one Brave had a multi-hit game, Alex Feeney, who went 2-for-

4 with two RBIs and two runs. Reger had a hit and two RBIs. Glynn, Waugh, Verduzco and Ben Schoenrock contributed one hit apiece.

“We didn’t get a lot of hits, but we were helped by some St. Louis Park errors and some key walks,” said Larson.



The Braves lost 12-1 to the Mankato Gators Monday, June 26 in Waseca.

“It was just one of those all-around bad games for us in all departments: pitching, hitting and fielding,” said Larson.

The Gators’ starting pitcher, Shumski, was particularly effective,

striking out 16 in seven innings.

“Shumski was tough on us,” said Larson. “We put ourselves in the hole in the third inning when they scored four runs on just one hit.”

A walk, a hit batter and four errors in the inning didn’t help.

“We had been playing good defense,” said Larson.

Waugh collected the lone RBI. Seth Anderson, Danny Cromer and Reger had one hit apiece.

Hanson started on the mound and allowed four earned runs in six innings, m striking out four and walking six. Reger pitched the final three innings.

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HITTING																	
NAME	YR	G	AB	R	H	E	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	SLG%	OB%	
Balderas, Armando	11	5	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0.000	0.429	
Biehn, Elijah	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000	0.000	
Cox, Grant	12	23	58	21	18	5	3	0	0	6	0	17	12	8	0.362	0.467	
Engel-Muller, Nate	11	7	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0.000	0.000	
Garza, Payton	12	23	80	14	23	6	3	0	0	2	1	7	8	10	0.325	0.345	
Heyer, Logan	11	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	
Krautkremer, Griffin	12	23	70	12	14	4	0	0	0	4	1	14	12	10	0.200	0.333	
Nieves, Max	12	21	62	12	17	5	2	1	0	5	0	8	25	13	0.339	0.357	
O'Brien, Oliver	12	21	78	13	21	13	3	1	0	6	4	4	10	20	0.333	0.305	
Reger, Tyson	12	23	65	23	31	3	8	1	0	11	3	16	4	17	0.631	0.580	
Roeker, Keaton	11	23	67	15	15	7	0	0	0	4	1	8	9	10	0.224	0.307	
Teague, Sebastian	11	23	64	12	13	1	2	0	0	5	2	10	7	15	0.234	0.311	
Volkmann, Kedrik	12	23	72	21	25	8	0	0	0	19	1	13	12	16	0.347	0.447	
Wirtz, Max	10	10	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	0.333	0.667	
TOTALS		23	630	148	178	56	21	3	0	63	15	103	109	121	0.325	0.383	
OPPONENTS		23	600	111	130	57	18	4	5	29	13	67	157	80	0.285	0.295	
PITCHING																	
NAME	YR	G	CG	SH	SV	W	L		R	ER		H	BB	SO	HBP	IP	
Garza, Peyton	12	5	0	0	2	0	0		10	7		12	5	15	4	12.00	
O'Brien, Oliver	12	4	0	0	0	0	1		9	8		9	8	2	1	6.33	
Reger, Tyson	12	13	1	0	1	4	6		41	24		40	23	69	13	50.33	
Roeker, Keaton	11	6	0	0	0	0	0		6	4		6	11	6	1	8.00	
Ruedy, Colton	10	8	0	0	1	0	1		16	11		25	10	11	2	19.00	
Teague, Sebastian	11	14	2	0	0	8	3		27	10		34	9	52	5	51.34	
Wirtz, Max	10	3	0	0	0	0	0		2	1		4	1	2	0	3.00	

Janesville Legion rebounds

By MICHAEL ROY
Staff Writer

The Janesville American Legion baseball team got off to a great start when it swept a doubleheader against Tri-City United on June 4. However, a few bumps led to a 13-8 loss at Sibley East on Saturday, June 8. A return home against Elysian the following Thursday put them back in the win column despite a performance riddled with errors.

Sibley East 13, Janesville 8

The first road game was a tough one. It was a great start for Janesville, who were great with hitting to get a nice lead.

However, eight runs turned out to not be enough for Janesville to win. According to coach Cory Jewison, the bottom of the fifth was where things got rough. “We allowed some walks and had an error that hurt us,” he said. “We gave up ten runs.”

The good start turned into the 13-8 conclusion, leaving Janesville with its first loss of the season.

Pitching was a tough spot. Austin Carda pitched for 4.1 innings, allowing seven runs and five hits while committing five errors. He struck out two. Nolan Morsching allowed six runs and five hits in his one inning of pitching, striking out two while walking three.

Nolan Morsching, Ty Melchior, and Ausin Quast scored two runs each. Quast hit a home run while he and Melchior batted in three runners each.

Janesville 9, Elysian 6

Originally scheduled as an away game, Janesville ended up hosting Elysian June 15 and defeated them despite a not-so-pretty contest.

“We came out ahead,” Jewison explained, “but it was not a pretty game. Their catcher had a difficult time keeping the ball in front of him. So we were able to take advantage and advance to the next base.”

The struggles between Elysian’s pitchers and catcher throughout the game let Janesville get away with winning despite four errors.

“When you have four errors, most of the time you do not come out ahead,” Jewison said. “We were fortunate that they had a difficult time as well.”

Josh Bengtson was the winning pitcher. He struck out four while walking three. Melchior, who pitched four innings, allowed a hit and two runs while striking out six.

Ethan Born scored the most runs for the team, getting three off of two hits without getting struck out. Morsching had two of the team’s three RBIs while scoring a run.

Another victory against Cleveland on Monday, June 19, put Janesville’s record at 4-1.

WASECA BRAVES SCHEDULE – 2023

Friday	June 30	Cleveland	Home	7:30
Wednesday	July 5	Wanamingo	Home	7:30
Friday	July 7	Rochester	Home	7:30
Sunday	July 9	Morristown	Home	2:00
Wednesday	July 12	St. Clair	Home	7:30
Friday	July 14	Owatonna	Away	7:30

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JAZZ - The Gentlemen's Anti Temperance League jazz quartet played the last of four summer concerts sponsored by the Waseca library. Pioneer photo by Jonah Stafford

Jazz concert is big success

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

The Gentlemen's Anti Temperance League, a jazz quartet, presented the last of this year's Waseca Public Library Summer Concert series Tuesday night.

The band consisted of Dan Rosen (vocals and guitar), John Halquist (violin), Joshua Parlante (substitute, electric guitar), and Matt Blake (string bass). The Gentlemen's Anti Temperance League played a live songbook of jazz which included a range from near-century-old standards and their own material. The band members have played together for about 10 years, starting when a few of the members were friends at the University of Minnesota.

After the band opened with a purely instrumental track, Rosen's vocals quickly took center stage. This began with their second song, an upbeat number called "Candy Shop," and continued throughout the rest of the concert.

Then, the group performed "All of Me," a jazz standard that was written by Gerald Mark and Seymour Simons in 1931. This song has gained substantial popularity

over the years, thanks to versions by the likes of Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra, Billie Holiday, and Frank Sinatra.

One cover that was much more contemporary was "Hell," by the Squirrel Nut Zippers. That band released their version of the song in 1996 and it was noticeably darker than any other song in the Gentlemen's Anti Temperance League's set (among other things, the word "damnation" was spelled out in the song's lyrics).

The band resumed playing originals, including "Gravity," "Stella," and "Millennial Blues," but the tension between their audience's enjoyment of the concert and the strict one-hour time limit became clear. As 8 p.m. approached, Rosen declared that it was "maybe our final tune here." After "Tu T'es Moqué de Moi," finished, however, the audience cried out "one more song," before a single lawn chair was folded. Ending the Summer Concert Series on a high note, the Gentlemen's Anti Temperance League performed "Canary in a Coal Mine," to their audience of new, adoring fans.

■ Ferch

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the opportunity to meet many authors and illustrators. Ferch also loves sports – be it playing, watching or talking about them, not because she is a prodigious talent but for a pure love of the game. Other hobbies include baking, riding bicycles, walking, and taking small

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vorite students," Ferch said about her hobbies. She can't name a favorite book, she says, because there are too many. While studying for her Master's, she did coursework in children's literature and had the opportunity to meet many authors and illustrators. Ferch also loves sports – be it playing, watching or talking about them, not because she is a prodigious talent but

trips.

"The world is changing, so learning is changing," Ferch explained about her experiences as an educator. "Even if students aren't always in the classroom, education is a year-round endeavor." She left off with a quotation from former Vikings player and Minnesota State Supreme Court Judge Allen Page, "Next to love, an education is the most important gift we can give our children."

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Local gun shop has open house

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

The rain didn't stop Waseca's new shop, Prepared Sportsmen, from having a steady stream of customers checking out what they had to offer — some for the first time — on Saturday, June 24. The shop held an open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with owner Tom Butel, employee Mark Eggert, and laser engraver Jason Lynch there to greet people and tell them all about the shop.

"We were glad to have this open house despite the rain," Butel said. "It gives people a chance to meet us and know what we're all about."

Butel greeted customers throughout the day, sitting at his desk and having conversations about possible future plans for the business. One of the goals he set for the shop was to offer firearm safety classes.

In addition to helping customers with purchases, Eggert spent much

of his time telling customers about all the different firearms, safes, and other gear the shop offers. He also expressed excitement at the prospect of teaching firearm safety classes.

"I think a lot of people misunderstand guns," he said. "It's why we really want to educate people about them."

Eggert added that at the same time, some people have to learn to respect firearms. "You always have to treat a gun as if it were loaded, and treat it with respect," he said. "That's why when I teach classes, I get serious. I'm a pretty nice guy, but I'm not at the beginning of these classes because guns are that serious. One split second decision can affect someone's life."

Jason Lynch, who offers laser engraving services at the gun shop, showed video demonstrations of how laser engraving works. One video even showed how a gun caked with



Prepared Sportsman owner Tom Butel and employee Mark Eggert are excited for the shop's grand opening on June 24. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

rust and can be cleaned in seconds with his equipment.

"It's insane what lasers can do," he said. "It cleaned half an inch of rust right off that gun. We are able to pretty much restore it back to the way it was before."

Lynch also uses lasers to engrave designs onto guns and ammo storage cases. Many of his designs are featured on the firearms in the store.

Many friends of Butel, Eggert, and Lynch also visited, with a few local law enforcement officers checking out the gear they had.

"It's been great visiting with all the people here," Butel said.

Despite thinking about changing the business hours of Prepared Sportsman a couple of weeks ago, Butel said that the shop's hours will remain the same, a little bit scattered, but still open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "I want to keep it that way for now," he said. "I like the hours I have because they work best for me. Maybe if the business grows in the next few months, I'll be forced to change it."

'Looking a lot better'

Pat Utz cancer benefit

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

Members of the Janesville community came in droves to the Pat Utz Cancer Benefit, which was held Saturday, June 24, at the Purple Goose Bar and Grill. The event was planned and executed by a committee led by Wendy Rykhus and Teri Hanks and consisted of a bean bag tournament, bake sale, silent auction, dinner, and a set from DJ Harvey. In addition, t-shirts supporting the benefit were made available to pre-order from Gidgets in Janesville. All aspects of the 12-hour event were in support of Pat Utz, who was recently diagnosed with stage four small cell lung cancer, and his wife Michelle.



PLANNERS - Organizers of the June 24 Pat Utz cancer fundraiser were Pat and his wife Michelle, Wendy Rykhus, Max Embacher, Pat Mende, Teri Hanks, Chad Blasing, Shylah Banks, and Linda Lenertz. Pioneer photo by Jonah Stafford

couple's lives. She added that her husband has had to stop working while seeking treatment for cancer. While Pat had felt unwell in the months leading up to his diagnosis, Michelle said that neither of them expected it to be cancer and for a time, they were in disbelief.

Since Pat's diagnosis, the Utzes have been met with an outpouring of support from those closest to them. "Almost right away, friends and family started planning the benefit," said Michelle. Her workplace, Itron in Waseca, had also carried out a fundraiser.

In the meantime, Pat has been receiving chemotherapy. "Everything is shrinking through chemo, hopefully it goes well for a while," said Michelle. She added that, overall,

"A lot of local folks were happy to contribute. It's great fun for (Pat) and Michelle." — Linda Lenertz

the situation is "looking a lot better" than it did in March.

Michelle herself contributed muffins and jam to the benefit's bake sale. "I hope everything sells out," she said.

Further donations can be made to the Pat Utz Fundraiser at the Elysian Bank and the Utz Benefit Fundraiser on Gofundme.

■ Zika

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We still have the power line running to our cabin on Tetonka and I think the power lines have been there for quite some time. Nowadays everything coming to your house is underground. The good thing is lines underground are tornado proof and windproof but not completely prob-

lem proof. No matter how many different painted lines you see on a yard when digging a new hole, or a new construction hole, excavated lines still get cut. Squirrels and even a shake can make their way into the metal boxes at Waseca's power stations and shut down power in sectors of Waseca. My experience; my power is always up and running in a short period of time, thanks to Waseca Utilities, when the lights and fridge are out. I rest peacefully at night knowing the utility troops are

prepared for action.

A couple of closing notes:

- Waseca received national recognition for electric reliability.
- Many of the powerlines you see above ground driving down the highway are part of the grid, transporting from wind mills, solar fields, or wherever.
- Traveling south on 13 to Albert Lea you travel through miles of giant windmills. When the wind is howling and the windmill isn't operating, I've always felt I should contact the

windmill guys. Turns out the windmills are energy full and transmitting to the grid.

I'm so glad I was able to get all of your energy questions sorted out for you.

Let's close with a smile.

What is an outlet's favorite song? "I've got the Power."

What penalty in hockey uses the most amount of energy? "The power play."

Why did the light bulb fail his math quiz? "He wasn't too bright."

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June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 HALL 7pm BINGO	2 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	3
4	5	6 D-DAY	7 6pm BAR Bingo	8 HALL 7pm BINGO	9 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	10
11	12 7 pm Post & AUX. Meeting WOMEN VETER- ANS DAY	13	14 6pm BAR Bingo ARMY BIRTH- DAY U.S. FLAG DAY	15 HALL 7pm BINGO	16 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	17
18 FATHER'S DAY	19	20	21 6pm BAR Bingo	22 HALL 7pm BINGO	23 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	24
25	26	27	28 6pm BAR Bingo	29 HALL 7pm BINGO	30 MEAT Raffle 5:30 Horse racing 6:30pm	

HOURS OF OPERATION
SUN.- MON. CLOSED
TUE.- WED.-3pm to 11pm Tue. Is Lady's nite 2 for one-Men Busch light \$2.50 from 4 to 6pm.
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“The Adventures of Rose Red”



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Sitting: Maren Schimming, Toby Jeske, Khloe Nelson, Keegan Rodriguez, and Maddie Halla. Standing: Brier Hayes, Amiyah Benson, and Luke Jeske.



Tomás Vásquez, Amiyah Benson, Brier Hayes, Luke Jeske, and Maren Schimming



Eryn Harrison



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Mandi Root



Mateo Vásquez, Sophiel Weber, and Eryn Harrison

ELYSIAN
2023 JULY 4TH
CELEBRATION

Thursday June 29

- ★ Miss Elysian Pageant
- ★ Princess of the Lakes Pageant
7 pm Fire Hall
Contact Chelsea Scott (507) 461-2642

Friday June 30

- ★ 2 Medallion Hunts
\$100 prize
1st clue posted at 6 pm on tent power pole. A new set of clues will be posted after 1st medallion is found.
- ★ Evening Event TBD
Under Tent

Saturday July 1

- ★ Kid's Fishing Contest
Ages 2-12 Lake Francis Park
Registration opens 9:00 am
Ages 2-6 Fish 9:30-10 am
Ages 7-12 Fish 10:15-11 am
Lunch Provided by Elysian Fire Department Relief Association
Bait Provided
Trophies & Prizes Awarded
Sponsored by Lake Area Women

★ Bean Bag Tournament

10 am Under Tent
Registration 9 am
Info: 507-304-0054 Phone App: Scoreholio

★ Kid's Bingo

2:30 pm Fire Hall

★ Chamber Street Dance

Featuring
“The Johnny Holm Band”

\$10 admission
9 pm-12:30 am- Under Tent
No Outside Beverages Permitted
Joy Ride Available 10 pm- 2 am

Sunday July 2

- ★ Pancake Breakfast
Featuring Chris Cakes
8 am-12 pm Fire Hall
Available To-go
- ★ Flea Market
8 am-2 pm Main Street Sidewalk
Info Tasha Hering (507) 995-0687

★ 28th Annual Elysian Car, Truck, Rat Rod, Motorcycle & Tractor Show

8 am-1:30 pm Main Street
Registration & Check-in by Nu-Chek Prep
Awards 1:30 pm in Front of Nu-Chek Prep
Info: Jeanne Zwart 507-267-4231

★ Live Music Under Tent

10:30 am- 12:30 pm- The Wendt Sisters
1:00pm- 3:00pm- The Father's Daughters

★ Kid's Power Pedal Pull

12:00 pm State Trail by Tourism Center
State Sanctioned

★ Bingo

Elysian Fire Department Fundraiser
6 pm Under tent

★ Fireworks

Shot from Lake Tustin Park
Sunset 10 pm
Tustin Park Closed

Tuesday July 4

- ★ Lake Francis Boat Parade
11 am (Starts East end of Lake Francis)
Contact Mark Sybilrud 507-271-9530
Prizes for top 3 boats & top 3 pontoons
1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$100
Sponsored by The Big Dog Sports Cafe
- ★ Face Painting & Balloons
11 am- 2 pm Under Tent
Making Faces Mankato
- ★ 37th Annual “Bob Childs” Turtle Races
12:30 pm under tent
Bring your own turtle!
Registration 12 pm

Monday July 3

- ★ Legion Chicken Feed
5 pm until gone.
American Legion Post 311
- ★ Fireman's Street Dance
Featuring
“Smokescreen”
\$5 Admission
8:30 pm-12:30 am Under tent
No Outside Beverages Permitted
Joy Ride Available 10 pm- 2 am

★ Grand Parade

Main Street 2 pm

★ Arm Wrestling

Under tent following Grand Parade
Ages: 12 and up

★ Le Sueur County Historical Society Book Signing

11 am- 2 pm
Le Sueur County Museum Grounds
Author: Dr. John Eggers
Historical Display on Grounds
Refreshments

Silent Auction

Elysian Fire Department Fundraiser
Fire Hall Meeting Room
June 30, 2023, 6 pm- July 4, 2023, 4pm

Book Sale

Elysian Area Library & Heritage Center
Fundraiser
Held in Elysian Library
June 29, 2023- July 3, 2023
During Library Hours

Food vendors & beer garden available throughout the celebration!
All events sponsored by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City of Elysian.
For celebration info email elysianareachamber@gmail.com or phone Pat @ 507-317-0532
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Tanya Vanderberg & Jayne Larson,
Herb Weber Family





Barbara Arnold (right) couldn't contain her excitement when she was crowned Miss Janesville in 1973. Vicki Wolff (left) was first runner-up and Cindy Miller was second runner-up and Miss Congeniality.

Arnold crowned Miss Janesville

1923

-Thos. Nicholson was down from the farm Friday afternoon, an interested listener to an animated political discussion in the Barden and Koplene clothing store. It would appear from a discussion of this kind that there exists a wide diversity of opinion with reference to the ultimate outcome of the senatorial fight. Intense partisans assert that no power can stop the whirlwind sweeping in the direction of Johnson. Others equally are just as insistent that Preus will win. Mr. Nicholson does not belong in either class. He views the situation from the standpoint of reason and fact. Reason and fact combined would indicate that the contest will be close with preponderance favoring Preus on account of his personal popularity, widespread acquaintance and well known efficiency.

-Speaking of his trip to the northern part of the state Chas. Gutfleisch states that he had never previously dreamed of the magnitude of industrial conditions Ono the iron range. The big steel corporation which owns and operates most of the iron mines represents a greater industry than is combined in several of the eastern states. Saint Louis County in which are located the mines and the cities of Duluth, Virginia, Hibbinb and Biwabik pay more taxes than Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware combined. It was a constantly increasing wonder to him to view the immense iron mine at Hibbing with its throbbing industrial life represented by puffing engines loading and transporting coal and hundreds of workmen.

-On Wednesday Marshal Frank Klinder took in charge an elderly individual who seemed to be without the power to recall his location nor his home. He was without a coat and was found in the country. A reveling man picked him up and brought him into town. He finally told a disconnected incoherent story. Enough was gleaned to find out that his home was two stations west of Tracy. The Marshal called up an officer in that town and upon his authority bought the man a ticket to his home. He owns two farms in that part of the state and is well to do. His lapse of memory took him nearly a hundred miles from his home.

1948

-Waseca County farmers were today called upon to eliminate at least ten danger spots on their farms during July. The drive to cut down serious accidents is part of the national campaign to eliminate 30,000,000 farm hazards before and during National Farm Safety Week, July 25-31. The need to clean out danger spots on Waseca County farms is much greater than most people realize, County Agent Cletus F. Murphy declares. Past records show, he says, that unless extra precautions are taken during the next 12 months, one out of every 18 farm residents in the county will suffer a disabling injury. One out of every four farms will be the scene of an accident that may disable a farm resident. Accidental death will occur in one out of every 320 farm families. The total cost of farm accidents will amount to \$35 for reach resident in the county.

-The enthusiastic approval by leading insurance companies of the Minnesota Bankers Association's Thumbprint Endorsement Plan to reduce the frequency of fraudulent check losses was announced today by M. O. Grangaard, newly elected president of the Association and Vice President of the First National Bank of Minneapolis.

-In the baseball game at Tanley Field, North Mankato, last night Janesville copped the honors by trimming Good Thunder, 12-4. Errors marred the game, mostly by the Good Thunder lads, who were guilty of many misplays. Both clubs are members of the Blue Earth Valley League.

1973

-This past weekend Mitch Schultz, Pat Cahill and Bruce Hering of the Janesville High School Amateur Radio Club joined the Waseca Viking Amateur Radio Society in the Field Day Contest. The purpose of this nationwide contest is to give the 'hams' a chance to practice operating communication equipment in an emergency situation. All equipment had to be operated by generator power, which was furnished to the group by the civil defense people in Waseca County. Amateur radio is not only a very exciting hobby, but also a public service in time of natural disaster and national emergency.

-The 55 member JHS Band returned home to Janesville Monday morning about 1 a.m., tired and weary from four fun-packed days spent in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The band had been raising funds for the trip for the past four years. The trip finally became a reality due to the efforts of come of the local businessmen and organizations. In Winnipeg, the bands were able to participate in either marching or concert competitions or both. Schools participating the following states: Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Illinois.

1998

-A Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton graduate is bringing a new cutting edge to town. Following his recent graduation from the Cosmetology Training Center in Mankato, Toby Anderson joined the staff at Fury's Barber Shop, Janesville. "It's nice to work in your hometown," Anderson said. Anderson has been on the job for a little over a month. He graduated from CTC on Tuesday, May 19, and began working at Fury's Barbershop on Saturday, May 23. "I wouldn't have gone to school if I wasn't coming back here," Anderson said of his decision to attend CTC.

-From its Milwaukee, Wisc., based engine manufacturing facility, Briggs and Stratton Corporation has announced that Robert Gahler of Janesville has recently taken and passed the Master Service Technician Exam. This outstanding achievement makes Gahler, who works for Waseca County Marine one of 2,600 engine technicians worldwide to have achieved Master Service Technician status.



DEAL STRUCK — In 1973, Walt Kinder, left, shook hands with the new owner of Pfaff-Kinder Furniture Store in Waseca, Jim Mitchell. With Mitchell is his wife Lillian. The Store will be called Mitchell Furniture.

Pfaff-Kinder sold

Waseca Herald, 1923

-Acting upon the complaints of several people, who have been bitten by dogs running wild within the city limits, the council in regular session Tuesday evening ordered the city attorney to instruct the policemen to strictly enforce the city ordinance, which requires all dogs to be licensed and muzzled. The owners of canines, desirous of keeping their pets, had better fulfill the requirements of the ordinance, because the police have instructions from the city authorities to rid the community of all unlicensed dogs.

-More hard work and less extravagance is the cure for America's economic ills, in the opinion of U.S. Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio, who spoke at the Waseca Chautauqua last Friday evening. Today factories are working overtime, every man who wants to work has a job and all classes of people are prosperous except the farmer, he said. But we can have no real prosperity until the farmer gets more for what he sells and pays less for what he buys.

-The letting of the contract for the Janesville-Elysian road grading job to Jack Brown, Tuesday, brings the fifth grading crew into Waseca County this season. The Glencoe Construction Co. has two crews working on road No. 8, one crew east of Otisco and the other south of Waseca. Charles Jorgenson of Stewart has a crew working east of Clear Lake on the Waseca-Deerfield road and the Cameron-Joyce Co. of Keokuk, Ia., began work this week on the Waldorf-Wilton road.

Waseca Journal, 1948

-Formation of the Waseca County Soil Conservation District was authorized by the Minnesota State Soil Conservation Committee. In announcing the new district, Paul E. Miller, chairman of the committee and director of the University of Minnesota agricultural extension service, said that final formation awaits official filing of petitions with the secretary of state.

-"Mom, can I take care of the McLoone kids tonight?" This question is shot to Mrs. Lloyd Kelly after her

14-year-old daughter, Janet, received a call requesting her service at the John McLoone home. Janey is Waseca's typical, and one of the town's most sought after baby sitters. She is busy an average of four nights a week. But prior to accepting an evening's engagement she must receive clearance at home. It has always been the policy at the Lloyd Kellys that mother has first call on the older children's time. Saturday night is the busiest night of the week for Janet. Last Saturday the phone rang seven times requesting her services.

-If your livelihood rises and falls with the Waseca County farmer, don't worry about a slump in your bank account. A county-wide crop survey conducted by the Waseca Journal points to the best all around crop prospects in the county in a decade. The only pessimistic report comes from the farmers who are finding corn borer eggs, in a good stand, that is now nearing or surpassing the knee high stage. County agent Cletus Murphy reports that many farmers are planning a DDT of chemical spraying campaign against the borer.

Waseca Daily Journal, 1973

-"We are awfully impressed with Waseca and look forward to moving here," said Jim Mitchell, new owner of Pfaff-Kinder Furniture Store in Waseca. Mitchell has purchased the store from Walt Kinder who will now be totally involved with Pfaff-Kinder Home for Funerals. Mitchell, his wife Lillian and their three children, Jody, 16; Jaymie, 12 and Cameron, 8 will move to Waseca as soon as they find housing.

-The Waseca American Legion team put on a sparkling late inning rally to overcome a 4-0 deficit and down New Richland 5-4. Waseca is 5-3 in the league play and 6-4 on the season. Waseca now trails several teams by one game in the race for the Five Star Legion League title.

-Carter Sandvik, 25, has been named managing editor of Waseca's Daily Journal effective today. Announcement of the promotion was made today by Don Brown, pres-



Julie Jewison was crowned Miss Janesville during Hay Daze in 1998.



The Waseca Education Association (WEA) presented Central Intermediate School Media Center Director and WEA President Deb Hoelmer with its teacher of the year award June 4, 1998 at its annual recognition banquet.

ident and executive editor of Journal Publishing Co. Sandvik has been city editor since November of 1969. A mass communications graduate of Moorhead State College, Moorhead, Minn., Sandvik came to Waseca's Daily Journal shortly after his graduation from college. "I am very pleased with being named Managing Editor of Waseca's Daily Journal. I have gained a lot of experience working with the staff and publishers of the Journal and will continue to draw from that experience to help make the Journal and even better newspaper," Sandvik said.

Waseca County News, 1998

-Julie Jewison was crowned the 1998 Miss Janesville on Friday during the 38th annual Hay Daze Queen Pageant. Julie said she was really happy to be named Miss Janesville and to be able to represent the community. "I am looking forward to riding in the parades to promote Janesville and being a good role model for younger kids," she said. Julie, the daughter of Bill and Mary Lou Jewison, recently completed her junior year at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School. As Miss Janesville, Julie was given a \$100 savings bond.

-Minnesota department of Agriculture Commissioner Gene Hugo-

son informed those who attended the Southern Experiment Station's annual Crops and Soils Field Day about the latest statewide livestock research program planned for the next two to three years. He said Tuesday that this research would offer the cold, hard facts about agriculture, which would be its best defense. "If we don't put ourselves under scrutiny, we might see our ability to farm as we have in the past curtailed," Hugoson told farmers who attended the annual field day.

-When a new traffic signal goes up in most cities, there is little or no fanfare. But in a community with only three traffic signals, a new set of lights is significant. That is especially true for the construction of a new traffic signal on Highway 13 North at the 13th Avenue intersection. The project began last week and will continue through the summer as the intersection is aligned and signal lights raised. City officials hope when the project is completed, it will have a positive impact on vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the busy intersection. "This will provide some continuity in a really congested area," said City Manager Kris Busse.

Break-in at Budach Implement

1923

-\$964.50 is the total amount subscribed to the purchase of the St. Olaf Lake Park grounds at the time of going to press Thursday afternoon. The organization to hold title to the park will be the St. Olaf Lake Park Ass'n and all who donate will be members.

-From the looks of affairs in this country we are not yet back to the happy land of normalcy. Railroad signalmen have asked for an increase in pay on seven northwest lines, which will make an added expense to the railroads of five million. Ten thousand union painters in New York have struck for a ten dollar day and a five day week. As a result of wage problems in the building trades projects totaling one hundred million in New York and seventy five million in Chicago have been held up.

-Oscar Johnson has this week completed a 30x40 addition to his barn. Shingling bees were at his place last week.

-John Floden now drives a new Ford touring car.

-Wanted-Married man with car who wants better position, willing to work for \$40.00 per week.

1946

-Frank. T. Gallagher of Waseca is a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota.

-New Richland friends of Miss Rose Tondl have received the information that she is to return to New Richland for a visit at least. Miss Tondl expects to leave Los Angeles by airplane Saturday, June 29.

-New Barber Prices Now in Effect: adult's haircut, 65c; children (under twelve), 55c; Heinie haircuts, 10c extra; shave, 35c; shampoo, 50c; massage, 65c; tonic, 25c; women's neck clip, 25c; women's shingle trim, feather cut, hair thinning, 65c-Milly's Barber Shop.

-The foolish, and I might almost truthfully say, the imbecile drive down our main street at a speed up to as high as 40 miles an hour and nothing will or maybe can be done about it until a life is lost. We have several institutions in Minnesota for the insane and if these reckless drivers do

not qualify in that class then there is no such thing as insanity.

1973

-Thieves broke into Budach Implement Thursday morning about 4 a.m. They wheeled the safe from the office out into a passageway, turned it over and pried it open with a heavy bar and other tools taken from the back shop. According to Gene Budach and his son, David, proprietors, between \$150 and \$200 in cash was taken. A number of checks were also missing.

-New Richland will celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks. A spectacular display is planned for dusk that evening on the football field in the village. Following the fireworks, some lucky person will win a prize of his or her choice. Given away will be a canoe, a Herter's mini bike, or a certificate worth \$200 in merchandise.

-Wednesday evening, Mrs. Merle Wakefield and Mrs. Dwight Miller and Judy Jo Bartness attended the Dairy Day banquet at Conger.

-Mrs. Anna Fritsche and Shelly

Neitzel visited with Mrs. Anna Fogal Saturday afternoon.

1998

-The sirens in Waldorf, New Richland and Hartland sounded Saturday night warning residents of an impending tornado but high straight line winds and torrential rains attacked the area instead. Many trees were broken off, uprooted, tree limbs were scattered all across the area and leaves plastered to windows. Several trees fell on buildings around the area.

-Freeborn County Coop in Alden recently expanded its facility to house a convenience store. Managing the store is Heidi Heidemann, formerly of New Richland.

-The men of the Prescher family enjoyed a week-long fishing expedition at Lake of the Woods recently. According to Herb, the patriarch of the tribe, the group enjoyed the fishing from the 27' launch, the north country, and their stay at Sportsmen's lodge.

The Pastor's Column

Don't give up on doing good

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS
Wisconsin, I am in Wisconsin. When will this end? When will I be home for more than 48 hours in a week? I am blessed to have my wife with me on most of these trips, but I am longing to be home. Paul reminds us to not give up or grow weary of doing good, and that is where I find myself today. I am at our denominational annual meeting and we are exploring the daring endeavor of being church. It is hard to grow weary when you are being encouraged to do good. The church has opportunities to do good every day. How can we join in?

We must be daring. We must risk. It is fine to go to church, attend a service and be kind to the people there, but to be the church it requires more. Being church is missional. Jesus told us to go into all the world and make disciples. Paul challenges us to do more and risk more in that endeavor to fulfill the call of Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 9 Paul explains to us his actions as a Missional Follower of Jesus: 19 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.22 To the

"We must be daring. We must risk."

— Pastor Ken Andrs

weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

The church is not a building where we gather, it is not the songs we sing, nor the pastor we follow. The church is the people of God, the bride of Christ, His chosen and dearly loved individuals gathered and united as one under His headship. The church is the people that follow Jesus.

The purpose of the church is to reveal the love of God to the world by pointing to Jesus and Him crucified through the power of the Holy Spirit. We followers are called to be witnesses of Jesus' work. As we share the truth of God with people we do not do it in a position of power, but in humility recognizing our own need for a savior.

We become all things to all people that some might be saved. Our humble loving witness calls us to reveal Jesus as Savior to all peoples. We don't get to choose who is saved, but rather out of love we seek to understand their stories and point out how Jesus loves them.

The Pastor's Column

Not from here, nor from there

By SANTIAGO RAMIREZ OCAMPO

These days while visiting my parents, Rodolfo Enrique Cabral Camiñas, known in the art world as Facundo Cabral, who at the time defined himself as a "first-class vagabond," came back to my ears. He could tell stories with his guitar, which I believe is lacking in our days, for he taught while talking and stroking his guitar, and this without necessarily singing.

I took the liberty of translating an introduction he made live at a concert when he played his famous song: "No soy de aqui, ni soy de allá" (I'm not from here, nor am I from there). The video is on YouTube, and it was impossible for me to find the date and place of the concert, but I think the introduction is not to be missed.

"I like those who are silent, and I like those who sing, and from so much walking with me, I like what happens to me.

"Things like this happen to me, even though it's of no importance, to go around telling everyone, all the things that happen.

"Because one does not live alone. and what happens to you, is happening to the world, only reason and cause.

"For everything is so perfect, because God is perfect, that some star moves, when I pluck a flower, that's why if there is one, there are two.

"I knew about the devil, the night I said no to the hungry one, that night I also knew, that the devil is the son of God.

"I walk through life alone, with a tone and dominant modestly cantor, with no pretense of teaching, because if the world is round

I don't know what it is to go forward.

"Walking and walking, always walking, nothing more than walking, I did not come to explain to the world, I only came to play.

"I don't want to judge the man, I want to tell man my condition is life, and my way to sing, singing and telling about life, is my way of walking.

"One day I arrived in Tandil, and I met an old man, who for lack of intelligence he was very wise.

"I asked him about Jesus, one night to the nice old man, and right there I met him when he handed me a mirror.

"I dance to my song, and not the one they play for me, I am not freedom, but I am the one who provokes it.

"If I already know the way, why am I going to walk on the side, if I like freedom, why am I going to live as a slave?"

"To choose, I always choose more than for me, for my brother, and if I have chosen to be an eagle, it was for love of the worm.

"I prefer to continue on foot, and not on a borrowed horse, someone for an apple forever in debt always arrives first, the one who goes more unloaded.

"The day I die, there will be no need to use the scales, because watching over a singer, a milonga is enough.

"I turn my face to the enemy, my back to the good commentary, because he who accepts flattery begins to be dominated, the man caresses the horse to ride him.

"I'm sorry if I got carried away, and I got morose, no one can give advice, there's no man that's that old.

"I put the sun on my shoulder, and the world is yellow.

"I like to walk, but I don't follow the path, for the sure thing has no more mystery.

"I like to go in the summer far away, but to return to my mother's in winter, and see the dogs that never forgot me, and the horses and the hugs my brothers give me, I like it, I like it, I like it, I like it...."

Farewell, Father

Mulligan's last service June 25

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

It was a bittersweet weekend for Father Mulligan. He performed his final masses at the Catholic Churches of All Saints, New Richland, on Saturday, June 24, and at St. Joseph, Waldorf, and St. Ann, Janesville, on Sunday, June 25.

Starting July 1, Mulligan will be serving the Newman Center at Minnesota State University-Mankato to coach aspiring priests and deacons in their journey through the priesthood. This change was arranged by Bishop Robert Barron, who says it is his mission to double the number of priests in the Winona-Rochester diocese over the next five years.

After the 10 a.m. mass at St. Ann, there was a farewell reception at the St. Ann Parish Center in Janesville. Refreshments were served alongside a large cake which read, "Thank you and future blessings, Fr. Brian!"

Around 80 people, nearly all St. Ann congregants, gave their thanks, farewell, and good wishes to Fr. Mulligan. In addition to sending him off, St. Ann trustee Brady Adams presented him with a surprise.

"When I heard Father was leaving, I was trying to come up with a gift idea," Adams said. "But I couldn't figure out what to do. I talked to a few parishioners."

When Fr. Sylvester Brown left the

church a couple decades ago after being part of the church for nearly 20 years, he was given a car. "How do we top that?" Adams said. "I thought, 'Well, Fr. Brian's been with us for three years. Maybe we can start him off with a one-wheel.'"

Fr. Mulligan was quite surprised to receive a brand new one-wheel, an electric balancing board with one large central wheel which moves the rider forward or backward.

Since being part of the parish, Mulligan was often seen propelling on a one-wheel in parades and festivals like Hay Daze and St. Ann Fall Festival. Fr. Mulligan spent the next ten minutes downloading the app to his phone to make it work properly. He then took it for a test drive in between tables in the parish center.

Fr. Mulligan shared some final words during his last mass in Janesville. "Thank you all for making these past few years of my first pastorate great," he said. "It's been great getting to know all of the families here. This I will certainly miss."

In his bulletin, he said that "change is the only constant in life" and that Jesus Christ is the "only stable relationship for us." He then referenced Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

"I am excited to see what this next adventure will be for me," Mulligan said.



Fr. Brian Mulligan was presented with a cake by Pam Hammond (left) and Becca Kuehn (right) wishing him luck on his next adventure at MSU Mankato's Newman Center later this summer. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

The final mass of Janesville marked an end to the Communion of Saints parish of Janesville, Waldorf, and New Richland. Janesville will now officially join St. Clair and Madison Lake's parish cluster, with Fr. Robert Schneider leading the Janesville mass for the first time at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 2.

St. Joseph, Waldorf, will switch from Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. to Saturdays at 5 p.m. starting July 1.

Fr. Swaminatha "Swamy" Pothireddy will serve the community as part of the new quad parish of Waldorf-Mapleton-Good Thunder-Ver-non Center.

New Richland will switch from Saturday evening masses to Sunday at 8 a.m. starting July 2. Fr. Glenn Frerichs will serve the community along with taking on duties at Sacred Heart in Waseca with Father Th e departure.

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 314 4th Ave NE, Waseca 507-835-2647 Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m. * * *	TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH New Richland, Minnesota Pastor Mary Iverson Sunday - 9 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sunday School; 10 a.m. Coffee Monday - 9 a.m. Quilting Wednesday - 6:15 p.m. Confirmation; 7 p.m. Council meeting * * *	ZOAR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor Ava Adams-Morris Waldorf, Minnesota Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship * * *	ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL CHURCH Alma City, Minnesota Vacancy Sunday = 1 p.m. Worship * * *
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 503 2nd Ave NE, Waseca 507-835-4548 (office email: lcwaseca@hickorytech.net) Worship Sunday 10 a.m. * * *	LESUEUR RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH New Richland, Minnesota Pastor Dan Kordahl Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. Quilting * * *	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC Waldorf, Minnesota Father Brian Mulligan Sunday - 8 a.m. Worship * * *	TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Smiths Mill, Minnesota Vacancy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Worship Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Worship * * *
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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 111 4th St NW, Waseca 507-835-1222 Worship Saturday 5:15 p.m., Sundays 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., weekdays 8:30 a.m. Tues., Wed. and Fri., 7:00 a.m. Thurs. * * *		THE CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS Brad Donner, Branch President Waseca, Minnesota www.lds.org Sunday - 10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.; 11:20 a.m. Sunday School Wednesday - 7 p.m. Youth Activities, ages 12-18 * * *	NOTE: CHANGES IN CHURCH CALENDARS MUST BE MADE BY NOTIFICATION FROM A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION TO THE WASECA COUNTY PIONEER.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 74-CV-23-923

Kylie Rumner
Petitioner
Vs
Lincoln Summer
Respondent

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDER BY PUBLICATION

To Respondent:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Harassment Restraining Order has been issued on June 16, 2023.

A hearing has not been scheduled. You may request a hearing on this matter by filing a *Request for Hearing* HAR301 with the Court within twenty (20) days of the date of the date this Notice is published. You may get a copy of the HRO from the court administrator's office at the following address: 111 E Main St., Owatonna, MN 55060.

Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to get a copy of the Harassment Restraining Order will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.

Date: June 26, 2023.
/s/ Scott Golberg
County Administer/Deputy

Based upon the Pettioner's Affidavit and

Request, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The notice shall be published one time in a legal newspaper in Steele County.

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 - Promote and educate customers on other banking services and refer business to other areas of the bank
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Case Type: Domestic Abuse

In the Matter of:

Sheila Shaske On Behalf of Vulnerable Adult

Petitioner

vs.

Chase Kenneth Everson

Respondent

**Notice of Issuance of Emergency
(Ex Parte) Order for
Protection by Publication
(Minn. Stat. § 518B.01, subd. 8)**

To Respondent named above:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Ex Parte Order for Protection has been issued in the above matter. You may request a hearing if you contact the court administrator's office within 12 days of the date of publication of this notice. You may obtain a copy of the Ex Parte Order for Protection and the form to request a hearing from the court administrator's office at the following address:

Steele County Courthouse, 111 E. Main St, Owatonna, MN 55060

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