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Homecoming

Waseca HC Walking Tacos Oct. 6

Friday, October 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Waseca Choir will serve Walking Tacos to raise money for the choir trip to New York. The supper will take place at Waseca High School before the Homecoming game. The cost is \$8.

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Halloween “Porch Leaners” class at C&A Designs Oct. 7

C and A Designs will host a workshop on October 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. to make fall and Halloween themed “porch leaner” signs, 48”x10” signs perfect to lean against a wall or door. The cost is \$54.99 and includes materials. Register online.

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Try Hockey for Free Day Oct. 8 and 15

The Waseca Hockey Association is hosting its twice-annual “Try Hockey for Free Day” October 8 and 15 from 1:30-2:15 p.m. The event is for kids ages 3-13 in the Waseca, WEM, JWP, and NRHEG school districts to try ice hockey completely free. A limited amount of equipment is available to borrow, so families are asked to bring, if they have them, skates, hockey sticks, hockey or bike helmets, and winter gloves. Those needing to borrow equipment are asked to arrive at 12:30.

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MEA Day Camp Oct. 19-20 at FarmAmerica

FarmAmerica will be hosting day camps for kids in grades 1-5 on October 19 and 20. The camps go from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and include STEM activities, time with animals, outdoor activities, crafts and more. The cost is \$50 per child per day and families can sign kids up for one or both days' activities. Get tickets at farmamerica.org/day-camps

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‘Gift of Music’ Oct. 26 at Christ Comm.

The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Cindy Martinson will present “The Gift of Music” on October 29, 2023 at Christ Community Church, 2200 4th Street NE, in Waseca, MN 56093. This concert will benefit the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center Food Shelf. The concert of familiar orchestral and choral music will include Dry Bones, A Mighty Fortress is Our God, Ukrainian Alleluia, Walk in Jerusalem, and The Awakening. During the concert, a free will offering will be taken with 100% of the proceeds going to the Waseca Area Food Shelf. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

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Treats on the Streets Oct. 26

“Treats on the Streets” is returning Thursday, October 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. Treats on the Streets is a Halloween event which allows children to trick or treat at local businesses.

*A word from
The Word*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. **John 14:27**

‘A touching tribute’ 27 combines line up in memory of Bartelt



The night before Arron Bartelt’s funeral, Lyndon Gerdts harvested a few rows of corn to make room for 27 combines to line up for the funeral held on Saturday in Waldorf.

Hundreds attend service

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

The world became a lesser place when Arron Bartelt, 48, died on September 24. He, his wife Cassie Birr, and three of their children lived in the Waldorf area. Arron’s business, A&B Custom Equipment, served area farmers. Arron was well known for his creative but effective way of repairing mechanical equipment.

He was at least equally well known for his generous nature and his willingness to put his own interests aside for the sake of others. The scope of his influence is perhaps illustrated by the fact that about 350 people attended his funeral.

“Before you even knew you needed help, he would just appear,” says his lifelong friend and fellow businessman Marcus McDonough, owner of McDonough Repair.

Also close with Arron was Collin Gerdts, a Waldorf area farmer who knew and worked with him for about 15 years. He recalls a few examples. “If you got stuck in the field, he would come over with his own tractor and pull you out,” he mentions. “If your equipment broke down, he would give you parts off his shelves

just to get you back in the field and working as fast as possible.”

McDonough, whose business includes road maintenance contracts with a number of townships, remembers last Christmas when Arron insisted on being sure “his” roads were clear before going home to celebrate with his family.

Arron’s father, Barry Bartelt, mentions that Arron also helped many individuals with medical problems, administering medication to one person twice a day for the past two years, and also frequently transporting people to doctor and hospital visits.

Gerdts recalls a time when a vital drive belt at the Matawan elevator broke and a line of farmers who needed to unload their trucks was growing longer. “He jumped right in and got it fixed,” recalls Gerdt, “so people could be on their way.”

When Arron died suddenly of heart failure last week, McDonough and Gerdt thought of the many services and supports he had provided to the community. Since Gerdt has a field of corn along Hwy 83, the two came across the idea of contacting others who had benefited from



Arron’s knowledge and generosity and putting together a tribute.

“We needed to do something special,” comments McDonough. “He was always there for everybody, we wanted to be there for him.”

They decided to ask fellow farmers about bringing their combines to the field and parking them in a line along the highway.

The two started making phone calls. “Everyone said yes,” observes Gerdt.

With Bartelt’s funeral set to take place on Saturday morning at the Waldorf Community Center, Gerdt’s father, Lyndon, harvested a few rows of corn to open up space. The next morning, the combines came: 27 of them, in all colors and varieties, some being driven as far as 10 miles. McDonough tells of William Rohwer, another of Bartelt’s close

friends who lives 45 miles away. Since the distance and other logistics made it impossible for Rohwer to bring his two combines, he pounded a post into the ground, pulled out photographs of his equipment, and stapled them on. Also part of the line was a road grader, one driven by Bartelt while working for McDonough’s road maintenance operations. For the next six hours or so, the massive line of equipment—about a third of a mile in length—stood vigil.

“It tells you what kind of person he was,” observes Gerdt, “that all these folks would stop during harvest and lose a day of work in his memory.”

Lyndon Gerdt described it as “a very touching tribute” as the funeral procession went by on the way to interment at Zoar United Church of Christ Cemetery.



NRHEG Homecoming crowned Monday night in New Richland, from left: Daxter Lee, Keira Lenort, Jaylin Raab, Faith Nielsen, Prince Paxton Sterner, King Will Tuttle, Queen Hallie Schultz, Princess Kinsley Jensen, Jackson Chrz, Isabel Stadheim, Brenna Sommer and George Roesler.

Pioneer photo by Judy Tweeten

Tuttle, Schultz crowned at NRHEG

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

NRHEG Homecoming week 2023 is underway. Hallie Schultz was crowned queen and Will Tuttle became king during a coronation on Monday night at the high school gymnasium in New Richland. Parades are scheduled for today (Friday) at 12:30 p.m. in Ellendale and 2:15 p.m. in New Richland. The homecoming game will be tonight at 7 p.m. against Waterville-Elysian-Morristown. Royalty will be intro-

duced at halftime. An evening homecoming dance from 9 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. in the high school gym will follow the game.

Royalty was crowned based on a vote of the student body, grades 9-12 – and has been reigning over a variety of events.

This year’s court are (parents in parenthesis): Keira Lenort (Tami LaCanne, Chris LaCanne, and Jason Lenort), Faith Nielsen (Jennie and

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Hail Mary reception by Tyrone Wilson

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

The power was out in town for a few hours last night.

Where were you when the lights went out?

In the dark.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. My wife enjoyed a sweet roll that a yellowjacket coveted and kept landing on the baked item. The roll was delicious. My wife ate around the wasp.

A friend asked how much rain I'd received at our place. We'd been blessed with 2 inches of precipitation. He told me I lived in the right spot as he'd gotten only an inch. Ours was a dry rain. I'll bet his was a wetter rain.

GO AHEAD, BAKE MY DAY

I like pie. My mother used to make a birthday cherry pie for me each year. In the movie "Michael" from 1996, John Travolta played the Archangel Michael and Andie MacDowell sang: "Pie, pie, me oh my. Nothing tastes better, wet, salty and dry.../Pie, me oh my, I love pie."

For years raisin pie (funeral pie) has been served at wakes, as a reminder that sweetness endures. Before refrigeration was prevalent and fresh fruits weren't readily available, dried raisins were.

My wife and I worked at the soup and pie supper at church each year. People lined up early, not because they enjoyed standing in line, but because they wanted to put a claim on the sour cream and raisin pie. The ingredients include eggs, sugar, vanilla extract, raisins and sour cream (dairy cream that has soured).

In "Little House in the Big Woods," Ma Ingalls made vinegar pies. It sounds like a desperation pie, but it's delicious. Again, fruit was hard to find and expensive, so cooks swapped the acidic juice from things like lemons for vinegar. The vinegar gave the pie a tartness that helped cut the sweetness of the filling. Water pie is a pie made with six ingredients: water, flour, sugar, vanilla extract, butter and a pie crust. I've not tried it, but I'll bet it's scrumptious.

I'VE LEARNED

Men shouldn't worry about getting older. They'll still be able to do stupid things.

No one claims that we have the best politicians in the world.

Behind every great man is the drawer his wife needs to get to.

A late friend, Bill Bryson, used a cane after recovering from surgery. He had a hitch in his get-a-long and

his slow motion brought the ire of a rooster. The feathered alarm clock had been looking for an opportunity to move up the pecking order. It attacked Bill three times, the last time Bill took a tumble while attempting to fend off the furious chicken. It didn't end well for the rooster, who became the headliner at a Sunday dinner. Bill said the meat was tough, but he'd never enjoyed chicken so much. The moral of the story is to be careful who you pick a fight with.

ASK AL

"Why do some fish live in salt-water?" Because pepper makes them sneeze.

"What bee is good for us?" It may be vitamin bee.

"What is the chief industry in Minnesota during the winter?" Chipping ice.

NATURE NEWS

I saw a single chimney swift at the end of September. It seems odd when I see only one. It's like eating a single potato chip. "I can't see just one," I tell myself. But for the past several Breeding Bird Surveys, I've counted one swift.

The surgeon told me to think of a pleasant place before I went under the knife. I stared at a chimney in my thoughts. I'm no chimney sweep and haven't even played one on TV, but I travel around each year, hoping for a good crop of chimney swifts. When the swifts zoom into a chimney to roost, it's a curtain coming down on a magnificent play. Swifts may look like flying cigars, but they are memories on the wing. I remember those moments when I need them because I learned little in medical school as I was never in medical school.

Earwigs like moisture, but they're capable of drowning. During a rainy season, earwigs may attempt to enter your home to get away from the rising water. Because they like moisture, they might enter a home when things get too dry outside. In a drought, it's not uncommon to find earwigs in basements.

Jerry Viktora of Ellendale told me his uncle said the first 3 days of a season forecast the rest of the season.

IN LOCAL NEWS

Tyrone Wilson of Ellendale did landscape work in my yard. Recently, an Augsburg University quarterback threw a game-winning, 34-yard Hail Mary touchdown pass to the same Tyrone Wilson (SO/NRHEG HS) with one second remaining, giving Augsburg a 33-31 victory over Gustavus.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"There are no small acts of kindness. Every compassionate act makes large the world."—Mary Anne Radmacher.

Newspapers in the 'before' times

I notice that Eli's column this week focuses on telling readers about what it takes to put together a newspaper. I also notice that Dave Zika's writing talks about Waseca forty years ago.

Voila! I am the perfect person to bring those two ideas together. A member of Waseca High School's prestigious Class of 1977, I graduated college in 1981 with a degree in journalism. I also got married just after earning that degree and moved to my husband's home area of north suburban Chicago. We lived there for a year or so before we decided we preferred living in the Waseca area.

In 1982, Mike Johnson started the Waseca Weekly, a competitor to the town's long-time lone publication, the Waseca Daily Journal. Mike chose to hire three news people and one sports writer: Of the four of us, only Jim Lutgens and I were local. I stayed with the Weekly for 6 years or so, covering stories that included the short-term draining of Loon Lake (an effort to cause the weeds to die and "lock" the excessive nutrients in the ground), a train derailling, catastrophic snowstorms, and much more.

I've mentioned other elements of my history before, so I won't go on with them. My purpose here is to comment how different it was to put a newspaper together back in the "before" times.

Nowadays, as long as I have internet access, I can sit down and type my stories on any computer in any place. Even if I am writing it last-minute, once it's in the shared online document Eli mentions in his column, he has immediate access to it—



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

regardless of where he is, and again, as long as he has internet access. (In the case of Eli's generation, they would practically rather give up air than internet, so he always has it.)

Back then, the Weekly was state of the art in that it had an in-house network. If I was going to type a story, it had to be on a keyboard inside the office.

Eli makes reference to "laying out" the newspaper. As he says, it is the process of placing the advertisements and the columns of news stories on their respective pages, seeing how much space they require, and, when needed, deciding what page stories will "jump" to. Again, though, he does that on a computer screen.

For the Weekly, we needed a huge open space in the basement with long, slightly tilted work surfaces large enough to hold sheets of layout paper the actual size of a newspaper page.

The first person to work with them would be Carol, who was in charge of typesetting. She began by putting the "banner" (the paper's identifying artwork) on the first page and the legally required publishing information box on the second page, then the page numbers and other required information at the top of all the other

sheets. These elements were produced on a special "photographic" paper, if I recall correctly. The very large typesetting machine actually cast an image of whatever Carol typed onto this special (doubtless expensive) paper, and then developed it using chemicals.

Once each newspaper element was typeset, it was cut out by hand and pasted into place using wax. Yes, wax. We would run layout pieces through the waxer, trim them, and set them onto the paper. They adhered beautifully, but could also be repositioned easily. For quick, easy repositioning, the preferred tool was an Xacto cutter—very sharp, very fine razor blades on handles all along the workspace. No dangers there.

Anyway, piece by piece, the ads, the columns of news stories, the photos, and finally the headlines and cutlines would be created and pasted down in their turn. Pretty much the entire staff was expected to be present, each taking charge of an assigned element of the work. What Eli—who is very talented at what he does—can finish alone in four hours, it took six or more of us to do. It was about a four-hour process, though, if I remember correctly.

Last comparison, although there are many, many more I am tempted

to make, is "putting the paper to bed." When Eli's electronic version of the newspaper is finished, he saves each page as a "pdf" document and sends it electronically to the printer. It arrives there, ready to be reviewed and sent to the presses, within seconds.

Missy Dunn can tell you about this one. Although not during my tenure, Missy had the job of delivering the "laid out" pages to the printer. When, after hours of work, discussion, and review, the waxed-together pages were deemed finished, it was possible to walk along the counter and see each page in turn. Handy, for example, when confirming that the text marked "continued on page 5" is actually located on page 5.

With (nearly) everything reviewed and fixed, the pages would be gently stacked together and placed in a large, hard-sided carrying case. Then it would be carried out to a car and driven to the printer, in this case, I believe, in Faribault. For the few hours between the time it was laid out and the time it was reproduced, those precious sheets were the only copy, anywhere, of the newspaper. If something had happened to it, it would have taken dozens of man-hours to recreate. Fortunately, great care was taken to ensure nothing happened.

In short, just as Dave Zika says in his column, there has been a lot of change in the last 40-ish years...Jim Lutgens and I reminisce about it, on rare occasions. So thanks, Dave and Eli, for getting this train of thought started. Sometime, maybe, I'll touch on the topic of what it took to get pictures into the newspaper back then...

Homecoming in college is interesting

Happy Homecoming to all. While the Waseca homecoming was this week, the University of Minnesota's homecoming was last weekend.

Homecoming in college is interesting. The only people really affected by it are the alumni, who come back for their "homecoming," and the sorority and fraternity members who have a lot of events revolving around homecoming.

In between all of the alumni events and tailgates, many students are only excited for the football game on Saturday because I think that's the only thing that can really be completely



To Be Determined

by Amelia Rössler

involved with. As for me, I thoroughly enjoy the homecoming parade that happens the Friday night before. A lot of the University clubs, many little or unknown, walk in the parade, but I mainly go to support the

marching band. I have a few friends in the band that I've made through pep band, so it's nice to actually see them do their thing and march with the rest of the band.

So there's the parade, the game the

next day, and that's about it for homecoming as a normal University student at the U of M. And that's a lot different than the Bluejay Homecoming in Waseca, from what I remember it as.

An entire week of dress up days and fun activities with the school and the court. Here, I don't even know who's a part of the court. But in high school, being on the court is a big deal. It was really fun watching the homecoming court either play games against themselves during homecom-

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A week in the life of a publisher

Preparing entries for the Minnesota Newspaper Association writing contest this year, there was a category that stuck out in my mind: "Explaining newspaper operations to readers."

I've been asked about this numerous times. How does the paper go out? How do you do it? How does it work?

My week never really ends or starts. I say many times that, even when I hit the final buttons and send the newspaper to the printer, I don't feel done. The next week's issue is already underway; work on it will be continuing until I hit next week's button.

So that's where I'll start today. When the paper is "put to bed" on Wednesday evening, I typically open all the mail from the week. After that I prepare bank deposits, update subscriptions and plan for our editorial and advertising meetings on Thursday. And sometimes I clean the office after that.

Thursday begins with meetings. I try to make them as short as possible. There are more assignments than our writers can handle, so I try to gauge what has to be covered, and what else can be covered. I ask a lot of questions of our writers and then assign stories. If any of our writers have their own ideas, they also chip in, of course.

Oh, also on Thursday we go over advertising plans for the week, who to call, and what special sections we're considering.

The rest of the day is typically spent doing accounting/billing fixes. I'm also the accountant here and, well, it's its own part-time job. I sometimes work on the website during this time as well. In the evening during the school year, I generally try to attend a sporting event to take pictures. I consider this a break. After the game, I then sort the photos and



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

post them on Facebook.

On to Friday.

Friday is an extension of Thursday. It depends on the workload, but on Thursday or Friday, I typically return phone calls for two hours or more. From Sunday through Wednesday, I generally only take phone calls that I have to, or, which have something related to the week's newspapers.

From those phone calls, I usually have more work to do. Also needing attention during this non-deadline time are many emails which have waited until now because they were not central to putting the week's paper together. So I send invoices, mail missing newspapers, or email a missing statement to an advertiser. Thursday and Friday blend together because, basically, I handle things, answer questions, take care of details and "catch up" beginning after our editorial and advertising meetings until I go to football Friday night.

This past Friday included an evening in the rain. It was fun, wet, and I wish the Panthers could have won. I'm wishing us the best of luck on Homecoming Friday.

After the game I was too tired to cook. I typically enjoy the creativity of cooking every evening, but Friday I ordered out. When I was finished with dinner, I sorted through hundreds of pictures and posted the best 40-50 on Facebook. I really do appreciate the kind comments readers post under those photos. Anthony Martens had a comment that the

photo I took of his son Carter was the best I'd ever taken. He admitted, of course, he was biased because it is his son. Regardless, it made me smile, made my night, and reminded me why I put in long hours.

I try really, really hard not to work on Saturday. After not taking a day off outside of medical or family emergencies for nearly a year and a half, the effects caught up to me. Which is why I take a day off on most Saturdays.

From March until now, I've been battling some health stuff. I'd say I've gone from about 30% back to a little over 90% today.

Of course, sometimes there are happenings which my reporters are unable to cover on a Saturday; when that happens, I cover the event.

On Sundays I go to church with Deb and family, followed by lunch. And then I settle in and begin working on the next week's paper. Oh, I forgot—I put the Golden Link together on Fridays also. That also sometimes gets done on Saturday if advertisers are late.

Putting the paper together actually begins with putting the list of ads together first. Without the financial input advertisers give the publishing business, there could be no news—at least not a newspaper. Ads go on the pages first, based on where the advertisers want them to be. Once that's done, I follow up by sorting through my "this week's newspaper folder." Everything that gets emailed into the paper, I sort according to

what needs to be done. I have a folder for "extra," a folder for "ads," a folder for "stories" and a "put in the paper this week" folder.

I also have a shared online document that all our writers put their finished stories into. We create it each week at the editorial meeting, and discuss which news items belong on the front page—barring, you know, a train wreck or something. With those decisions already addressed, and with (I hope) all the photos already delivered to me, I can start putting news items on the pages, leaving room for headlines and photo "cutlines."

I focus on the Star Eagle on Sundays, since it has an earlier deadline than the Pioneer. Also part of Sunday's work is Emailing, texting, and calling our staff whose material I have not collected yet. Most of the work is submitted already, but some folks forget, some are late, and sometimes the event happened on Sunday and it isn't ready for the paper yet. In some cases, I leave space for something about to happen in the (very) near future.

Collecting information and organizing in order to start laying out the newspaper takes anywhere from 1-4 hours. "Laying out," that is, putting everything in place on each page, is pretty quick work thanks to electronic publishing. The time intensive part is writing headlines and cutlines for all of the stories. This generally requires combing through the written pieces and finding an interesting fact, a catchy phrase, or a succinct summary.

When I'm done with the Star Eagle, I then do the same process for the Waseca paper.

Next week's column will pick up where I left off here. I'll continue with the "beginning of the week" on Monday.

Until next time. Please be kind.



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Bits and Pieces

by Dave Zika



Shopping locally is much changed

It is very interesting to roll back the clock and revisit Waseca forty years ago. Local historians like Corey Boje, Denny Hofmeister and Terry Roemhildt could probably answer any of your questions about the many businesses we had in town. Five grocery stores, several hardware retailers, Herter's, Ben Franklin, a Sears catalog store, E.F. Johnson, Brown Printing, two lumber yards, clothing stores, a shoe store, a couple of bakeries, and many more.

They are all history.

So what happened to the days we didn't have to leave Waseca to buy anything, since every need could be satisfied here? The arrival of the shopping malls in Medford and Owatonna, River Hills in Mankato—that changed the way we shop. Big names like Cabella's, Costco, Menard's, Lowe's, Fleet Farm, Walmart, Sam's Club brought even more changes.

I remember regularly visiting the late Pete Mahler's hardware store. I'd buy my hunting license; Pete would bless it, then he'd give me a couple boxes of free shotgun shells. He'd say, "Zeke, enjoy hunting this fall. Make sure you drop me off a few pheasants and ducks."

When Pete closed his doors, I remember him saying to me, "Times have changed. Customers are now leaving town to shop so they can save a few bucks."

Every city, large or small, still needs a grocery store. When Hy-Vee left town, Waseca was without one. Waseca cried for help and CashWise answered the call. Unfortunately, they didn't last long. Maybe prices, maybe service, maybe presentation—who knows? Waseca's residents didn't shop and support them, so they left town.

"Today we still need a real grocery store and I, personally, feel thankful and blessed that all my needs for grocery shopping are available to me without one. I can shop at Walmart or Kwik Trip and find everything I need. If I need a specialty in the meat department, I can always visit Morgan's. Many shoppers still feel a need for a produce or meat section, and if they so choose, they can always shop out of town.

I am responsible for our grocery shopping and find the prices reasonable, competitive and many times lower than in the big grocery stores. The employees at our stores are always helpful, delightful, and make my grocery shopping an easy chore. If you find yourself waiting in line at Walmart at, maybe, understaffed checkouts, don't complain. Everyone is having difficult times finding employees. If you shop earlier hours during the day, you'll find very few people in the Walmart aisles. The fact that Walmart still offers sanitary wipes to clean your shopping cart is very special. Most other big-time stores are no longer offering them. I like all of their great value, lower-priced items with lovely roasted peanuts being my favorite.

As I grow older, my senior mo-

ments are becoming much more frequent. A couple of times, Walmart has saved my day. Just last week, I forgot a bag of groceries at the checkout. Upon unloading at home, I found items missing from Lisa's shopping list. I raced back to customer service and there was the bag, waiting for me.

Luckily, no refrigerated goods, only canned items and chips. I asked the ladies behind the counter whether I am the only one who forgets things. They replied, "Heavens, no!" They said they find bags of groceries, purses, wallets, and credit cards. Sometimes they sit unclaimed for days. The one item everyone races back for is their cell phone.

Just the other day I was going through checkout with a ton of groceries. Two people were behind me, a lady from Waterville and Jerry Summer. Jerry only had a few items and the nice lady said he could go in front of her. I visited with Jerry and we shared our health problems; he has real difficulties with his back. While I was loading groceries out in the parking lot, over comes Jerry. He shared with me something that had just happened to him for the first time in his life: Not only did the lady let Jerry take her spot in line, she did a "pay it forward" and covered the cost of his purchases. What a fantastic act of kindness.

Lisa was entertaining ladies at the cabin and sent me to Walmart to pick up a couple of "lime-ades" frozen juice to mix for a beverage. They had a variety of frozen juice, but no lime-ade. We called several grocery stores with no luck and finally located it at CashWise in Owatonna. Off I went for a quick road trip. After getting a couple of my target item, I noticed their wind chimes were on sale for half price. Lisa has several of them at the cabin, so I thought I'd buy her another one to complement the sweet music they make in the wind.

I was playing with one when a lady came by and commented, "Terrible things! My neighbors have several and they keep me awake at night. I have to close the windows!" When I went through the checkout, the lady there said, "Noisy little buggers, aren't they?" I guess wind chimes aren't for everyone. We got to the cabin and unloaded—there was only one frozen lime-ade. Where was the other? We searched everywhere and couldn't find it.

My vehicle isn't the cleanest, but I noticed driving for a month that my Escape sure smelled wonderful, fresh and fruity. After a fishing trip with grandchildren in the back seat, I cleaned up their mess. And there it was, far under the seat, an evaporated, empty can of lime juice. Turns out, you don't have to buy air fresheners for your car; just roll a can of your favorite frozen juice under the seat and you'll enjoy a wonderful aroma for a month.

Have a great week, and a terrific time grocery shopping.

Potter talks Waseca Area Foundation

By **TRISTAN GEHRING**
Staff Writer

Amy Potter of the Waseca Area Foundation (WAF) was guest speaker at the September 26 meeting of the Waseca Exchange Club. Her message included describing how the WAF functions and how citizens can contribute to its mission.

The WAF is a permanent charitable fund serving Waseca County; its mission is to provide opportunities for individuals and groups to make a lasting difference in local communities. The WAF began in 1988, after the participants in an all-school reunion from an area district held a successful fundraiser. According to Potter, those individuals decided between paying to install a fountain in Clear Lake or starting a permanent foundation. That first year, they granted \$600 to the Waseca Library.

In simple terms, Potter explained, the WAF functions similarly to a savings account — donations to the organization make up the principal balance of the fund: interest earned on the principal pays for the grants, scholarships, and projects to be funded. The principal balance is kept in reserve to continue earning interest for the future, and continues to grow when donations are made toward the principal. Today, 35 years after its founding, the WAF holds \$12.5 million in assets dedicated to about 60 different funds.

Each fund has a distinct purpose and is managed separately. Four different types of funds make up the WAF. The first is classified as being "community advised." Decisions for grants under this designation are made by the WAF board. Potter stated these are perfect for donors

who prefer to remain hands-off after their donation, though they may designate conditions for the WAF board to take into account.

For donors who wish to take an active role in the fund they establish, there are "donor advised" funds. For these, the individual or family who established the fund makes any decisions about grants it supports; the donor may establish a board to help with the decision-making process, but does not need to do so. Potter told Exchange Club members that her job is to connect grant-seekers with these donors.

The foundation also has "designated" funds, for which all decisions are made at the time the fund is established. The last type is a "non-profit endowment" fund; this group makes up only a small part of the WAF's funds. It must be established

by the nonprofit it benefits, and only that nonprofit can contribute directly to the fund.

The minimum donation to start a new fund with the WAF is \$25,000. Potter admitted most individuals do not have an amount of that size in reserve, specifying it helps ensure a healthy fund balance from which the return on investment will be enough to offer grants. Anyone, however, can donate any amount to a pre-existing fund. Often, donations to the WAF's funds are made in honor or memory of an impactful individual.

For those seeking grants, any government or nonprofit group in Waseca County is eligible, and any type of project is likely to qualify for a grant via one of the WAF's many funding options. Deadlines to apply for grants are March 31 and September 30 each year.

Get your flu vaccination soon

Flu immunization for patients will begin in October at Mayo Clinic Health System in Southwest Minnesota — including in the Le Sueur, St. Peter and Waseca areas — and patients can begin to schedule flu shot appointments now using Patient Online Services on the Mayo Clinic website or the Mayo Clinic App.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone over 6 months old be vaccinated

for the flu. This recommendation is based on data obtained from more than 50 years of clinical and research experience.

Influenza vaccines — often called flu shots — are vaccines that protect against the four influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. Most flu vaccines are administered through an injection, usually in the arm, but there is also a nasal spray.

Vaccination to prevent flu and its potentially serious complications is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications. For example, during 2019-2020, the last flu season prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, flu vaccinations prevented an estimated 7.5 million influenza illnesses, 3.7 million influenza-associated medical visits, 105,000 influenza-associated hospitalizations

and 6,300 influenza-associated deaths.

Flu vaccination are also an important preventive tool for people with certain chronic health conditions.

Vaccinations have been associated with lower rates of some cardiac events among people with heart disease, especially among those who have had a cardiac event in the past year.

■ NRHEG

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Bruce Nielsen), Hallie Schultz (Rick and Jackie Schultz), Brenna Sommer (Tony and Amanda Sommer), Isabel Stadheim (Linda and Darrin Stad-

heim), Jackson Chrz (Gwyn and Jared), Daxter Lee (Mark and Rachael Lee), Jaylin Raab (Tiffany and Troy), George Roesler (Greg and Barb Roesler), and Will Tuttle (Thaddeus and Jessica Tuttle).

This year's Princess and Prince are Princess Kinsley Jensen, daughter of Brady and Amy Jensen, and Prince Paxton Sterner, son of Amanda An-

derson & Jordan Sterner.

The week has been busy with various observances. Dress-up themes have included "neon," "celebrity," "Barbie and Ken," "Throwback Thursday," and, of course, "Panther Pride" day.

School day activities have included challenges among members of the homecoming court, an "ama-

teur" volleyball tournament, a "Thursday morning mix" and more.

After this evening's homecoming game will be a 9 p.m. dance in the high school gym. Cost is \$3 for an individual, or \$5 per couple. Admission through entrance #16E only. Students will not have access to the rest of the school or lockers. Admission closes at 10 p.m.

■ Amelia

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ing, or against snow court during snow week. Usually they would play silly games at an assembly or something that the student council or whoever decided they could do.

Homecoming was always fun. The dress up days, the parade, the game. The whole school would be involved too, which was really the best part and why homecoming was so great in high school. It was an event that brought the entire school together and the camaraderie was something unforgettable. There isn't really that camaraderie like that in college when it comes to homecoming, but that's ok, a lot of people just hang out with

their friends anyway.

I get to see my sister, Lizzie, be in the parade on Friday and I'm excited. As a tennis captain, she will be with the tennis float. Everybody in sports has been working really hard this year, so props to them.

The U won their first homecoming game in a couple of years, which is exciting. Freshman year me was extremely disappointed when I waited in line forever for the gates to open, ran into the stadium to get to be in the front of the student section, waited an hour and a half for the game to start, and then we ended up losing to Bowling Green, a small Ohio team. It was embarrassing honestly.

This year we played Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns - what a weird mascot. I have realized, though, that a lot of high school mascots especially are

birds. It seems like everywhere you turn is either some type of bird (blue-jay, cardinal, eagle) or something with a paw (panther, bulldog, tiger). If I had the choice to choose my own mascot, I think I would go with a

dragon. That would be cool.

My Determination: "There's more to life than making shallow, fairly obvious observations." - Jerry, Seinfeld



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The Pastor's Column

Different styles of Sunday worship

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

I enjoy the football season in October, I enjoy it more in November. I enjoy it for two very specific reasons. Reason number one revolves around who gets to play football in October and November in High School Sports, only the best teams get to play in the state high school playoff tournament. And the second reason is more selfish, I really enjoy the weather.

There is something about cold weather and being outside that I really enjoy. I will actually spend time outdoors hiking, hunting, sitting with a cup of coffee, or just doing yard work well into December. When we get that late into the season I will sit by the fire with cocoa and watch the snow fall out my window thinking through all of the things I want to do.

Even now, as the regular football season is winding down, I enjoy the sights, sounds, competition, and strategy of a High School football game. From warm-ups and the National Anthem to the battle of offense and defense, from the half-time show and the end of the game wether we win or lose the whole game is an encouragement to me.

I am glad for our town and the support we show to the players, cheer squad, performers in the pep and marching band, and all the volunteers that make our events great.

The roar of the crowd at a great play and the sounds of the instruments over the field add to the joy of an evening outdoors.

I want to compare our Friday evenings to our Sunday mornings, not in a negative way but in a joyous way. I have heard from people over the years about their preferences in worship, some would rather be have one style or another while others wouldn't enter a church preferring to worship outdoors and so on. No matter where or how you worship take the same attitude as we do on a Friday Night under the lights.

Be filled with joy, join in with others, cheer loudly at the work of God and focus on His glory! We are reminded in Psalm 98 to worship God with exuberance.

4 Shout for joy to the Lord , all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
5 make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord , the King.

Enter into worship with a similar joy to that of Friday Nights, anticipate God showing up and working in people's hearts and lives. Focus on God's glory, shout for joy and burst into song. Our God is worthy of praise and we should show up ready to cheer Him for His good work.

Preliminary 2% levy increase approved

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

At their meeting on September 17, members of the NRHEG school board approved a preliminary levy increase of 2%. Based on information generated by the district and shared during the meeting, about \$2.4 million of the district's annual \$10.7 million budget is provided through local property taxes. A 2% increase to that would be roughly \$48,000.

The remaining \$8.3 million will be provided through the state aid program and other sources.

Minnesota statute requires all agencies supported by state and local taxes to establish a preliminary levy amount in September; once the preliminary amount has been approved, it can be decreased but not increased by the time the final levy is released later in the year.

The district's "truth in taxation" meeting, also a required element when setting the tax levy, was scheduled for 6 p.m. December 18 in the secondary site media center.

District finance officer credited the small increase to a "slow, quiet year" without any financial complications.

Former board member Rich Mueller was officially appointed to serve out the elected term of resigned board member Dan Schmidt, who could no longer remain on the board after becoming the district's transportation coordinator. Because Schmidt's departure had left the vice chair position open, the committee selected Loren Schoenrock as the new vice chair and Pat Theuer as its treasurer.

Community member Jennifer Johnson spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting to voice concerns regarding the district Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization. Saying that she represented a group of concerned parents and revealing that she has two children in the program now, Johnson stated that the program is "not running the way it should."

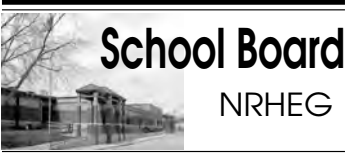
She told board members she had read "about 300 pages" of FFA history, and had learned that NRHEG's was one of the first FFA chapters established in the state. She also said it had a long history of successes in statewide events and contests.

She stated that, under current leadership, students are not receiving the guidance and support they need to continue those successes. She specifically named what she perceived as shortfalls surrounding the annual corn drive, attendance at state and national conventions, fruit sales, and preparation for competitions at the state, and potentially national, level.

"This is sad," said Johnson. "We are a rural community. Students in our school really are the 'future farmers of America,' and the kids are losing out," she stated.

After Johnson's statement, board chair Rick Schultz clarified that her comments and suggestions did not constitute an "action item" for the meeting. Instead, he said the matter would be referred to administration and addressed at that level.

During his report, school superintendent Michael Meihak reported that the process of acquiring bids is ongoing for work scheduled for next summer to refurbish parking lots and replace some doors at both the elementary and secondary sites. Principals Craig Kopetzki and Grant Bert summarized events from the first few weeks of school; community education director Macy White-side shared information about early childhood screening her program provides as well as participation levels in "early childhood" education offered through her department.



Funding for wastewater infrastructure

Senate Appropriations Committee Advances Funding Bills with Resources for Minnesota Projects Secured by Klobuchar, Smith

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Tina Smith (D-MN) announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee passed legislation that included funding for a project to improve wastewater infrastructure in Waseca.

"By upgrading the wastewater infrastructure system, this project will help boost the health and safety of families in Waseca and surrounding communities. I am proud to work

with local leaders to secure these resources for this project, and now it's one key step closer to receiving funding," said Klobuchar.

"It is important to stop stormwater backups and basement floods in and around Waseca," said Smith. "I believe the federal government must be a good partner in those efforts and I will keep working with local leaders and my Senate colleagues to get this funding signed into law."

Currently, Waseca is struggling from chronic water inflow to its deteriorating sanitary sewer system during prolonged wet periods and large rainfall events, causing damage to homes and businesses. This project will help prevent these issues by making badly needed upgrades to Waseca's wastewater system.

This legislation now awaits consideration by the full Senate after being approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Klobuchar and Smith have been actively involved in securing this federal funding for projects benefiting communities across the state through a process called "Congressionally Directed Spending" (CDS). During the CDS process, Klobuchar and Smith have considered project proposals and advocated for funding in close coordination with leaders from across the state.

Arts and cultural heritage grants awarded

The Prairie Lakes agency's Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Arts Project grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, arts presentations, and arts-related field trips.

In Waseca County, Prairie Lakes awarded a \$1,500 grant to support an "American Indian Service Learning Project." A grant of \$2,135 was given in support of band clinics offered during the Waseca Marching Classic.

The Waseca Arts Council (WAC) was awarded \$9,000 to sponsor exhibitions including the "Stitchers in

Time" quilters' guild, the WAC members' show, and exhibits by individual artists. The grant also supports instructor fees and the purchase of supplies for week-long summer art camps in June, July and August.

The Waseca-LeSueur regional library system was awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,125. The library will collaborate with Cow Tipping

Press and Open Arts Minnesota to sponsor literary and theater arts workshops for 10 adults with developmental disabilities in the Waseca area. The classes will culminate with book publication and a community reading event. Funds will be used for instructor fees.

Hiway and SPIRE credit unions to merge

Hiway Credit Union members voted to approve the St. Paul-based credit union's merger with SPIRE Credit Union, allowing two of Minnesota's largest credit unions to proceed with joining forces.

The new, combined credit union will have assets of nearly \$4 billion, serve approximately 250,000 members, and employ more than 600 people. Once the merger is complete in January of 2024, the new agency will be the fourth-largest in the state, according to an agency press release.

Hiway and SPIRE announced the proposed merger earlier in the summer, with both organizations' Boards of Directors, CEOs, and leadership teams unanimously supporting the partnership, and the NCUA following suit with their approval. Because Hiway will technically be moving into SPIRE's more expansive community charter, Hiway members were required to approve via majority vote.

Agency officials say the merger is one of "equals," and so the newly

formed company will have a new name, yet to be announced. The current president of SPIRE, Dan Stoltz, will be the new group's CEO; its president will be current Hiway CEO, Dave Boden. The branches owned by the two companies are all expected to remain open, the news release says, and all employees will be retained.

"We are proud that these two credit unions have worked so well together to get us to this point, and we will continue to prioritize the needs

of our members throughout the transition," said Boden.

Stoltz emphasized that the organizations' long history of commitment to bettering communities will continue, and, combined, be even stronger. "Combining our dollars and efforts means these two community-focused credit unions will be able to do more to and to have a greater impact on the communities that we serve," he said.

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CLEARING THE CREST— In 1972, Dale Sack roared over the crest of a hill at Sportsmen’s Park north of Janesville. On hill climbs, his cycle will hit 45 mph.

Argus archives

1922
-It is apparent to all observers of public affairs, that there is a constantly growing opposition to Judge Senn as a candidate for District Judge. This opposition manifested itself in the primaries and has been constantly growing and increasing since the primaries. Some of the grounds urged against him are of particular interest to the people of this village and certainly call upon the Judge for an explanation.

-Many of the early residents of the county were highly pleased and gratified last week when they were privileged to meet and greet Mr. Ernest A. Graham of Raymond, Wash. Mr. Graham is here on a visit to his brother, W. A. Graham. Something over forty-five years ago, Mr. Graham was a resident of Janesville. In early manhood he became associated in the lumbering industry with the late Senator McCormick and operated mills and an extensive business in Wisconsin. Later they went to Washington where it became a source of power and strength in business and financial circles. Mr. Graham is still in the business. He is still the alert and sprightly man that he was, although the years have wrought their work, perceptibly but not lavishly.

1947
-The Janesville Tuesday Study Club met on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 2, for the annual President’s Tea at the home of Mrs. O. H. Tollefson, with fourteen members present. Mrs. Joe Schramsky, the retiring president, opened the meeting in the regular manner. After a short business meeting, installation of new officers was held.

-The alarming upturn in Minnesota motor vehicle traffic deaths which started in August is continuing into September, says a State Highway bulletin. Hopes that the long casualty lists might shock motorists into more careful driving have so far not been realized. Twenty-five were killed in the first eleven days of this month.

1972
-The U.S. Army Reserve came to the aid of the Janesville Reclamation Center Saturday with transportation help that could very well be the key to keeping the center open. Transportation costs have been the main stumbling block for the local recycling center until the Army Reserve pitched in with two trucks and helpers Saturday. Dave Ostrem, coordinator for the center, expressed his appreciation to the Army Reserve and said this type of help must be forthcoming if the center is to continue.

-A meeting of the St. Clair Right to Read Advisory Council was held recently. Mr. Marvin Schubbe, reading director, explained to the members the national concern the improved reading instruction. He further explained the State of Minnesota had concern in the national Right to Read effort and the fact that Minnesota was designated as one of the five original Right to Read pilot states participating in the national effort. Minnesota’s initial program, called Phase I, divided the state into eleven designated regions from which two representatives were chosen from each region to receive instruction at Anoka Junior College this past summer. Mr. Schubbe was one of the representatives chosen.

1997
-Forty Pioneer Seed distributors toured Dairyfield Farm in rural Janesville on Wednesday, Sept. 3. What made this tour different than most was that these distributors had traveled thousands of miles to see Norm and Sallie Volkmann’s Dairyfield farm. The distributors were visiting from Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. With the assistance of two interpreters, they were able to cross language barriers and learn a great deal about the dairy industry and agriculture equipment and technology. Mike Dickey, Pioneer seed manager for Hungary and Slovakia, said the goal of the trip was to teach new methods and show where the future is going with Pioneer. The trip was also a reward for a good sales season.

-Residents in the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton School District had the opportunity to voice their views during three informational meetings held last week. “The purpose of the meetings this week is to get your input,” said Superintendent Don Hainlen. “I want to have you knowledgeable about this.” The board’s informational meetings began Monday, Sept. 8 in Janesville and continued on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in Waldorf and Thursday, Sept. 11 in Pemberton. The board’s plan for a combination reconstruction and remodeling at both the Janesville and Waldorf sites was in response to the strong message during the last bond issue that showed many residents wanted to stay on the existing sites.

-The City of Janesville proposed a 10 percent increase across the board for its 1998 golf rates at Prairie Ridge Golf Course. The Janesville City Council approved the rates during its Monday, Sept. 8 meeting.

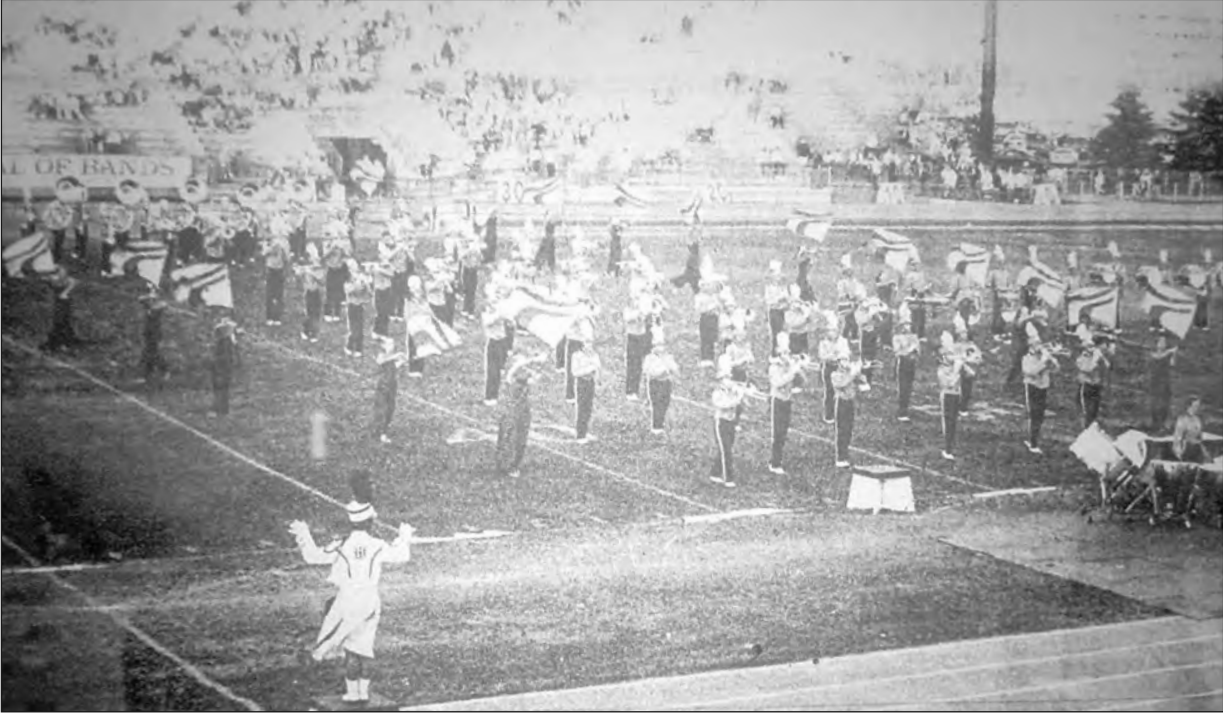
Waseca archives

Waseca Herald, 1922
-Cyril Lang, who has been employed with Ed F. Priebe in the livery business for some time past, bought out his employer yesterday. Mr. Lang will be assisted by his father and will conduct the business along the same lines as heretofore, using both autos and horses.

-Farmers of the Waseca community will be interested in knowing that the Waseca Farmers Elevator is again open for business. Fred W. Roesler, who is well and favorably known in this county, is grain buyer. They are at present buying wheat, oats, barely, rye, flax and corn. They are also selling flour, feed and salt and expect to deal in coal, as in years gone by. They are not handling any coal at present. The Elevator Company re-organized during the past summer and is now on a sound financial basis.

-A man and a woman worked a clever forging game in this city a week ago Saturday and got away with \$30 in cash and goods as a result of their scheme. Three checks for \$10 each were presented to local merchants, small purchases being made in each case and the difference in cash being paid. The checks were drawn on the Security Bank of Owatonna. Each was made payable to Mrs. C. H. Zimmerman of Woodville and signed by well known residents of Owatonna. Mrs. Zimmerman’s name was then written on the back of each. As Mrs. Zimmerman and the parties signing the checks were well and favorably known, and the amount not large, the forgers had no trouble in cashing them.

Waseca Herald, 1947
-The Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Monday evening with D. A. Galligan, president, presiding set the date for the annual 4-H banquet at October 22 and committees were appointed to arrange for the event. The banquet is one at which the members of the 4-H club are guests of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce and the banks of the county in preparation of the event purchased at the 4-H club sale the prize beef. The meat, now in storage, will be served at the



In 1997 — The Waseca Marching Jays took first place in both parade and field show preliminary competitions in Sioux Falls, S.D. Out of 29 bands, the top 10 performed for the field show that night. Waseca missed the top place by a fraction of a point, but played its best show of the year.

banquet.
-A vigilante-patrol is a likely result for Waseca county after the reported theft of 56 hogs from Robert Olson at the Jules P. Sommers farm four miles southeast of Waseca. The estimated loss of the hogs has been set at \$2,000 by Mr. Olson and no trace of the animals has been found up to this time although authorities have made a thorough check. The hogs were 56 black and white ones out of a herd of 196 and Mr. Olson believes that they were taken Thursday noon, September 18, when the family was away.

Waseca Daily Journal, 1972
-The Waseca County Commissioners have passed a resolution setting real and property tax levies for 1973 totaling \$1,235,858. Total levied for 1972 was \$1,223,395.32. The 1973 levy shows an increase of \$12,462.68. The money represented is for county purposes and does not include other governmental units such as school districts, City of Waseca, villages and townships in the county. County Auditor Bud Lorig said that sales tax relief for the county will be coming which is the main reason there is only a \$12,000 increase in the county tax levy this year.

-Expansion of the “Hot Meals on Wheels” program in Waseca was discussed by the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting held last week. Mary Lou Sahlstrom, chairman, reported that a second delivery

car has been added each day to accommodate the increased number of meal recipients.

-The last load of sweet corn was brought into Birds Eye Division of General Foods Corp. in Waseca Wednesday. The load marked the end of a “very large” corn pack this year for the Waseca plant according to Plant Manager Bill Katz. Katz said that the pack finished about 10 days later than usual this year. “The unusually cool weather we had this fall contributed to the lateness of the pack,” Katz said. The plant will now begin its winter operation of packing bulk frozen vegetables and processing manufactured products such as Cool Whip. The large corn pack followed on the heels of a pea pack that Katz had termed the largest in recent years.

Waseca County News, 1997
-A Waseca woman was critically injured Friday night after witnesses said she grabbed onto the side of a moving pickup allegedly driven by her husband, the Waseca Police Department reported. Kristie Ann Winter, 26, was found unconscious along the road in Vista Villa at 9:32 p.m. The vehicle, driven by her 27-year-old husband, Timothy Winter, was gone. Kristie was taken by North Ambulance to Waseca Area Medical Center. She was then airlifted to St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester. On Monday she was still in critical condition with a closed head injury.

-The weather could not have had

better timing, as the 10th Annual Waseca Marching Classic had its nicest weather in recent history – for its largest crowd ever. Saturday’s event drew an estimated 6,100-7,000 people, including 2,600 band students. The sky was partly cloudy, but actual sunshine brightened the students’ performances. The temperature had a bit of a chill in the morning, but it got nicer as the day went on. The lack of rain helped fill the stands at Waseca High School. “Weather does play an important factor, both downtown at the parade and the field,” said Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce President Larry Dukes. “We’ve heard nothing but very positive comments from the band directors, band kids and officials,” he said.

-With a state agreement in place, it’s now up to individual farmers to negotiate easements for the newest pipeline to cut across the county. “Each agreement is going to be different,” said Kevin O’Connor, coordinator of community relations for the Alliance Pipeline. The company intends to build a high-pressure, 36-inch diameter, 1,900-mile natural gas pipeline from Canada to Chicago. Alliance put negotiations with property owners on hold last month when they attorneys general offices in Minnesota and Iowa said they wanted to work out an agreement. The states and companies compromised on several issues from depth of the pipeline to replacing top soil.

Star archives, New Richland

100 Years Ago
-A motorcycle driven by Fred Henneken of Wilton township accidentally struck Helen and Carl Holteen, seven and twelve year old children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O. Holteen of Otisco, causing injuries to the boy that resulted in his death one hour later. The girl was struck a glancing blow with a pedal of the machine and broke both bones in her leg. The children were on their way home from school.

-Rice lake, formerly a great hunting ground, now partially drained and converted into farm lands, has been made a state game reserve. The refuge comprises 15,000 acres in Geneva, Newry, Moscow, and Rice-land townships of Freeborn county.

-As the little series progresses, the superiority of the Adams baseball club is clearly shown. Thursday of last week they evened up the series with a 12 to 4 win. Gute was pitched for Austin and allowed seven runs in the fifth inning after Adams had a 5 to 4 lead. Dietrich’s home run gave Austin two of their runs. Sunday at Owatonna Adams made it two out of three with an 8 to 6 victory in ten innings. This means that if the game Thursday at Albert Lea is won by Adams, the series will be over and they will be Champions of the Southern Minnesota League.

-After a spell of wet and dismal weather, Old Sol came out and smiled Wednesday morning for the first time in three days and at once Pep was instilled in all of New Richland in anticipation of the grand event which is to take place Thursday and Friday of this week. Everybody up and down Broadway was busy Wednesday morning in a united effort to make “Dairy Days” in New Richland one of the greatest feature celebrations ever held in Waseca county. All the committees have worked strenuously the past week with the last minute details and now

we find New Richland all dressed up for the big event. The big cattle barn has been erected on the vacant lot opposite the Standard Lumber Co. office, a central location deserving of the fine pure-bred dairy cattle and dairy calves that will be on exhibit. The hog stables are being arranged as this is written and judging of the swine will be on the second day. The most inspiring event of the two days will be the elaborate street parade which opens the celebration officially Thursday morning at 10:00 o’clock.

75 Years Ago
-Fortunate indeed were Raymond Rosacker and Earl Casper to have escaped death when they fell 34 feet in a silo Monday forenoon. The accident occurred sometime between 9 and 10 o’clock when the two men were putting up silo distributor pipes in a silo at the W. A. Rosacker farm southwest of here in Byron township. They were swung on a scaffold and the rope supporting the plant they were standing on broke in two, letting them down to the soft dirt floor of the silo.

-The New Richland Cardinals christened the 1947 football season by running over the Sacred Heart eleven of Waseca 27 to 2. The game was played Friday Sept. 12 through a cold rain. First off the game was delayed a few minutes until a break in the downpour permitted the teams to occupy the field. By the time the teams had finished warming up and were ready to play the rain began again and it continued non stop throughout the entire game. A large number of fans loyally gathered at the sidelines and became thoroughly soaked in the rain.

-The “Big Baby Revue”, a womanless show being sponsored by the New Richland American Legion Post, promises to be a laugh-treat for everyone. The show is to be given Friday evening, September 19, at

8:30 in the High School Gym. Mrs. Finefeathers will be the hostess for the evening. The guests who arrive to witness the baby contest include such celebrities as Gypsy Rose Lee, Mae West, Baby Snooks, and many others.

50 Years Ago
-The annual sugar beet harvest began in this area, last Friday, when the first truck rolled onto the scale at the New Richland beet dump. Weighmaster, rather weighmistress this year is Mrs. Pat Adams of New Richland. Kay brightens up the scale house somewhat. Forty-one cars have been shipped. Tuesday, all available cars were filled and seven trucks were parked on the street near the dump awaiting railroad cars promised for Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. It is expected that 200 carloads will be shipped before the 2,388 acres of sugar beets planted by farmers in the area are harvested.

3. On September 17, Curtis Tesch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tesch of rural New Richland brought his ‘Honest John’ rocket to his grandparents’ farm near Matawan. It was originally bought for a science project, but never launched. The first attempted launch was a failure as the rocket looped to the ground. On the second try it shot up about 500 feet and then plunged into the ground. The third and final launch was a success and amazed all who were watching. ‘Honest John’ shot up over 1200 feet! This time the parachute opened and it landed in a bean field about 1500 feet away from the launch site.

25 Years Ago
-Bernie Anderson introduced plans of a city tree program at the New Richland City Council meeting, Monday evening. A member of the New Richland Commercial Club, Anderson has worked with that organization to create and establish a City Tree Board, of six persons. Plans of the Commercial Club are

that they will hire a forester to advise the committee on planting and maintaining a tree population in New Richland.

-Members of the New Richland Girl Scout Troop 211 had the opportunity to spend two days as a part of an archaeology dig at Red Wing, recently with their advisor, Mary Kay Malakowsky. Members Elizabeth Hubbel, Ashley Malakowsky, Jennifer Grunske, and Mackensie Tappe, together with Mary Kay learned the proper way to dig for artifacts from archaeologists on their first day on the site.

-Changes in the teaching staff at the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Schools have taken place for the 1997-98 school term. Instructing in the .50 long-term substitute position of German classes at the NRHEG High School is Deb Bently. She and her husband, John, and their three sons, John, 9 years; James, 6 years and Christopher, 3 years, live in the country approximately six miles northwest of New Richland. A graduate of Waseca High School, Deb grew up in Otisco area and is the daughter of Rosalie Gehring and the late Orville Gehring. Following her high school graduation she attended Winona State University and graduated with a double major in German and Mass Communications. New in the instrumental music department is a young, single fellow, David Haugh. He is filling the position Jamie Skjeveland left at the end of the ‘96-97 school term, after eight years. A Mankato East High School graduate, David attended St. Thomas College for four years and received a business degree. After spending a couple of years in the business world, he decided to attend Mankato State University to earn an instrumental music degree.



ANOTHER LOP-SIDED VICTORY — The Waseca High School football team dominated 47-14 at Jordan Friday, Sept. 2, making it four straight wins for the Bluejays. From left: Deron Russell (7) works his way through defenders; Kaeden Johnson (1) reverses his field and leaves defenders grasping for air on a 56-yard touchdown run in the second quarter; Damarius Russell (3) lays out for a one-handed catch. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

For Jays, the streak goes on

WHS football team handles Jordan for fourth straight win

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The winning formula for the Waseca High School football team at Jordan Friday, Sept. 29 called for an ample measure of Johnson, with some Johnston, Russell, Engel-Mueller and others thrown in for good measure.

It resulted in another lop-sided victory.

Kaeden Johnson scored five touchdowns - giving him 13 for the season - as the Bluejays steam-rolled Jordan 47-14 for their fourth straight victory on a night marked by Johnson heroics and wild weather.

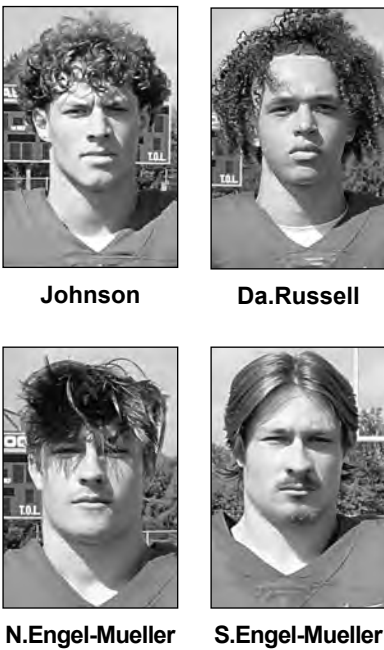
"We talk a lot about composure and poise," said WHS coach Brad Wendland. "We did pretty good there. It was a necessary test of our maturity. I liked the way we competed by the second quarter. All three phases of the game were real good tonight, especially special teams."

As for Johnson, who finished with 97 yards rushing on just nine carries, Wendland said, "He's really good."

The senior speedster scored from 19 yards out for the only points of the first quarter.

The Bluejays broke it open in the second period, with Johnson scoring on a 4-yard run, a 10-yard fumble recovery and 56-yard run. The Hubmen also scored what would be their only points of the night in the second quarter, leaving it 27-14 at halftime.

Despite the fact lightning strikes could be spotted throughout the second period, the game was not delayed until halftime, which included homecoming ceremonies and a hall of fame induction for



Johnson **Da.Russell**
N.Engel-Mueller **S.Engel-Mueller**

Jordan.

Bluejay fans may have been concerned about the long delay, which lasted more than an hour and saw high winds, rain and more lightning strikes, but they needn't have worried.

The Bluejays, thanks again to Johnson, set the tone early in the third when Johnson took the opening kickoff and raced 84 yards for a touchdown.

Later in the third, Damarius Russell caught a 15-yard scoring pass from Jordan Johnston.

The final points came on a 1-yard run in the fourth-quarter by Micah Allen-Haas.

"Our special teams were just tremendous," said Wendland. "I don't think they started a drive past their 25-yard line."

Wendland was also impressed with Johnston, his sophomore quar-



DEFENSE DOES IT AGAIN — The Waseca defense had another good game at Jordan. Above left, Noah Thompson (44) and Shane Engel-Mueller (75) wrap up Jordan's Leo Siekmann. Above right, Tauston Rupe (33), Thompson, Deron Russell and Shane Engel-Mueller chase Siekmann. Below left, Thompson, Nate Engel-Mueller (55) and others combine to stop Siekmann. Below right, Nate Engel-Mueller applies pressure to Jordan quarterback Graham Helgersen.



terback, who finished 9-for-12 for 139 yards passing while running for 63 yards on 10 carries.

"Our young quarterback has been very good so far for the most part," said Wendland. "He's in control."

Russell caught six passes for 82 yards.

The Bluejays outgained the Hubmen 343-247 in total yards, including 204-142 rushing.

Waseca attained its goal of keeping penalties to a minimum, called for two miscues for 15 yards.

Previously this season, the most points Jordan surrendered in one game was 14.

Defensively, the Bluejays were in the face of the Jordan quarterback

night.

"We're feeling good," said Wendland. "We're happy with where we're at, and we hope to get better next week. This is a fun team to coach."

The Bluejays, 4-1, host Tri-City United for homecoming Friday, Oct. 6. They play at Albert Lea Oct. 13 and at Fairmont Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Waseca 47, Jordan 14

WAS	6	21	13	7	—	47
JOR	0	14	0	0	—	14

First Quarter
WAS — Johnson 19 run (kick failed)

Second Quarter
WAS — Johnson 4 run (Hulscher kick)
WAS—Johnson 10 fumble recovery

(Hulscher kick)
JOR—Siekmann 58 run (Lehnen kick)
WAS—Johnson 56 run (Hulscher kick)
JOR—Shnaydrik 9 pass from Helgersen (Lehnen kick)

Third Quarter
WAS — Johnson 84 kickoff return (Hulscher kick)
WAS—Da.Russell 15 pass from Johnston (kick blocked)

Fourth Quarter
WAS—Allen-Haas 1 run (Hulscher kick)

WAS **JOR**
First downs 11 11
Rushing 35-204 34-142
Passing 9-12, 139 11-20, 105
Total Yds. 343 247
Penalties 2-15 3-15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — WAS: Johnson 9-97; Johnston 10-63; Roeker 5-21; Mixteco 6-17; Allen-

Haas 4-4; Da.Russell 1-2; JOR: Siekmann 21-129; Adamek 6-22; Shnaydrik 1-4; Malek 3-2; Helgersen 2 -15

Passing - WAS: Johnston 9-12, 139; JOR: Helgersen 11-20, 104; Siekmann 0-1, 0

Receiving — WAS: Da.Russell 6-82; Mixteco 1-29; Johnston 1-20; De Russell 1-8; JOR: Olson 2-23; Siekmann 2-22; Bakeberger 2-21; Naves 2-20; Shnaydrik 1-9; Sherette 1-8; Adamek 1-2;

Waseca Defense — Ludwig 2 solo tackles, 2 assists; Keaton 1 tackle, 1 fumble recovery; Ellis 4 solo tackles, 3 assists; De Russell 2 tackles, 3 assists; Moncada 4 tackles, 1 assist; Root 1 tackle; Selthun 2 tackles, 2 assists; Rupe 2 tackles; Veroveen 5 tackles, 2 assists; Allen-Haas 2 tackles, 1 assist; Hager 2 tackles; Hagen 1 assist; J.Thompson 2 assists, 1 sack; N.Engel-Mueller 4 tackles, 5 assists; Jascha 1 tackle, 1 assist; Robran 2 tackles, 1 assist; Stenzel 6 tackles, 1 assist; S.Engel-Mueller 4 tackles, 4 assists; Rodney 2 assists; Johnson 1 fumble recovery

Long, tough loss



The Waseca High School volleyball team jumped to a 2-0 lead but couldn't hold it in a 3-2 loss to Tri-City United at Waseca. From left: Siri Kuhns (6); Evelyn O'Brien (4); Kalea Sartory (14) and Aliyah Taylor work some misdirection at the net. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



HERE WE GO BLUEJAYS! — Members of the Waseca High School girls' soccer team take the field prior to the team's 10-0 victory over Worthington last week. Among the Bluejays pictured: Evelyn Nydegger (3), Mallory Bruhn (22), Ella Krautkremer (8) and Addison Wieseler (14).

Photo by Mackenzie Mueller

Lopez, Bluejays whip Worthington

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

It was Senior Night when the Waseca High School girls' soccer team hosted Worthington Thursday, Sept. 28.

It might just as well have been Gabriela Lopez night.

Lopez, a junior forward, scored seven, count 'em, seven, goals as the Bluejays cruised to an 11-0 triumph.

Also scoring for the Bluejays were Addison Wieseler, Ashley Sanchez, Evelyn Nydegger and Mallory Bruhn. Ella Bulfer registered the shutout in goal.

Three nights earlier, the Bluejays traveled to Red Wing and posted another shutout, winning 3-0. Scoring were Rylee Shaffer, Angelica Lopez and, on a penalty kick, Bulfer. Gabby Lopez and Shaffer had assists.

"The girls picked up a couple of nice wins this week," said Bluejays coach Phil Bulfer. "As the season winds down, we need to maintain our focus to get the best seed possible for section tournament play."

Bulfer praised the Waseca seniors.

"I am super proud of our seniors Mallory Bruhn, Addison Wieseler, Ella Krautkremer and Evelyn Nydegger," said Bulfer. "I have worked with these young ladies for a number of years, and they are wonderful people as well as wonderful soccer players. I believe they have very bright futures ahead of them."

The Bluejays wrapped up the regular season earlier this week. The section quarterfinals are Oct. 10, with the semifinals Oct. 12 and the final Oct. 17.



SEVEN GOALS! — The Bluejays' Gabriela Lopez (23) scored an impressive seven goals against Worthington.

File photo by Jim Lutgens

Sports in brief

WHS spikers top Blue Earth Area

The Waseca High School volleyball team defeated Blue Earth Area at home Monday, Oct. 2, winning 25-18, 20-25, 25-18, 25-11.

Siri Kuhns dished out 30 set assists while leading the team in service aces with four. Aliyah Taylor had 15 kills and 15 digs, Kalea Sartori seven kills and 15 digs. Takara Slattery led the team with 19 digs; Kendall Bowers had 14.

After playing Tuesday at St. Peter, the Bluejays are home against New Ulm Monday, Oct. 9 and at LeSueur-Henderson Oct. 10.

Tennis girls set for section

The Waseca High School girls' tennis team downed the Cannon Falls Bombers 5-2 in Cannon Falls on Thursday, Sept. 28. The JV tied 2-2.

Winners for the Bluejays were Sarah Haley, Maddy Benson and Addie Pfeiffer at singles, and the doubles teams of Elizabeth Roessler and Mia Kanewischer, and Paige Dufault and Vivian Mader.

The Northfield Raiders defeated the Bluejays 4-3 in Northfield on Monday. This was the final regular season match for both teams. The JV lost 3-0.

Haley, Schoenrock and Benson won at singles. Esme Pearce dropped a heartbreaker at No. 4 singles, falling 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (5). Mader and Pearl Moore took it to three sets at No. 3 doubles.

Waseca, 7-12, will start section team play Monday Oct. 9, facing third-seeded Cannon Falls at the Rochester Athletic Club at 9:30 a.m. Waseca is seeded second. The section final is also Oct. 9, starting an hour after the completion of the 9:30 match. Rochester Lourdes is the top seed.

Bulldogs bow to MR,

The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School volleyball team hosted Maple River Thursday, Sept. 28 and handed the Eagles a 3-1 setback. Game scores were 25-18, 15-25, 25-18, 25-14.

Individually for the Bulldogs: Brielle Bure 1 ace, 20 digs; Lilly Strauss 1 ace, 12 kills, 2 blocks; Aubrey Weedman 6 aces, 5 kills, 1 block, 18 assists, 14 digs; Katie Olson 4 kills, 1 block, 6 digs; Claire Walz 6 kills, 3 blocks, 2 digs; Nevaeh Weimert 1 ace, 10 assists, 5 digs; Presley James 1 ace, 6 kills, 2 blocks, 4 digs; Paige Walz 3 kills, 7 digs; Lexie Dahlberg 3 aces, 1 assist, 12 digs; Ali Olson 6 digs.

The Bulldogs passed a pair of milestones as Bure reached 500 career digs and Weedman surpassed 500 career set assists.

The Bulldogs fell 3-0 to Kenyon-Wanamingo Tuesday. Game scores were 25-22, 25-23, 25-10.

Individually: Bure 18 digs; Weimert 1 ace, 4 assists, 3 digs; Katie Olson 4 kills, 1 block, 1 dig; Claire Walz 5 kills, 2 blocks; Weedman 3 kills, 2 blocks, 14 assists, 5 digs; James 2 aces, 5 kills, 4 blocks, 2 digs; Paige Walz 3 digs; Dahlberg 2 aces, 22 digs; Mikayla Wheelock 1 kill, 1 assist, 2 digs; Hope Dimmel 1 ace, 6 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 4 digs; Ali Olson 1 ace, 8 digs.

JWP plays Oct. 9 at Triton and hosts Randolph for Parent Night Oct. 10. The final match of the regular season is Oct. 17 at home against USC.

Panthers pound Medford, 34-0

NRHEG notches season's first win

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The 'O' is no more.

At least for NRHEG.

In a meeting of previously winless football teams, the Panthers thoroughly throttled Medford 34-0 Friday, Sept. 29 on the Tigers' field.

"We had a great game," said NRHEG coach Marc Kruger.

That may be an understatement.

The Panthers outgained Medford 409-1034 in total yards, holding the Tigers to just 12 passing yards.

"We won in all phases of the game and did some really great things," saied Kruger. "Our offense was able to move the ball and put up some points this week. Our defense really shut them down. We have been playing great on defense all year, but we have not always put them in the best situation, so it does not always show in the final score. We did some great things tonight, and I am proud of the team."

The first points for the Panthers came in the opening quarter, when Jaylin Raab caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Alden Dobberstein. A successful two-point conversion made it 8-0.

The Panthers produced another big play in the second quarter, with Jackson Chrz hauling in a 63-yard scoring pass from Dobberstein. A two-point conversion try failed and

"We won in all phases of the game."

— NRHEG coach Marc Kruger

it was 14-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Dobberstein broke a 64-yard run for a touchdown.

Fourth-quarter scores came on a 14-yard pass from Dobberstein to Sam Olson, and a 60-yard scoring run by Dobberstein.

Dobberstein, a junior and a second-year starter, finished the night with 134 rushing yards on just six carries. He was 7-for-14 passing for 132 yards, with one interception. Olson caught three passes.

George Roesler's 10 tackles and a sack - including five tackles for losses - paced the Panther defense. Reese Routh had six tackles and one assist. Jackson Chrz registered an interception.

The Panthers, 1-4, have a good chance to make it two in a row when they host WEM for homecoming Friday, Oct. 6.

"We're looking forward to homecoming next week, and it is WEM rivalry week," said Kruger.



SWEET VICTORY— Members of the NRHEG High School football team celebrate the season's first victory at Medford Friday, Sept. 29. Among those pictured: Brooks Gilliland (4), Owen Bartlett (11), Alden Dobberstein (6), Harbor Cromwell (23), Sam Olson (9), George Roesler (85), Carter Martens (51), Garrett Degen (67) and Seth Staloch (24).

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NRHEG 34, Medford 0				NRHEG M		Penalties		Individual Statistics	
NRHEG	8	6	6	14	- 34	45	43	Rushing - NRHEG: Dobberstein 6-134;	NRHEG defense: Roesler 10 tackles, 1 sack; Routh 6 tackles, 1 assist; O.Bartlett 4
M	0	0	0	0	- 0	15	5	Olson 9-78; Cromwell 6-28; Raab 5-24;	tackles; Flatland 4 tackles; Olson 2 tackles;
First Quarter						277	91	Parpart 3-8; Rest of team 2-5; M: 31-91	Parpart 2 tackles; Knudson 2 tackles; Flatness
NRHEG - Raab 15 pass from Dobberstein						132	12	Passing - NRHEG: Dobberstein 7-14-1,	2 tackles, 1 assist; Brouwers 2 tackles;
(two-point conversion good)						409	103	132; M: 4-9-1, 12	Cromwell 1 tackle; Raab 1 tackle; J.Bartlett 1
Second Quarter						2-7	0-10	Receiving - NRHEG: Chrz 1-63; Olson 3-	tackle; Schmidt 1 tackle; Hutchens 1 tackle;
NRHEG - Chrz 63 pass from Dobberstein						1-3	1-2	36; Knudson 1-23; Raab 1-15; Roesler 1-5;	Miranda 1 tackle; Larson 1 tackle; Chrz 1
(two-point conversion try failed)						2	1	M: 4-13	interception
Third Quarter									
NRHEG - Dobberstein 64 run (two-point conversion try failed)									
Fourth Quarter									
NRHEG - Olson 14 pass from Dobberstein									
(two-point conversion try failed)									
NRHEG - Dobberstein 60 run (two-point conversion good)									

WHS cross country girls nipped at Zumbrota; Feldkamp second for boys

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

It was close, but the Waseca High School girls' cross country team had to settle for second Thursday, Sept. 28 at Zumbrota.

Faribault topped a nine-team field with 58 points, just ahead of the Bluejays' 61. Following were Byron with 73, Pine Island 94, Austin Pacelli 131, Goodhue 137, Zumbrota-Mazeppa/Kenyon-Wanamingo 161, Wabasha Kellogg 234 and Hayfield 258.

Stella Omvedt was the top WHS placewinner, taking fourth in 20:15.4 for 5,000 meters. Maren Schimming was fifth in 20:28.6, Callie Dufault sixth in 20:48.9. Taylor Markeson clocked 21:19.4 for 11th place. Melanie Krueger rounded out the varsity scoring, plac-

ing 35th in 23:10.6. Also running for the Bluejays were Kelsey Draeger and Violet Rowher.

Pacelli freshman Kya McManus won the race in 19:45.6.

The Bluejay boys finshed fourth with 116 points. Faribault won with 69.

Isaac Feldkamp placed second with a time of 17:24.4 for 5,000 meters. Following for Waseca: Tyler Jellum, 24th, 19:28.51; Tanner Hanson, 26th, 19:29.3; Colton Schroeder, 30th, 19:52.6; Bobby Mortenson, 38th, 21:00.4.



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Betsy Donovan, Sandy Hendrickson and Sheri Donovan help put on a One of a Kind treasures show at New Richland City Hall last Saturday. Pictured alongside the three of them are some of the “treasures” for sale.

One of a Kind treasures

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

New Richland City Hall played host to about two hundred area residents attending a “One of a Kind Treasures” show and sale Saturday morning.

“This is my addiction,” says Sheri Donovan. “I had a railer full of stuff and no way to market it.”

Donovan, with the help of friends and family: Sandy Hendrickson, Penny Hagen, and Haley Brekke have put together “shows” selling local refurbished treasures, antiques, art, soaps and more.

“It’s breathing life into things,” Donovan explains.

Donovan began selling antiques about nine years ago on Facebook and has grown from there. This year they’ve done about five shows.

“I thought why not have a local sale,” Donovan continues. “Today went very well and we’re planning on doing it again next year.”

Persons interested in purchasing, or donating items can do so by contacting Sheri through her Facebook page.

‘Passion to inspire’

Merrill enjoys new role as middle school band director

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

Reminiscing, Waseca’s new middle school band director Miranda Merrill remembers how school has always been a positive environment for her. She loved the structure of school and never had a bad teacher. But Merrill’s passion to inspire showed in her love of music and band.

When fourth grade rolled around and Merrill was able to choose an instrument, she knew the one she chose was the one she chose for life.

“When I held a tuba for the first time, I knew it was it,” Merrill said.

Merrill played tuba in the Lakeville South Marching Band in high school and continued that music journey in college at MSU Mankato, where she was a tuba section leader and drum major at one point. Now, Merrill plays tuba in the Gouvernairs Drum and Bugle Corps out of St. Peter.

Graduating with her instrumental music education degree in December of 2021, Merrill started teaching in the Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop (GFW) school as a fifth- through twelfth-grade band director. There, she learned just how much appreciation she has for the seventh and eighth grade.

“That’s when you get to start talking about upper level concepts, but you still have some underlying fundamental stuff to work on too,” Merrill explained. “They always keep it interesting because seventh- and eighth-graders start developing some personality traits.”

Merrill mentioned another reason why she loves teaching specifically seventh and eighth grade is because they “keep her weird.” According to her, they allow her the space to be who she is and they get to be who they are.

According to Merrill, her decision to move to teaching in Waseca was an easy one. When previous Waseca choir director Deb Wantoch-Yess retired, Yess became a supervising coordinator for student teachers at MSU; Merrill was among her students. Merrill said that Yess kept

talking about how great Waseca is and how supportive the music program is. When the position opened up at the high school, Merrill said “I think this might be a sign.” Not to mention the fact that her favorite color is blue and now she is a Blue-jay.

One of Merrill’s main goals as a teacher, and especially as a band director, is advocacy.

“Up in the Cities, I would say a majority of the high school directors, a majority of the marching band directors, are going to be white men,” Merrill said. “That’s just a very common thing.”

Advocating for women in music has been something Merrill has worked towards her entire life, something that started when she felt the isolation of being the only girl in the low brass section in middle school. When Merrill got to high school, she would spend any free hours going to the middle school and giving low brass lessons to anyone who wanted them. By the time she was a senior, there were more women playing tuba and playing baritone than men.

“I’m hoping by me being here that people can see a face of someone they can identify with either because I play videogames, or because I’m a girl, or because I’m a tuba player,” Merrill said about being a teacher here in Waseca. “It’s good for learners to realize that, because you play a certain instrument or because you’re a conductor, you have to look a certain way or be a certain way.”

One of Merrill’s hobbies and passions is conducting music. At MSU, she remembers being in class with majority male composers and recognizing the importance of recognizing women in the music field. “I am not a woman composer. I am a composer who happens to be a woman,” Merrill stated.

Making sure that everyone can have their part in being in band is something Merrill works towards every day. By creating an environment that’s not only safe but allows the students to be themselves, Merrill



Waseca new middle school Miranda Merrill

“I’m so fortunate to be in a community that supports marching band and choir and so much music in the schools.”

— Miranda Merrill

hopes that students will feel safe to make mistakes, a necessary part of learning.

“I’m just excited to see the growth. I don’t care where you came from, I don’t care if you don’t know anything about your instrument or a lot about your instrument, I’m going to take you and bring you up,” Merrill says.

Right now, Merrill lives with her

newly wed husband in Mankato, but hopes to one day move to Waseca and start a family.

“I’m so fortunate to be in a community that supports marching band and choir and so much music in the schools, it’s incredible what Waseca does,” Merrill said. “Waseca is a unique place and I’m fortunate to be here. I thank the community for welcoming me.”

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