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Homecoming

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

'Gift of Music' Oct. 29 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.

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.

Historical Society Haunted Library Oct. 19
The Waseca County Historical Society is hosting "The Haunted Library: a Riddle and Puzzle Room Experience" at the Bailey-Lewer Research Library October 19 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$20, or free for Historical Society members. RSVP is required. Purchase tickets at the Waseca Historical Society Museum, or www.historical.waseca.mn.us.

Bluejay Blast Nov. 18
The twelfth annual Bluejay Blast will be Saturday, November 18. The event is sponsored by the Waseca Schools PTO to raise money for classroom use.

Waseca Bible Church Fall Seminar Oct. 21
IN TWO WEEKS...join Waseca Bible Church for video segments from Bible teachers Andy Woods, David Jeremiah, Jeff Kinley and more to highlight FALL PROPHECY SEMINAR on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch Party Room sponsored by Waseca Bible Church. Discounted cost of \$12 for lunch buffet. RSVP ASAP to reserve spots (about thirty remain) at 507.461.4379 or johnconway@wasecabiblechurch.org.

*A word from
The Word*

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8

Homecoming Victory

WHS celebrates Sept. 29 to Oct. 7



Homecoming royalty and band members watch in excitement as Jack Anderson is crowned Waseca High School Homecoming King. Pioneer photo by Tristan Gehring

Week highlighted by coronation, win

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Apparently the excitement and enthusiasm shown during Waseca's homecoming week was just right, since it ushered in a dynamic 56-0 win over Tri-City United on Friday evening.

The anticipation kicked off with a pep fest for all fall sports held the Friday before homecoming, September 29. Also leading into the week was the Bluejay Boosters' breakfast at the American Legion.

"Dress-up" days, activities and games were scheduled all week long.

A major highlight was coronation on Thursday evening, when Jack Anderson, son of Chad and Julie Ander-

son, and Ava Omtvedt, daughter of Aaron and Carol Omtvedt, were crowned.

The school-day excitement came to a close on Friday afternoon with a parade featuring more than two dozen units, followed by Friday evening's triumphant game.

Serving as emcees during Thursday night's program were Grace Below, Tricia Cox, Quinn Dahle, Tegan Flatau, and Alison Mumme.

Prior to the crowning of king and queen, two foreign exchange students were honored. Aurora Caccione is from Italy; hosting her are



King and Queen Jack Anderson and Ava Omtvedt. Pioneer photo by Tristan Gehring

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A walk through time

Woodville cemetery tour held Sunday

DSO, WCHS and Woodville help plan venture

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

"It's neat to be standing here, right next to the graves of the people we're learning about," commented one teenager.

The teen was among about 160 people who took part in the walking tour of Waseca's Woodville Cemetery, located along Fifth Avenue Southwest, this past Sunday. In planning since May, the walk was a cooperative venture operated by Dennis Steffel Omtvedt Funeral Services, the Waseca County Historical Society, and Woodville Cemetery.

Participants were asked to register in advance for the tour; there was no fee, although all were invited to give a free-will offering. Tour takers were mostly adults, but included children of middle school age and older, among them 10 members of high school teacher John Hanson's "History of Waseca County" class, along with Hanson himself.



LOCAL CELEBRITY - Denny Woitas, long-time acquaintance of Wayne "Bumps" Brown, shared facts and personal information about his friend. Photo by Deb Bently

Cars were parked at the Third Street chapel of Dr. Orvie Swenson, who served Waseca County from 1926 until his retirement in 1966. Tour was given a printed tour guide, and was delivered to the first stop at the cemetery, the grave

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New cell phone policy at WHS

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

A new phone policy is being put in place for the 2023-2024 school year at the Waseca Junior Senior High School due to issues with cell phone use by students in the school.

The phone policy used previously involved assigning numbers to students and having them put their phones in a corresponding pocket on the door when they came into the classroom.

"With any electronics policy, it became difficult to enforce because students would not necessarily be willing to give up their phone," explained high school vice principal Justin Johnston.

Johnston said students voiced concerns someone would take their device; he said that had happened fewer than five times in three years, and every missing phone was located afterward. Investigation proved each time that the phone had either been taken by accident, or that a friend had taken it merely as a short-term "joke."

This year, an "out of sight" policy policy has been adopted. Under its terms, students may retain their phones, but must not take them out or use them. Johnston explained grades 10 through 12 are allowed to have backpacks in school, so their phones can be left in the backpack. Students in grades seven through nine may either leave their phones in their lockers with their backpacks or simply keep them out of sight in their pockets.

"If they choose to have it in their pocket, that's not something we're going to go searching for," Johnston assured.

According to Johnston and Dean of Students Jake Nelson, this policy will be more manageable.

"In my career, it's the most destructive thing I've seen in education," Nelson said about phones. "Kids are driven to waste hours of time on this and we're doing our best to curb that, at least at school, to take that out of their hands."

According to Nelson, when students were supposed to use "pockets" near classroom doors, some were so attached to their phones and technology they would acquire a separate "decoy" device to put in the pocket during class so they could continue to hold onto and use their own phone.

"It's such a great temptation for the kids to have that power, to use that power to communicate constantly," Nelson said. He explained that students who use their phones in class don't always communicate about answers or homework, but "mindless Snapchat stuff."

Both Johnston and Nelson express their experience of just how distracted phones, smart watches, and airpods are making students in school, making it difficult to keep them focused on learning. According to Johnston, it's a matter of teaching students when and where it is appropriate to use their phones and technology. He mentioned knowing people who have been fired for watching television on their phones while working because that was something they were

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Get the hat first, softball second

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

A drought is a terrible thing. It said it's going to rain on TV. Great! Now we'll have a drought and a wet TV.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. It was a great way to start the day. I was awake. I poured milk on my breakfast cereal (called breakfast food during my adolescent years), but it didn't make a sound. It wasn't broken, it was oatmeal. Later in the day, my wife and I attended a church soup and pie, which was a glorious gastronomic event. We sat next to a couple of good eaters. One had once suffered whiplash while eating spaghetti. The pie portion required a tough decision—should cherry or pecan pie provide the floor for my whipped cream?

The weather in October can be Oddtober weather. Biting insects stay in touch—multi-colored Asian lady beetles and minute pirate bugs (often called no-sees-ums). Interestingly, both insects are predators of soybean aphids. One lady beetle found my keyboard. I released it outside. It was a first-time offender. On a warm, sunny day, I ran a gauntlet of biting insects. The next day, the cool weather calmed them.

We played a game of slowpitch softball on a day forever ago. The game allowed 10 players on defense. In this game, we had four outfielders—Reid, Donnie, Marty and Chuck. A line drive hit by the opposing team's batter found its way to the outfield. One outfielder was my brother-in-law. I won't identify him by name in order to protect the guilty. The batter got a triple. The triple is called the most exciting play in baseball. This triple in softball wasn't that exciting. My brother-in-law got a nice jump on the ball and would have held the runner to less than a triple if my in-law hadn't had to go back and retrieve the hat that had blown off his head. Hat first, softball second. We won the game, but if the player of the game received a coveted Twinkie, my brother-in-law wouldn't have collected that golden sponge cake of excellence.

I'VE LEARNED

My wife's extra-sensitive toothpaste doesn't like it when she uses another brand of toothpaste.

Bad rainbows are sent to prism to give them time to reflect. If they've had a colorful past, they are given light sentences.

Crocs don't make alligator

shoes.

When you clean a vacuum cleaner, you become a vacuum cleaner.

Lightning never strikes twice in the same place, but nobody knows where that place is.

It's a fine country. You can go wherever you want without even having to use your turn signals.

NATURE NOTES

White-throated sparrows, whistlers extraordinaire, have joined the flickers in gleaning the ground for foodstuffs. The omnivorous bird is a short-distance migrant that winters in the southeast, northeast and lower midwest and as far west as Arizona and the Pacific Coast. The major breeding range of this species in Minnesota is in the northeastern and north-central parts.

The majority of songbirds migrate at night. These include warblers, sparrows, orioles, flycatchers, thrushes and cuckoos. Most are denizens of woods and other sheltered habitats and aren't agile fliers. They use those dense habitats to avoid bird predators. Migration at night has its advantages. Birds don't have to worry about falcon or hawk attacks. The air is usually less turbulent than during the day and it's cooler at night. A migrating bird produces excess heat that needs to be released. Most of the heat is lost from their featherless legs. The colder the air temperature, the quicker that heat can be lost. Some species of birds migrate during the day. These include hummingbirds, pelicans, hawks, falcons, swifts and swallows. These birds are strong fliers. The larger birds take advantage of thermals that develop during the day. Swifts and swallows feed on the wing during the day as they migrate. Common nighthawks migrate both day and night, but the largest flights occur within two hours of sunset, with the highest numbers at dusk. They will detour to chase flying insects, swooping erratically on deep wing beats. It resembles the flight of a bat and the nighthawks can produce a booming sound from their wings as they pull up from a dive. This is the reason nighthawks are sometimes called "bullbats."

THANKS FOR STOPPING BY

"It's not our job to play judge and jury, to determine who is worthy of our kindness and who is not. We just need to be kind, unconditionally and without ulterior motive, even—or rather, especially—when we'd prefer not to be."—Josh Radnor.

Moments in time, some faster than others

The other morning I had a ceramic "coffee" cup in my hands. I had just brewed some tea and was crossing the kitchen, filled with anticipation for the nice warm beverage on what was a rather chilly morning.

I have no explanation why, but the cup slipped from my fingers: The next fraction of a second felt like a slow-motion sequence in a film.

I can still visualize it, suspended in the air while my mind raced from one possibility to another. Would the cup bounce unharmed? Break apart? Shatter into dangerous shards all around my bare feet?

And then the question was answered. The cup broke mostly into large pieces, one of which brushed my foot leaving a small, quick-bleeding wound. I found the first aid kit, bandaged the cut, then fetched the broom for the first phase of cleaning and the vacuum for the second.

What stayed with me was the slow-motion fraction of a second—all those possibilities shouldering each other for the chance to become a



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

miniscule part of history.

I have just finished writing the "cemetery walk" story for this week's newspaper. I can't help thinking about the "pregnancy" inherent in every moment: What will be born from it?

I am immensely grateful I took three hours of my Sunday afternoon to walk through Woodville Cemetery, speak with the tour guides, and learn the stories behind (beneath?) the headstones. The enthusiasm and appreciation registered by each of the presenters essentially provided an extension to the long-ended lives being described. I feel fortunate to have been there.

The same was true of interviewing Eldora Krause and Len and Phil Marquardt, members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Freedom Township. Their deep regard and rich connection to their church—which is celebrating its 150th year—made me feel privileged to receive their stories. Being in their beautiful, homey house of worship was only the beginning; hearing their stories was the honor.

And so perhaps now I know what this column is about: moments.

The moments, the decisions, the connections which are always nudging us, always asking to be taken note of. There are too many to be re-

membered, of course, but that doesn't mean they can't be appreciated.

Perhaps in one version of reality, the cup didn't break.

But I am glad I got the version where I said "yes" when I was asked to write a story for Immanuel Freedom's 150th anniversary and to spend Sunday afternoon in Woodville Cemetery. Though it was demanding—How can one describe on paper what happened in real time?—I am glad I took on the task of recording those moments of history which shouldered their way into my experience.

I also take away another lesson: Go anyway.

Yes, it would be easier to stay home. Yes, it might be hot outside... or cold, or windy, or who knows... but go anyway. Overcome "the tendency of a body at rest to remain at rest"; recognize the possibilities inherent in the moment; acknowledge the privileges which await.

Go anyway.

It's not May, but lets talk mental health

Well, it's finally getting cold out. I enjoy this weather because I get to wear layers, and I love me some layers. What I am discovering is I love the cold, but I don't like being cold, which is a weird oxymoron, I know. I love the cold because I get to wear layers and I don't feel like dying when I walk outside. But with the cold comes my dislike for being cold. I don't know if it's a woman thing, but I feel like I'm always cold. My hands are always freezing and I can't go anywhere without socks on. But that means I get to wear my favorite sweatshirt and sweatpants and cuddle up in a blanket, so that's a win.

This week I would like to talk about mental health. I know that mental health awareness month is in May, but now that we are well into



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

school, I have been witnessing a lot of people struggling with mental health.

Now I know that a lot of readers might not struggle with mental health related to the stresses of school or classes, but mental health is something we should all take care of, no matter the causes or stressors.

I took free therapy in Spain, and while it destroyed me, it was helpful

in trying to start to figure out who I am and how I work and why I do things. The University offers therapy, but I've heard from people that took it that it's not great because these people are swarmed with appointments and students needing help. One of the girls I work with at the school's newspaper drives to Wisconsin for therapy because of insurance reasons (she's from Wisconsin).

I told a customer at the bar once that I wish everyone had the opportunity to go to therapy and would take that opportunity if they did. She heartily disagreed, saying she was forced to go to therapy as a child to deal with her parents' divorce, and she did not like it at all. Now, she despises the thought of going to therapy. I also think that's valid. While I think therapy might work for me, it doesn't work for everyone. Others might find "therapy" or support in friends, family, mentors. It doesn't have to be from a therapist. I guess I just hope that everyone has someone they trust to talk to, because that's an important part of being human.

One of my other friends knows she

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From Lake of the Woods to the Mississippi

Last week I wrote about my schedule putting the newspaper together. This week I was on vacation.

I left on Saturday for Hill City, Minnesota. My two best friends are Kyle and his wife, Anastasia. Kyle's parents own the Blue Moon Resort located on Hill Lake. Three or four times over the last handful of summers, Kyle, Anastasia, and a group of our friends have made trips to this resort. This time, rather than a sort of "large-group" trip, it was us three close friends and other members of Kyle's family.

During the four-hour car ride northward, I had two stops to make. First, I stopped to see Blain Nelson. Blain had called me on Friday and wanted to arrange for a memorial ad for Jody who passed away a year ago. I stopped to get that taken care of and, after a nice visit with Blain, was off again.

My next stop was at the National Camera Exchange in Golden Valley: Every camera I have ever bought has come from this company. I was particularly pleased with a purchase I made last year; I got a great camera at a great price. However, at the time I could not afford the lens I really wanted because it was \$2,400—more than the cost of the camera.

Fast forward one year: I thought I would stop by again and see if the price might have come down a bit. It had. Besides that, the store had a used piece of the type I wanted. Even used, this lens cost more than any other piece of photography equipment I have ever purchased, but it was worth it. I do love taking pictures.

After I had acquired my new camera a year ago, the Steele County Times sports editor asked me what camera he should purchase. I made no suggestion, but let him see and use my camera briefly during a basketball game. He made the same purchase I did, but splurged for the lens I finally purchased this time around.

And now, one of the sports reporters for APG Media, which includes the Owatonna People's Press and the Waseca County News has also upgraded his camera and lens. Like me and the Steele County Times, he purchased a Sony and the 7200 lens. He, however, asked Johnnie, the Steele County sports editor, what he should get.

I guess you could call me a trend setter.

From there I finally continued on



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

to Blue Moon.

I arrived before Anastasia and Kyle, but that was okay. Dylan was sitting by the bonfire playing music on his guitar. Dylan is Kyle's youngest brother and he sings beautifully and plays the guitar well. We also have the same taste in music, so I really enjoy listening to Dylan play. His final song for the night was one of my favorites, by Whiskey Myers, a country band. He didn't know it was one of my favorites.

Sunday was spent enjoying one of the best breakfasts I've ever had, prepared by Mamma Fett, Kyle's mom. It was quiche (thick eggs and vegetables in a pie crust) alongside a graham cracker pepper, and bacon dessert.

Dinner was one of the best soups I've ever had alongside pulled pork which had been smoked for more than 12 hours. An evening pontoon ride was followed by some late night...adventures. Kyle, Dylan and I took the resort's Ranger for a nighttime ride up some trails along a nearby mountain trail. It was a late, but exciting evening.

Dylan didn't feel the best Monday after such a late night, so he stayed home. He missed out on some more of the best food of my life. Kyle smoked a brisket for 12 hours, which we enjoyed after everyone else had gone to bed, because, well, it was supposed to be done by dinner time. It wasn't.

I worked most of Monday, so I was happy to enjoy the evening with some great conversation and company with Kyle and Anastasia. The midnight brisket was also excellent.

Tuesday was spent enjoying the Twins game following a run to Grand Rapids Target. (Target, I'm told, is Anastasia's happy place.) For the first time in my life I have seen the Minnesota Twins win a playoff game.

Following the game, I sped over to Akeley, Minnesota, to meet editor Deb, who I was to accompany to Baudette on Wednesday. Baudette is in the Northwest Angle, not far from

Lake of the Woods.

More work to assure Tuesday's paper would be printed. Then, after a 2.5-hour drive, I was standing next to Lake of the Woods. With Deb delivered to her teaching conference, I decided to spend the last two hours of daylight sightseeing at Zippel Bay State Park. It was beautiful and, thanks to the time of year, empty. I had a giant piece of national history all to myself.

Taking advantage of the privilege, I walked more than a mile along the shore. Standing on a slight rise roughly 15 feet above the water, I decided to take a picture of a spectacular sunset over the lake. I reached forward with my cell phone and—in a moment of dismay I will remember for a long time—watched my iPhone slip from my fingers and fall downward out of sight. Racing down to retrieve it, I could see it had miraculously landed on a rocky ledge rather than in the water—and face up besides, so the face was undamaged.

Now the challenge was to navigate the rocks and water to reclaim it. I tried to stay dry, I really did. After all, it was after sunset and I was more than a mile away from my vehicle. But wet rocks may as well be coated in oil, and so my feet slipped out from under me and in I went. Who knows, if there had been a current, I could have been swept all the way to Canada. Turns out, a person should pay attention to signs that say, "Caution, unsafe footing."

After falling in, I had no trouble gliding over to the tiny ledge, one foot above the water, which my phone somehow, miraculously landed on, undamaged.

Aside from my pride, and ego, and a bruised leg, I successfully survived Lake of the Woods.

It was breathtaking. The view, not the bruise on my leg.

On Thursday, Deb demanded I bring her, in the rain, back to Zippel Bay to see the Lake for herself. Of course.

I'll spare the part of the story

where we ended up with my truck halfway down a road intended for horses. Ask Deb about it. She did move a tree out of the way.

From Zippel Bay, we left for Akeley before our return to Southern Minnesota planned for Friday. (I had to be back for football, after all, to test out my camera.)

On the way back I saw a sign for Itasca State Park. After some quick math, I turned right and headed that way.

We arrived, and by the Grace of God, the rain stopped and the sun came out the moment my truck entered the park.

I can now say I've seen the headwaters of the Mississippi.

And I did so without dropping my phone or almost drowning.

After Itasca, Deb and I stopped for dinner at Pizza Ranch in Park Rapids.

This Pizza Ranch wasn't much of a Pizza Ranch, but it did have a bowling alley.

I discovered the bowling alley because one must pass it on the way to the bathroom.

A mother and her young son were the only ones bowling in this half-lit, marginally functional bowling alley/Pizza Ranch.

As I spoke with the owner of the establishment, he told me his wife had died, and none of the family was interested in helping him run the place. It was just him and one employee holding things together. He let Deb and me bowl a game for \$10.

After some swearing, the employee got the electronic scoring machine to turn on.

Then the competition began. I jumped ahead to an early lead, but the outlook remained uncertain down to the final throw.

After nearly bowling a strike, I was robbed of a spare, coming away with 9 points in my final frame. This put me ahead of Deb by 8.

After a gutter ball by Deb on her first toss, I was feeling pretty good.

Until her next toss stayed true. Nine pins fell—along with my hopes, dreams and ego.

At least I didn't break my phone, fall in a lake, or God forbid, almost crash my truck.

Debating what quote to end my column with this week, I think I'll use one of my own.

"Good writing should read smoothly and flow freely."

Here's to more adventures.



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Janesville area church celebrating 150 years

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Freedom Township is celebrating its 150th anniversary with four events spread out from Oct. 22 of this year to October 20 of 2024. Every three months between now and then, a special service will memorialize various phases of the church's history.

On October 22, special guest pastor Jared Korb, son of pastor Glenn Korb who served the church from January 1991 to August 2013, will be coming from his home congregation at St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Worland, Wyoming to deliver the day's message. On display in the church will be pictures and memorabilia from Immanuel's founding in 1874 through the end of the tenure of Rev. Richard Cloeter, who served the congregation through 1962.

All who would like to attend are invited. The service will begin at 9 a.m.; Immanuel Lutheran is located about 8 miles south of Janesville along County Hwy 3.

According to histories kept over time, the church's roots rest on services which began being held in Janesville area homes in the mid-1860s, not even a decade after Waseca County's 433 square miles were given their name and boundaries. The gradually increasing number of pioneer members were able to build themselves a simple church home which they dedicated on Oct. 22, 1874. When it adopted its constitution in 1880, 29 people (men only) signed. The congregation has been affiliated with the Missouri Synod since 1892.

While there were public school districts in the late 1800s, Immanuel's first full-time pastor began teaching in the church building in 1884; the congregation built its own schoolhouse the next year. Church histories record that pastors continued to be teachers until about 1905, when a teacher was hired. Immanuel continued to operate its own parochial school until 1945; at that time the building was moved to Alma City.

Also in 1892, the simple one-room church building had a chancel (the area where the altar stands) added at the front and bell tower constructed at the entry, giving it the outline it still shows today. During the congregation's seventy-fifth year, 1949, the structure was raised, rejuvenated, and had a basement and parish hall added underneath.

The church's pipe organ was acquired from Trinity Lutheran Church of Faribault in the winter of 1918. Built by the Barckhoff Organ company in Ohio in 1885, it cost \$650 when purchased new; Immanuel was able to purchase it for \$275 from Trinity Lutheran Church of Faribault. It is interesting to note that pastor salaries at the church in the 1880s ranged from \$350 to \$500 a year.

Church member Phil Marquardt, 76, the generations of whose family have attended the church since the 1800s, shares a piece of family lore. Marquardt's grandfather was among those who helped move the organ and occasionally repeated the story of transporting the impressive instrument, about 8 feet wide, 6 feet deep and 12 feet tall, over snow on a horse-drawn sled. "He always said it was 'colder than a well-digger's gizzard,'" remembers Phil. "And there they were, all struggling to get this giant thing safely across the countryside."

Almost a personality to itself and older than most parts of the church building, the vintage organ was restored in 1992 at a cost of \$12,000. Its rich sounds continue to resonate at every service. Although church members have been told the instrument would sell for \$60,000 or more, its resale value is of no importance. "We're not quite done with it yet," says Phil.

Agreeing with him are his brother Len Marquardt, 71, and the congregation's oldest member, Eldora Krause, 94. All three agree that the organ, the congregation's reputation for singing, and the rich history of the church band are central to the attachment they feel to Immanuel.

The three have all been members

at Immanuel for about the same length of time: Phil and Len since birth and Eldora since marrying area farmer Harold Krause in 1948. Each has been very active. Among them they have taught decades worth of Sunday School, cleared miles worth of sidewalk, thrown enough "dart-ball" darts to sink a ship and, perhaps, played years' worth of music.

Eldora comments, "I really enjoy coming to church. I hear the word of God, everybody is friendly. It's a place of worship with the liturgy and the singing."

Eldora's arrival was just prior to the closing of the church school and the construction of the church basement. She remembers a time when women all wore hats to church—and when the women and children sat on the south side of the building and the men on the north.

Though Phil and Len were children through those years, they recall family members explaining the custom. The church had a wood heater located at the southeast corner of the ground floor in those days. Between the location of the heat and the chilling effects of a north wind, that meant the temperature on the south side was more comfortable.

"They were being considerate," observes Phil. "It wasn't any sort of prejudice or anything."

Like Eldora, Len says he feels very comfortable in the church. The friendly atmosphere, the music, and his long history make him feel "almost more comfortable here than at home."

He relates an uncle's story from the time of wood heat, saying that it was his job to come well before service times and start the fire. Given the dusty nature of burning wood, it was also his task to dust the church pews as the building grew warmer.

"Once, I guess, he was running a little short on time," recalls Len. "So he only dusted the seats, not the backrests. Well, when service was over he saw from his seat near the back that everyone standing up had lines of dust below their shoulders."

"That was the last time he let him-



CHURCH FAMILY - Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Freedom Township on a recent Sunday morning. Below: The church organ was built in 1885. Its rich tones fill the church every Sunday.
Pioneer photos by Deb Bently

self run late—or at least so he claimed."

The three interviewees seem to agree there are certain things central to who Immanuel's members are as a congregation.

One is the annual "Mission festival." Taking place outdoors in a church members' grove during the summer, the festival is one of few remaining from a decades-long, region-wide tradition. Phil, Len, and some of their family members play trumpet in the intergenerational band which accompanies the outdoor event. They have, probably, dozens of family members from prior generations who traveled many miles to be part of festivals sponsored by other churches.

Mentioning yet another uncle, Len describes being on a drive with him far from home when the uncle pointed at a stand of trees and declared, "I played in a mission festival there." Still kept at Phil's home are a variety of music books from those times. "It was complicated, demanding music," he comments.

"We're long on tradition," admits Phil as he mentions the congregation's Christian education program. He, Len and Eldora all comment on how the Sunday School Christmas pageant, always held on Christmas Eve, is near and dear to the members' hearts. After all, Phil and Len were once participants, as were Eldora's children. The subsequent generations have followed. The church is fes-



tively decorated, complete with a tree which reaches nearly to the 15-foot-high ceiling. Both the children and the congregation take their turns singing.

Also an important tradition is the annual Vacation Bible School session, held in the summer and followed by a children's program. "It's

very satisfying and enjoyable," Len continues. "We're extremely proud of our VBS. "The way it connects our kids to the word of God is life changing."

"These are all things that are really, really special to us," says Phil. "We're grateful and proud that we have been able to keep them going."

The Pastor's Column Apple weather

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS
"It is apple weather," Naomi declared this morning. My wife then went on to declare that while it may be apple weather, we do not need anymore apples. Last year I found a retired couple who loved growing and harvesting their own foods, they had grown a variety of apple trees and were now swimming in apples. It was the end of the season and they said they had 200-300 apples left over.

I thought it was a real win, a generous dozen apples for \$5 and a nice drive in the county with my wife. I was glad I had filled my pockets with cash, because it was more than 300 apples. We processed apples last year during the week leading up to the Waseca Classic and afterward, every guest to our house cut, peeled, or pressed apples for 3 weeks. We canned applesauce and cider, froze enough apples for 60 pies or 20 crisps, ate apples and gave away 300+ apples to the church. It is a year later and "we do not need to process apples this year, but it feels like we should," Naomi declared to me this morning.

When I go home this afternoon I will put on a half-gallon of cider with a cinnamon stick, and it will fill the house proclaiming that Apple Season is here! I can almost hear Naomi as she walks in the house now, "Yum, it smells so good in here!" It will smell good, and then we will know to launch into our fall chores of cleaning up the yard and gardens, putting away the grill and moving plants indoors. Soon enough, the first snows will fall and deer hunting will be in full swing.

Harvest time reminds me of God's love for us, we have toiled all summer, the crops are ready to be brought in and now we get to see the abundance of God's provision for us. Working the ground this year was not easy, we spent a

lot of time in prayer asking for rain, but God has continued to bless, and we see His care for us. I think the hard part is waiting to see His blessing and provision.

James 1:16-18 reminds us of how God works in the world.

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kingdom of first fruits of all he created.

We are told not to be deceived by what is going on around us, in the waiting don't be deceived that God is not at work, in the busyness of harvest don't be deceived that God has not provided enough, in the work don't be deceived that it is too hard. God has given us time of waiting, busy-ness, work to remind us that He is giving us what we need, not necessarily what we want. He will teach us patience, rest, and how to ask for help.

An over abundance of apples may not be what we wanted, but it was what God provided to us. We are able to eat, preserve, and bless others, but we were not able to do it alone and it was what we needed to do. He gives us these perfect gifts in His timing as a testimony to His faithfulness and reminder of His loving care of us. Whether it is a blessing of too many apples or too dry a summer, God is teaching us to praise Him for His work and provision as He teaches us to be more like Him in all things.

He is working these things out for our benefit, so that we may declare to the world through our praise see this is God's work. Just like that pot of cider will declare that it is apple season and fall, our actions and words declare how much or how little we have faith in God's good work.

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100 Years Back - 1923

On Friday the editor was privileged to look over the new and splendidly equipped garage recently completed by Christenson Brothers. The location is the former Rickerman livery barn, which has been, through a complete process of transformation until it now assumes the attire of a highly polished and strictly up-to-date business establishment.

The first football game of the season ended rather disastrously for the local team Saturday afternoon, when the fast Mankato high school team took the long end of sixty to nothing score. The Mankato school has an exceptionally strong team this year and the light, green Janesville team was no match for them. The Janesville lineup: Swanson, L. E.; Miller, L. T.; Trahms, L. G.; Joyce, C.; Hess, L. G.; Glynn, R. G.; Strunk, R. E.; Glynn, H. B.; Hartwich, H. B.; Foley, Q. B.; Paddock, F. B.

Mr. Chas. Reynolds has purchased, through the L. W. Converse Land Co., a 120 acre farm of Mr. Fred Strouss.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gruber, Edith Gallagan, T. A. Simmons and J. Bignal of Elysian were in Janesville Monday.

Herman Arnoldt has been engaged the last week or two in erecting a fine bee house for Emil Hofmann. It is reported to be the finest in the state, or for that matter in the United States.

Walfrid Nyquist, son of Hon. Nels Nyquist, who has been in Janesville several weeks on a leave of absence, left Friday for New York to resume his duties as ensign on one of America's big battleships.

Otto Rippe, who operated a grocery store in Janesville and who was recently succeeded by W. I. Booth, left Friday for Wells, where he goes to take charge of the Farmers Cooperative store in that place.

75 Years Back - 1948

The Janesville Hearty Workers 4-H clubs No. 1 and 2 met with Keith and Lou Ann Born on Monday evening, Sept. 27. Election of officers was held as follows: Joan Gardner was reelected as president; Kathryn Galler, secretary; and Lou Ann Born, treasurer.

A group of relatives and friends gathered at the Garold Probach home on Sunday to help Mr. and Mrs. Probach celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary with a picnic dinner. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest More, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Art More and family, Mrs. Jessie Johnson of Mapleton, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Jones, Mrs. Etta Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kogle and Mr. and Mrs. William More of Mankato, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Minkle of Good Thunder and Mr. and Mrs. George Roeker of Alma City.

Mrs. C. T. Cook, Mrs. Emil Kraske, Mrs. Fred Rollins, Mrs. Fred Rosenau and Mrs. Elmer Lentz went to the Harold Rosenquist home on Friday to visit Mrs. Victor Severson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Zimmerman returned home Thursday evening from East Aurora, New York, where they spent the past three weeks visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Danielson and family.

The Janesville Busy Fingers Home Demonstration Group will meet with Mrs. John Koehler on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 13.

Mrs. Arnold Arndt and daughter, Margie, of St. Mary's and Mrs. Herbert Kopischke of Alton township called on Mrs. Henry A. Kopischke Thursday afternoon.

50 Years Back - 1973

The six standing girls will be vying for the title of 1973 Homecoming Queen next week. They are, left to right: Vicki Wolff, Helen Jewison, Deb Erdman, Carol Bergmann, Sheryl Westphal and Judy Osborne. Their attendants, kneeling, are Betty Wheelock, Beth Lundquist, and Cheryl Erdman.

Lloyd Simon, owner of Simon Pharmacy, will officially take over the presidency of the Janesville Area Chamber of Commerce October 24. Simon succeeds Dave Pope in the position.

Mrs. Max Miller and Mrs. Clara Schneider of Wheaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Stankey visited Charles and Irene Wandrie. They also visited Alfred Miller at the Janesville Nursing Home and Mrs. Marie Wandrie at the Colonial Manor at Waterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schwab of St. Peter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klinkhammer. Other afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schwab and Mary.

Jeff Peterson of Minneapolis was a Sunday afternoon guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jensen. They all attended the chicken supper at the United Methodist Church.

25 Years Back - 1998

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Eileen Jewison became the new owner of Grass Roots Floral and Gifts located at 110 N. Main St., Janesville.

The Federal Reserve began issuing redesigned \$20 notes on Thursday, Sept. 24. The new notes will be available to the public in the days and weeks to follow.

The JWP girls' cross country team swept the top three spots in winning the Montgomery Fun Run Thursday, their fourth straight win this season.



JWP Homecoming Queen and King, Brooke Barbknecht and Mitch Gahler, were crowned during festivities on Monday, Oct. 5.

Preserved on microfilm until '48

100 Years Back - 1923

The doors of the new \$100,000 Sacred Heart parochial school were open to the public for the first time this morning. The school has a capacity to care for between 350 and 400 pupils. It will be conducted by the Franciscan Sisters, who will begin school work next Wednesday morning.

At the annual meeting of the Lakeside Club held at the club house on the north shore of Clear Lake, the following directors were chosen for the ensuing year: W. A. Zetterberg, C. W. Hartwich, E. O. Herter and R. P. Ward.

Judge Senn has made an order in the Vivian-Dunbar bridge controversy which promises to settle a matter which has been in dispute for years. The creek doubles at the county line and the heavy floods wash out the dirt at the bridge. Judge Senn has suggested that a new channel be cut and a new bridge built, the cost of which would be borne equally by both townships, Dunbar in Faribault county and Vivian in Waseca county.

Somebody took Dr. Davidson's hat by mistake at Smith's restaurant last Wednesday noon. He would like to get it back. His initials are on the inside band.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Root and the Misses Nina Clement and O. Dorothy Anderson were visitors in Mankato on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Miller went to the Twin Cities yesterday morning on a business trip and he visited his daughter, Miss Helen, at Hamline University.

Arthur M. Latham was in the city over Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. E. P. Latham and renewing old acquaintances. He states the old town is improving in appearance and shows signs of progress.

75 Years Back - 1948

Front pages of Waseca's new twice a week newspaper will be preserved on microfilm and placed in the Century Vault in the cornerstone of the new Minneapolis Star and Tribune building. They will be placed in a time capsule to be opened in the year 2048.

The Monday Study Club began its forty-fourth year when it met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chas. Leuthold. This meeting was designated as annual guest day. Twenty-eight members and as many guests attended.

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners went on record Tuesday favoring the pending gas tax amendment to be submitted to the voters at the November election. A state-wide network of 23,000 miles of dustless--concrete or bituminous--state and county highways is in prospect within a dozen years, providing the voters approve the constitutional amendment to give the counties one-half instead of one-third of the state gas receipts.

Mrs. Stanley Peterson, Mrs. Harold Weland, Mrs. Hugo Frisk, Mrs. Arvid Swenson, Mrs. Virgil Johnson, Mrs. Emmanuel Swenson, Miss Edith Swenson and Miss Hazel McColby were entertained at a coffee party at the Frank Swenson home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ross Marple and Mrs. Clyde Stewart of New Richland and Mrs. A. B. Anderson of Hartland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Turntress on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sandry moved from Willmar to Waseca Sept. 18 and are making their home at Elk's Park. Don Sandry is employed with his brother at the Sandry Bros Dirt and Gravel Pit.

50 Years Back - 1973

Waseca County Sheriff's officers, Waseca police, Janesville police and the Blue Earth Co. Sheriff's Department participated in a high-speed chase last night in Waseca and Janesville. The person was apprehended and Sheriff Donald Eustice is investigating the incident today.

Ruth Hermel, 22, a licensed practical nurse at Waseca Memorial Hospital for the past three years, has been accepted in the Peace Corps for service in the Ivory Coast of West Africa.

Letters of Commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1972 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test have been awarded to three students at Waseca High School: Karl Converse, Brent Larson and Janice Sutter.

Gary and Judy Littrell, owners and operators of Littrell TV and Appliances in New Richland, recently relocated their business in the City of Waseca. The couple opened for business Monday in the Joe Wheelock building, adjacent to the Haberdashery on South State Street.



Still undefeated is the Bluejay girls tennis team with a big 6-0 win over Faribault Tuesday. Front row, left to right are: Karen Maki, Cindy Fowler, Barb Monahan and Kris Fog. Back row: Coach Mildred Schallert, Becky Oelke, Chris Lewer, Mary Miller and Mary Jeddeloh.

25 Years Back - 1998

Members of the Waseca branch of the Owatonna Figure Skating Club are, front from left: Katie Monahan, Molly Byron, Hannah Byron and Hannah Flor. Back: Kathy Melcher, Katie Flor, Sarah Schultz, Meghan Flor, Paige Snow, Mackenzie Koble, Meghan Monahan and Sophia Tuttle. Not pictured are Brittany Maas, Amber Mulcahey and Amanda Ulfers.

The Business Education Department is proud to award Student of the Week to Missy Kunz for the week of Sept. 28. She is the daughter of Alan and Barb Kunz of Waseca.

Waseca High School Homecoming queen candidates are: Molly Arnold, Kim Cole, Melissa Cummins, Tiffany Dennis, Kim Piche and Melissa Weber. Homecoming king candidates are: Reid Bartelt, Brady Clemons, Jeff Kuchenbecker, L. J. Smith, B. J. Sommers and Jake Spies.

Compiled by Jessica Lutgens

Looking Back (New Richland)

100 Years Back - 1923

A telephone message from Matawan Thursday morning carried the information that C. O. Klingbeil, cashier of the Matawan Citizens State Bank, had received the 48 shares of stock owned by C. H. Draper of Wells, and that negotiations were already under way whereby these 48 shares would be taken up at once by farmers of the Matawan community. Mr. Draper was one of the large stock holders of the Wells Bank which was closed by order of the state bank examiner last week.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Williams are nicely settled in their completely modern home on south Broadway recently purchased of J. M. Johnston.

Twenty-two hundred and seventy-eight dollars was the cost of the new pup installed by the village of New Richland and operated for the first time Tuesday.

Pat Morrissey has been assisting at Meland's barber shop at El-lendale this week during the absence of Bert Helland.

It is reported from Luther Academy at Albert Lea that the beginning of the third week the school year finds 107 young people in actual attendance. This is an increase of over 20 per cent over the enrollment of last year. The following young people from the vicinity of New Richland are students at the Academy: Ella Amley and Alma Kofstad, members of the senior class; Ella Kofstad, junior; Clarissa Amley, sophomore.

Two unusually large apples on display at the Star Office have been attracting considerable attention. The apples measure 15 and 15 ½ inches in circumference and were raised by Henry Michaelis.

77 Years Back - 1946

We understand that a stretch of highway entirely new is under construction, extending from the Partridge school house to a point several miles west in Byron township. It is a county aid road and will serve several farmers in that part of the county conveniently.

The following is a list of men who are to report for their preinduction physical examination on Oct. 8: Gerald H. Nichtern, Waseca; Ralph L. Herbst, New Richland; Harvey A. Mittelsteadt, Janesville; Norman F. Stangler, Waterville; Wallace L. Hanson, Waseca; Harvey E. Berg, New Richland; Donald A. Schroeder, Waldorf; Clifford F. Dorn, Otisco.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keen and Miss Elsie Krueger joined Mr. and Mrs. John Gudenburg and daughters, Janet and Joyce, and Mrs. Ellen Tenneson at the Milford Rugroden home near Hartland.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gifford and family of near Elysian, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Born and family of near Waseca, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shurson of Albert Lea and Miss Harriet Shurson of Minneapolis were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Shurson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Hinkley, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson and Ronald, and Miss Wehler of Freeborn, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jacobson of Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Young and children of Alden were dinner guests at the Mrs. Sam Jacobson home Thursday evening.

50 Years Back - 1973

In one of the greatest majorities ever recorded in a vote for a public building, New Richland village citizens went to the polls Tuesday and when all was said and done and ballots counted, the vote stood at 300 for the construction of a nursing home here by Colonial Manors and but 10 against it.

L. A. Ewert, Waldorf's postmaster, received the Order of the Vest at the National Postmaster's convention at Dallas, Texas last Thursday evening. Mr. Ewert has been postmaster at Waldorf for the past 22 years.



New Richland-Hartland Kindergarten children enjoyed a ride in the Waseca County and New Richland village patrol cars Monday. They are pictured climbing into the autos with Deputy Sheriff Pieper and Police Officer Leo Nissen.

Mrs. Oliver Roesler and Marcia and Mrs. Edgar Peterson spent Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Lillie Walstrom at Waseca going to see the wedding gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boots (Julie Walstrom).

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Demmer entertained at a birthday party for their daughter, Dawn's, 11th birthday: Mrs. Lester Demmer, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Demmer all of Albert Lea, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman Riskedahl and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haug and Mr. and Mrs. John Dahl.

25 Years Back - 1998

The junior class topped the NRHEG Homecoming float



competition Friday with, "Hey Slick, We Got the Brick". Riding in the parade in New Richland with the Bulldog were Missie Wayne, Heather Wayne and Missy Lanning.

NRHEG's gridiron squad defeated JWP 25-6 in their homecoming game Friday night, their defense bending just once early in the first quarter when the Bulldogs scored their only touchdown of the game.

The Panther boys' Cross Country team topped the meet at Waterville, September 29, with 15 points. Leading the local boys' squad was Alex Barnett, who ran the distance in 21:31 to place fifth. Joel Eastvold and David Halbakken finished seventh and eighth, Rob Sanders ninth, and Adrian Barnett and Kevin Kyte 10th and 11th.

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Mark and Jennifer Pearce. Jade Dauchel is from France; hosting her are Neil and Ann Johannsen.

The night's junior attendants were the first members of royalty to be introduced: Izzy Gilson; daughter of Mary and Nora Gilson; Milo DeWees, son of Matt and Laura DeWees.

Brief biographies of the seniors were provided as they processed to the front.

Cecelia Bjerke, daughter of Chad and Tara Bjerke, escorted by Jack Anderson, son of Chad and Julie Anderson.

Cecelia participates in Business Professionals of America (BPA), stu-

dent council, and yearbook. She is a football and basketball cheerleader, the color guard staff manager, and a member of Grace Lutheran Church. Cecelia works at Keen Bank, Strawberries and Cream and Johnny G's tea.

Jack is involved in cross country, swim team, and adapted bowling. He is a member of the Special Olympics Track and Field team, Minnesota Wild Special Hockey, and Boy Scout Troop 85.

Hannah LaCroix, daughter of Bob and Jen LaCroix escorted by Ahmed Farooq son of Atif Bhatti and Parkhanda Atif

Hannah is a member of the Minnesota Honor Society and is student council vice president. She plays softball, is a drum major for the Waseca Marching Jays, and is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran

Church.

Ahmed plays trumpet in the marching band, is on the tennis team and works at Climate by Design International.

Ella Krautkramer, daughter of Amy Krautkramer, escorted by Andrew Robran, son of Todd and Britta Robran.

Ella is involved in soccer, basketball, band, BPA and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). She is a member of the Minnesota Honor Society and of Grace Lutheran Church. Andrew is a football captain. He is on the basketball and track teams, participates in FCA, and is a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. He attends Christ Community Church, where he is on the student leadership team and is a member of the youth group. Andrew works at Pizza Ranch and Havan Hills Golf course; he is an

avid golfer.

Evelyn O'Brien, daughter of Ben and Ria O'Brien, escorted by Kaeden Johnson, son of Larry and Linda Johnson. Evelyn is the senior class president. She is a captain with both the volleyball and track teams, and participates in choir. She is a member of the Minnesota Honor Society and is on the Minnwest Junior Board. Evelyn is a member of Sacred Heart Church. - Kaeden is a captain of the football team, is on the track team, and is a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Ava Omtvedt, daughter of Aaron and Carol Omtvedt, escorted by Thomas Mens, son of Brad and Lisa Mens. Ava is a cheerleader and is part of the marching band color guard. She is a member of the Minnesota Honor Society, is a member of

Janesville United Methodist Church, and serves on the Minnwest Junior Board. -Thomas is involved in marching band, symphonic band and Bluejay band. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wilton.

Addison Wiesler, daughter of Patrick and Tania Wiesler, escorted by Eli Miller, son of Jason and Caroline Miller. Addison participates in band/marching band, choir, drama productions, BPA, soccer and basketball. She is the Student Council President, is a member of the Minnesota Honor Society and attends Grace Lutheran Church. Eli is a member of Grace Lutheran Church where he is involved with the youth group. He serves on the Minnwest Bank Junior Board and is involved with student council and BPA. He works at the Waseca Waterpark.

Following a shoutout to all fall activities, Select Choir sang, "Seasons of Change" arranged by Roger Emerson and "Home" arranged by Greg Gilpin.

The Marching Jays then performed music from their 2023 production entitled "Nova!"

Next, Waseca High School Principal Jason Miller invited Jeanne Swanson, who recently celebrated her 50th class reunion with the class of 1974, to crown the new king and queen. Swanson was a longtime assistant principal and later principal at WHS.

After the crowning of this year's royalty, many, many photos were taken before the night's homecoming dance concluded the evening.

Friday's events concluded the week-long celebration with a pepfest and a parade, followed by an exciting win by the football team.



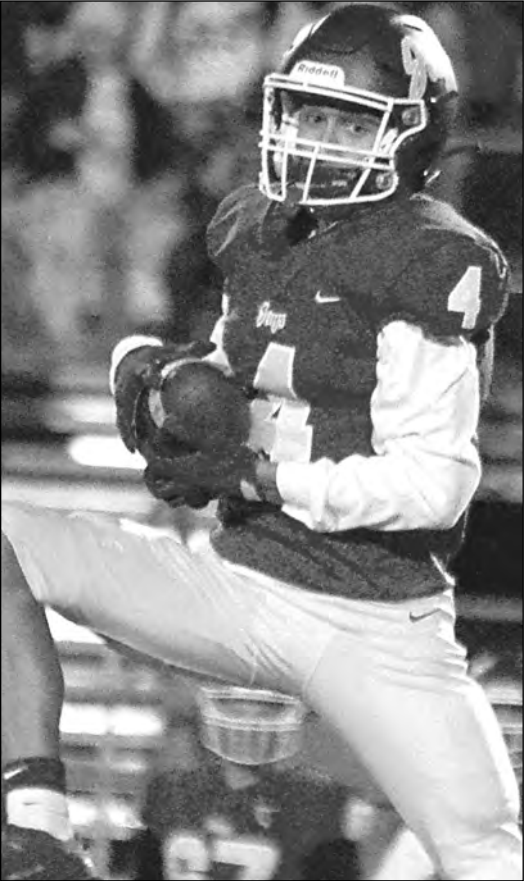
ANOTHER SHUTOUT — The Waseca High School football team blanked Tri-City United 56-0 for homecoming Friday, Oct. 6. At left, Laird Keeton (4) outruns defenders on the way to one of his three touchdowns. At right, Jose Mixteco (23) runs the ball. Also pictured are Cody Weber (57) and Ben Hagen (50).
Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



TOUGH YARDS — At left, the Bluejays' Deron Russell (7) leaps over defenders for extra yardage. At right, Waseca's Ethan Hiller (5) and Wyatt Hager (46) bring down a TCU ball carrier.



BIG PLAY — At left, the Bluejays' Nate Engel-Mueller (55) applies pressure to the TCU quarterback. At right, Engel-Mueller records the sack while causing a fumble.



HIGH AND DRY — Laird Keeton goes high in the air for a pass reception, which he turned into a touchdown.



FIVE IN A ROW — The WHS football team made it five straight victories Friday, Oct. 6. At left, Damarius Russell (3) runs the ball. In the middle, Carter Ellis tackles a TCU receiver, causing a fumble. At right, Javonn Rodney (79) rushes the passer.



RUN STOPPERS — The Bluejays' Ben Hagen (55) and Carter Ellis (6) team to thwart a TCU ball carrier.



Bluejays blank TCU 56-0 for homecoming

Waseca wins fifth in a row

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Anyone who calls themselves a Waseca High School football fan had to ask at least one question during the past week.

How good can the Bluejays be with standout senior Kaeden Johnson sidelined for the rest of the season?

If last Friday's homecoming game is any indication, they'll be just as explosive as ever.

Playing their first contest since Johnson sustained a season-ending knee injury the previous Friday on artificial turf at Jordan, the Bluejays picked up the slack and then some while humbling Triton 56-0.

It was the fifth straight victory for Waseca, which has shut out three of its last five opponents and allowed only one touchdown to the other. The only team to beat the Jays, Stewartville, remains undefeated and is ranked No. 1 in the state in Class AA.

Almost as importantly on Friday, Marshall shocked previously unbeaten and Class AAA No. 3 rated Fairmont 37-13.

The Jays led 14-0 after one quarter on touchdown passes of 34 yards to Keeton and 19 yards to Ohnstad. Waseca plays Friday at winless Albert Lea, and finishes the regular season Wednesday, Oct. 18 at Fairmont for what in all likelihood will determine the top seed in the section tournament, which begins Oct. 24.

As dominant as the Bluejays were on offense against TCU, the defense may have performed better, holding the Titans to a negative 25 yards of offense for the night.

Sophomore quarterback Jordan Johnston threw for 258 yards and five touchdowns in the first half. He finished 11-for-13, an 84.6-percent efficiency, and did not throw an interception.

Laird Keeton was one of several Waseca players to step up, catching three passes for 117 yards and three touchdowns. Carson Ohnstad returned an interception for a touchdown.

"It was a fun night, a fun homecoming," said Waseca coach Brad Wendland. "Defensively, we knew we'd have a good chance to shut them down."

And Wendland was pleased by the production of the offense and the Bluejays' big-play capability.

"We lost KJ, and you're not going to replace him with just one guy," said Wendland.

Several Bluejays stepped up: Keeton, Johnston, Ohnstad and Deron Russell, to name a few.

The Jays led 14-0 after one quarter on touchdown passes of 34 yards to Keeton and 19 yards to Ohnstad.

Waseca scored four times in the second quarter and led 56-0 after three. Reserves played most of the second half.

"We were really clicking there in the second quarter," said Wendland.

How smothering was the Bluejays' defense in the second half? TCU's possessions ended with five punts, two fumbles and a



Johnston



Ohnstad



De.Russell



Veroeven

turnover on downs.

Russell, a sophomore, caught six passes for 109 yards.

Waseca totaled 410 yards of offense. An area the Bluejays would like to see improvement is penalties as they were whistled 11 times for 96 yards.

Matthew Veroeven was one of the defensive leaders with five solo tackles and three assists.

"We're just going to get as good as we can possibly get," said Wendland. "We'll go one practice, one week at a time."

Waseca 56, Tri-City United 0				
TCU	0	0	0	0
WAS	14	28	14	0

First Quarter

WAS — Keeton 34 pass from Johnston (Allen-Haas run)

WAS — Ohnstad 19 pass from Johnston (run failed)

Second Quarter

WAS — Da.Russell 35 run (Hulscher kick)

WAS — Keeton 29 pass from Johnston (Hulscher kick)

WAS — Keeton 54 pass from Johnston (Hulscher kick)

WAS — Ohnstad 3 pass from Johnston (Hulscher kiefk)

Third Quarter

WAS — Ohnstad 24 interception return (Hulscher kick)

WAS — Allen-Haas 23 run (Hulscher kick)

Fourth Quarter

No scoring

	TCU	WAS
First downs	3	11
Rushing	29 —41	34-142
Passing	2-10, 16	11-13, 258
Total Yds.	—25	410
Penalties	2-15	11-96

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — WAS: Allen-Haas 4-44; Da.Russell 2-33; Mixteco 6-22; Roeker 4-18; Johnston 4-18; Quillen 1-12; De.Russell 1 -2; Glynn 1-11; Rohl 2-3; Siler 2 -1; Ludwig 1 -2; Root 1 -6; TCU: Holicky 3-32; O'Keefe 5-6; Blaschko 3 —1; Neubauer 1 —5; Chimal 5 —8; Flintrop 4 —17

Passing — WAS: Johnston 11-13, 258; TCU: Glende 2-10, 16

Receiving — WAS: Keeton 3-117; De.Russell 6-109; Ohnstad 2-22; TCU: Vosejпка 1-8; Holicky 1-8

Waseca Defense — Ludwig 1 tackle; Da.Russell 1 assist; Hiller 1 tackle, 1 assists; Ellis 3 tackles, 4 assists; De.Russell 1 assist; Ohnstad 1 assist, 1 interception; Quillen 2 tackles, 2 assists; Mixteco 2 tackles; Mansfield 1 tackle, 1 assist; Root 1 tackle; Selthun 2 tackles, 3 assists; Rupe 3 tackles; Glynn 1 tackle; Veroeven 5 tackles, 3 assists; Hager 1 assist; J.Thompson 1 tackle, 1 assist, 1 sack; N.Thompson 1 assist; N.Engel-Mueller 1 tackle, 1 assist, 1 sack; Hodgkins 1 tackle; Norman 2 tackles; Stenzel 1 tackle, 1 assist; Rodriguez 1 assist; S.Engel-Mueller 3 tackles, 3 assists; Rodney 1 assist; Beck 1 assist; Jaschka 1 fumble recovery

WHS soccer girls take Big South title

The Waseca High School girls' soccer team traveled to Byron Monday, Oct. 2 to face one of the section favorites.

The Bears proved too much for the Lady Jays, taking the match by a score of 5-0.

"We made an adjustment to the formation by putting Evelyn (Nydegger) back into a defender position," said Waseca head coach Phil Bulfer. "And it worked for about 20 minutes. She made several stops and cleared many attacks that Byron attempted. Our keeper had an incredible game going in the first half as well, making several impressive saves. But, in the end, we just didn't have the team speed to match theirs."

The following evening, with the conference title on the line, the Lady Jays traveled to Madelia to take on the Wings. The result was an 8-0 win on a windy and wet evening. Nydegger led the team in scoring with two goals and one assist. Addison Wieseler, Angelica Lopez, Ashley Sanchez, Gabby Lopez, Reese Rodriguez, Ella Krautkremer also added goals, with Angelica contributing an assist as well. Keeper Ella Bulfer repelled four shots on goal.

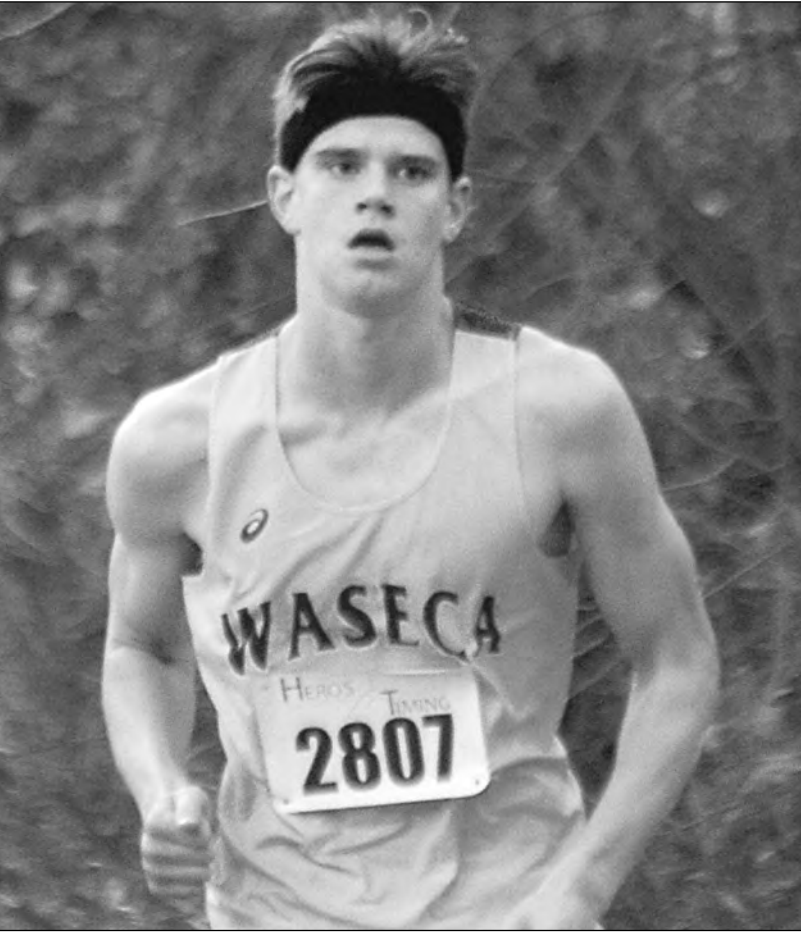
The win gives Waseca a final record of 10-1-1 in the Big South Conference, placing the Bluejays at the top of the conference standings with 31 points. (Source = MN Soccer Hub - the Star Tribune <https://www.mnsoccerhub.com/page/show/8060020-waseca>)

"This was a nice way to close out the regular season," said Coach Bulfer. "Having 10 wins in such a competitive conference is a testament to how hard these girls have worked all season. Now we move on to the section playoffs."

The Lady Jays, seeded fourth, opened the first round of Section 1AA at home vs. Northfield on Tuesday Oct. 10, winning 1-0. They play Friday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at top-seeded Winona.



CONFERENCE CHAMPS — The Waseca High School girls' soccer team took the Big South Conference title last week with an 8-0 win at Madelia. Pictured against Byron are Ella Krautkremer (8) and the Bluejays' Evelyn Nydegger (3) and Mallory Bruhn (22). Photos by Mackenzie Meuller



NOBODY CLOSE — Waseca's Isaac Fjeldkamp, left, cruises on his way to the boys' championship in last week's Waseca Invitational at Lakeside Golf Course. At right is the Bluejays' Callie Dufault. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



Waseca CC teams host invitational

The Waseca High School cross country teams finished second in the Waseca Invitational Thursday, Oct. 5 at Lakeside Golf Club.

Faribault won the boys' meet with 32 points, followed by the Bluejays with 52, WEM/JWP 68 and Tri-City United 81. NRHEG and USC did not field full squads.

The Bluejays' Isaac Feldkamp dominated the boys' race, covering five kilometers in 17:17.40 to finish first overall. The second-place time was 18:08.

Following for Waseca: Tristan Goodwin, 14th, 19:26.4; Tanner Hanson, 16th, 19:41.8; Tyler Jellum, 18th, 19:56.2; Colton Schroeder, 19th, 19:58.6; Bobby Mortenson, 25th, 21:02.5.

Placing for WEM/JWP: Wyatt Jans, eighth, 18:46.8; Gavin Brown, ninth, 18:65.7; Teagan Mulder, 20th, 20:00; Alex Kluve, 22nd, 20:08; Maddox Mareno, 34th, 31:07.2.

NRHEG sophomores Devon Nelson and Jacob Karl finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Faribault's girls won with 37 points. Waseca had 45, Maple River 86, Tri-City United 98, WEM/JWP 105.

Three Bluejays finished in the top 10. Eighth-grader Maren Schimming was third in 20:02.8, freshman Stella Omvedt was fifth in 20:15.8 and junior Callie Dufault took sixth in 20:57.3. Taylor Markeson finished 11th in 21:28.2 while Melanie Krueger-Eineke was 22nd in 23:13.8. Kelsey Draeger was 26th in 23:43. Faribault junior Brooklyn Becker won the race in 19:58.6.

WEM/JWP places: Mackenzie Westphal, 10th, 21:20.8; Kwynn Krause, 17th, 22:51.6; Lauren White, 23rd, 23:16.6; Madi Miller, 28th, 24:19.4; Madeline Hoehn, 32nd, 25:03.4; Ellie Schlie, 38th, 26:45.3.

NRHEG seventh-grader Julieann Wobbrock was eighth with a time of 21:12.3.

Waseca raced at Jordan Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Feldkamp finished second,

nipped by 1 second. He clocked 17:02.1. Following were Schroeder, 54th, 19:19.2; Goodwin, 55th, 19:19.9; Jellum, 67th, 19:52.2; Hanson, 76th, 20:08.1; and Mortenson, 82nd, 20:38.2.

The WHS boys placed ninth among 14 teams.

The Bluejay girls finished fifth.

Placewinners: Schimming, 12th, 20:44.3; Dufault, 18th, 21:01.1; Omvedt, 29th, 21:19.2; Markeson, 32nd, 21:35.2; Krueger-Eineke, 52nd, 23:37.1; Quinn Yoder, 54th, 22:37.5; Draeger, 58th, 22:52.2.

Next up for the Bluejays is the Big South Conference meet at Marshall Friday, Oct. 27.

Sports in brief

WHS volleyball team outlasts LeSueur-Henderson in five

The Waseca High School volleyball team made a road trip to LeSueur-Henderson Tuesday, Oct. 10 and outlasted the Giants 3-2. Game scores in favor of the Bluejays were 15-25, 25-19, 25-20, 23-25, 15-8.

Siri Kuhns totaled 38 set assists. Aliyah Taylor had a team-high 14 kills, one more than Ellie Hoehn, while Evelyn O'Brien led the Jays with five blocks. Takara Slattery had 20 digs, Kuhns and Hoehn 15 each.

The previous night, the Bluejays hosted New Ulm and lost 3-0, with game scores of 25-22, 27-25, 25-18.

Individually: Kuhns 23 assists, 10 digs; Kelea Sartori 9 kills; Taylor 5 kills, 16 digs.

Waseca tennis girls eliminated in opening round of section play

The No. 2-seeded Waseca High School girls' tennis team was eliminated in the opening round of the Section 1A team tournament, falling 4-3 to No. 2 seed Cannon Falls at Rochester Monday.

The Bluejays took two singles matches, with sophomore Maddy Benson winning 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3 and junior Addie Pfeiffer prevailing 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4. Sarah Haley and Takaya Schoenrock lost in straight sets.

Paige Dufault and Vivian Mader teamed for a 7-5, 6-1 victory at No. 2 doubles. Lizzie Roessler and Mia Kanewischer were edged 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 at No. 1, while Esme Pearce and Pearl Moore lost 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3.

The Bluejays finished with a record of 7-13.

No. 1 seed Rochester Lourdes defeated No. 4 Winona Cotter in the other semifinal, with Lourdes blanking Cannon Falls 7-0 for the championship.

The Section 1A Individual tournament will start on Monday, Oct. 16 at the Rochester Athletic Club.

JWP volleyball ream rebounds from loss to sweep Randolph

The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton volleyball team lost 3-0 at NRHEG Thursday, Oct. 5. Game scores were 25-11, 25-11, 25-11.

Individually for the Bulldogs: Brielle Bure 3 assists, 15 digs; Nevaeh Weimert 10 assists, 2 digs; Katie Olson 6 kills; Claire Walz 2 kills, 1 dig; Aubrey Weedman 1 ace, 3 kills, 11 assists, 6 digs; Presley James 9 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 2 digs; Paige Walz 4 kills, 1 dig; Lexie Dahlberg 2 aces, 14 digs; Hope Dimmel 1 ace, 1 kill, 3 digs; Ali Olson 1 ace, 3 digs.

The Bulldogs defeated Randolph 3-0 Tuesday, Oct. 10, winning 25-10, 25-15, 25-25. Individually: Bure 2 aces, 2 assists, 9 digs; ;Weimert 12 assists, 1 dig; Katie Olson 6 kills, 6 digs; Claire Walz 6 kills, 2 blocks; Weedman 1 ace, 4 kills, 4 blocks, 20 assists, 5 digs; James 10 kills, 6 blocks, 1 assist, 3 digs; Paige Walz 7 kills, 1 block; Dahlberg 1 ace, 13 digs; Dimmel 2 aces, 3 kills, 4 blocks, 1 assist, 3 digs; Ali Olson 2 digs.

SCOREBOARD

Football			15. Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta			4-2		
South Central White						Big South Conference - West		
	Conf.	Ov.	Mid Southeast West					
Waseca	3-0	5-1	Norwood-Young America	6-0	6-0	Marshall	6-0	19-3
Jordan	2-1	4-2	Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	5-1	5-1	Redwood Valley	5-1	24-2
Tri-City United	1-1	3-3	Mayer Lutheran	5-1	5-1	Windom Area	4-2	16-9
Belle Plaine	0-2	1-5	Lester Prairie	4-2	4-2	Luverne	2-4	9-13
Albert Lea	0-2	0-6	United South Central	4-2	4-2	Jackson County Central	2-4	9-13
South Central Red			Randolph	3-3	3-3	Worthington	2-4	11-14
	Conf.	Ov.	St. Clair/Mankato Loyola	3-3	3-3	Pipestone Area	0-6	1-20
Marshall	2-0	4-2	Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton	2-4	2-4	Gopher Conference		
Fairmont	2-1	5-1	NRHEG	2-4	2-4	Kenyon-Wanamingo	9-0	21-1
New Ulm	2-1	5-1	Cleveland	1-5	1-5	Bethlehem Academy	8-1	10-11
St. Peter	0-2	4-2	Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	1-5	1-5	Randolph	6-3	13-8
Worthington	0-2	1-5	Medford	0-6	0-6	Medford	6-3	11-6
Minnesota Class AAA Football Ratings			Boys' Soccer			Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	5-3	16-8
By MaxPreps			Big South Conference			NRHEG	5-4	11-9
1. Stewartville	6-0		Worthington	11-1	15-2	Hayfield	4-5	6-14
2. Annandale	6-0		Marshall	11-1	12-5	Triton	4-5	8-13
3. Litchfield	5-1		New Ulm	7-4	8-5	Maple River	3-6	11-12
4. Waseca	5-1		Fairmont Area	4-7	5-8	Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton	3-7	8-11
5. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton	5-1		St. Peter	4-8	4-11	United South Central	1-8	6-15
6. Dassel-Cokato	5-1		Waseca	3-8	3-11-1	Blooming Prairie	0-9	4-17
7. Esko	6-0		St. James/Windom/Madelia	0-11	1-13	Girls' Soccer		
8. New London-Spicer	4-2		Volleyball			Big South Conference Standings		
9. Fairmont/Martin Luther	5-1		Big South Conference - East			St. Peter	9-0	13-1
10. Foley	4-2		St. Peter	8-0	14-3	Waseca	10-1	12-3
11. Minneapolis North	5-1		New Ulm	6-3	10-6	Marshall	6-3	6-5
12. Jordan	4-2		Waseca	6-3	8-5	New Ulm	6-4	6-8
13. Rockford	5-1		Blue Earth Area	3-7	6-13	Fairmont Area	4-7	4-11
14. Pequot Lakes	5-1		St. James Area	2-7	4-14	Worthington	2-10	2-15
			Fairmont	2-7	4-15	St. James/Windom/Madelia	0-12	0-15

BLUEJAY FOOTBALL

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Laird Keeton

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Panthers shut out arch rivals

NRHEG wins for homecoming

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

After starting the season 0-4, the NRHEG High School football team has fashioned a short victory streak.

The Panthers, who overwhelmed Medford 34-0 the previous week, made it two in a row with a 22-0 shutout of arch-rival Waterville-Elysian-Morristown in NRHEG's homecoming game in New Richland Friday, Oct. 6.

"We won on homecoming and took down our rival," said Panthers coach Marc Kruger. "I am very proud of this team."

And, for the second week in a row, Kruger said, "We played great in all phases."

But the defense was especially impressive, holding the Buccaneers to 95 total yards and limiting them to 35 rushing yards.

"On defense we really flew around and made big plays," said Kruger. "Jace Ihrke, Zander Flatness, and Carter Martens really were tough up the middle."

And the NRHEG offense took care of business, putting six points on the board in the opening quarter on the first of three touchdown passes by Alden Dobberstein, this one from 2 yards out to George Roesler.

It was 6-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Dobberstein threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Jackson Chrz, who ran for the two-point conversion.

Dobberstein tosses a 22-yard touchdown pass to Carter Flatland in the fourth period. Raab again ran for the conversion.

Dobberstein, a junior, had another strong all around game with 62 yards rushing and 65 passing, going 5-for-10 with one interception. Flatland caught two passes for 37 yards, Roesler two for 23.

"Alden had another great game running the ball and finding some players for touchdowns," said Kruger. "Our line did a great job creating holes and letting our running backs find space."

The Panthers play Thursday, Oct.



HOMEcoming HEROICS — Above left, the Panthers' Carter Flatland (41) fights for extra yardage during Friday's 22-0 homecoming victory over WEM. Above right, Jackson Chrz (18) elevates on a touchdown catch. Below right, NRHEG's George Roesler (85), Jace Ihrke (57) and Zander Flatness (56) meet at the WEM quarterback.

12 at 7 p.m., facing JWP on Janesville's artificial turf. The regular season ends Wednesday, Oct. 18 at home against United South Central, with section playoffs starting the following Tuesday.

NRHEG 22, WEM 0					
WEM	0	0	0	0	0
NRHEG	6	0	8	8	22
First Quarter					

NRHEG - Roesler 2 pass from Dobberstein (two-point conversion failed)	
Second Quarter	
No scoring	
Third Quarter	
NRHEG - Chrz 5 pass from Dobberstein (Chrz run)	
Fourth Quarter	
NRHEG - Flatland 22 pass from Dobberstein (Raab run)	
Total plays	58 43
First Downs	9 10

Rushing Yards	35	142
Passing Yards	60	65
Total Yards	95	207
Third Down	5-16	6-11
Fourth Down	2-5	0-2
Turnovers	2	1
Fumbles lost	0	0
Int. thrown	2	1
Penalties	3-26	0-0

Passing - NRHEG: Dobberstein 5-10-1, 65; WEM: 6-26-2, 60
Receiving - NRHEG: Flatland 2-37; Roesler 2-23; Chrz 1-5; WEM: 6-60
NRHEG defense: Roesler 6 solo tackles, 1 sack, 4 tackles for loss; Bartlett 5 tackles, 1 interception; Ihrke 4 tackles, 1 sack, 3 tackles for loss; Flatness 4 tackles, 1 sack, 1 tackle for loss; Raab 3 tackles; Flatland 3 tackles, 1 interception; Olson 2 tackles; Martens 2 tackles, 1 assist, 2 tackles for loss; Brouwers 1 tackle, 1 assist, 1 sack, 1 tackle for loss; Parpart 1 tackle; Rest of Team 5 tackles



AERIAL ATTACK — The JWP football team took a 22-6 loss at United South Central Friday, Oct. 6. At left, the Bulldogs' Ryan Kronbach (11) hauls in one of his six passes despite the defensive efforts of a pair of Rebels. At right, Alex James (4) soars over a defender for the reception.



Bulldogs fall short at United South Central

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School football team had much trouble trying to run the ball at United South Central.

The Rebels, meanwhile, seemingly ran at will, taking a 22-6 victory at Wells Friday, Oct. 6.

The Bulldogs, now 2-4, hosted NRHEG for Senior Night Thursday, Oct. 12 and finish the regular season Wednesday, Oct. 18 at Medford.

While the Rebels dominated the statistics last Friday, the one that counts the most — the scoreboard — showed a close game through three quarters. USC put it out of reach with Jacob Bonsack's third touchdown of the night.

The Bulldogs scored on a 23-yard pass to Ryan Kronbach from Daulton Bauer.

Bauer completed nine of 25 pass attempts for 91 yards, with one interception. Kronbach caught six passes for 95 yards.

The Bulldogs were held to 15 yards rushing and were outgained 330-106 in total yards.

First Quarter		
USC — Bonsack 4 run (Martinez run)		
Second Quarter		
JWP — Kronbach 23 pass from Bauer (run failed)		
USC — Bonsack 71 run (Martinez run)		
Third Quarter		
No scoring		
Fourth Quarter		
USC — Bonsack 9 run (run failed)		
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
Rushing — JWP: N.Morsching 9-17; Bauer 2-1; USC: Bonsack 13-138; Getchell 21-83; Martinez 10-54; Bird 3-6; Cardosa 1-2		
Passing — JWP: Bauer 10-25-1 91; USC: Martinez 2-6-0, 30; Mutschler 0-1-0, 0		
Receiving — JWP — Kronbach 6-95; James 1-8; Melchior 2-2; USC: Bullerman 5-14; Mutschler 2-16		
JWP Defense — N.Morsching 1 solo tackle, 6 assists; O'Brien 1 tackle, 5 assists; Melchor 3 tackles, 8 assists; Berndt 2 tackles, 2 assists; McWaters 1 tackle, 5 assists; Born 2 tackles, 5 assists; L.Morsching 3 tackles, 5 assists; Fall 2 assists; Carda 1 assist; Quast 2 tackles, 3 assists; Davis 3 assists; Schlueter 3 tackles, 8 assists; Gartner 3 tackles, 6 assists		

NRHEG spikers top Hayfield, JWP

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

It could not have been a better homecoming week for the NRHEG High School volleyball team.

The Panthers played well and won twice, outlasting Hayfield 3-1 on the Vikings' court Tuesday, and shutting out JWP 3-0 at New Richland two nights later.

NRHEG dispatched Hayfield 25-23, 23-25, 25-20, 25-22 on what coach Ashley Tolzman called a very special night.

"Hayfield was having a Mental Health Awareness Week," said Tolzman. "Both NRHEG and Hayfield warmed up in the same mental health shirts and listened to a great speaker with a great message. Hayfield's team also wrote each and every player a kind note and left it on our bench before we started our game. I think this was such a positive experience and am thankful we were able to be part of this. Thank you Coach Kruger!"

The Panthers got the job done on the court.

"We kept the games close," said Tolzman. We weren't as aggressively as I know we can be, but we were still able to place tips and pushes and find success."

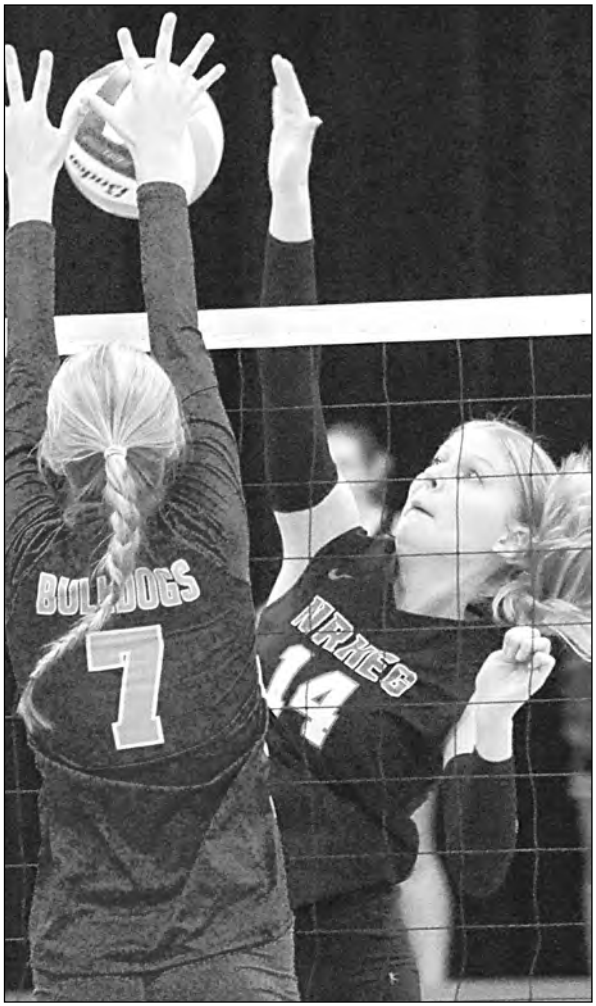
"We came ready to play."
— NRHEG coach Ashley Tolzman

Individual statistics for NRHEG: Gabby Schlaak 6 kills, 5 blocks, 12 digs; Izzy Stadheim 5 digs; Elsie Schultz 10 digs; Ary Howe 1 dig; Tayler Schmidt 7 kills, 6 blocks, 17 digs; Hallie Schultz, 32 set assists, 3 kills, 1 block, 8 digs; Keira Lenort 5 kills, 2 blocks, 1 dig; Madi Murray 8 kills, 9 blocks, 6 digs; Chloe Stork 4 kills, 2 blocks, 2 digs; Faith Nielsen 1 assist, 1 kill, 20 digs.

Tolzman said she looked forward to hosting JWP, whom the Panthers dispatched 25-11, 25-12, 25-21 on Senior Night.

"We came ready to play," said Tolzman. "Senior Night was a success. We covered our court, set our blocks, and kept swinging. We were able to get all of our seniors on the court. We were positive and excited to play all night. It was great to see. This was a big week for us, 2-0 during our homecoming week."

Individually: Schlaak 5 kills, 2 digs; Stadheim 4 digs; E.Schultz 4



A VERY GOOD WEEK — At left, the Panthers' Tayler Schmidt (10) tips the ball as JWP's Paige Walz (12) goes up for a block. At right, NRHEG's Madison Murray (14) spikes as Claire Walz (7) blocks.

digs; Schmidt 4 kills, 1 block, 5 digs; H.Schultz 25 assists, 1 kill, 5 blocks, 17 digs; Erin Peterson 1 dig; Lenort 4 kills, 5 blocks; Murray 11 kills, 10 blocks; Stork 3 kills, 6

blocks, 2 digs; Sydney Lewer 1 block, 1 dig; Nielsen 11 digs.

After playing Monday at Bethlehem Academy and Tuesday at Kenyon-Wanamingo, the Panthers

are in Mapleton Oct. 12 to face Maple River. They play at Nicollet Oct. 16 and end the regular season Oct. 17 at home against Randolph.

Panthers run well at Waseca

The NRHEG cross country teams competed in the Waseca Invitational on Thursday, Oct. 5.

The Panther runners again had some high-quality performances.

For the girls, Julieann Wobbrock led the team with an eighth-place finish, setting a personal best time of 21:12. She was followed by Annabelle Petsinger (33rd 25:06), Madison Corkill (40th 27:33) and Amelia Duryee (44th 32:00).

NRHEG's Ella Jeno made her return to the course finishing fifth in the junior high 3K with a time of 14:57.

The boys were led by the power duo of Devon Neltton and Jacob Karl. Devon took fourth with a time of 18:32, Jacob fifth in 18:36. Jackson McGannon finished 26th with a time of 21:10. Owen Flatland was 33rd with a time of 25:12.

"It is encouraging to see our runners' times continue to get faster with each meet," said Panthers coach Larry Nydegger. "The conditions today were unpleasant, but that clearly did not slow our kids down."

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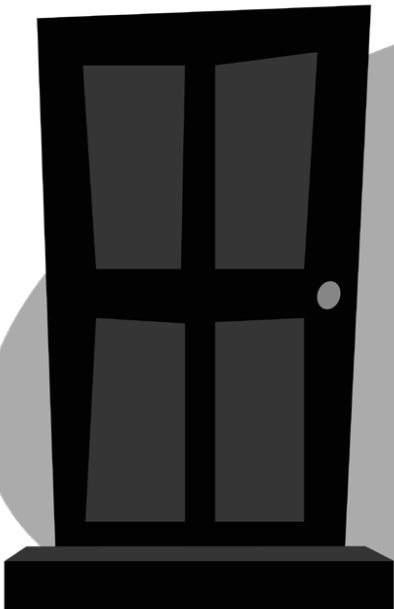
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Barb Gauger, daughter of Dr. Orvie J. Swenson, describes her father's experiences and contributions. Swenson served Waseca County from 1926 to 1966. Pioneer photos by Deb Bently

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guides were stationed at many of the 25 locations marked on the map. Each shared general information, mentioned interesting details, and added personal insights regarding the groups or individuals buried at their sites.

Remaining sites were marked with flags and featured written summaries and descriptions.

Among the tour guides was Virginia McCarthy, a researcher with the Waseca County Historical Society.

McCarthy was one of about 10 members of the committee which conceived and planned the walk after it was suggested by Sam Steffel.

According to McCarthy, planners collaborated to select sites which were connected to area history, were particularly interesting or unusual, or which told the stories of distinctive structures at the cemetery.

As graves were selected, committee members also worked to find tour guides with a connection to the family or history being shared. Attired in a period-appropriate dress, McCarthy stationed herself at the "Potters' field" of Woodville. Traditionally the location where "charity" burials took place, McCarthy told tour participants the location had been somewhat tricky to find. She mentioned that 17 of the people buried there had been killed while drunk or sleeping near the railroad tracks—many of them itinerants in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

She told the story of "Jimmy the Painter," who had been born in England but somehow ended up working in Waseca. Thanks to a newspaper write-up found in the historical society's files, it is known that Jimmy convinced the owner of the local hardware store to sell him some carbolic acid one day in 1928, claiming it was needed for a painting project. He then walked toward a city park, telling someone along the way, "If you see a hearse go by, it will be for Jimmy the Painter."

Barb Gauger, daughter to Dr. Orvie Swenson, told of her father's first patient upon arriving in Waseca in 1926: "They asked him if he could cure a broken leg," she said. "When



The grave of E.F. Johnson at Woodville Cemetery.

he said he could, they brought him a goat." She also revealed that, in the earlier days of her father's practice, babies were born in their family's homes. This meant her father would go to the house and stay there until after the birth—an unpredictable span of time that ranged from hours to days. For the 40 years he practiced in Waseca County, Gauger said, her father was dedicated to delivering quality health care to everyone who needed his services. She also shared how her father's dedication often interfered with family plans. "We would never be sure until we were 20 miles from home that Dad wouldn't receive a call."

Blain and Carol Brooks of Waseca's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization, explained how the local post came to be named: the couple shared information near the graves of Raymond Sweet and William Sommers, the first two Waseca County casualties of World War I.

VFW president Blain explained that the two last names were chosen when VFW Sweet-Sommers Post 1642 was formed and named in 1929.

Retired historical society staff member Sheila Morris shared stories of the Everett family, which once had a nine-acre "estate" within Waseca city limits. Wealthy even during the depression, the family had its tragedies as well. Morris told of William Everett whose first wife and two young sons were killed in the U.S./Dakota war. An impressive marble mausoleum at Woodville is engraved with the Everett name and surrounded by a circle of headstones from the Everett and Curtis families. Morris invited tour participants to visit the historical society and learn more about the Everett family and its interconnection with local history.

Waseca County Sheriff Jay Dulas described the 1940 death of then-



Blaine and Carol Brooks explained the local VFW is named after the first two Waseca County soldiers to die in service during World War I.



Retired historical society worker Sheila Morris tells tour members about the Everett family and its connection to Waseca.

sheriff Lemmick A. Larson. Larson and judge Leon Sexton had driven to Aberdeen, S.D., where a fugitive wanted for embezzlement in Waseca County was being held. Larson died from injuries sustained when their vehicle collided with a cattle truck; Sexton was injured, but survived. Dulas also mentioned the second Waseca County Sheriff who died in the line of service, Don Eustice, whose death occurred in 1976, but whose grave is not located in Woodville.

Dennis Waitas, long-time employee and personal acquaintance to Wayne "Bumps" Brown shared stories of the all-state running back, pilot, WWII veteran, journalist and printer whose company grew to be one of the largest in the nation. Brown's company once employed 1,200 workers and used about 4,000 miles of rolled printing paper every 24 hours.

Retired teacher Terry Gilbertson told about Waseca County innovator Howard Deichen who came to the area in 1917 to install a generator and wire electricity at a family member's rural home. Deichen went on to pilot the process of running "high-wire" electricity to rural locations, perhaps having been the first in the entire country to do so. Deichen was an enthusiastic pilot and inventor. He made use of aerial photography to aid in the process of running power lines. He was also an avid scuba diver who managed to develop his own waterproof movie and still cameras before such things were commercially available. Deichen owned a home along Clear Lake with a private runway located behind it. He

died in 1970 when his plane crashed during a landing.

Jack and Mary Williams played music composed by LeRoy Shield. Shield lived from 1893 until 1962 and became very well known in radio and early television. Both a concert pianist and a composer, he traveled the country with well-known performers and wrote music for various shows including the Little Rascals. Shield's family lived in Waseca for a time; a stillborn baby girl is buried in Woodville Cemetery. Her grave had gone unmarked for more than a century when Jack and Mary learned of the Shield family connection to the community, worked with the historical society to locate the grave, and collaborated with Dan McRaith and Tom Miller to have a gravestone made and dedicated in 2007. Since the baby was never officially named, the gravestone reads "Little Dancing Girl" after one of the songs composed by Shield.

Of the cemetery walk, Sam Steffel commented he was grateful to all the volunteers who made the event possible. He particularly thanked Cap and Carol Peterson and Mark Neste for their contributions in preparing the site, "and just generally for keeping the cemetery so beautiful and inviting."

Cap Peterson, cemetery sextant for the past 10 years, expressed his gratitude for the event, and his pleasure that so many people took part. "We have a beautiful cemetery," he observes. "It was a beautiful day. It was exciting to see everything come together so well."

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