



Compostings

by Al Batt

Crossing mosquitos and snowmen

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
My neighbor drives me crazy. He hired a poop scooper service that removes pet waste from his yard. What's wrong with that? He doesn't have any pets.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. It's the time of the year when the natural habitat of a raccoon becomes the centerline of a highway. Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both, I took the one with the most mosquitoes. In order to combat the loss of blood and find order in the chaos, I've found life is good when I'm well-fed. I've been eating my share of apricots, peaches, blueberries, cherries and watermelon. I didn't mean to do it, but I counteracted that by slamming my poor knee against a vicious desk drawer sharpened to a deadly edge. I'm not an easy bruise, but that collision left my knee with a contusion in the shape of Tennessee.

I went to an Ivy League grade school, and at the end of each year, my mother baked a pie or some other treat to give to my teacher. I added a thank-you note, even though I thought I'd get more brownie points if that were done at the beginning of the year. ☺

George Eastman was a bank clerk making \$1500 a year in 1877, when he spent \$94 on a photographic outfit and became interested in producing a camera. The first Eastman camera introduced in 1888 was named the "Kodak," the "K" for the first letter of Eastman's mother's maiden name. Kodak flourished on the slogan, "You press the button—we do the rest." The Brownie camera was launched in 1900 and sold for just \$1 and the film was 15 cents a roll, an affordable price that opened the door for average families to take photographs. Before the Brownie, photography was primarily the domain of professionals. Cameras were bulky, complicated and expensive. Capturing photographs was an arduous task, involving heavy glass plates, toxic chemicals and a deep understanding of the photographic process. The Brownie replaced these cumbersome methods with something far simpler and more accessible.

Now, thanks to the cellphone, we've all become walking cameras, where the most important things about taking a photo are to clean the lenses before using the camera and not to put any film into the phone.

I'VE LEARNED
Some people have a Monday on days that aren't Mondays. Proper names enjoy playing hide and seek with our memories.

In the Tanning Olympics, the winner takes home the bronze. Aliens from outer space built the pyramids under the supervision of Abraham Lincoln. Penny Jacobsen of Albert Lea had an excellent suggestion that, for one glorious day, candidates for office would concentrate on what they intend to do without giving a single mention of an opponent by name, action or party.

Walking bean rows prepared me for math classes. I had to show my work.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
I crossed a mosquito with a snowman and got frostbitten.

The library had a lot of books on the Titanic, but they're all sodden now.

Someone stole fruit from the farmer's roadside stand and left him peaches.

What does it mean if you hear, "Book, book, book, book, book, book, book, book, book." It means you've just listened to 10 books.

The police officer told me to say the alphabet starting with M. I said, "malphabet."

There were so many Olympians. Gymnastics alone included a few Brazilian athletes.

NATURE NOTES
Carolina grasshopper, Carolina locust, black-winged grasshopper, road-duster or quaker is a large species of grasshopper often found basking on bare ground. They're identified in flight by their black wings. Males crepitate, producing a crackling series of snaps or clicks as they hover or fly in a butterfly-like fashion during courtship.

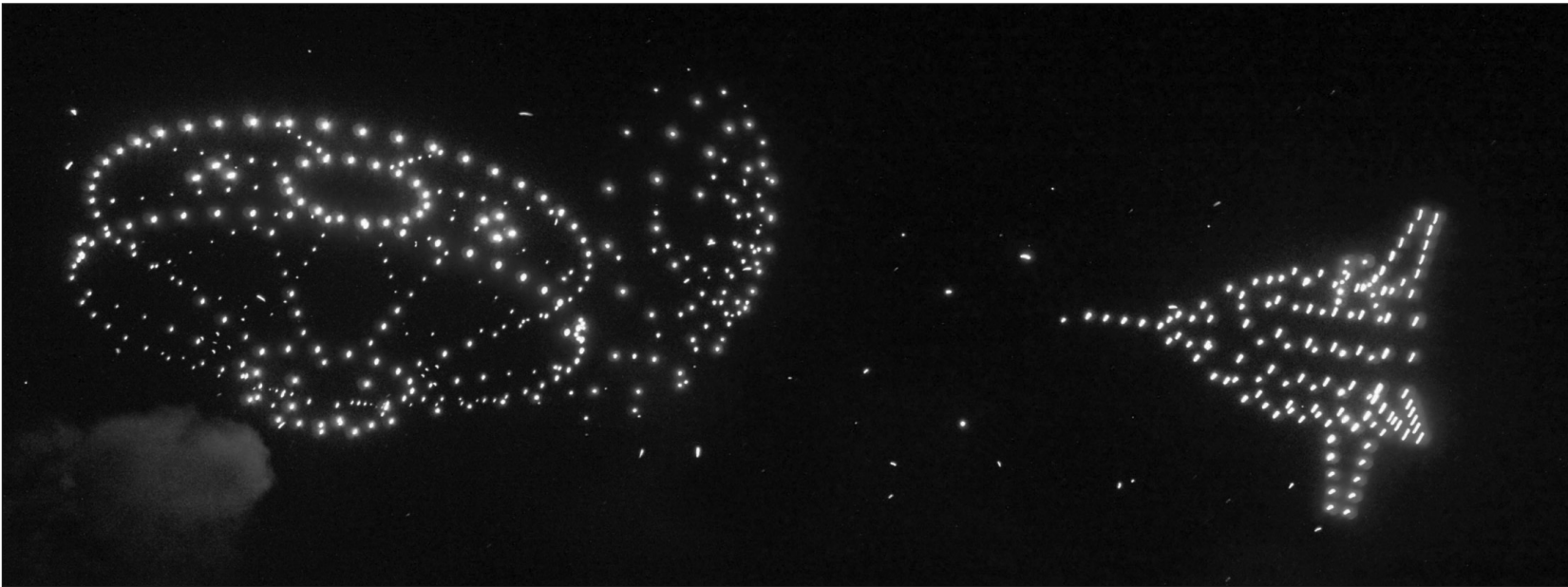
Weather lore says, "For every fog in August, there will be a snowfall in winter."

Look for migrating common nighthawks in late August. Ruby-throated hummingbirds begin migrating, with the adult males leaving first.

Canada, tall and giant goldenrods are perennials that grow 2 to 6 feet tall, have lance-shaped leaves and clusters of golden flowers that produce tufts of seeds. The flowers bloom in late summer and early fall and become enchanting insect zoos.

Fragrant wild cucumber flowers are pale yellowish-white and grow on a vine reaching up to 30 feet. The aggressive native plant has star-shaped leaves and green, oval seed pods up to two inches long and covered with sharp spines. They are inedible.

MEETING ADJOURNED
A kind word is often a boomerang.



The fireworks convention held in Brainerd last week provided an extravaganza of displays.

Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

The universe is all around us

As I look at my screen getting ready to write this column, two things keep coming to mind.

One is the Pyrotechnics Guild International convention I attended in Brainerd. The closing night performance is one it would be a shame to forget. Imagine your entire field of vision filled with fireworks in all colors, shapes, and configurations, and then try conceiving nearly two hours of amazing displays.

Particularly impressive was the one which consisted of about 1,200 flying drones. These could be programmed to change color and to arrange themselves in three-dimensional shapes which towered above the audience. The show was based on the theme of space: we got to see a representation of the solar system, of a gigantic astronaut on a spacewalk, of a rocket flying into space, and even of a "space invader" type alien craft engaged in a battle.

The narration that accompanied the drone show began with the idea that it takes inconceivable pressure to form the atoms of carbon, calcium, phosphorus, and many others which comprise the human body. Those kinds of pressures, it was pointed out, can only occur in the center of a gigantic mass—for example, an unusually large star. So for the atoms which comprise us to be available, a gigantic star must have exploded and released its heavy atoms into the universe.

Thus, the narrative said, not only are we in the universe, the universe is in us.

Oddly, that reminds me of the second set of ideas which keep coming to me as I write. I spoke recently with George Klug, who is part of a business which calls itself WQ3D (I



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

interpret that as "three-dimensional water quality.")

George and his fellow entrepreneurs are working to prove their system—which uses no chemicals or artificial additives—should be employed in lakes whose water is out of balance in order to help them recover and fend off many of the undesirable side effects. Just remember the difference between Loon Lake of four years ago and Loon Lake of today.

During our conversation, George shared information about the natural processes a balanced lake can carry out. He described how, even when water coming into a healthy lake is filled with pollutants, the water coming out of it can be almost completely clear of them with no apparent ill effects to the lake itself.

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Flowers are the way to a woman's heart

One more week, one week closer to school starting—Not like I'm keeping track or counting down or anything.

I spent my weekend in the middle of nowhere in northern Wisconsin riding side by sides to go bar hopping. It was really, really fun to drive the side by side through twists and corners—until my sister complained about my "terrible driving." When else can I go super fast and take corners in a probably unsafe manner? Never, that's when. So I got to have a lot of fun with everyone else.

I can see now why my parents take the time every year to drive out there and ride hours a day along trails ranging from tarred roads and sandy fire roads to basically bike trails in the middle of the woods. While extremely fun, I can also say it was kind of exhausting. Why are a lot of the fun things you do on vacation also exhausting? It's okay, though, most of the time it's definitely worth it, am I right?



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

Well, one of my roommates is moving in this week, so I had some rearranging to do in the apartment. Before, I had all of my plants taking over the windowsill of a big, wide window in the living room: my little progeny filled up plenty of tightly-crowded plant space. But now my roommate is moving in; she and I have already talked about our shared interest in plants, so I know she's bringing some with her and I figured I should make room on that window-sill.

So my solution was to put up two shelves in my bedroom window to allow for more plant room. This means that currently, I have twenty-

three plants in my bedroom alone. Most of them are the succulents I propagated in the spring. They have really started to grow into these cute little succulents in these adorable little pots my grandma got me.

But moving all those only cleared half of the window space in the main room. I'll just have to hope that's enough, since there is no space left in my room for any more plants. This could prove to be a problem, but a problem for future Amelia and her roommates whenever they decide to show up. If they don't like the plants, they're out. Not really, but isn't that a red flag if someone doesn't like plants or flowers? It's like...not lik-

ing life. The best part about getting flowers is that they last: Even once they start to die, you can dry them. I read somewhere or saw a video or something where it said that flowers given out of love last longer. I find the idea completely heartwarming. I know it might not be true, but it's a nice thought to carry with you.

I also think it's really cool that different flowers represent different emotions or sentiments. A cactus, for example, sends a message of passionate love; a peach blossom suggests "I am your captive." Isn't that so cool?

My Determination: "I'm talking about the language of flowers. It's from the Victorian era, like your name. If a man gave a young lady a bouquet of flowers, she would race home and try to decode it like a secret message. Red roses mean love; yellow roses infidelity. So a man would have to choose his flowers carefully." — Vanessa Diffenbaugh, The Language of Flowers



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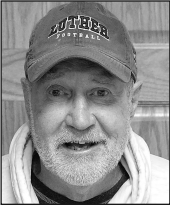
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Bits and Pieces

by Dave Zika



Dave’s stream of consciousness

What a beautiful morning at the cabin. I sit sipping a cup of coffee and observing nature at the lake. Sammy the Wonder dog is lying on the deck, sniffing smells on the wind.

Flocks of cormorants are now flying down the lake; hundreds of them. I wonder how the bird can be protected and uncontrolled. They’ve decimated the trees under their nests on an island in Lake Sakatah; I watch their frequent dives for fish as I lounge on our deck. An ant is carrying a winged insect across the deck floor. I wonder how an ant so small can carry a much larger insect, while also speculating about how far it plans to travel. Ants are maybe the strongest animals on our planet. I look down at our damaged dock, still waiting for repairs after being overwhelmed the Waterville flood; at least for the time being, 25 mallard ducks have taken possession of it. The dock is an eyesore, matted with weeds, leading me to wonder how the water could have come up high enough to be above the canopy of the boat lift.

A hummingbird is now collecting the sweet nectar from our flower pot. I wonder how the 2” long bird can beat its wings thousands of times per minute, visit 1,000 flowers a day, migrate to southern Mexico and fly 500 miles in a single go. An airplane is now leaving a beautiful white contrail in the blue sky to the north. I wonder where its passengers are going. I wonder how an electronic glitch can strand thousands of travelers in airports for several days. Families going on summer vacation, or people going to visit loved ones in different parts of our country.

Lisa has now gotten out of bed and has waved to me from the window. Lisa has been a warrior dealing with so many health issues. As she takes her many pills in the morning to start her day, I wonder how prescriptions can be so costly to those who have been dealt a “Why Me?” retirement. Lisa is ordering a few things on Amazon this morning including new Sketcher slip-ons for me. I wonder how we can order something on the laptop, pay for it with a credit card and have it delivered to the door in a day or two.

I’m now husking fresh sweet corn on the deck for supper. I am amazed by how much the flavor and consistency of the ears has improved over time. I wonder how I ever thought big,

yellow, chewy kernels of sweet corn were “the best corn ever” while I was growing up.

I sit and wonder how my afternoon will be spent. I’ll spend some time responding to messages on my cell phone. I wonder how others, both young and old, can spend 4.5 hours per day on their electronic devices. Sleep is important and takes up a good number of hours in a lifetime; a cell phone takes up to 12 years of a lifetime. I wonder why parents are not turning off the switch button, monitoring their child’s cell phone time. I wonder why I don’t see groups of kids riding bikes on the streets, playing pickup games at our park courts, or flying kites on a windy day.

This afternoon I’ll spend some time watching the Olympics on Midco cable. I’ll do some channel surfing and watch other news. I wonder how a pro athlete can sign a \$35 million dollar contract when we have homeless and hungry people right here in Minnesota.

The governor of our great state is now running for vice president of the good old USA. I wonder how our two major parties can be so nasty, hostile, uncompromising and mean to each other. It’s truly refreshing to see someone running for an office with no mudslinging, but instead keeping the focus on their platform and introducing their family to viewers.

The TV I’m watching this afternoon is still a good buy, still not over expensive. But I do wonder where rabbit ears and rooftop antennas have gone. Cable prices are constantly going up. The price we pay for our cable, internet and phone is disgusting, we are at their mercy to watch TV.

Thinking and wondering this early in the morning is exhausting. Time for a catnap. The chaise lounge is now turned into the wind, and opposite of the bright sun rising in the east. A note to the wonderful Deb Bently who previously wrote a wonderful column in the Pioneer about her hammock at their cabin. I don’t have to tie anything between trees, worry about getting wrapped up in a hammock, or worry about injuring my ACL and meniscus rolling down a hill toward the lake.

With Sammy in my lap, it’s time to watch puffy clouds overhead, turn our head to the cool lake breeze and catch a few Zzzzs.

Local cybersecurity specialist proposes system for preventing real estate fraud

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Across America in 2017, the number of homes stolen was 9,654 at a cost of \$56 million. In 2021 it was reported that 11,578 homes were stolen at a cost of \$350 million. Along with the 20-percent increase in the number of homes stolen, the increase of financial damages jumped by 525 percent in four years according to the FBI’s 2023 Internet Crime Report.

While it may seem real property is not something that can be “stolen,” dishonest individuals can use pirated private information to create an online profile presenting themselves as the legal owner. Having once done so, they can make money either of two ways. One is that they might convince an honest potential buyer to purchase the property. The other is that they can take out a loan against its value. Online resources now make it possible for liens and real estate sales to be finalized in minutes, without buyer, seller or lending institution ever arriving together at a lawyer’s office or at the county recorder’s window.

With the money collected, the online criminal disappears, leaving the genuine owner of the property and the unknowing victim to discover the fraud and cope with the legal complications.

Waseca resident and long-time cybersecurity specialist Don Hubschman tells of having begun approaching city leaders in the summer of 2022 about this problem. He was told at that time that it was not a growing threat. When Hubschman came across a brochure in which Waseca County warns area residents about the possibility of real estate theft, he visited with the board of commissioners again this past April, suggesting what he believes is a simple step to protect vulnerable property owners, especially the elderly, who are not typically acquainted with online practices.

“The internet can be daunting for those lacking in experience,” Hubschman observes. “That lack of experience can leave anyone open to fraud, theft or trickery. In some cases, just clicking on a spam email can expose private information.”

Hubschman notes there are online resources which help protect against real estate fraud. One, named Land Notification (waseca.mn.us) can be arranged for through the county. Land Notification alerts property owners when their names are used in any real estate activity. Others, with names such as “Home Title Lock,” “Aura,” “Life Lock by Norton” or “Identity Lock” are frequently advertised. These must be purchased, notes Hubschman, while pointing out that people who are not aware real estate theft is a risk are unlikely to spend money to protect against it. A significant flaw with many of them, Hubschman wants people to be aware, is that they notify the property owner after the fraudulent transaction has occurred.

Hubschman says his entire motive for communicating with area leaders about this matter is to protect unknowing property owners from the frustration and expense even one incident of property fraud might lead to. He has named his proposed system “Homes Under Threat Can’t Happen,” creating the acronym HUTCH.

Hubschman argues there would be no expense and little difficulty in implementing his system: He suggests that county recordkeepers allow residents to sign a form which declares the title to their property cannot be transferred, and no liens can be placed against it, unless they are personally present in the courthouse to confirm they wish to sell or mortgage their home or land.

“That’s it,” says Hubschman. “Letting the official recordkeepers know they have to speak with you personally before they record the sale of your property.

“Why wait until after the theft has happened?” he asks. “Why not make the theft impossible in the first place?”



Don Hubschman
Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann
county level. County recordkeepers know the people of their communities and are in the best place to assess what practices would benefit them.

Waseca County Administrator Michael Johnson mentions Waseca County has property owners who live “all over the continental United States” and observes it would not be feasible for them to be physically present.

Hubschman admits there are cases when the owner of record may not be able to be physically present in the courthouse. He offers the example of an elderly individual who begins experiencing dementia, or of someone injured in an accident.

“There are always exceptions to the rule, which is where power of attorney comes in,” Hubschman suggests. “If you can’t be there for health reasons or are in another state, for example, you sign for someone else to speak for you, someone you know and trust so the sale can safely take place.” The names of trusted individuals could be recorded on the form when it is first completed, or could be added later.

One very important aspect of HUTCH, Hubschman emphasizes, is that it would be voluntary.

“No one would be forced to sign up,” he says. “But by doing so, they would have a system in place to keep their property where it belongs—in the owners’ hands.”

Hubschman says he spoke to Minnesota leaders and was told HUTCH would be best implemented at the

Johnson states there are already a number of protections in place under state statute number 507, which lists standards that must be met before electronic filing can be used. Furthermore, since 507 is a state law, the county must comply when suitable documents for the sale are submitted. Johnson agrees homeowners should be vigilant about protecting their online information, but states the problem of real estate theft is on the decline, and is not extensive enough to warrant a solution like HUTCH.

Hubschman says he hopes county leaders will listen to his ideas with open minds. As one who specialized in cybersecurity during a twenty-year career in the military, he believes his suggested system is simple, almost entirely without cost, and could prevent a great deal of frustration and expense. He invites anyone with questions to contact him with either a text or voicemail at 507-201-5167. He encourages interested individuals who would like to see the program move forward to speak with their county commissioner. The names and districts of Waseca’s five commissioners are available at waseca-county.gov.

■ Taste

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garden. A fresh garden salad was served with Revol Greens lettuce and Bushel Boy vegetables provided by Bushel Boy Farms and Revol Greens out of Owatonna.

At stop number four was rosemary garlic sourdough provided by Barefoot Lane MN. Sweet corn was provided by Mason’s Sweet Corn; and organic tortilla chip samples came from Whole Grain Milling Company out of Welcome.

■ Corn

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week’s, but raccoons had damaged

The main course was offered at stop number five: grilled pork loin provided by Compart Family Farms out of Nicollet; turkey loin-chutney, prepared by Kelm’s BBQ but provided by Ferndale Market out of Cannon Falls; beef crostini provided by Double O Farms out of Hope; and smoke apple crisp provided by Kelm’s BBQ. Red potatoes with rosemary was prepared by Infinity Catering but provided by Kwik Trip of La Crosse. Chocolate truffles and caramels were provided by Costas Candies out of Owatonna and herb-infused water provided by Farmamerica. All food that was offered at this event was sourced locally to Southern

Minnesota.

The final stop treated guests to live music from the band trio ‘In a Bind’ who provided a variety of country music, pop and rock. There was also a bar serving drinks to enjoy along with the music.

Of the evening’s event, Wadd enthused, “Thanks to all of our generous vendors and attendees. This was a great success and a wonderful new addition to Farmamerica’s summer events.”

According to their website, Farmamerica’s mission is “To connect Minnesotans to the evolving story of agriculture through hands-on educational experiences, partnerships, and

community engagement.”

Among the organization’s priorities is giving children irreplaceable hands-on experience of life on the old prairie. Options to contact Farmamerica are to visit its website, www.farmamerica.org or by phone at 507-835-2052. Season passes are available for the variety of events held at the site.

Wadd advised people to watch for Farmamerica’s upcoming events, including a September 9 blood drive and the October 12 Fall Festival complemented by the evening Corn Maze which will be offered each Saturday in October. In November will be a 5K Turkey Trot.

some of the corn merchandise, Said father Brady, “Yeah, with all that’s been going on, I just don’t have time to deal with the raccoons right now.” Despite the masked marauders, though, the young salesmen have been making enough money to keep coming back. Then there was a long

silence as a train passed by the Adams Produce stand blowing its whistle.

When the train had passed, Brady said, “We don’t have dairy, our farm is for crops, mostly corn and soybeans.”

All five of the Adams children at-

tend Janesville school. “Once,” Nathaniel chipped in, “We sold 100 dozen in one day: 1,200 ears of corn all hand picked by us.” When the two youngsters consented enthusiastically to pose for a picture, their father declined, saying the children were the business owners.



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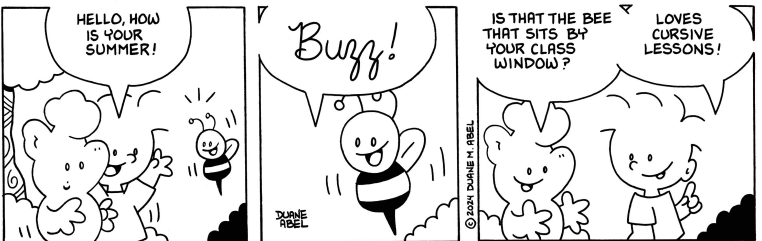


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eting, grocery shopping- for the meal that will be cooked), job/work skills (clocking in for a job, working a job, showing up on time, following the directions of a job, job exploration, etc.)” Wheelock said these are only a smattering of skills covered by the Transition program.

Located in three classrooms on the Central building’s upper floors, Southwest Metro’s programs pull students from JWP, NRHEG, Tri-City United, WEM and Waseca, but also can take additional students if necessary, and have thirteen staff working with thirty-two students starting next fall. The school day runs a typical 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. daily schedule,

but Wheelock says the program has its own calendar within the parameters of the regular school year.

“The program is all based on IEP/ special education annual goals,” Wheelock says. “Once the goals are met, a student’s transition to what is best for him/ her/ them is looked at. For the transition program, an individual ages out one day before they turn 22.”

Each participant has the option to receive a diploma from his or her home district or from Southwest Metro. Wheelock says students may choose to walk with their class in their home district or could decide to receive their diploma without the ‘pomp and circumstance.’ “It is individualized for the child and is discussed as a team. The decision is based on what would be best for the individual to be most successful.”

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Stars of the show

Soapbox Derby tradition continues at new location

More than a dozen six-year-olds race in annual event

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The Waseca Mason Tuscan Lodge 77 sponsored a Soapbox Derby Race the afternoon of Saturday, August 10. This was the sixth time the organization has held soapbox races, but the first time at a new location, along the west side of Tink Larson Field on Fourth Street NE. Six-year-olds were the stars of the show, and the only ones who could qualify.

Fourth Street NE was blocked off at both ends with big orange signs held up by orange sawhorses. Hay bale buffers were installed along the edges of the road on both sides.

Sixteen young racers took part, and were invited to select from among 9 eligible cars. All 16 participants got to race; each was allowed three separate tries. Their fastest run determined whether each would advance to the finals.

Nine Masons from Tuscan Lodge 77 of Waseca donated their time, headed by Lodge Master Rick Kritzer. Three Masons from neighboring Owatonna Star in the East Lodge 33 also assisted. Kritzer expressed his pleasure with the event saying, “This was really well worth doing and we can’t wait to do this again next year.”

Speculators had the option to buy hot dogs and popcorn. Faith United Methodist Church donated bottled water.



Participants in Saturday’s annual Soapbox Derby.

Said Kritzer, “There were a few times a couple racers got off course and veered into the hay bales, but everyone got out okay. That was sure fun.”

The day’s winners were Parker Bartz, first place; Addie Prescher, second; and Patrick Bartz, third. A soapbox car built and donated by Deml Ford was named Best in Show.

Kritzer revealed that Tuscan Lodge 77 donates all proceeds from the event to the community: “We do these for Waseca emergency services, the fire

department, police, and first responders. This year we bought fire suppression products to aid our firemen.”

The Masons are an international organization which regards contributing to charity as a “collective obligation.” The Waseca Masons have held six soapbox derby events; this year’s new location was prompted by the organization’s recent change in the location of their lodge.

■ Tink

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most proud of.

“I don’t know if I would say I am proud of all the good things that have happened to me, but rather say that I am appreciative of all the good things that have happened to me in my lifetime,” he said. “Being married to Sharon for 50 years was great. Finding a second great wife in Judy has been great. Being able to coach all the baseball, basketball and football players over 63 years has been great and all the coaches I’ve known and worked with have been great. And my association with so many good people over the years has been great.”

“I would say one of the happiest days in my life was when our high school team won the state baseball championship in 1990 after three near misses in the 1980s. Why am I so appreciative of everything? Because it’s brought me a very good life.”

That’s not to say he doesn’t have regrets or, in retrospect, some things he might wish he had handled differently.

“I would have done a million things differently, both when I was in

high school and when I was coaching,” he said. “Too many to even try mentioning.”

And now for the most obvious question of all, something nearly every Waseca ballplayer wondered but was too afraid to ask. How did Larson get his nickname?

“My dad was of Norwegian ancestry and talked with a Norwegian accent,” said Larson. “He had a nickname that I suppose was something in Norwegian. The kids thought it sounded like Tinker, so they started calling me that and it soon became just Tink. I was called that before I started school.”

And one final story about his exploits in sports other than baseball. Perhaps not surprisingly, it sounds like he was a natural in track and field.

“I don’t admit to many things, but I will admit that I could run, said Larson.

In an open track meet while in college, he had the conference 100 champion beat after 50 yards, but was edged at the end. He tried the long jump and sailed over 20 feet. And he was talented in the hurdles.

“I had never been over a hurdle, but I had watched and I guess I could snap them when going over them because the MSU coach tried to talk me into going out for track,” said Larson, who was told of another MSU

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— Tink Larson

athlete, Lee Loewen, a hurdler who in the 1956 Olympic trials was leading until he hit the final hurdle and stumbled, or he would have been in the Olympics.”

But Larson said no, he was sticking with his first love, baseball.

Larson landing in Waseca in the fall of 1967 was perhaps a twist of fate.

“It was just a very lucky happening,” he said.

He was umpiring in the Midwest League at the time and had been home only once in five months. He had been receiving teaching job openings from Mankato State, but didn’t apply anywhere until he saw the one from Waseca.

“We got to Waterloo for a three-game series, so I was going to drive home to Kasson each night as it was by far the closest city in the league to home,” explained Larson. “Sharon was working in Rochester at the time, so she wouldn’t have been home and there were no cell phones,

so if I hadn’t been lucky enough to have been home that day, I wouldn’t have ended up in Waseca.”

But Larson was there to take a phone call from the superintendent on his first day home; he asked Larson to come to Waseca for an interview the next day.

“I went to the interview, and later that day he called and asked if I could come back the next day and talk with the athletic director, Whitey Aamot,” said Larson. “So I did that and they offered me the job. I wouldn’t have been home for a long time again, so how lucky was I? Pretty lucky, in my opinion. But maybe if I wouldn’t have gotten this job, I would have stayed in baseball and made the Major Leagues. All hindsight. I’m happy with the way things turned out. Things haven’t always been perfect, but Waseca has been a great place to coach.”

Twist of fate? Perhaps. Or, maybe, it was just meant to be.



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Happy Days celebration August 10



This decked-out Smokey and the Bandit car with movie props in perfect condition was part of the car show on August 10.



From left, Bristol, Dienna and Sully were part of the crowd enjoying the music and classic cars at Waseca Happy Days.



Members of the band 'In a Bind' are, from left, Melanie Morrow, Jenna Byron, and Becky Borneke.



Juniper Revermann, 11, enjoys a walking taco from Lucia's Cocina.



Reed and Rorie Bluhm enjoyed snacks as they waited for their face paint to dry.



Riley Finger took a break from the heat to enjoy shaved ice at Waseca's Happy Days. Right, Scarlett Gleason stepped out of the sun for a moment to buy a necklace for sale during Waseca's Happy Days on Saturday, August 10.
Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann



Superintendent's Corner
by Eric Hudspith

Welcome back, Blue Jays! A new school year awaits

As summer draws to a close, it's with great excitement that I welcome all of our Blue Jays back to school! Fall activities started this week and our students are working hard already! I hope you had a fantastic summer, filled with relaxation, adventure, and memorable moments with family and friends. As the school doors open again, we are thrilled to embark on a new academic year together.

The start of a new school year is always a special time. It's a chance for fresh beginnings, new opportunities, and setting goals for the months ahead. Whether you're returning to familiar classrooms or stepping into new ones, we are eager to see your smiling faces and to hear the energy and enthusiasm that fills our hallways.

Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for your return. Their summer months include planning lessons, organizing classrooms, and attending professional development sessions, all to ensure that this school year will be one of growth and success for each of you. Their commitment to your education and well-being is unwavering, and they are ready to support you in every way possible.

This year, Waseca Public Schools will continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities for students to thrive. From academic challenges to athletic competitions, from artistic performances to community service projects, there will be countless opportunities for the Blue Jays to learn, grow, and shine. We hope all students take advantage of these opportunities and get involved in school life. Whether it's joining a new club, trying out for a sports team, or volunteering for a leadership role, there's something for everyone.

This month, you can expect to receive information from your school regarding specific back-to-school activities and events. These will include orientations, meet-the-teacher nights, and other activities designed to help you transition smoothly into the new school year. Be sure to check your email, school website, and social media for updates, and don't hesitate to reach out to your school if you have any questions.

As we look ahead, I want to remind everyone of our core values. Relationships, inclusion, innovation, integrity, and responsibility drive our work every day. The Blue Jay Way is the foundation of our school culture. Let's strive to create an environment where everyone feels valued, supported, and encouraged to be their best. Remember, we are all part of the Blue Jay family, and together, we can make this year one to remember.

To our returning students, welcome back! We've missed you and are eager to hear about your summer adventures. To our new students, we're thrilled to have you join our Blue Jay community and are confident that you will find our schools to be a place where you can thrive.

Parents and families, thank you for entrusting us with the education and care of your children. Your partnership is crucial to their success, and we look forward to working together to support their academic and personal growth throughout the year.

We are also grateful to our entire school community—students, parents, staff, and teachers. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and Blue Jay spirit are what make our schools truly exceptional.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead. Let's make it our best one yet!

Go Blue Jays!

Council tables Cannabis zoning decision

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The regular Waseca City Council meeting was moved to Wednesday August 7, so as to not conflict with Tuesday, August 6, Night to Unite at the Waseca Water Park. The regular work session was a "City Finance 101" refresher course by Alisha Fischer, finance director and human resources manager.

Speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting was city resident James Christensen who thanked council members for pursuing the Gaiter Lake project. He told council members he wished to express his support and voiced concern regarding the negativity surrounding the project.

Council member James Ebertowski asked city administrator Carl Sonnenberg about potential tax increases for people living along streets where construction projects are underway. Sonnenberg estimated residents would experience a 1.25 percent tax increase across a five-year timeline. He added there is not a tax assessment for utilities; costs for those are paid by consumers based on their household usage.

Joel Hollerich of the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership shared information regarding maintenance at BR Apartments and North State Apartments, which are multi-family income-eligible projects his organization is overseeing in Waseca. The city took part in grant applications and provided some funding for the two structures beginning in 2018. Hollerich reported the two 40-unit buildings were recently upgraded, including improvements to the roofs, utilities, and hot water. Security locks were also installed at building entries.

Council members tabled a recommendation from the city's planning commission suggesting the city's zoning standards begin allowing the growing and processing of cannabis in city areas zoned as "moderate industry," also called I-2. Although the commission had approved the recommendation with a unanimous vote on July 9, council members observed that the original Bird's Eye processing plant is zoned I-2, and expressed concerns

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that a structure "within the downtown area" would be inappropriate for cannabis processing. Council members requested more information about zoning and use permits, and about cannabis laws in particular, prior to reconsidering the question at the next council meeting.

The City of Waseca has been collaborating with the school district's community education program to improve the aquatics program offered under its umbrella. Under an agreement between the city and district, the city's water park supervisor Madison Gilmore will devise an expanded swimming instruction program and will provide instruction to those who register. The one-year agreement provides for the school district reimbursing the city for Gilmore's time and expertise; the reimbursement may exceed \$20,000 annually.

The airport board did not meet this last month. The new hangar being built at the airport has a different completion date of October 18, moved from September 18. Will continue to pursue grant funding. Hangar space at Waseca Airport is available, contact Pete Willey.

Waseca High School instructor John Hanson shared information with council members regarding the "Discover Waseca" online tour. Those who sign in to the tour can read or hear a narration about numerous sites of historic significance, including while being present at the location. Hanson reported the history portion of the app is up and running thanks to the efforts of students in one of his history courses. Hanson shared information about costs to establish and maintain the tours—which will be expanded to include not only history, but also schools, parks, restaurants, shops, accommodations, faith and attractions. The City of Waseca provided financial backing for the Discover Waseca Tours app; Hanson requested continued financial support going forward. The site can be viewed at <https://tours.discoverwasecatours.com/2>.

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Waldorf Antique Car and Truck Show Friday, August 23, followed by the Waldorf Fire and Rescue's Annual Sweet Corn, Burger Feed and Dance
The Waldorf Antique Car and

Truck Show will be on Friday August 23 from 4-7:30 p.m. Pre-Register your vehicle to be a part of the drawing to win a nice prize. The annual Corn and Burger feed will be from 5:30-8 p.m. The dance will be from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

Doggy Play Date and Picnic, Waseca Dog Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 24
A doggy play date and picnic will be held at the Waseca Dog Park on Saturday August 24 from 10am-2pm.

This will include a tail wagging talent show. A dog costume contest, a dog race and a visit from Sparky the Waseca Firemen Dog. Also visiting will be four-time Iditarod dog sled musher Linda Jay. Picnic food provided by Barney's Drive-In.

Vatos Locos at Indian Island Winery from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, August 24
Vatos Locos will be performing in Janesville at the Indian Island Winery on Saturday August 24 from 5:30-8:30pm. As a trio they focus on playing rock, classic rock and country.

Polka Service and meal at St. Paul Lutheran Church beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, September 7
A polka service and meal will be available at the St. Paul Lutheran Church beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 7. Everyone is welcome. Music provided by Chuck Thiel & The Jolly Ramblers.

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The Pastor's Column

Offering words of encouragement

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

What is encouraging to you? There have been a few times when people spoke to me in meaningful ways, offering encouragement to my life. Sometimes it is when people remember my special days, extend to me a thoughtful gift, invite me to join them hunting or sharing with me the activities they love. Encouragement takes two people, someone who needs encouragement and someone who notices.

I was reading in Nehemiah this morning, the true story of the restoration of Israel to the promised land, Ezra had left Babylon a few years earlier to rebuild the temple. Ezra was having a tough time of restoring the temple as people were constantly raiding Israel to steal the supplies for the Temple. Nehemiah, as the Cupbearer of King Artaxerxes, had heard of the plight of Ezra from those traveling to Babylon.

Nehemiah wept before God, prayed and sought favor to be able to go help Ezra rebuild. He wanted to be an encourager, Nehemiah wanted to see the temple restored, but he was waiting on the opportunity. Sometimes, when God lays a burden on your heart to be an encourager you have to wait. Nehemiah prayed that God would give him the ability to help restore the temple, but he was waiting on God to make it possible.

Nehemiah 2:1-6 says:
1 During the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was set before him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had never

been sad in his presence, 2 so the king said to me, "Why are you sad, when you aren't sick? This is nothing but depression." 3 and replied to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should I not be sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" 4 Then the king asked me, "What is your request?" 5 So I prayed to the God of heaven 5 and answered the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor with you, send me to Judah and to the city where my ancestors are buried, so that I may rebuild it."

6 The king, with the queen seated beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you return?" So I gave him a definite time, and it pleased the king to send me.

Nehemiah needed an encourager, and King Artaxerxes fit into God's plans. Nehemiah went to God with his request and waited on God's timing. When he saw God move Nehemiah was bold enough to ask for everything that was needed to see the wall rebuilt. God granted that request through King Artaxerxes.

If you have a need for encouragement, ask God to meet it and wait on Him. He may just use someone unexpected to bring you encouragement. If you are waiting on God for encouragement yourself, open your eyes to see who around you may need encouragement from you. You never know, your need may be met by serving someone else.



A total of 171 campers, grades 3-8, huddle leaders grades 9-12, and 22 coaches, attended this year's 34th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes junior sports camp last week at Waseca High School. This year's theme was: "24/7" (Romans 15:13) "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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Sports Clubs

Some organizations of the early days were the Janesville Sporting Club, the Toboggan Club and the Shooting Club. The Janesville Sporting Club, organized in 1874, sponsored horse races in the Village of Janesville, as well as other races, ball games and dances. The Toboggan Club was organized in 1887 and the committee in charge was directed to go ahead with the erection of a toboggan slide in the village, which they did with commendable efficiency and many hours of thrilling sliding were enjoyed that winter.

The Shooting club was organized that same year, with Mr. Curtis as president. Glass balls were ordered for the shooting, which relieved the pressure on the egg market. The first officers of the Toboggan Club were John Willis, president; Ella Sacket, vice-president, Miss Wheeler, secretary, Edie Dodge, asst. secy. And J. G. Smith, treasurer.

Baseball



Baseball has been the chief summer sport of our residents, aside from fishing, for the past eighty years. The Janesville Baseball Club was organized in the spring of 1874, and at that time, the Janesville.

Mechanics, as they were then called, played on most of the Saturday afternoons of the season. On Saturday, June 6, 1874, the Janesville Baseball Club played the Freedom "Black Feets" to a disastrous loss of 74 to 36.

Among the teams participating during the first summer were the Alma City-ites, the Freedom "Black Feets" and the Kilkenny Cats. Lively times were had at the games, and in the years that followed, the Janesville Baseball Club continued their weekly games during the summer season, with a baseball game usually being one of the main events of any civic affair put on during the summer. The name of the team was soon changed to the Janesville Red Sox, and this name was used during most of the years that followed.

Several championships have been won by the Janesville baseball team. In 1929 the team, managed by Walter Nyquist, won the championship in the Five-County League and again in 1936, under the management of Dr. C. R. Chadbourne, the team was champion of the LeSueur County League. For several years, during World War II, baseball was suspended, but in 1947 the team was reorganized by Ken Schafer, Chuck Schueneman, Melvin Hartwick and John Fury. During 1947 John Fury was the manager and in 1948 the management was taken over by Harvey E. Gardner, who is manager of the team at the present time. In 1950, this team, with Roy Lukken as captain, won the championship of the South LeSueur County League.

Dances and Entertainment



One of the most unique entertainments during the early days of Janesville was the presentation of a show by a group of Indians who were camped across the outlet of Lake Elysian in the woods in the spring of 1877. As it turned out, these same Indians had at one time been the former residents of our village town site and for many years had inhabited the vicinity. The show consisted of a display of their "wild and savage music and dancing".

In the "Old Village" dances and entertainment were held upstairs over one of the stores, but with the move to East Janesville and the erection of many new buildings, there were several places opened for entertainment. Among them were Jennison and Miner's Hall, where many gala evenings were enjoyed, and the Johnson house, the town's leading hotel, which was the scene of many special dances and suppers, the oyster supper being the favorite of the winter season. Packard's Hall, the Bowery, and later the Masonic Hall and the Odd Fellow's Hall were all the setting for many entertaining affairs.

The Town Hall of the Village of Janesville was built in 1878, and the opening dance was well attended, with supper being furnished in the basement. After the erection of the Town Hall, often called the "Opera House" the townspeople were entertained by many travelling groups, among whom were Canadian Jubilee Singers, the Hamline Glee Club, travelling opera companies and dramatic groups.

The people of the Village of Janesville have always been active in providing their own entertainment, as is evidenced by the many dramatic and musical groups which have sponsored home talent plays and concerts. A description of the Memorial Day Services held in the Town Hall in 1880 indicates that the programs were very much the same as the present-day except that the soldiers marching in the parades in the early observances of Memorial Day were "Grand Army" boys.

Village Bands

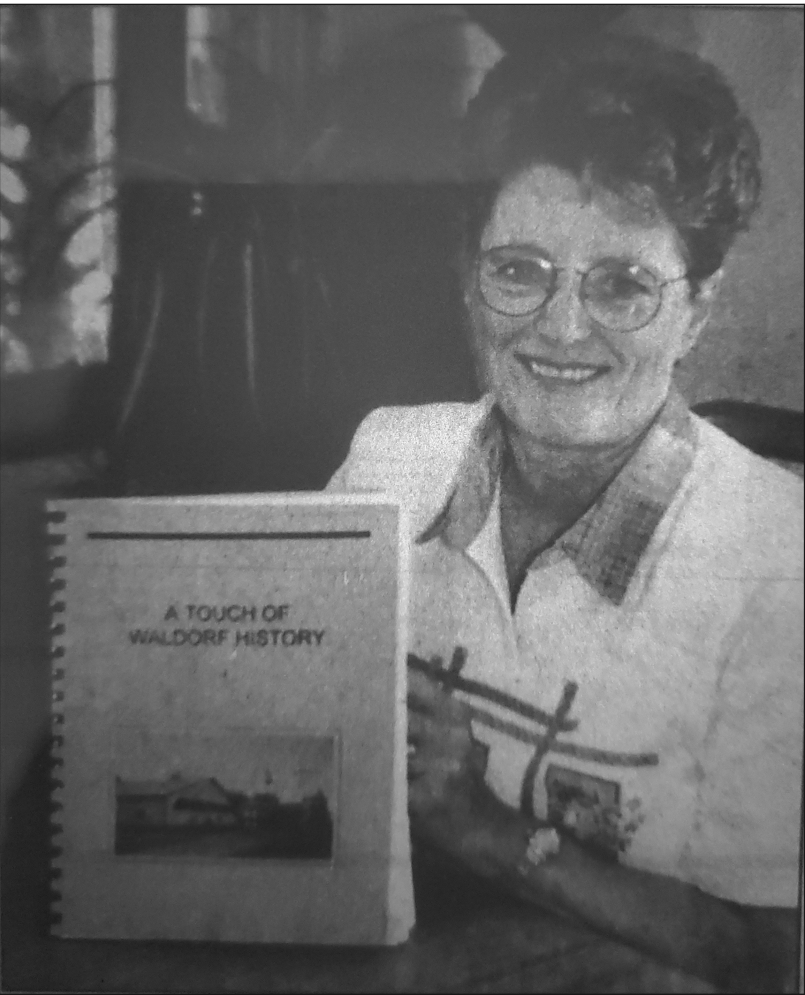
Waseca

25 Years Ago: August 19

-Gordy Oslund is president and CEO of Waseca's Shady Oaks Nursery which was started by his father, Clayton Oslund, in 1982.

-Hostas come in shades of blue, yellow, gold, green and patterned variations. There are dwarf hostas, slug resistant hostas and ground covering hostas. Hostas are hardy, shade tolerant, drought resistant and beautiful to look at. They can be moved, split or left to grow and, in each case, the hosta will be beautiful.

-Judy Joecks has spent the last year reading countless newspaper articles. While she may not be able to tell you many current events, she can certainly recite any tidbit of Waldorf history you might wish to know.



-Judy Joecks spent hours researching and compiling the history of Waldorf.

50 Years Ago: August 15



-CIVIC LEADERS and city officials gathered to help cut the ribbon this morning for the grand opening of the Waseca Savings and Loan. Pictured are, from left: Gene Slama, Rollie Roesler, Oather Troidahl, Edgar Johnson, Roy Tyrholm, Romelle Deef, Cotton Tews, F.L. Forrest, Pete Mahler, Pat O'Grady, Mark Worke, Richard Senn, Harold Worke and Pete Madden.



-BYRON FARM STORE in Waseca was the scene Tuesday afternoon for the filming of a slide presentation for Cargill Animal Health products. According to Fred Saltvold, advertising manager for Nutrena Feeds and Cargill products Byron Farm Store was chosen to represent a typical feed and animal health store. The slide presentation which will introduce a new line of animal health products, will be present at a Cargill sales meeting the end of August.

75 Years Ago

-The number of 4-H exhibits at the County Fair was even greater than last year. The quality of the displays was improved than last year also. Sixteen clubs had booths, according to Ardis Saufferer, Assistant 4-H Club Agent, and they, too, showed improvements over last year. 90 girls out of the 120 enrolled exhibited their dresses, aprons, darns, and sewing bazines and most of them took part in the dress revue Saturday night.

-Lloyd C. Harris, prominent for more than 20 years in weekly newspaper circles in New York and New Jersey and well-known in the advertising field, has been named advertising manager of The Waseca Herald and The Waseca Journal, according to an announcement today by Donald C. Brown, editor of two papers. Harris, who will work in close cooperation with the merchants and business firms of this area, assumes his new duties next Monday, August 15.

-Lawrence Frisk has bred beauty into his potatoes by planting a row of Early Ohios next to a row of Irish Cobbblers. Many of the spuds are divided, one portion being red and the other russet.

100 Years Ago

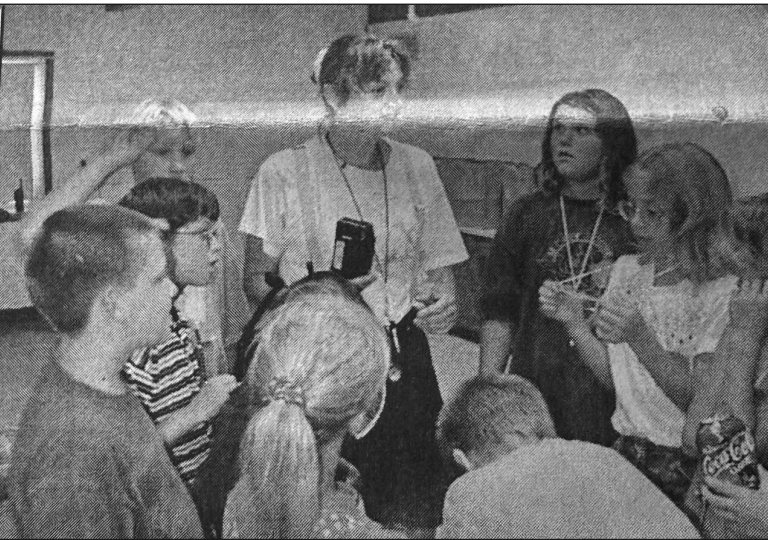
-Threatening weather failed to keep 73 Waseca Boy Scouts from appearing on time Tuesday morning at Trowbridge Park, where they formed in a column of squads and marched down Main Street and return to the tune of the Scouts Drum Corps.

-One of the worst accidents happened in Waseca county in recent years took place last evening about 10:30 o'clock when the threshing outfit of Albert Hoffman, who lives near Alma City, crashed through the Markham bridge on the Janesville-Waldorf graveled road about two miles from Alma City in the western part of this county.

-The Waseca baseball team scored their first win of the 1924 schedule of the Southern Minnesota league Sunday when they handed Blooming Prairie a 5 to 1 defeat on the local fair grounds before a very small crowd. Fourteen previous contests had been lost to league opponents had been lost to league opponents through one way or another and Saturday's game came very near not being a victory as rain commenced to fall in the fourth inning, but patience and persistency rewarded Messrs. Wallschlaeger and Sterling's athletes as the last half of the fourth and the first of the fifth innings were completed in the heavy downpour, thereby giving Waseca its first league win.

New Richland

25 years back

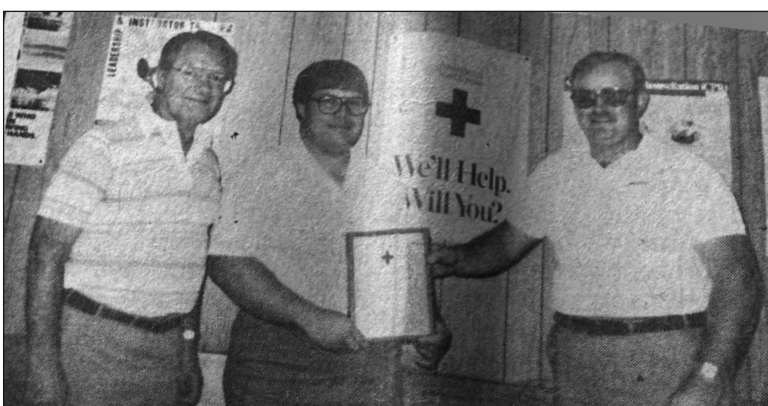


• **Deb Hemingway was one of the main organizers of last week's Community Bible School.** The Ellendale/Geneva Community Vacation Bible School was a SIZZLING SUCCESS because of the community of obedient servants that the Holy Spirit called. Many people from the biblical past joined us there and delighted us with their stories of Jesus. Omar (Camel Driver) Pastor Joel Xavier, Mary and Martha (friends of Jesus) Margie Borys and Carlene Kuglin, Visitor (to the Temple) Dean Reiter, Priscilla (the Jewish housewife) Marge Rossing, and Cleopas (follower of Jesus) John Nechanicky. We were amazed by the talents of the Artists: Miller (Beth Wallin), Herb/Spice (Marge Rossing), Wood Carving (Winefred Burgdale, and Potter (Ken Borys).

• Carol Christensen moved from the Prairie Manor Nursing Home to the New Richland Care Center on Friday morning of this past week. Carol will be able to renew past friendships with Nan Locke, Wanda Vangen, Eva Langlie and Howard Langlie, who are all residents at the Care Center from the Ellendale/Geneva area. Iris Jensen of Lakeville and Ronald and Joanne Christensen helped Carol move and got things settled into her new home.

• Brent Nelson, a student from Cotter High School and athlete from Winona Senior High School, has been selected to represent Minnesota and the United State in an international ice hockey tournament to be held in the Czech Republic in August. The U.S. team will play a minimum of 10 games and take some time to tour some of the historical attractions. Selections for the team were made by Sports Challenge Internationals scouting research team or by recommendation from one of the international reference list.

50 years back



• **Don Buss was on hand to watch Greg Bartsch (center) receive an award presented by a representative of the Owatonna Red Cross for applying CPR techniques that possibly saved Buss' life a year ago.**

• It was almost a year ago that Don Buss's life was literally in the hands of Greg Bartsch. On July 10, 1985, Buss collapsed from a heart attack in the front yard of his home at 513 NE Owatonna. Bartsch performed CPR on Buss and kept his heart working until the ambulance arrived.

• For the second straight year, a bit of glory shone in Geneva as their junior boys fastpitch softball team took four consecutive games Sunday to become two-time state champions. The 12-15 year old boys came up with three wins over area foes and a revenge victory over Vernon Center to collect the Minnesota Sports Federation trophy for another year. Brett Richards, Geneva's pitcher, scored the winning run in Sunday's third game. This is the third year Geneva has had a junior boys fastpitch team and the second year in a row they've taken the title.

• Garlyn Bergdale of Phoenix, AZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bergdale of rural Ellendale, is the lead consultant for Dames and Moore. They are the firm of engineering and environmental consultants which has been retained to prepare a third-party Environmental Assessment covering a proposed California-to-Texas fiber optic line as directed by the Bureau of Land Management. U.S. Telecom intends to construct a segment of its nationwide fiber optic communication line from Rialto in Contra Costa County to El Paso, TX.

• The first council of administration meeting of the 1886-87 year will be held for the veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday June 19 in the Burlington Northern Room at the Sunwood Inn in Bandana Boulevard West, St. Paul. This will be the first official meeting that Ione Carlsen, department president of the ladies auxiliary will be chairing. Eleanor Anne Worke, department publicity chairman auxiliary 3723, member of Owatonna, will be giving her report. The Veterans of Foreign Wars will also be meeting with Larry Ziebarth, commander of the department of Minnesota.

• The Geneva Fastpitch younger softball teams participated in the State Softball Tournament in Lake Crystal Saturday and Sunday. Included on the 16 and under team were Brett Richards, Brian Brekke, Mark Misgen, Shaun Hearn, Travis Johnson, Merlin Kath, Mike Kath, Matt Kath, Brent Wiersma, Troy Johnson, Jim Peterson, David West Gregg Nelson and Jim Johnson. Their coach is Bill Johnson. Participating in the 18 and under fastpitch (Da Boys) were Tony Phillips, Jeff Kasper, David Thompson, Rick Tollefson, Ross Johnson, Troy Janka, Tomm Richards, Chad Peterson, Tracy Utpadel, Rob Knudson, David Kilian and David Deml. They are coached by Dan richards.

• The Bath-Geneva 4-H Club finished their community pride project last week. It has been a project in the making for 2 years. This past week they did the west end of the building. But even with only half the project done for last year's fair, there were many favorable comments made the little amount of dust and mud, and that it was easily accessible for the handicapped person.

Compiled by Payge Rosacker



Steele County Free Fair

August 13-18, 2024

Owatonna, MN

2024 Steele County Free Fair Schedule of Events

THURSDAY
AUGUST 15, 2024

SENIOR DAY

8:00 a.m. Light Horse Show (Horse Arena)

8:30 a.m. 4-H Dairy Show (Cattle Arena)

11:30 a.m. Recognition of Outstanding Seniors (Wenger Stage)

12:00 p.m. Alan O'Malley-Laursen (Village of Yesteryear Stage)

12:00 p.m. All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)

12:00 p.m. Midway Rides & Ticket Booths Open

12:00 p.m. Moogician (Reseland Stage)

12:00 p.m. Charlie Sticha Band (Wenger Stage)

12:30 p.m. Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)

1:00 p.m. U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)

2:00 p.m. Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)

2:00 p.m. Jurassic Kingdom (North End)

2:00 p.m. Smokey the Bear (Four Seasons – DNR Booth)

2:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)

2:30 p.m. iPolka Band (Wenger Stage)

3:00 p.m. All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)

3:00 p.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)

3:00 p.m. Dan Stursa Band (Village Stage)

3:00 p.m. Moogician (Reseland Stage)

3:00 p.m. U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)

3:30 p.m. Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)

4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Hans Hohman – accordion (Four Seasons Centre)

4:00 p.m. Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)

4:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)

4:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Show (Foundation Building)

4:00 p.m. Smokey the Bear (Four Seasons – DNR Booth)

4:00 p.m. High Flying Pages (North End)

4:30 p.m. Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)

4:30 p.m. Grandstand Ticket Booth Opens

5:00 p.m. U of MN Raptor Center (Great Outdoors Center)

5:00 p.m. Jurassic Kingdom (North End)

5:00 - 11:00 p.m. Culver's Midway Moonlight Madness - \$30.00 (\$27.00 with coupon from Culver's – Owatonna)

5:00 p.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)

5:00 p.m. LP and the 45's (Wenger Stage)

5:30 p.m. Grandstand Doors Open

6:00 p.m. Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)

6:00 p.m. Deal or No Deal (Reseland Stage)

6:00 p.m. Just Kidding – Sweet Adelines (Village Stage)

6:00 p.m. All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)

6:00 p.m. 4-H Goat Show (Foundation Building)

6:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane)

6:30 p.m. Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)

7:00 p.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)

7:00 p.m. High Flying Pages (North End)

7:30 p.m. Snake Oil (Grandstand)

8:00 p.m. Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)

8:00 p.m. Jurassic Kingdom (North End)

8:00 p.m. The Whitesidealls (Wenger Stage)

8:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom

8:30 p.m. Smokescreen (Beer Garden, 21+)

SENIOR DAY SPECIALS (ages 62 and over)

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Seniors Park for FREE – 18th St. lots

11:30 a.m. Recognition of Outstanding Seniors (Wenger Fair Square Stage)

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Senior Spotlight Specials at participating vendors – look for the red & white signs

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Senior Day Ride Special– Carousel & Ferris Wheel rides – one ride coupon each

OTHER EVENTS TODAY

* Be sure to visit the Muckle Museum featuring history of Ye Olde Beer Garden and the NEW Steele Saloon Project.

* Check out the activities and attractions in the Great Outdoors Center.

* Visit Gandy's Old Iron Show located outside the Village of Yesteryear.

* Camel and pony rides next to the Thorni Ridge Exotics Petting Zoo.

* Hot Glass Academy glass blowing demonstration – across from Hobbies.

* Enjoy the new seating and entertainment at the Federated Pavilion on the North end.

Today's Building Hours

FFA Barnyard: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Centre: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Great Outdoors Center: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Muckle Fair Museum: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Information Stations: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Exhibit Buildings: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Village of Yesteryear: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bingo Tent: 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Outdoor Vendors: 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

House Auto Group Auto Museum: 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. featuring Thunderbirds

Food Vendors: 11:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Midway: 12:00 noon – 11:00 p.m.

Steele Saloon: 2:00 pm – 10:30 p.m.

VistaMobility: Open at 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY
AUGUST 16, 2024

9:00 a.m. Open Class Cattle Show (Cattle Show Arena)

11:00 a.m. RAD Zoo (Wenger Stage)

11:45 a.m. Midway Ticket Booths Open

12:00 p.m. Midway Rides Open

12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Midway Family Fun Day Ride Special \$25.00

12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Paul Bunyan (Great Outdoors Center)

12:00 p.m. Dan Stursa Band (Wenger Stage)

12:00 p.m. Moogician (Reseland Stage)

12:00 p.m. Curt Koplen (Village of Yesteryear Stage)

12:00 p.m. All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)

12:30 p.m. Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)

1:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)

1:00 p.m. High Flying Pages (North End)

2:00 p.m. Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)

2:00 p.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)

2:00 p.m. Jurassic Kingdom (North End)

2:00 p.m. Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)

2:00 p.m. Smokey the Bear's 80th Birthday Celebration!

2:45 p.m. Free cake until gone! (Four Seasons – DNR Booth)

3:00 p.m. Mark Cameron (Wenger Stage)

3:00 p.m. All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)

3:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)

3:00 p.m. Connie Wolfe (Village Stage)

3:00 p.m. Swerve (Beer Garden Stage)

3:00 p.m. Moogician (Reseland Stage)

3:30 p.m. 4-H Ag Olympics (Swine Show Arena)

3:30 p.m. Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Hans Hohman – accordion (Four Seasons Centre)

4:00 p.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)

4:00 p.m. High Flying Pages (North End)

4:00 p.m. Kid's Pedal Pull (Leisure Lane)

4:00 p.m. Smokey the Bear (Four Seasons – DNR Booth)

4:00 p.m. Youth General Livestock Judging Contest (Foundation Building)

4:30 p.m. Grandstand Ticket Booth Opens

4:30 p.m. Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)

5:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)

5:00 p.m. Jurassic Kingdom (North End)

5:00 p.m. Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage)

5:30 p.m. Grandstand Doors Open

5:30 p.m. Youth Dairy Judging Contest (Cattle Show Arena)

5:30 p.m. Just Friends (Wenger Stage)

6:00 p.m. Deal or No Deal (Reseland Stage)

6:00 p.m. Steve Bamhart (Village Stage)

6:00 p.m. All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End)

6:00 p.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner)

6:30 p.m. Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion)

7:00 p.m. Chris Janson w/special guest Mason Dixon Line (Grandstand)

7:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane)

7:00 p.m. High Flying Pages (North End)

8:00 p.m. Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station)

8:00 p.m. Chad Johnson and the MN Transplants (Wenger Stage)

8:00 p.m. Jurassic Kingdom (North End)

8:30 p.m. Good For Gary (Beer Garden, 21+)

OTHER EVENTS TODAY

* See the projects of Steele County 4-Hers in the 4-H Building.

* Check out the activities and attractions in the Great Outdoors Center.

* Gandy's Old Iron Show located outside the Village of Yesteryear.

* Camel and pony rides next to the Thorni Ridge Exotics Petting Zoo.

* Safety Zone display North End on Elm Street.

* Enjoy the Open Class Exhibits underneath the grandstand.

* Hot Glass Academy glass blowing demonstration – across from Hobbies.

* Celebrate Smokey the Bear's 80th Birthday at 2:00 PM in the Four Seasons – DNR Booth. Free birthday cake will be served until gone!

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VistaMobility: Open at 10:30 a.m.

Chris Janson

Tonight on the Daikin Grandstand Stage at 7:00 PM with special guest Mason Dixon Line

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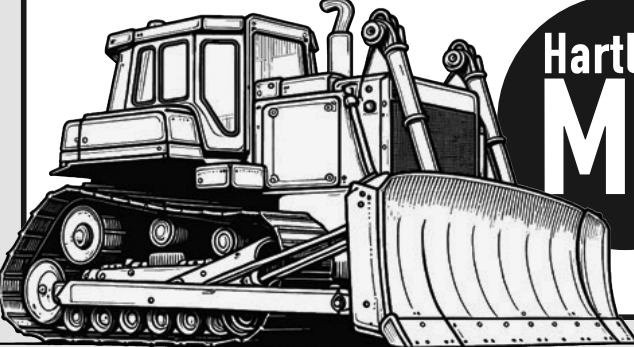
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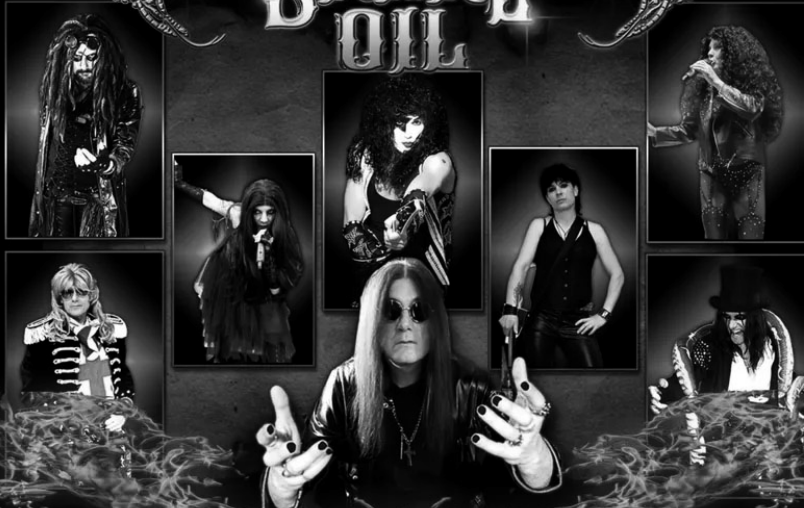
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SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024			SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2024		
8:30 a.m. 4-H Market Sale "Buyers" Breakfast & Orientation" (Show Arena) 9:00 a.m. 4-H Market Livestock Sale (Show Arena) 9:00 a.m. Open Class Horse Show - Draft Halter (Horse Arena) 11:00 a.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner) 11:00 a.m. Com Hole Tournament (Steele Saloon) 11:30 a.m. Curt Copeland (Wenger Stage) 11:45 a.m. Midway Ticket Office Opens; Rides Open at Noon 12:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom (Leisure Lane) 12:00 p.m. Tim Penny (Village Stage) 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Midway Ride Special & Bike Give Away \$30.00 Drawing for 8 bikes at 5:15 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Paul Bunyan - (Great Outdoors Center) 12:00 p.m. All-Star Stunt Dog Show (North End) 12:30 p.m. Moogician (Reseland Stage) 12:30 p.m. Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion) 1:00 p.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner) 1:00 p.m. National Eagle Center (Great Outdoors Center) 1:00 p.m. High Flying Pages (North End) 1:00 p.m. 4-H Premier Showmanship 1:15 p.m. Jeremy Poland & Lantz Dale (Wenger Stage) 2:00 p.m. Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. Station) 2:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane) 2:00 p.m. Jurassic Kingdom (North End) 2:00 p.m. Electrifying Magic of Jay Mattioli (Reseland Stage) 3:00 p.m. Led Penny (Beer Garden Stage) 3:00 p.m. Joel Kopp (Village Stage) 3:00 p.m. All - Star Stunt Dog Show (North End) 3:00 p.m. Robinson Wood Carver (Alexander Corner) 3:00 p.m. National Eagle Center (Great Outdoors Center) 3:00 p.m. JoJo Green (Wenger Stage) 3:30 p.m. Moogician (Reseland Stage) 3:30 p.m. Grandstand Ticket Booth Open 3:30 p.m. Kenny Ahern (Federated Pavilion) 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Hans Hohrman - accordion (Four Seasons Centre) 4:00 p.m. High Flying Pages (North End) 4:00 p.m. SW Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom (Leisure Lane) 4:00 p.m. Grandstand Doors Open 4:00 p.m. Dangerous Feats of Comedy (by Info. 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Football/Cheerleader Rally (Wenger Stage) 6:00 p.m. Jurassic Kingdom (North End) 6:00 p.m. Deadline to join Steele County Ag. Society for 2024 - 2025; \$5.00 per person 18 & older (Fair Bank - Muckle Bldg.)		
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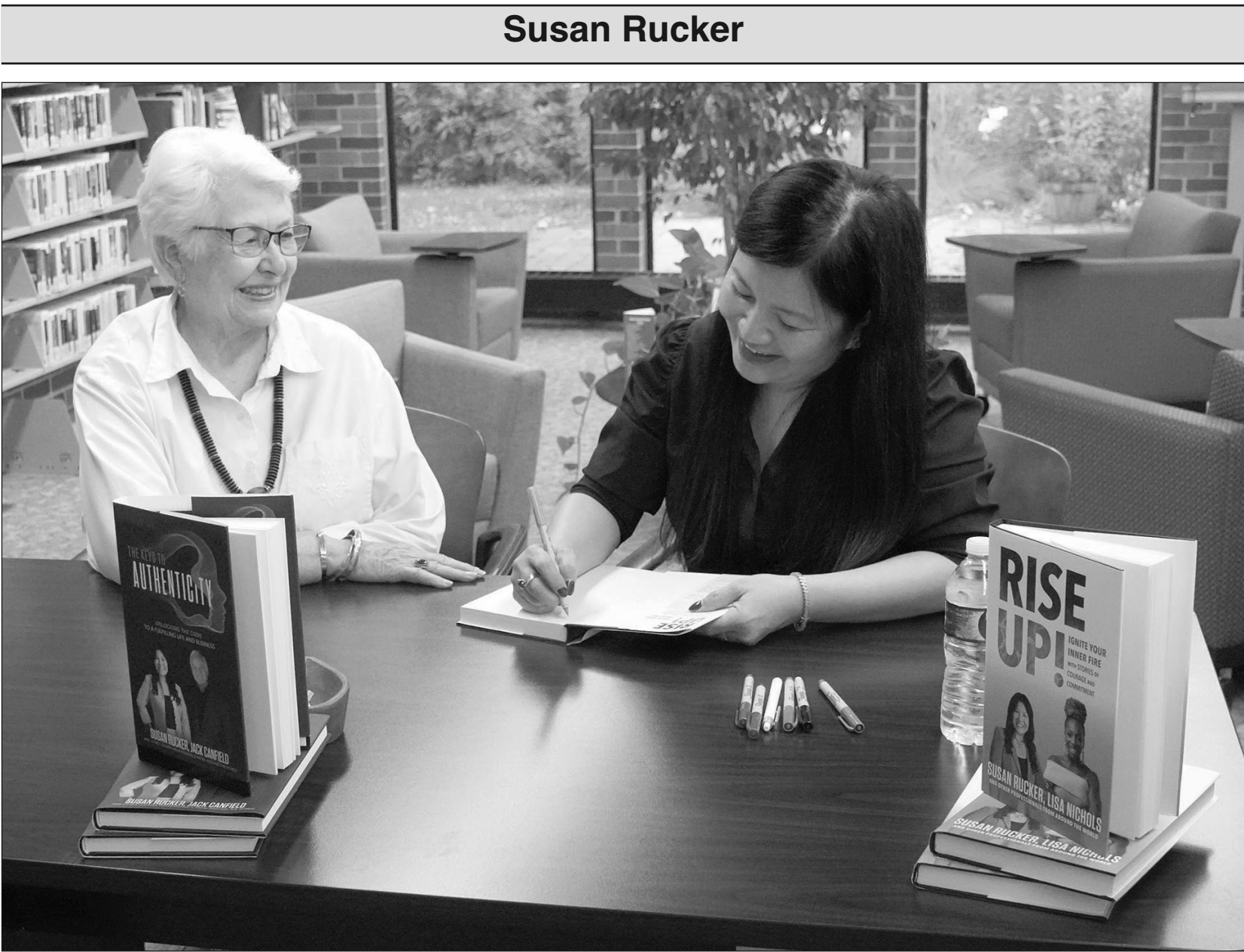
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What can drivers do in the right lane?

“ASK A TROOPER” by Sgt. Troy Christianson
Question: My husband always used to say "never use your cruise control during any rain."
Is that still true with advances on tires and technology?
Answer: He is correct, cruise control should never be used on wet or icy roadways. If your wheels lose traction, the cruise control will continue to accelerate, causing the vehicle to skid. By the time you realize you are skidding, it could be too late.
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On icy, snow-covered or wet roads.
When deciding if you should set your cruise control:
• Ask yourself if it's safe to travel the speed limit. If not, it isn't safe to set your cruise.
• Is there limited visibility? If it's foggy, snowing, or raining and your range of visibility is significantly reduced, play it safe. Don't set your cruise.
• Is traffic moving smoothly? If it's stop-and-go, or there's heavy traffic around you, it's not safe to use cruise.

Remember that using your cruise control can be an advantage when driving long distances, but YOU are your vehicle's best safety feature.
Question: Since I've moved to Minnesota, I've seen many drivers use right turn lanes as a bypass lane. Is this legal or does the sign reading "lane must turn" mean exactly what it says?
Answer: White signs are regulatory and failing to comply can result in a citation for "fail to obey traffic control sign/signal." "Right Turn Lanes" are what they are posted for, not passing or bypassing. The "Bypass Lane" is for bypassing (on the right.) Some areas where signs are posted, both of those would be permitted. A word of caution in those areas where both are allowed, remember who has the right of way and to use due care.
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Susan Rucker signing a book for one of her fans at the Waseca Public Library on Monday August 5. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Keen Bank celebrating 150 years Customer appreciation event August 22

Keen Bank is celebrating 150 years of serving the financial needs of Waseca and surrounding communities with a Customer Appreciation event on Thursday, August 22 at our Waseca location, 101 State Street N, from 4-6pm. Keen Bank will provide food, live music and giveaways, while supplies last, to say thank you to customers and the community.
"We are very excited to celebrate our 150 years of continuous community service and are especially proud of being the only locally owned and managed community bank in Waseca," said President and CEO, Bernie Gaytko. "I want you to join us for our celebration, learn more about our history and enjoy some food, fellowship and entertainment with the Keen Bank team."

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NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Waseca City Council will consider Ordinance No. 1117 at their meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, located at 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN.

Ordinance No. 1117 would adopt by reference a revised version of the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and amend portions of Chapter 91 (Public Nuisances), Chapter 116 (Rental Housing), and Chapter 150 (Building Regulations) of the Waseca Municipal Code.

A complete copy of Ordinance No. 1117 is available in the office of the City Clerk, Waseca City Hall, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of Waseca

Pursuant to MN Statue 471.6161, notice is hereby given that City of Waseca requests proposals for
Group Life and Long Term Disability Insurance.

Specifications will be available from the City's agent of record, National Insurance Services, at 300 North Corporate Drive, Suite 300, Brookfield WI, 53045, phone 800-627-3660.

Proposals are due no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 29, 2024 to 300 North Corporate Drive, Suite 300, Brookfield WI, 53045 and as specified in the RFP.

City of Waseca reserves the right to reject proposals, waive formalities, and to select the proposal that best meets the City's needs.

Criteria for the evaluation of proposals will be provided when the specifications are requested.

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