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Calonett of rural Waseca is hosting a collegiate level 5k event featuring six colleges on Sept. 6 beginning around 5 p.m. Food trucks will be on hand serving food. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs if they desire. The woman's division races at 6 p.m., followed by the men at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a multi-family sale at The Mill Event Center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7. Drinks and cocktails will be available in addition to clothing, footwear, electronics, furniture and much more.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, for \$25, adults can register for four-mile walks or runs; for \$3, children can sign up for quarter-mile walks and runs at the Blooming Grove United Methodist Church in Morristown. Participants can also make a \$50 donation to area food shelves and have the entry fee waived. A more complete schedule is available on the church's Facebook page.

Barbeque teams from three area Methodist churches will be preparing ribs; visitors will be offered samples and given the chance to vote for their favorite by donating money, which will benefit food shelves including Waseca's and Janesville's. Lunch and picnic table seating will be available for a free-will donation. The team which receives the most votes will win the "Holy Hog" trophy. Participating BBQ teams are from Morristown, Janesville and Waterville. The cook-off begins at noon on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Blooming Grove United Methodist Church in Morristown.

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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You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
Psalm 27:4



About 50 people attended a luncheon for teachers newly hired at Waseca schools including Team Academy, the Alternative Learning Center, Sacred Heart Elementary, Early Childhood education, and the Waseca district's elementary, intermediate and junior/senior high school. Teachers spent last week at staff development activities and met with students for the first time this week, with classes scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 3 at most locations. The August 22 lunch was sponsored by Waseca service organizations including the Lions, Rotary, and the Exchange Club. It took place at Thyme on Main's rooftop restaurant. Photo by Deb Bently

That same desire to find clues about the past carries over into her visits to cemeteries, something she does fairly often simply out of personal interest. Hoehn lives in rural Waseca with her husband Teddy and 10-year-old daughter, Lily. The three frequently make an outing of visiting cemeteries together. "Sometimes we'll be driving somewhere and Teddy will say, 'There's a cemetery there. Do you want to stop?'" smiles Hoehn. "But he doesn't really need to ask. The answer is, 'Of course I do.'"

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HealthLeaders claims Mayo's total revenue in 2023 was \$17.9 billion.



Compostings

by Al Batt

The highlight is the top of the turbine

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
I took an Uber from the airport. The driver told me he always went the extra mile.
How did that go?
He dropped me off a mile past my destination.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. I savored the morning surrounded by yellow wildflowers like goldenrods, sunflowers, cup plant and sow thistle, signaling the end of summer and the start of school.

I looked at the back of a laundry detergent box that had a photo of my missing sock on it. I'd gotten up in the morning wondering if I'd sustained an injury while sleeping or if I always felt that way. My wife was heading off to a ladies' weekend. She ran through a litany of the things they'd be doing. I listened intently as a veteran husband should. She told me she was sorry, but no men were allowed. I remembered the things they were going to do, and I think that with time and counseling, I'll be able to recover from that great disappointment. My wife and I bought a TV two Christmases ago after going years without one. We had led a remote-control-free life. So far, we've watched nothing but some college basketball games involving a grandchild. Why haven't we watched more than that? It's because I didn't enroll in the TV Remote Control School, so I wasn't going to watch TV in her absence.

I floated on a pontoon on a local lake, where I narrated the mysteries and marvels of the natural and human history of the area. Before we launched, I told a friend I'd rent him my lawn mower at a sensible rate to mow my lawn as long as he bought the gas. He didn't jump at the chance. I mentioned I'd watched a loved one play tennis. I've known the fellow who refused to mow my lawn under those reasonable terms for a long time, so he asked me what I knew about tennis. That hurt. I do know how to spell it.

After three years of drought, Minnesota recorded the wettest April-June period in state history. In July 2020, Iowa entered a drought. It was the state's longest since 1954-1959. It ended in 2024 after a wet spring.

I'VE LEARNED
Happy 95th birthday to Ona Meyer. She was born the year the Great Depression began, but it wasn't her fault.

Anyone who thinks onions are the only vegetables that can make you cry has never been hit in the

nose by a large zucchini.
The highlight of many rural townships is at the top of a wind turbine.
When life gives you lemmings, jump.
Sometimes, "nothing makes sense" makes sense.
I'll never be the man that one-size-fits-all clothing thinks I am.
I'll never receive a free set of steak knives when I board a Delta flight.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
Why can't humans hear dog whistles? It's because dogs can't whistle.

What sports team is made up of criminals? The Pittsburgh Steelers.
Why are Apple stores so dark? They have no Windows.

I wanted to be a Gregorian monk, but I didn't get the chants.
Hamburger Helper works only if the hamburger admits it needs help.
Using a turn signal isn't like giving information to the enemy.
Jokes about tofu are tasteless.

NATURE NOTES
Young robins swamped the bird-bath. The enthusiastic and pugnacious birds were splashing and splashing. Chickadees and cedar waxwings kept me entertained. Waxwings are named for the waxy red tips on their secondary wing feathers. According to Doug Tallamy, professor of entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware, a pair of chickadees needs 6,000 to 9,000 caterpillars to raise a brood. Insects are best for feeding fledglings because chickadees can't afford pizza or cheeseburgers.

A sultry afternoon didn't stop the red-eyed vireo from singing, "Here I am. In a tree. Look at me. Vireo." The ornithologist Bradford Torrey said, "The red-eye's eloquence was never very persuasive to my ear. Its short sentences, its tiresome upward inflections, its everlasting repetitiveness, and its sharp, querulous tone long since became to me an old story; and I have always thought that whoever dubbed this vireo the 'preacher' could have had no very exalted opinion of the clergy."

Most of our woodpeckers have black and white plumages, but the northern flicker is brownish with a white rump patch conspicuous in flight.

Grasshoppers rub their legs together—stridulation. Crickets and katydids use their wings to make music.

MEETING ADJOURNED
If you want to call another a name, try "friend." Be kind.



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

Love at first sight

As you read this, I will have returned (and recovered?) from one wild weekend.

I am currently in Illinois, specifically the far north suburbs of the Chicago area. I have some connections here because, decades back when I was a college student at Winona State, a good friend informed me she was traveling home for a few days and was going to have some wisdom teeth pulled. She wondered whether I would come along and be available as a back-up driver for the return journey, just in case she didn't feel well.

We arrived at the house owned by her fiancée and, apparently wanting some alone time, she called up her brother and proclaimed "I've got a woman here who is as tall as you are."

Her brother—John Bently—apparently had no other plans that evening and complied with her request to come by and pick me up. He says he decided that evening I was the woman he wanted to marry.

In the forty-some years since, I have come and gone to this area often for all the reasons family members travel to be together. In all

that time, I have never once regretted that my husband and I decided to plant our roots in rural Minnesota rather than here. Naturally, it's a case of strengths and weaknesses; neither place is perfect and neither is unbearable.

For instance, I'm here now because I love to ride rollercoasters, and Six Flags Great America has some doozies. I'm also here because my granddaughter likes to ride rollercoasters, so we are riding them together—one last fling before the school year begins.

On the other side of the coin are the traffic and the crowds. The parking lot at Six Flags must be at least a few hundred acres in size. As the day at the park went on, the lot was so full that a car actually followed my granddaughter and me back to our parked vehicle in hope of getting our parking spot.

I also admit that it's only thanks to modern GPS capabilities that I feel any sense of independence on the roads down here. It's a bad time to be uncertain of your direction of travel when eight lanes of traffic all converge at a single stoplight. And, while Minnesota certainly has its



Deb Bently's granddaughter Anwyn, in front of one of the rides at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois.

share of speedy drivers, our family joke is that drivers in suburban Illinois regard the posted limit as a speed to be exceeded within 30 seconds of touching the accelerator.

I heartily prefer the occasional piece of farm equipment to the speed-or-be-spel-over feel of these suburban streets.

But before I brag too much, let me share the observation of my suburban sister-in-law. Unbelievably to this country gal, my sister-in-law is intimidated by driving conditions out in the wide open country. The problem for her, she says, is the roads all

look alike and she's never sure where she's at. Funny, I could say the same about the suburbs, but for a whole lot of different reasons.

Anyway, I guess I'm lucky to have two such different and distinct places where I can be among family. It means I get to "escape" to an urban area every once in a while, then "escape" the madness and activity to go home again. Fortunately for me, the roads in between—in my case, the whole state of Wisconsin—also have many charms.

I'm not taking last again this year...



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

pickleball class, which I am super excited about. That schedule and working at the Minnesota Daily will certainly keep me busy, which is good, although I am going to try to enjoy senior year as much as possible. The only problem is, I now also have the added stress of looking for jobs for after I graduate, which is a scary notion. I had a friend look at my resume and, long story short, I have a lot of things to change. Sometimes it feels like if you don't have a business degree or aren't in business school, you don't get resume skills drilled into you. It's okay though, props to having friends in the business school.

Other things I have been up to besides stressing about my career and the rest of my life include mascots,

wedding parties, and fantasy drafts. Last week, the Minnesota Daily attended the campus fair and I was fortunate enough to don the Daily's mascot, Moe. The name is an acronym for "Mark of Excellence." Basically it's a really old mascot meant to be shaped like the state of Minnesota; to many people, though, it simply looks like a wacky geometric shape. It was incredibly hot and sweaty, but surprisingly super fun. It turns out I am a natural at being a mascot. People loved me (or at least, they loved Moe).

But I also participated in the quite popular fantasy football draft with all of my friends. I would like to think that I am decently knowledgeable about football, but I am frequently reminded I am not. Despite my em-

barrassing loss in last year's fantasy football league, I genuinely believe I have chosen a pretty good team this time. There will be no losing punishment for me this year. Our group has already chosen the form of embarrassment the loser will have to endure. He or she must take a "Hot Ones" challenge. That is, the loser must eat a bunch of spicy chicken tenders or nuggets, then be interviewed. The winner of our league gets to ask the questions. So it should be fun.

My cousin is getting married and had a wedding shower this past weekend. Since I'm usually at school, I haven't been able to hang out or see my family a lot. It was nice to see everyone again and it was a very pleasant party. I also saw that two of the people I went to high school with got engaged recently (congrats to them), but it still blows me away that people roughly my age are getting married. I feel like I'm still way too young for that, even though I know it's not out of the question.

My Determination: "Girls do get it done." - Frenchie, The Boys

Mayo closure hurts seniors most

My first conscious trip to the New Richland Mayo Clinic came in 2000.

I was not yet three years old. After playing a little too roughly in Amy Ferber's day care, I tripped and went head first into the corner of a dresser. Amy brought me into the bathroom, pulled my hair back to look at my head. The next thing I remember, my dad showed up and we were off to the clinic.

I remember going into the "operating room" where something was put in place to cover my eyes. My dad told me to pretend it was a tent. I remember he tried to make it seem like a game. When he said that, I calmed down as they stitched up my head.

I remember being disappointed when the New Richland Clinic stopped performing procedures, but reluctantly accepting it as part of "changing times."

With the clinic still "closed for repairs" a few weeks ago, I had to go to the doctor. Before even making the appointment, I had first waited almost a month, hoping the clinic would open, so I could see my local physician, Wendy. When I decided I shouldn't wait any longer and called for an appointment, my "nearest" options were Albert Lea or Wells.

Finally I caved and made an appointment (two weeks out was the soonest available date) in Albert



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

Lea. Upon arrival, I was greeted by Traci Hoppe. I know her as the neighbor who grew up three blocks away from me.

She told me the New Richland office might close because of the flooding. I was really disappointed, but didn't think it would happen. I didn't write about it because I didn't want to worry people.

Losing the clinic means more than the loss of a building.

It's a loss of personalized, one-on-one, timely care.

The loss of a New Richland area physician.

And a further inconvenience for seniors.

People live in small towns for many reasons: a sense of community, a lower cost of living; a calmer, more peaceful lifestyle; connection to family and friends. The list goes on.

Small towns are struggling. The loss of local services makes it worse. We lost our pharmacy in 2019. No one saw that coming either.

The city of New Richland re-

leasing the following statement regarding the decision, which was announced on Thursday:

"The City of New Richland is disappointed in Mayo Clinic's decision to close this facility, and while we don't necessarily disagree that they won't be able to meet the needs of our local community with their locations in Albert Lea, Wells and virtually, they will add an unneeded transportation component to the lives of many of our elderly community members and those with young children."

Over the years the clinic has served me, my family and many, many others.

Reed, my elderly neighbor, longtime employee, and very good friend, does not drive. After the pharmacy closed in 2019, my family and I delivered Reed's medications. Now, we'll have to drive him to appointments in other towns. (With the help of Pam and Larry Goehring.) This situation is one nearly every local family with an elderly member will now have to work through.

It appears obvious this decision from Mayo is based on financial factors. It's incredibly unfortunate, disappointing and sad the organization values its bottom dollar more than providing localized care.

According to healthleadersmedia.com, in 2023 Mayo Clinic outperformed industry average monetarily and grew 82 percent from the year before. Their net operating income is \$1.1 billion and includes a 6 percent operating margin—pretty impressive for a "non-profit" organization.

"In fact, as HealthLeaders previously reported, it was forecasted that the ideal margin range for not-for-profit hospitals will likely reset to one to two percent in the future, making six percent all the more impressive."

Mayo's total revenue in 2023 was \$17.9 billion.

The Rochester Post Bulletin reported that, since 2017, Mayo Clinic Health System has closed at least 17 brick-and-mortar clinics in the Upper Midwest, while also investing millions of dollars into its rural hospitals. Other area Mayo Clinic closings include, most recently, Waterville, Janesville, Alden and Blooming Prairie.

It goes without saying the people in New Richland will miss the clinic; the loss is yet another wound to the integrity of our community and our lifestyle.



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Crista Bohlman at The Indian Island Winery Saturday, Sept. 7

Musician Crista Bohlman will be performing Saturday, Sept. 7 from 5:30 till 8:30 p.m. at the Indian Island Winery. Bohlmann has been performing in bands for over 20 years. She is now playing solo but accompanies herself with guitar, fiddle, ukulele and an eclectic variety of music including rock, country bluegrass and folk.

Beret Finkin at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Musician Beret Finkin will be performing at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. A southern Minnesota artist, Finkin graduated from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. Finkin evokes strong feelings of nostalgia and introspection to listeners with musical storytelling, mostly guitar and vocals.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Meriden Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Following Sunday Service, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Meriden will have its Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. There will be bounce houses, combines to explore, wagon rides, face painting and outdoor games. There will be Bingo for 50 cents per game; a cakewalk; and a silent auction. Lunch will be provided with free-will donation. There will also be a selection of homemade pies available for sale.

Crumb and Blythe displays at Waseca Art Gallery to close after final showing from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12

Displays of work by Dick Crumb and Abigail Blythe will end after a final day of showing from 12 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12. Dick Crumb focuses on photographic work while Abigail Blythe has paintings.

Indian Island Winery Grape Stomp and Beer Fest Saturday, from noon to 9 p.m. Sept. 14

The Indian Island Winery will be hosting a Grape Stomp and Beer Fest from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14. The beer tent will be open from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. with sample beers offered by vendors from various local breweries. Music from the Ryanne Noelle Duo from 12:30 to 3 p.m.; GTX from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and Rain Kings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Among the day's events will be a Grape Stomp and costume contest.

Fred the Bear at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14

The Classic Rock/Alternative Band Fred the Bear will be performing a Tom Petty Tribute from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept.

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Chamber hosts 'business during hours' at local Pizza Ranch

On August 28, 2024, the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its First Inaugural Business During Hours Event.

The Chamber chose Madel's Pizza Ranch in Waseca; the event took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with over 115 Chamber members and their employees in attendance.

Chamber executive director Ann Fitch and vice president Mikhail Rostislavovich greeted their guests along with the Chamber Board and the Waseca Ambassadors.

Joe Hager, manager of the Pizza Ranch said "It's a great opportunity for us as a Chamber member and our business to share with our community what we as a restaurant have to offer in ways of catering, weekly specials, and in general our great pizza and chicken. We were honored to be the first restaurant."

Fitch explained "A Business During Hours is a perfect opportunity to build relationships with fellow business leaders, local professionals, and community members in a relaxed and informal setting. It's a way for our members to step away from their desks in the middle of the day and socialize with other business leaders in our community."

Rostislavovich added, "It provides a wonderful opportunity to grow your network, explore new business opportunities, or catch up with familiar faces. This type of event is a great way for Chamber members to strengthen their ties to our



Some of the Waseca Ambassadors present at last week's "business during hours" event were, from left, Mikhail Rostislavovich, Jodie Thompson, Pizza Ranch manager Joe Hager, Ann Fitch, Ed Frederick, Kevin Walter, and Larry Johnson. Below, Pizza Ranch worker Slade shows off some of his cup wrangling skills.

local business community, and it's just one of the great opportunities the Chamber offers its members."

In 2018, Pete Madel and his family became the new owners of the Waseca Pizza Ranch. At the opening of the restaurant, Madel said, "I love the fun and family atmosphere we have here." Pizza Ranch is known for its community engagement and outreach initiatives. Rostislavovich added that Madel, Hager, and their staff work hard to give back to our community by serving those in need, offering fundraising events for eligible local non-profits like the school or civic organizations. They also provide rooms for business meetings, which the Exchange Club of Waseca utilizes."

Hager ended by saying the restaurant's mission is "To give every guest a legendary experience. I hope we delivered on that mission today."



Groomer Sofy Clayton traveled long road to her Waseca home

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

"I was so scared! My English was very poor—just basic," says Waseca veterinary clinic groomer Sofy Clayton, describing her early years in southern Minnesota. "I watched a lot of TV; I took some classes, and I always carried a dictionary with me. But it was a very scary time. If I had to go to the doctor, how do I tell him what is wrong?"

The many dog owners who bring their pets to Clayton on a daily basis would say Clayton's English is just fine, now, since she has had many

chances to improve her skills since leaving her home city of Bogota, Colombia, in South America. No one has trouble understanding the information she shares, though she will speak a few affectionate words to the dogs in her native language. "My role as a professional groomer goes beyond grooming," she says. "It involves ensuring the comfort, safety and happiness for our furry clients."

Clayton's days as the sole groomer at the clinic are long ones. "I start my day at 7:45 a.m. and fin-

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Local Waseca Groomer Sofy Clayton.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

iWealth merges with EFS located in Mankato

Mankato, MN, September 3rd, 2024 – iWealth LLC, a wealth management firm headquartered in Waseca, recently announced it has merged with Estate and Financial Services LLC (EFS) located in Mankato. EFS founder Gary Guentzel and client services assistant Kim Fritz bring decades of experience serving multi-generational clients and business owners. The acquisition brings iWealth's total assets under management (AUM*) to over \$400 Million and expands the firm's locations throughout central and

southern Minnesota.

A ribbon cutting marking the merger is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Sept. 11 at 196 St. Andrews Drive in Mankato.

"We're delighted to welcome Estate and Financial Services (EFS) to iWealth," said Brad Connors, chief executive officer. "Gary and Kim bring exceptional leadership and experience serving their clients. We are aligned in our mission, values, and

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iWealth Wealth Management Advisors from left: Brad Connors, Johnathan "JP" Eykyn, Shawn Pomeroy and Gary Guentzel.

NEW RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL

Brandy Jacobson joins NR Council

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Beginning with the August 19 regular meeting of the New Richland city council, city resident Brandy Jacobson is temporarily occupying the open position previously held by Janda Ferguson. Her term will end December 31.

Council members tabled their decision regarding an updated council pay policy for 2025. They voted to purchase six new chairs for council chambers at a total cost of about \$375.

Following advice from the Edina-based consulting firm ABDO, council members altered the fees residents will pay for water and sewer services. ABDO had determined the water delivery side of the system is overfunded, while the sewer disposal side is underfunded. The "base" and "usage" rates for water will be lowered by a dollar each; the "base connection" and "usage" rates for sewer will be increased by \$1.50 each, leading to an overall increase of 50 cents.

Work performed on the city's water delivery and removal systems over the past couple of months has included testing for mercury, as required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Cameras were also sent down a number of city water lines, including those on First Street east of Division. That process revealed the location of an outdated sewer line which may be allowing undesired inflow; a process called "smoke testing" is under consideration to learn more. The city is awaiting input from Paul Plaetz of the Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) about how to proceed. City water staff suggested plugging the manhole along Aspen Avenue near Boot Creek. It was reported that "snail catchers" in the wastewater treatment lines are working well; staff suggests an air conditioner and a dehumidifier located in the water treatment plant will require replacement in the fairly near future.

Bolton and Menk, an engineering company located in Mankato, worked in New Richland in mid-August to install GPS locatable water valves, known as "curb stops," which allow control of water flowing from main lines into individual homes or businesses.

City staff reported the safety lights on the Highway 30 crosswalk leading to the secondary school have been repaired. Crushed asphalt was spread in some city alleyways. Weekly maintenance tasks were completed at Legion Field, City Hall, the city shop, library, water plant, and the city and St. Olaf Lake parks. A routine burn took

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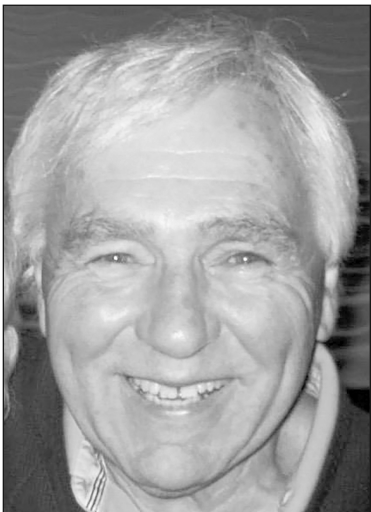
James Howard

James “Jim” Harrison Howard, age 83, passed away on Wednesday August 21st after a life well lived. Jim was born in 1941 in West Concord, MN, later moving to Waseca, MN where he made a name for himself as a standout academic and athlete. In high school Jim played (and Captained) football, basketball and baseball. He proudly received the Academic/Athletic award for the graduating class of 1958 and years later was inducted into Waseca’s Athletic Hall of Fame. He went on to play baseball at Mankato State, where he graduated from in 1963.

His proudest moment, though, had nothing to do with athletics. It was the day he won over Sally Ann Keane. She was more than the love of his life; she was his “Tiger” from 1960 on. The two married in September of 1961, welcoming the twins Sandy and Susan the following summer. A few years later they completed their family by welcoming Stacy and then Sara.

Jim was lucky to earn a living by doing what he loved. He worked as an elementary Phy Ed teacher in Rochester, MN from 1963-1970. He then went on to sell insurance specializing in Commercial Trucking Insurance, first at People’s State Bank in Plainview and then C.O. Brown Insurance Agency in Rochester.

Life was busy, but Jim wouldn’t have had it any other way. In addition to his family, he had more friends than many would have in two lifetimes. It’s hard to go somewhere in Southeast MN and not find someone that did not know Jim Howard, whether it was from years of softball, basketball, volleyball, golf, bowling, racquetball or the Plainview Lion’s Club. Jim made friends anywhere and everywhere he went. No one had a heart of gold like this guy did.



James Howard

He’d give the shirt off his back and the money in his wallet to anyone, if Tiger would let him.

True joy came though when Jim welcomed his 6 grandchildren. Driving to Cannon Falls and Red Wing over the years, he kept busy watching many hours of sports, becoming the consummate fan. Although his grandchildren all fight to be his favorite, it’s equally agreed upon he was theirs.

Jim is survived by Sally (aka Tiger), his wife of 63 years, along with his four daughters, Sandy (Tom) Klassen, Susan (Mike) Rolfses, Stacy (Rich) Harris and Sara (Dale Plonsky) Howard. Six grandchildren, Steph (Chris) Cornwall, Jack (Claire) Rolfses, James Rolfses, Paul Rolfses, Molly Rolfses, Austin Jacobs, and one great grandson, John.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cliff and Dorothy Howard; three brothers: Chuck, Butch, and Bruce; his in-laws Tommy and Sally Keane, and many, many other loving friends and family.

There will be a private family gathering. Memorials suggested to Mayo Hospice whose care was so appreciated.

Farm and safety day set for Sept. 10

We are hosting our 26th annual Waseca County Farm Bureau Farm and Home Safety Day at our new location at the WASECA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS this year on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. We are looking forward to seeing 256 students and their teachers there. The schools in attendance will be Janesville Public, Trinity Lutheran of Janesville, Waterville Elysian Morristown, Waseca Public and Waseca Team Academy.

You can almost feel FALL in the air already, soon the colors will be changing, too. Our farmers will soon be harvesting their crops so they can feed the world!! Remember to thank a farmer for their labors and help support their work. Farmers are always trying to be safe on the roads, so we need to be slowing down as well so everyone is safe. As a farm-wife, I pray that each year we have no accidents and that our weather is good to harvest.

This important program for our community shows how to be safe in your home and on farms. We have quite a few farm volunteers and businesses that help to support this program. I want to thank Kwik Trip Waseca, Dominoe’s of Waseca, Culigan Waseca, Waseca Fair Board

and our local FFA students from Waseca High School. I am grateful for everyone’s willingness to help and make this a success!

- Our 6 Safety Stations are:
- 1) Animal Safety-Summers Ridge Veterinary, Janesville.
 - 2) Tractor/PTO Safety-Andy Jewison, Kibble Equipment, Owatonna
 - 3) ATV/Snowmobile/Boat Safety-Jay Dulas, Waseca Sheriff’s Office
 - 4) Electrical Safety-Jack Schwab, Steele/Waseca Cooperative Electric, Owatonna
 - 5) Chemical Safety-Matt Tricka, Crystal Valley Cooperative, Janesville
 - 6) Lawn Mower/Chainsaw Safety, Jacob Katzung & Matt Levisay, Northland Farm Systems, Owatonna.

Come out to see our highlight of the day, our mock farm accident at 11:30 am which involves our Waseca Sheriff’s Office, Waseca Fire & Rescue, North Waseca Ambulance and their helicopter with one of our local students. The accident will involve a tractor/to accident. Remember to always check your surroundings when out and about and in our homes so you can avoid accidents.

Our event runs from 9 am to 2:30 pm. We hope to see you out there to learn about our safety program!

History

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She offers the example of a headstone in North Waseca Lutheran Cemetery, where a single monument lists seven children in the same family who all died of typhoid fever within ten days of one another.

She mentions another gravestone for a two-year-old which she investigated in response to an online request; it was eventually revealed the child was injured in a prairie fire and died within 12 hours.

There are also touching triumphs: marriages which lasted for decades, families which grew to occupy large spaces over generations.

Hoehn mentions that gravestones in this area are typically made of one of two types of stone. Granite comes in numerous colors and tends to be quite resistant to erosion over time. Because it is more demanding to carve and not quarried locally, it has also been more expensive to buy; a DNR website shows the closest Minnesota quarries to be near St. Cloud.

Limestone, on the other hand, is locally abundant in Mankato. Softer than granite, Hoehn mentions that it can be carved in highly decorative ways with many details that “look beautiful when the stone is first installed.” That, and the lower price, have made limestone a popular choice since settler times. “But 100 or 150 years later,” she observes, “it’s not doing so well.”

Other factors also affect how well the words and images on the stones are preserved.

“Even in a well-maintained cemetery, the stones are going to sink over time,” she mentions. “Some have undoubtedly disappeared into the ground. Others have fallen over and continue to sink.”

“I wince whenever I see a tree in a cemetery,” she mentions. “Tree roots reach far out and down, and they can displace many things.” She says that, in addition to being the reason a stone falls over and breaks, they can also be disturbing the grave.

Even in the limited setting of the past 200 years in Waseca County, Hoehn says, burial practices have varied widely. The general intent, she goes on, has always been to put the recently deceased in a wooden casket and then to bury the casket six feet underground—below the frost line.

On a strictly practical level, though, everything from subterranean obstacles (think “rocks and roots”) to the availability of labor (think “harvest” or “planting time”) can have affected the results—especially for the hundred or more years that graves were all dug by hand.

Cultural factors have also evolved. In the mid- to late 1800s, people were dressed in “nicer” clothes and buried in a simple wooden casket without any jewelry or other mementos. Hoehn mentions even the choice



Teddy, Emily and Kaitlyn Hoehn near a particularly poignant headstone in North Waseca Lutheran Church’s cemetery. The stone lists the names of seven children from a single family who all died of typhoid fever within a few days of each other.

Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

of clothing was likely affected by the many limits which came with settlement times: “You didn’t bury the sturdiest pair of coveralls or the nicest dress,” Hoehn comments. She also speculates “For any burials before 1900, the caskets are completely gone by now.”

As the area’s economy began to prosper and resources became more available, the tendency was to bury a concrete or stone vault which completely enclosed the wooden casket. The caskets, too, became generally more ornate; they were more likely to be made of a higher-quality or more decoratively carved wood, and were lined with a luxury fabric. It was more likely the person inside would be dressed in more elegant clothing and wearing jewelry. Stones tended to become more ornate, with more wording and richer symbolism.

The idea of grave robbers caught public interest in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Hoehn mentions. Though the possibility “got more attention than it deserved,” at least a few people would bury bodies in a different location than under the stone memorial, or bury a “false” casket on top of the real one.

All that information can enrich people’s understanding as they visit a cemetery, Hoehn points out. But the real point is to honor and reflect. “When does a stone become a rock?” she asks. “Only when people forget.”

Rather than thinking of cemeteries as being “creepy,” Hoehn encourages folks to see them as museums. “Even the ones that might be somewhat overgrown, they’re still a record of the past,” she says. “The people buried here took their turn on planet earth. They had an impact, they made a difference. It’s only right to honor that.”

“The stone is a remnant, perhaps the last remnant, of this person and this person’s accomplishments. I’m glad to do what I can to honor their memory.”

— Kaitlyn Hoehn

“It’s an opportunity to ponder the afterlife and the meaning of your own experiences.

“There are a bazillion different things to consider.”

And, she points out, it’s not the answers that matter, but the act of considering the questions.

“It’s that someone was here,” she says. “Someone was thinking about these people, their stories and experiences. Someone cared.”

Thanks to her training in archaeology, Hoehn also often goes a bit further than contemplation.

“I always have a notebook and pen with me,” she mentions. “There’s always something I want to write down so I can find out more later.”

She also carries a “cemetery bag” which includes some light-impact supplies for removing moss. She uses an electric scrubber—a gift from her mother in recognition of her “weird” hobby—distilled water, and a silicone kitchen scraper. She also keeps a flashlight and a tape measure in her kit. The flashlight creates contrast which sometimes makes it easier to read worn text. The tape measure helps provide perspective for any photographs she takes.

The first rule, she says, is “do no harm.” This includes being sure she does not interfere where she may not be wanted, which is why she most often does her preservation work in abandoned cemeteries.

“If I can be part of the reason some

little piece of history was not erased, that’s reason enough for me to keep doing it,” she reflects. “I genuinely enjoy getting down on my knees with my equipment and gently cleaning things up, bringing them closer to what they once were.

“The stone is a remnant, perhaps the last remnant, of this person and this person’s accomplishments. I’m glad to do what I can to honor their memory.”

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Symphony on the Prairie set for September 7

North Mankato, Minn. The City of North Mankato and the Mankato Symphony Orchestra are proud to announce the fourth annual concert at Benson Park: Symphony on the Prairie. The concert will run from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 7th, 2024, at the north side of Benson Park (off of Timm Road).

Families are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a beautiful concert by the Mankato Symphony. The setlist includes memorable and popular tunes such as the Star- Spangled Banner, music from Journey, Bohemian Rhapsody, The Stars and Stripes Forever, and more! The performance will also open and close with the North Mankato Post 518 Color Guard. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the event.

The September 7th concert marks the first concert in the Mankato Symphony's 74th season. In addition to this concert, the Symphony will offer twenty-two events, including four full symphony concerts, four Music on the Hill chamber music concerts, and nine See Hear Play: Free Family Fun events and one special benefit concert. Thanks to North Mankato's generous sponsorship, admission to the September 7th concert is free. A free will offering will be taken during the concert. Early bird subscriptions are available for all other MSO events, beginning August 15. More information, including ticket purchases, may be found at www.MankatoSymphony.org.

"We're excited to bring another round of exciting concerts to you," says MSO Executive Director Bethel Balge. "From Conga del Fuego to The Snowman to Mozart's Requiem to Dvorak's Cello Concerto, we've got it covered in 2024/25. Symphony on the Prairie will be a great teaser for the season, offering something for everyone!"

Symphony on the Prairie is also made possible by our generous sponsors: Lindsay Windows, Mankato Motors, Minnesota Valley Federal Credit Union, and Monarch Healthcare Management. Thank you for supporting this event.

NRHEG authorizes new bus, updates phone policies

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

During their regular August 19 meeting, NRHEG school board members authorized district transportation director Dan Schmidt to place an order for a new school bus to be brought into service at the beginning of the 2025-'26 school year. Schmidt mentioned the base price for a bus is about \$135,000.

The discussion went on to analyze the status of the district's bus fleet overall. Schmidt reported there are eight route buses and four spares. When asked whether four were needed, he mentioned that certain extracurricular activities have enough enrollment, or have staggered start times that lead to the need for two buses at a time. Overlapping schedules do sometimes lead to a need for four at once.

Of the district's 12 buses, two are 15 years old, one is 11 years old; the remainder are eight years old or newer.

Schmidt told board members he is gradually working toward a schedule under which the times between bus replacements would be more evenly spaced, avoiding a need for nearly \$300,000 in expenditures when two buses are purchased. Also part of the discussion was the payment method for new buses: the district has the option of "leasing to own," thus dividing expenditures out across four or more years, or purchasing outright.

Principals Craig Kopetzki and Grant Berg described the updated cell phone policies at each site.

When asked whether elementary students typically carry cell phones, Kopetzki told board members cell phones have become a common birthday gift for students in third grade. He estimated well over half of



third- through fifth-graders have cell phones. The policy at his site, he said, is that students will be expected to leave their cell phones in their lockers from "bell to bell," in other words, from the beginning to the end of the academic day.

Berg said the policy at the high school is that phones are to be accessed only during lunch and the few minutes of passing time between classes.

Both principals stated the policy is similar to what has been used in the past. The most important aspect going forward, Berg said, is consistent enforcement.

Kopetzki and Berg said they expect some pushback from parents who are likely to complain they want to be able to reach their children. They suggested parents should call the office or make more persistent use of email.

Superintendent Michael Meihak thanked board members and other staff who helped operate the district's booth at the Steele County fair. The name of Ellendale resident Jenny Vanek was drawn from among the entries submitted by those wanting to win a free pass to school activities for 2024-'25.

The annual superintendent evaluation had originally been scheduled to take place during the August 19 meeting; it was delayed because three school board members were absent.

District maintenance director Scott Schuller was present at the Aug. 19 meeting to respond to board questions regarding this summer's construction projects. More information about the construction appears in a separate article in this week's edition.

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ish at roughly 5:30 p.m. I am pretty much busy all year. Some days are slow because some of my clients canceled their appointments," she says, mentioning the reason is often because the animal is sick or a schedule has changed. Clayton said she can groom four or five dogs in a day, depending on breed. "When I started, I used to do more big dogs. Today I have few from the past. I cut down on grooming big dogs, because it is hard on your knees and back."

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place at the city dump on August 14. City administrator Anthony Martens reported he has met with Kurt Meister of Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) regarding a grant being sought by the city economic devel-

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14 at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm. The band's website describes its style as "rich harmonies, emotive dynamics, personally crafted lyrics and driving rhythms."

Waseca High School Class of 1984 40-Year Reunion Sept. 14

The Waseca High School Class of 1984 will hold a 40-year anniversary celebration from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Second Ave Event Center (former Eagles Club). All WHS class of '84 students and guests are welcome. To register early go to <https://www.eventcenter.com/e/whs84>

Flood relief lunch and silent auction at St. John Lutheran 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15

A free will lunch and silent auction fundraiser will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 401 Third Ave NE, Waseca, on Sunday, Sept. 15. The meal will include hot beef sandwiches, salads and chips. Money raised will benefit three Waterville families who are members at the church and whose homes were damaged by flooding.

Another part of the job Clayton finds difficult is "turning down new clients because I can't fit them into my schedule. And when the doctors have to put the dogs to sleep, it is a hard time to let them go." But there are favorite parts of the job as well. "Something I really love is when the dogs come for their grooming appointments and they jump in my arms and give me kisses!" Clayton says. "My clients enjoy that moment too!"

Prior to the clinic, Clayton worked in the Twin Cities with a partner, where she gained experience beyond the basics: "I learned how to handle dogs with poor behavior. Dogs with skin infections or ear infections. All kinds of issues," she said. "I am not

ative future together."

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opment authority. According to the CEDA website, the association provides assistance preparing and submitting grant applications. It was reported that the city's USDA grant request documents would be complete by August 27.

The New Richland Care Center reported it had received 43 referrals in July; 23 were declined, 20 were accepted, leading to the admission of six new patients. At the same time, enrollment of current patients decreased by six due to discharges,

"Charlatan's Cabinet" display beginning Sept. 17 at the Waseca County Historical Society

The Waseca County Historical Society is located at 315 Second Avenue NE in Waseca, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays. The new fall exhibit, "The Charlatan's Cabinet" features "the dark side" of medicine and some of the tricks and deception used to market medical products early in the twentieth century. Visit the display any time during the museum's open hours at no cost. Visit the wasecacountyhistorycenter.org website for more information or call 507-835-7700.

Waseca Area Foundation Anniversary 7 to 9 p.m. September 19 at Northeast Park Pavilion

The Waseca Area Foundation will be celebrating its thirty-fifth anniversary from 7 to 9 p.m. the evening of Thursday, September 19 at Waseca's Northeast Park. Food trucks and live music will be featured. More information is available from the Waseca Area Foundation at 507-835-5990.

History Center Trivia contest 6:30 to 8 p.m. September 19

The Waseca County History Center is highlighting its fall theme

a doctor, but the doctors and the staff support me."

Clayton obtained her college degree in animal science and administration in Bogota. She applied for a work visa and came to the United States where she worked for a farmer in Owatonna for a year, improving her English in the process. After her six-month 'internship' in the Cities perfecting her dog grooming skills, Clayton moved to Waseca where she has lived since 2002.

When she's not working, Clayton says she enjoys spending time cooking ("I combine American food and Colombian") and working out at Snap Fitness. She and Bill—her husband of twenty-three years—travel to Colombia for three weeks every year

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deaths and transfers.

Care Center staff said the summer family picnic had strong attendance. Gratitude was expressed to caterers and vendors Red Leaf Café, Nancy Jane's Bakery, and Judy Hendrickson. Local musician Todd Uptadel put on a great concert thoroughly enjoyed by all. A silent auction held during the event raised \$800, which will be used toward landscaping around the facility's north patio.

The Center also expressed gratitude to the New Richland and

"The Charlatan's Cabinet" with "Dr. and Mrs. Forthwright's Quacks and Cure Alls Trivia Night" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on September 19. Compete with friends and family for prizes while learning about early 20th-century medicine. Entry fee is \$7. Contact WCHC with questions: 507-835-7700, or visit the website: Wasecacountyhistorycenter.org.

The Nineteenth Annual Classic Car Show will be Saturday, September 21 at 9 a.m. at Club 57

Club 57 will host the Nineteenth Classic Car Show on Saturday, September 21 at 9 a.m. This will accompany the annual Marching Classic in Waseca.

Free Salmon Dinner fundraiser 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 at Real Life Covenant Church

The Real Life Covenant Church is offering a free-will salmon dinner fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4. The salmon is coming directly from Alaska. Real Life is located at 620 Elm Avenue West in Waseca. More information is available at pastor@reallifecov.com.

Woodville Cemetery Tour Sunday, October 6

Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service is planning a walking tour of Woodville Cemetery

to visit with family and friends.

"I never expected to be a groomer," Clayton said. "The Waseca Vet Clinic had all the equipment and room, but no groomer. In fact Doctor Carey (Prigge) offered me the opportunity to work here. I've been here eighteen years now! I am very thankful and blessed for the doctors and staff at the Waseca Vet Clinic for supporting me. They are doing an amazing job. A special, huge thank you for them from my family and from the bottom of my heart." Clayton is also extremely grateful to the Waseca community: "Thank you to all my clients for supporting and trusting me!"

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The official iWealth Mankato office ribbon cutting will be held in conjunction with the Greater Mankato Chamber of Commerce.

Waseca American Legion halls for the donation of a flagpole kit. John Hulloper will install the flagpole when he does some upcoming work on facility sidewalks.

Center leadership also mentioned that the addition of "Juneteenth," which brings the total number up to 11 federally mandated holidays, will create some complications when it comes to staffing.

Council members extended birthday wishes to city employee Karen Cully, whose birthday was August 8.

for the afternoon of Sunday, October 6. The organization invites interested individuals to keep an eye on the company Facebook page for more information and "sneak peeks."

Pub & Grub Comedy Tour at Starfire Event Center 7 p.m., Oct. 12

Andrew Wegleitner will be performing his comedy show beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, October 12, at the Starfire Event Center in Waseca. Also performing will be Dave Kousgaard. Ticket info is available at www.BarComicTix.com

Waseca County History Center "Snake Oil" Show 6:30 to 8 p.m. October 19

The Waseca County History Center is offering a "Snake Oil" show from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on October 19. The program will demonstrate both the "dark" and the "entertainment" sides of medicine around the start of the twentieth century. Fee is \$20. For more information contact WCHC at 507-835-7700, or visit the website: Wasecacountyhistorycenter.org.

Waseca Farmers Market Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon

Every Saturday until the fall season the Waseca County Fair Grounds will be hosting a farmers market from 8 a.m. until noon.

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Possin joins JWP English department

‘I love helping students develop and decide who they are and what they want to be’

JANESVILLE JOURNAL - JWP’s newest English and literature arts teacher Jessica Possin says she’s ready to share her passion with high school students in the district.

Originally from northern Minnesota, she began her post-secondary education at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in English literature in December 2003. She decided to pursue two master’s degrees: the first in English Studies at Minnesota State University in Mankato in 2016 and her second in education in May 2022.

Possin moved to her husband’s home turf in the New Richland area shortly after completing her bachelor’s degree. She has extensive experience teaching at nearly all levels, from middle school to college-level courses at Minnesota State University in Mankato.

Teaching at a college level, Possin enjoyed the high-level content she taught to her students. “I enjoyed teaching writing there,” she says. “The move to K-12 was more for functional reasons, moving from part-time to full-time. My husband farms, and I didn’t want to leave the area; finding college-level jobs in this area can be difficult.”

The move to full-time helped Possin enjoy teaching at the high school level. “I love helping students develop and decide who they are and what they want to be,” Possin elaborates. “Freshmen in college have already made those decisions. I like working with high schoolers in the process of making those decisions.”

Most recently, Possin taught at a middle school level “by assignment” at Le Sueur-Henderson and, more recently, St. Clair,

where she taught for the past five years.

The move to JWP was due to her children starting school within the district. “We lived here for a while,” she says. “In a sense, it’s kind of like coming back home.” What also drew her to the district was what the administration was doing to build in more enrollment options, such as more courses within the trades. “I’m a big believer in kids figuring out what they want to do. I love what JWP is putting out there for them.”

Her favorite thing about teaching is forming student relationships and “enjoying them as people.” A challenge for her is creating a home-work-life balance and bringing balance to the classroom. “I want to make sure students get their work done, but I want them to have fun simultaneously,” she elaborates.

She shared that another challenge at the

college level was forming relationships with students. “You only have them for 15 weeks, especially if you teach freshman-level courses. The opportunity to form long-term relationships isn’t there as much.” She marked that as the most significant difference between teaching college-level students and high schoolers. “You have more time with high schoolers.” For her, settling into her role at JWP has been good, with the past week spent getting to know the staff, who have been helpful and friendly to her. In addition to teaching high-school-level courses, Possin will take advantage of her teaching experience at MSU and provide college-level English courses at JWP. Whether it’s creative writing or American literature, she’s ready to begin teaching students in the district.

“I’m really excited to begin,” she said.



Jessica Possin



Kira Stevenson

Former para returns to JWP

Kira Stevenson joins school as a new social worker

JANESVILLE JOURNAL - Having grown up in Eagle Lake and graduated from St. Clair High School, Kira Stevenson is very familiar with Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton.

But her familiarity with Janesville might have more to do with the fact that she worked within the district before.

“I actually worked at JWP as a paraprofessional,” she elaborates. But now, she is returning to the district as a high school social worker for the 2024-25 school year.

After graduating from St. Clair, Stevenson attended Gustavus and earned her sociology degree in 2010. Her first job was as a paraprofessional at JWP. At the end of the 2010-11 school year, she attended grad school at MSU and earned her master’s in social work.

The oldest in her family, Stevenson had firsthand experience with childcare at an early age. “My mom is an at-home daycare provider,” she says. “Being around that, I knew I wanted to

go into that line of work and advocate for people. It’s what led me to go into social work.”

Like many new teachers and staff at JWP, Stevenson moved around quite a bit. First, she worked as a 6-12 social worker in the St. James school district. Then, she moved to Grand Meadow, where she’s been their K-12 social worker for the past eight years. However, she and her husband knew they wanted to return to JWP.

“We didn’t anticipate moving back already,” she admits. “However, when this position opened up, I jumped at the opportunity.”

Another reason she took a chance on JWP is because she loves rural social work. It also helps that she had prior experience as a paraprofessional within the district. “I really liked it here,” she says.

To Stevenson, one of the fulfilling parts of being a social worker is seeing students grow. “I love seeing the students I work with grow and start learning to advocate for themselves,” she adds.

“It’s about helping them get to a place where their needs are met socially, emotionally, and physically.”

— Kira Stevenson

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However, the challenge of being a social worker is setting up systems to support students and others in the way they need. In Stevenson’s experience, mainly in rural social work, the problem isn’t usually a lack of support from school administration; it’s the general lack of resources to help those in need.

“Transportation is a huge barrier, especially in rural areas,” she says. “Sometimes, the challenges I’ve faced are getting the resources and sourcing those out to people in need.”

She also finds it challenging when she can’t help everyone she

wants to help. “At the end of the day, you can only do so much.”

Stevenson echoed many of the sentiments stated by other new JWP staff members when asked about how it’s been settling in. “Everyone has been super welcoming and friendly. The administration and staff have been supportive of me and everything I need. Overall, the experience has been positive.”

As she settles in, she hopes JWP can be her new home. “Growing up, I went to Eagle Lake Elementary, and when I went to Franklin in Mankato. I hated it,” she admits. “I open-enrolled at St. Clair because I love that rural small community feeling. And that’s why I like being here at JWP.”



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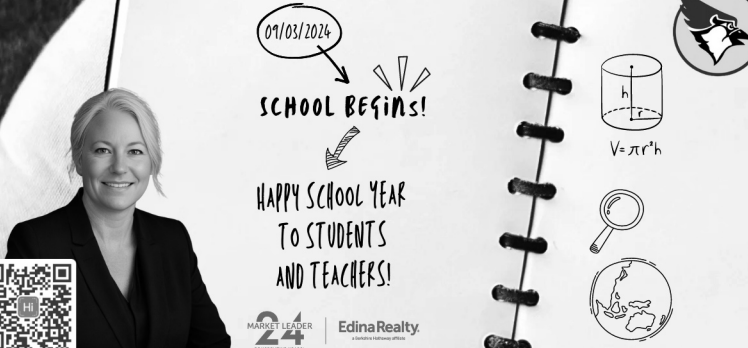


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College and career readiness

Andrea Grussendorf joins JWP staff in coordinator position

JANESVILLE JOURNAL - Andrea Grussendorf is JWP's new College and Career Readiness Coordinator. She says she is excited to be in a small district setting.

As the school year has been drawing closer, everyone has been settling into their positions, getting everything in order, and preparing for the doors to open to students.

At least Andrea Grussendorf, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton's new College and Career Readiness Coordinator, has had some extra time to settle into her new position. While most teachers arrived in their classrooms on Monday, August 19, she took the opportunity to settle into her office a week earlier.

Grussendorf is originally from the New Ulm area. She earned her undergraduate degree in Alcohol and Drug Counseling from MSU in 2015. "I worked as an alcohol and drug counselor for seven years," she shared.

However, she was employed as a

chemical house specialist in a school setting, which gave her some insight into the education system. It inspired her to pursue a master's degree in school counseling.

Grussendorf brings a couple of years of experience with her to JWP. "I've been in both high school and middle school settings," she explained. "I've moved around a lot the past few years. Last school year, I was at Princeton High School. I was also a fifth- and sixth-grade counselor in the Marshall school district."

So, why did she decide her next adventure should be at JWP? "I've always wanted to be close to home," she said. "All the other schools I've worked at were also in bigger districts. So, I liked that JWP is a smaller district where you get to know everybody."

Admittedly, she's not been here that long. However, she was still able to share her favorite thing about being at JWP so far. "It's been meet-

"For me, when it comes to working with students, it's staying up to date with the trends and terms they use."

— Andrea Grussendorf

ing the teachers that I've been able to meet. Everyone has been welcoming and super friendly, which is awesome."

But, like every position within a school district, being a college and career readiness coordinator has its challenges. "For me, when it comes to working with students, it's staying up to date with the trends and terms they use," she said. "Sometimes, I'll be talking to kids, and I have to tell them to slow down and back up for me. It's been a long time since I've been in high school."

However, Grussendorf feels like she has the backing of the administra-

tion at JWP and has enjoyed meeting everyone within the district. "Settling in has been going really well," she said. "The previous person left a lot of super helpful notes. So, basically, I'm now trying to figure out how to hang things on a cinder block wall."

JWP seems to have found a fantastic candidate to be its college and career readiness coordinator. Soon, she will be seeing numerous students throughout the school year and helping prepare them for life after high school, whether college, other post-secondary education options, or the workforce.



Andrea Grussendorf



Ruby Hoffman

Hoffman begins first job as educator

JANESVILLE JOURNAL - As many teachers know, transitioning from college to being an educator can be quite the process. Ruby Hoffman, one of JWP's newest teachers, has worked hard to become a teacher. After graduating from Nicollet High School in 2020, she earned her degree in elementary education from Winona State University in the fall of 2023 and spent the past year with the New Prague school district—the first half as a student elementary teacher and the second half as a long-term substitute. However, she is now ready to begin her career full-time as a second-grade teacher at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, and she couldn't be more excited.

As a child, Hoffman grew up in a household that was very much involved in the education and childcare fields. "My mom was a teacher," she explains. "I loved seeing the positive impact she made. It made me want to do something like that." She spent time working at a daycare and fell in love with it. "That's when I decided to pursue elementary education," she says. As a graduate of Nicollet High School, Hoffman was familiar with JWP; the two schools were in the same conference for a few years, and they still play each other in sports including volleyball and basketball.

"I've always heard really great things about the district," she shares. "Everyone I hear from

said that it's a great community here." Those comments were reinforced when she started meeting fellow staff members. "From the interview, I got a great feeling from the admin team. They were very kind and encouraging. It just seemed like a place I wanted to be." She loves getting to know the kids and their personalities as an educator. "I also love seeing them grow so much," she adds. "Seeing them be able to acquire new skills and how quickly they pick things up is incredible to me."

When asked about the challenges she faced in her short time as a teacher, she mainly focused on her time as a long-term substitute in New Prague. "It's a challenge to create a rela-

tionship with kids in the middle of the year," she explains. "I had to work extra hard to build that relationship with them and figure out a system between us, especially kiddos who had a harder time trusting me." But she hopes to create relationships and make memories with her first-ever class at JWP this fall.

"It's been great settling in," she shares. "Everyone here is super friendly and helpful. It's just a great environment, and I'm very excited to get to know the community and the kids I get to have." Sharing one final thought, Hoffman says, "I'm very grateful for this opportunity, and I'm glad to be a part of the JWP school district."

Well-traveled teacher joins staff

Blake Frink brings archaeology background to social studies position

JANESVILLE JOURNAL - For folks as well-traveled and knowledgeable as new JWP teacher Blake Frink, there are many positive elements when connecting with students. Frink brings years of anthropology experience and many stories of worldwide travels to his position as one of JWP's new high school social studies teachers. He says he's more than ready to share his passion for history and geography with the high schoolers.

Frink grew up in Mankato and graduated from Mankato West High School in 2001. He pursued a degree in anthropology. He was inspired to study that field of social studies (and arguably science) by his uncle. "I remember joining my uncle and doing archaeology work near the Bering Strait in Western Alaska," says Frink. Additionally, worked on an archaeological dig in Red Wing. In 2004, he traveled to India and the Himalayas for cultural anthropology. However, as much as he liked the work that he did, he wasn't sure about doing more schooling for anthropology. "To get a degree in that, you need

to get your Ph. D. and teach at a university," he shares.

Instead, for some time, he took on social work, where he gained skills in helping people with disabilities seek employment. Frink says he gained most of his experience in this line of work during college. However, he felt like he wanted to do something more. "I had great social studies teachers in high school," he adds. "So, I got into substitute teaching. I was pretty set on doing that when I taught for half a year in Mexico." That was when he got his bachelor's degree in education from North Dakota State University. He spent six years teaching in Fargo, ND, before coming to JWP.

Aside from traveling to Asia, Frink was used to moving around, living in Massachusetts, Vermont, North Dakota, and Minneapolis (where he was a substitute teacher). However, he wanted to be closer to his family. "My wife and I have two kids," Frink explains. "We wanted to be closer to my sister so our kids could be around their cousins. My mom and dad live

"Janesville was always a town I drove through to visit family in Chicago. All I knew about it was the old silos that spelled out the town's name and the doll in the window. But, now that I'm here, I'm realizing how great of a community it really is."

— Blake Frink

here, too." When he saw the job opening for a social studies teacher, he asked around. The response he got from everyone was, "JWP is a great school."

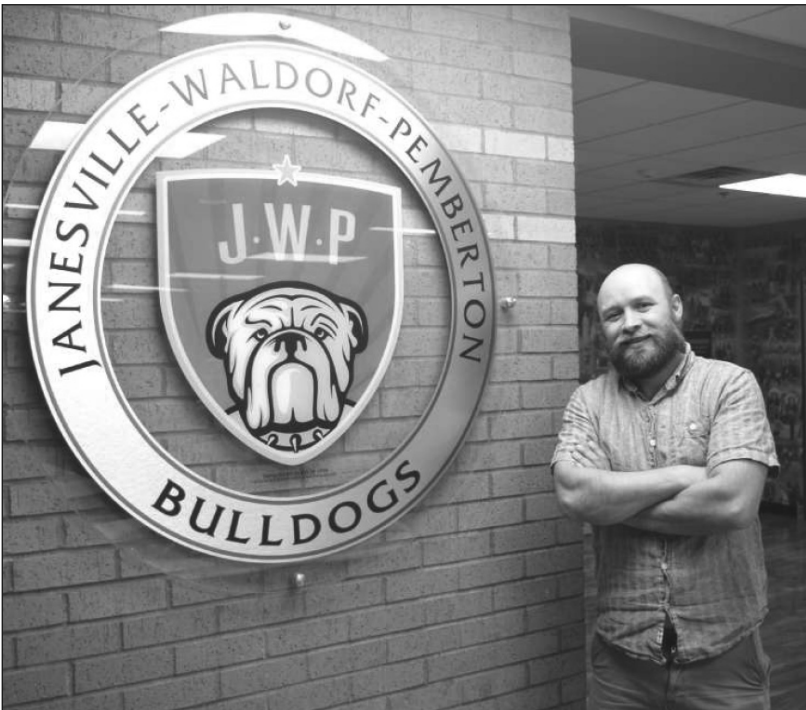
"I was pretty sold before meeting everybody here," he says. "The interview was great; when I talked to the administration I had a good feeling about it, which led me here."

Frink is also getting to know more about Janesville as he settles into his new position. "Janesville was always a town I drove through to visit family in Chicago," he admits. "All I knew about it was the old silos that spelled out the town's

name and the doll in the window. But now that I'm here, I'm realizing how great a community it really is."

It's clear Frink loves what he does.

"I love working with the kids, and the day-to-day of the job is great," he explains. "You never know what you're going to get. You know what you'll teach, but you don't know how much you impact kids' lives and how. Ultimately, it's about making a difference and impacting somebody's life. That's what I've always looked for in a career and a way I want to spend my life."



Blake Frink

On the flip side, the challenge has been (at least for some students) getting the "team" together to support students. "Every kid has a number of adults in their lives. Getting everybody working together on the same page can be tricky, especially with kids facing challenges at home. As teachers, we can only do what we can with the time we have." Frink also feels it's tougher being a kid these days. "Social media invites all the negative stuff in the world into homes," he elaborates. "Thank-

fully, I never dealt with that as a kid. It's a difficult thing to try to figure out."

But he hopes to be as supportive and encouraging to students as the staff has been to him. When asked about settling into his position, he says, "It's been great. I just started moving some stuff into my classroom and getting to know as many people as possible. The challenge is remembering their names and faces, but everybody's been so helpful. It feels good to be here."

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Schatz joins music staff

‘I wanted to continue my education journey in a small school’

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

Joining the NRHEG music staff this year is newlywed Josephine Schatz from Montgomery, Minnesota. Schatz obtained her degree in K-12 music education from MSU Mankato and says she went into teaching because “I know school is a safe place for students and I want students to know that my classroom is a safe place for them to come. I want students to leave my classroom

knowing they are appreciated and always have a place here.”

When asked what led her to apply to NRHEG, answered Schatz, “I grew up in a small school and knew that I wanted to continue my education journey in a small school. I also was excited to teach elementary students. I have spent some time teaching elementary but it is primarily new and I am so excited!”

When not teaching, Schatz and her husband enjoy spending time at the

lake and hosting their friends for cookouts or bonfires; she says she could talk on the subject of dogs forever; “We currently don’t have a dog because of the wedding and moving into our house [in Montgomery] but one day we for sure want a dog!”

Schatz believes her favorite part of teaching will be the community. “I am excited to meet families and students and get to know them.”



Josephine Schatz



John Sand

NRHEG’s new 5th grade teacher

John Sand brings years of experience to elementary staff

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

NRHEG Elementary welcomes John Sand as the new grade five teacher this year. Originally from Cannon Falls, Sand currently resides in Austin, where he has previously taught for a year at Pacelli Catholic School and five years at Austin Public Schools.

Sand’s family includes a daughter going into tenth grade and a son entering seventh grade. “They enjoy exercising, CrossFit, and biking,” he says. “They both

enjoy playing sports and nature. I enjoy being in nature, especially visiting state parks, national parks, and wilderness areas. I try to visit the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness every year.” In fact, Sand says he could talk about the BWCA forever if someone gets him started, specifically. “the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the importance of protecting it for future generations of humans and other living organisms.”

Students will leave his class-

“I wanted to teach, to work with kids, to help them learn. I love learning and believe that we learn something new every day.”

— John Sand

room at the end of the year with a desire to continually learn, Sand hopes. “I wanted to teach, to work with kids, to help them learn. I love learning and believe that we learn something new every day.” His favorite thing to teach? “I think my favorite part

of teaching this year will be teaching mathematics.”

Sand also enjoys learning other languages, reading books, riding bicycles, visiting other countries, and cheering on the Vikings.

Koerber joins special education team

‘My goal is to always bring out the best in my students and showcase their abilities’

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

Joining the special education team at the NRHEG secondary building this year is Stephanie Koerber. Originally from Freeborn, Stephanie currently resides

in Albert Lea along with her husband, Tom, daughter Briella who is in third grade, and 3-year-old son, Dale.

Koerber graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in December 2023 with a Bach-

elor of Science in Special Education: Academic and Behavioral Strategist, and was employed elsewhere as a Kindergarten/1st grade special education teacher in January of this past school year. “I applied to NRHEG to be closer

to family and for my kids to grow up in a small town community,” she says. “I love that everyone feels like family in a smaller school setting.”

Koerber hopes one thing students leave her classroom with is

the knowledge that they are capable of anything when they set their mind to it. “My goal is to always bring out the best in my students and showcase their abilities. I also hope they don’t mind my dry sense of humor!”



Stephanie Koerber



Lindsay Reisdorfer

NRHEG’s new 4th grade teacher

Lindsay Reisdorfer brings familiar face to elementary staff

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

Fourth grade teacher Lindsay Reisdorfer might be a familiar face; she came to know the community, students and staff at NRHEG School District when she began as a substitute teacher in the district two years ago. “During my time working here, I was welcomed warmly by both students and staff,” she says. “Easily, I saw one of the many things that makes the NRHEG district exceptional. It is a small town school dis-

trict, where students, staff and community care deeply about the success and well being of everyone. I was fortunate to apply and be hired on permanently.”

Reisdorfer is from Mason City, Iowa and attended both North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) and University of Northern Iowa (UNI), graduating with a degree in elementary education and a literacy minor.

“My husband, Aaron, and I moved to Albert Lea in 2015 with our son

Hunter. Hunter is 11 years old now and our youngest son, Jackson, will soon be 7. Our family also consists of a playful German Shepherd named Rizzo and a sassy black cat named Jasper.” Reisdorfer taught full-time in Albert Lea; “My first year there I taught fourth- and fifth-grade special education and an additional two years as a kindergarten teacher.”

When asked what her favorite part of teaching is, Reisdorfer replied, “Connections. One of my favorite

things about teaching is facilitating connections. I enjoy leading student interactions that help drive academic success, building stronger social relationships and empowering students with skills that encourage life-long learning.” Reisdorfer says she hopes her students leave her classroom at the end of the year with inspiration and motivation to learn about the world and others around them.

Cromwell joins administrative staff

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

Nikki Cromwell, a resident of Geneva, is the new administrative assistant in the NRHEG secondary building, replacing Teri Kormann upon her retirement. Cromwell is married to Michael Pederson and has two “awesome” kids; Senior Harbor and Winter, who will be a junior. “We have a four-year-old Rottweiler

named Luna and one cat named Cat.”

Cromwell has a degree in massage therapy from the Minnesota School of Business in Rochester and has been a massage therapist on and off part time and full time for 18 years.

When asked why she applied to NRHEG, Cromwell replied, “I actually was a special education para in Ellendale for six years while my kids went to school there, so I am very familiar with the staff and students. As

I was working in the concession stand last winter during a basketball game I realized how much I missed being around the kids and staff and all of the energy they gave me. I found out Teri was retiring and it was a light bulb moment. I had to apply for her position!”

Cromwell claims everyone knows she is a ‘people’ person; she believes the interactions with all of the students and staff will be her favorite

part of the job, “and the fact that I will get to see my kids in their school environment again,” she adds.

When not at school, Cromwell has a wide variety of interests and activities; “I am really into reading, especially fiction. If someone has read the same book as me and it is one that I love, I could talk forever about it. Also anything health related, like lifting weights, eating a certain way, natural alternatives...I am very into

those conversations.”

Cromwell says she also loves going to comedy shows, camping, kayaking, and hiking. Anything else? “Fun fact: I worked on a commercial fishing boat in Alaska for two summers after high school. I was a deckhand and caught salmon and shrimp. Hardest job I have ever had, hands down, and I would do it again.”



Nikki Cromwell



Calle Chartrand

FACS kitchen has a new face

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

The Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) kitchen in the high school has a new face this year; Calle Chartrand recently moved from the Twin Cities to Ellendale (along with her mini goldendoodle named Daisy and a charcoal Lab named Gunner) to take the position of departed teacher Kelly Delacruz.

Chartrand obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth in Health and Physical Education, and attended the University Wisconsin Superior where she obtained her Master’s in

Educational Administration. “I have wanted to be a teacher since I was 6 years old,” she says. “My first grade teacher was amazing and the reason I am an educator today.” Chartrand served as a physical education specialist in St. Paul Public Schools before coming to NRHEG.

“Watching my students evolve into their own unique selves over the years,” is what Chartrand names as her favorite part of being a teacher. She goes on to say, “Seeing and witnessing all of the amazing things our students accomplish in school, the community, and after they leave our doors is truly incredible and so reward-

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— Calle Chartrand

ing.”

Outside of school, Chartrand says she can be found digging in the garden or planting flowers. “I am very active and

love to work out, and also play hockey and softball. I enjoy being at our family lake place, fishing, and floating on my boat.”



TOUGH OPENER — The Waseca High School football team faced some stiff opposition in its 2024 season opener at Stewartville last Friday. At left, Deron Russell hauls in a first-quarter pass on his way to scoring a touchdown. In the middle, Russell stiff-arms an opponents en route to the end zone. At right, Kolton Quillen (6) and Kyle McGuire (51) set their sights on Stewartville’s Dylan Scanlan.



Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



TOUGH YARDS — Waseca quarterback Carson Ohnstad turns the corner at Stewartville last Friday. Pioneer photo by Jim Lutgens

Jays can’t contain Stewartville

First-quarter lead slips away in WHS football season opener

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Last year, when the Waseca High School football team fell to Stewartville in the season opener, not all that much was known about the Tigers. Few could have predicted a No. 1 state ranking, undefeated season and state championship.

This year was different. The Bluejays expected a battle in the opener at Stewartville last Friday and that’s what they got. A few too many mistakes prevented a victory as Waseca saw a 6-0 first-quarter lead turn into a 24-6 defeat.

“The kids played hard and did a lot of great things,” said Waseca head coach Brad Wendland. “We had our chances. We made too many mistakes and turned the ball over too many times to beat such an exceptional team.”

But the Bluejays matched the Tigers in the early going, taking a

lead on a 59-yard touchdown pass from Carson Ohnstad to Deron Russell, who reversed his field, stiff-armed a would-be tackle and outraced defenders to the end zone.

Unfortunately, that was it for the scoring for the Bluejays, who threw four interceptions.

Stewartville scored on a 14-yard run in the second quarter and added an impressive 35-yard field goal just before halftime.

Ohnstad, moved from wide receiver to quarterback before the season, finished 16-for-24 passing for 235 yards. He was also the Bluejays’ leading ground gainer with 25 yards on nine attempts.

Deron Russell finished with seven catches for 127 yards. His brother, Damarius had five receptions for 90 yards.

Stewartville outrushed Waseca 255-26 and had 19 first downs to the Jays’ eight. Dylan Scanlan led the

Tigers with 136 yards on 20 carries. Malik Abni finished with 97 yards on 13 attempts.

Tauston Rupe led the Waseca defense with eight tackles and three assists. Damarius Russell also had eight tackles.

The Bluejays are home this Friday to take on St. Peter.

Stewartville 24, Waseca 6					
STEW	0	10	7	7	—24
WAS	6	0	0	0	—6

First Quarter
WAS — Deron Russell 59 pass from Carson Ohnstad (kick failed)

Second Quarter
STEW — Dylan Scanlan 14 run (Parker Wangen kick)

STEW — Parker Wangen 35 field goal

Third Quarter
STEW — Malik Abdi 1 run (Parker Wangen kick)

Fourth Quarter
STEW — Dylan Scanlan 2 run (Parker Wangen kick)

	WAS	STEW
First downs	8	19
Rushing	15-26	41-255
Passing	16-24-4	11-18-0
Passing Yds.	235	48
Total Yds.	261	303
Penalties	5-35	6-65

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — WAS: Ohnstad 9-25; De.Russell 1-2; Rohl 1-2; Parpart 1-1; Ludwig 3 —4; STEW: Scanlan 20-136; Abdi 13-97; Wellik 4-25; Tschetter 1 —3

Passing — WAS: Ohnstad 16-24, 235; STEW: Wellik 11-14, 48

Receiving — WAS: De.Russell 7-127; Da.Russell 5-90; Hiller 2-13; Parpart 1-6; Ludwig 1 —1 STEW: Wangen 6-34; Johnson 1-7; Scanlan 1-5; Bandoct 1-5; Abdi 2 —3

Waseca Defense — Da.Russell 8 tackles; Hiller 3 tackles, 2 assists, 1 sack; Quillen 3 tackles, 3 assists, 1 forced fumble; De.Russell 4 tackles, 1 assist, 1 sack; Ohnstad 3 tackles, 1 assist, 1 fumble recovery; Mitchell 1 tackle; Wirtz 2 tackles; Parpart 1 tackle; Mansfield 1 tackle; Root 1 assist; McGuire 1 assist; Rupe 8 tackles, 3 assists; Selthum 3 tackles, 5 assists; Garza 1 tackle, 1 assist; Jascha 1 tackle; Oveido 1 tackle, 1 assist; Howard 1 tackle



SOLID START — The Waseca High School volleyball team is off to a strong beginning to the 2024 season. At left, the Bluejays’ Kendall Bowers passes against Randolph. At right, Katy Eldeen and Kalea Sartori go up for a block. The Bluejays won 3-1.

Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



WHS spikers get off to strong start

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Head coach Krissy Plonske said it before the season started, how some people could be surprised at how sharp the Waseca High School volleyball team would be.

It came to fruition in the Bluejays’ season-opening 3-1 victory over Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton. Game scores were 25-19, 15-25, 25-19 and 25-20.

“It was a great match overall on both sides,” said Plonske.

Individually for the Jays: Aliyah Taylor 17 kills, 12 digs; Siri Kuhns 37 assists, 10 digs; Ellie Hoehn 8 kills; Kendal Bowers 17 digs; Alyssa Kilmer 9 digs.

The Bluejays made it two in a row with a 3-1 triumph over Randolph, prevailing 25-17, 25-17,

23-25, 26-24.

Individually: Kuhns 41 assists; Taylor 20 kills and 12 digs; Bowers 17 digs; Kalea Saratori 4 solo blocks and 8 kills; Katy Eldeen1 3 kills; Ellery Waldron 5 kills

The Bluejays defeated Pipestone 3-0 in the opening round of the Rochester tournament

The Bluejays swept Albert Lea 2-0 in the opening round of the Rochester tournament. They went on to blank Luverne 2-0 before falling 2-1 to Big Nine Conference opponents Rochester Century and Mankato East.

After a Tuesday match at NRHEG, the Bluejays play Thursday at home against Fairmont and Sept. 10 at St. Peter. They host Tri-City United Sept. 17.



SWEET SOUNDS — Waseca fourth-grader Ella Wilson, middle, is congratulated after singing the National Anthem before the Bluejays’ match against Randolph.

Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

JWP football team can't catch Lester Prairie

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

They ran a lot of plays and gained a lot of yards, but it was a tough season football opener for the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Bulldogs last Friday at Lester Prairie, where they lost 29-13.

"It was great to see the team stay focused even when we fell behind early, and work their way back into the game," said JWP head coach Ryan Luedtke. "They played the entire game with great energy, and we are already excited for week two."

At Lester Prairie, the Bulldogs surrendered a pair of first-quarter touchdowns on their way to a 22-7 halftime deficit. It proved too much to overcome.

Lester Prairie outgained the Bulldogs 243-218 in total yards, with 16 first downs to JWP's 13.

Quarterback Daulton Bauer completed five of 17 passes for 63 yards and two interceptions. Lucas Morsching gained 57 yards on 15 rushing attempts, Bauer 56 on seven.

Lester Prairie 29, JWP 13				
JWP	0	7	6	0 - 13
LP	14	8	0	7 - 29
First Quarter				
LP - Gatlin Coellner 3 run (two-point conversion good)				
LP - Gatlin-Coellner 1 run (conversion failed)				
Second Quarter				
JWP - Born 3 run (kick successful)				
LP - Gatlin-Coellner 3 run (two-point conversion successful)				

Bulldogs fall 29-13 after trailing 22-7 at halftime

"They played the entire game with great energy, and we are already excited for week two."

— JWP coach Ryan Luedtke

Third Quarter			
JWP - Morsching 19 run (two-point conversion failed)			
Fourth Quarter			
LP - Zebell 10 pass from Herrmann (Walstrom kick)			
		JWP	LP
Total plays	44	53	
First downs	13	16	
Rushing	29-155	37-159	
Passing	5-17-2	9-16-0	
Passing Yds.	63	84	
Total Yds.	218	243	
Third Down	4-8	6-12	
Fourth Down	0-2	1-2	
Fumbles lost	1	0	
Turnovers	3	2	
Penalties	3-20	3-25	
Time of Poss.	16:23	31:37	

Rushing - JWP: Daulton Bauer 7-56; Lucas Morsching 15-57; Chase Gerdts 6-43; Landon Johnson 3-0 LP: Ladamen Gatlin Coellner 18-106; Jack Cacka 13-52; Jack Madsen 4-9

Passing - JWP: Daulton Bauer 5-17-2, 63 LP: Caiden Herrmann 9-16-0, 84

Receiving - JWP: Isaac Gahlon 3-18; Chase Gerdts 3-18; Ethan Born 1-15; Caleb Quast 1-12; LP: Ladamen Gatlin-Coellner 4-39; Jack Cacka 3-18; Alex Bahena 1-1; Eli Zebell 1-10

JWP Defense - Bauer 1 tackle, 9 assists; O'Brien 3 tackles, 1 assist; Quast 1 tackle; Scholl 1 tackle; Weis 2 assists; Walker 1 assist; Gahlon 3 assists; Johnson 1 assist; Berndt 4 assists; Hoehn 2 assists; Born 1 tackle, 2 assists; Gerdts 1 tackle, 7 assists; Morsching 2 tackles, 10 assists; Miller 2 tackles, 1 assist; Cummins 2 tackles, 2 assists; Cahill 4 assists; Meihak 3 assists

WHS tennis girls shut out Austin, Worthington

The Waseca High School girls' tennis team defeated the Austin Packers 7-0 and Worthington Trojans 7-0 last week in Waseca. The JV won 5-0 over the Packers and lost 1-0 to the Trojans.

Singles vs.
Austin: No. 1 - Takya Schoenrock, Waseca, def. C l a u d i a Slinden, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2 - V i v i a n M a d e r , Waseca, def. Y a z m i n e Huerta 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 - Maddy Benson, Waseca, def. Gisele Hinks 6-0, 6-0; No. 4 - Pearl Moore, Waseca, def. Sophia Meyer 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles: No. 1 - Mia Kanewischer and Addie Pfeifer, Waseca, def. Jenna Hetzel and Payton Nelson 6-0, 6-3; No. 2 - Paige Dufault and Ava Miller, Waseca, def. Isabelle Owens and Kayla Ball 6-0, 6-4; No. 3 - Kennedy Lynch and Layla Keith, Waseca, def. Kay Kaywee, and Eva Lopez 6-0 6-1.

Schoenrock, Mader, Benson and Ava Miller won singles matches against Worthington. Doubles winners were Kanewischer and Pfeifer, Dufault and Moore, and Lynch and Keith.

Waseca (4-1) played at Faribault on Tuesday. The Bluejays host LeSueur-Henderson and Mankato West Sturday at 9 a.m. on the WHS courts.



Collins

Waseca soccer girls perfect after three games

The Waseca High School girls' soccer team got off to a 3-0 start to the season, defeating Mound-Westonka 5-3, Austin 6-0 and Marshall 5-2.

After a Tuesday game at New Ulm, the Bluejays play Thursday at St. Peter. They host Tri-City United Sept. 10 and Worthington Sept. 12.

The Bluejay girls are coached by Phil Bulfer.

The boys' team opened 0-2-1, falling 7-0 to Mound-Westonka and 7-2 to Marshall before tying Fairmont 2-2. Scoring both goals was Diego Toapanta

The boys hosted New Ulm Tuesday and entertain St. Peter Thursday. They play Sept. 10 at Tri-City United and Sept. 12 at Worthington.

The team is coached by J.D. Delgado.



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT! — Members of the Waseca High School girls' soccer team get fired up before a recent match. The Bluejays started the season with a 3-0 record. Photo by Debbie Rodriguez

Waseca girls' CC team 2nd at Stewartville

The Waseca High School cross country teams competed in the Bill Glomski Invitational at Stewartville last Thursday.

The boys placed sixth among 17 schools with 182 points. Winona Cotter/Hope Lutheran won with 54.

For the Bluejays: Isaac Feldkamp, seventh, 11:05.6; T r i s t a n G o d w i n , 2 1 s t , 11:59.3; Tyler Jellum, 39th, 12:30; T a n n e r H a n s o n , 5 4 t h , 12:44.8; L u k e Feldkamp, 7 9 t h , 13:33.7; Wyatt Hager, 8 4 t h , 13:44.8; Ryan Yoder, 1 0 6 t h , 14:52.9. The winner was Cotter/Hope L u t h e r a n freshman Eric Semling with a time of 10:17 for 3200 meters.

The Waseca girls finished second as a team with 81 points, behind only Cotter/Hope Lutheran's 66. Eighteen schools competed.

For the Jays: Stella Omvedt, sixth, 13:17.1; Callie Dufault, seventh, 13:21.4; Ellie Kopischke, 17th, 14:02.7; Maren Schimming, 20th, 14:06.7; Taylor Markeson, 35th, 14:51.9; Ava VanDenHemel, 39th, 14:56.8; Jenna Yoder, 53rd, 15:19.4. Winning the race was Cotter/Hope Lutheran senior Sonja Semling in 12:22.6 for 3200 meters.

The Bluejays run today at Montgomery at 4 p.m. and compete Sept. 12 at Rochester at 4 p.m.



Omvedt



Dufault



VOLLEYBALL ACTION — At left, Aubrey Weedman of the JWP High School volleyball team sets up for a serve during a recent match. At right, Nevaeh Weimert sets up a spiker.. Photos by LeAnn Kavitz



JWP volleyball team falls to Waseca, Cleveland

The JWP High School volleyball team dropped a pair of recent matches, falling 3-1 to Waseca and 3-0 to Cleveland.

Scores against Waseca were 25-19, 15-25, 25-19 and 25-20.

Individually for JWP: Brielle Bure 21 digs, 1 ace, 2 kills, 1 assist;

Brielle Dessner 1 ace, 1 dig; Lily Strauss 1 ace and 100% serving percentage, 8 kills, 4 blocks, 15 digs; Aubrey Weedman 1 ace, 4 kills, 2 blocks, 23 assists, 14 digs; Katie Olson 4 aces, 6 kills, 1 block, 4 digs; Claire Walz 4 kills, 2 blocks, 1 assist, 2 digs; Ellah Oliver 2 aces, 1

kill, 7 digs; Nevaeh Weimert 10 assists, 3 digs; Presley James 14 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 1 dig; Hope Dimmel 1 assist, 1 dig; Paige Walz 3 kills, 1 dig.

Against Cleveland, the Clippers prevailed 25-16, 25-14, 25-15.

Individually: Bure 1 assist, 6 digs;

Dessner 2 ace serves; Strauss 5 kills, 9 digs; Weedman 100% serving, 12 assists, 12 digs; Olson 1 ace, 3 kills, 7 digs; Claire Walz 2 kills; Oliver 1 ace, 7 digs; Weimert 1 ace, 4 assists, 6 digs; James 4 kills, 2 blocks; Dimmel 1 assist; Paige Walz 5 kills, 1 block, 4 digs.

After hosting WEM Thursdays, the Bulldogs face Medford at home Sept. 10 and Bethlehem Academy at home Sept. 12.

The Bulldogs are coached by Jessica Keenan.

Grizzly cross country teams open season at Fairmont

The WEM/JWP Grizzly cross country teams opened the season Aug. 23 at Fairmont's Earlybird race.

The girls finished second with 83 points, behind first-place St. Peter's 62. Nine teams

scored.

MaKenzie Westphal led the Grizzlies, placing seventh in 15:13.7. Following: Onikia Herme, 20th, 19:21.4; Emma Huelsnitz, 22nd, 19:38.1; Madeline Hoehn, 23rd, 19:38.3;

Kwynn Krause, 24th, 19:39; Madalyn Miller, 30th, 20:39.5; Abby Crosby, 49th, 23:12.1; Ellie Schlie, 57th, 23:57.1. The girls' overall winner was senior Macy Hanson of Fairmont in 15:13.7.

The JWP boys did not field a full squad.

The Bulldogs run Thursday at Hayfield, Sept. 12 at Maple River and Sept. 17 at NRHEG.



SEASON-OPENING ACTION — At left, NRHEG quarterback Alden Dobberstein (6) throws a touchdown pass to Owen Bartlett in the first quarter last Thursday despite pressure by Randolph’s Carter Olson. In the middle, Bartlett hauls in a catch. At right, NRHEG defenders Jordan Brouwers (54) and Jace Ihrke (57) combine to stop Tristan Zingler. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens and Eli Lutgens

Panthers start strong, finish flat in season opener

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

When they were finally able to take the field following a two-hour rain delay, things started well for the NRHEG High School football team in last Thursday’s season opener.

By the end of the second half, it was another story.

The Panthers took an early 8-0 lead and held a 16-6 halftime edge, but visiting Randolph rallied to win 28-16 in New Richland.

“We had to wait awhile to get our first game of the season in,” said NRHEG coach Mark Kruger. “Kickoff was at 9 p.m. because of lightning.”

And the Panthers produced some

“We were able to move the ball in the second half, but just not able to finish.”
— NRHEG coach Marc Kruger

early fireworks, with Owen Bartlett scoring on a 71-yard pass from Alden Dobberstein in the first period. Ryan Schlaak ran for the two-point conversion.

After the Rockets scored in the first quarter, the Panthers’ Harbor Cromwell carried for a 5-yard touchdown run. Bartlett ran for the PAT.

“Owen Bartlett was off to a career

night with 131 yards receiving in just the first half,” said Coach Kruger.

But the Panthers went scoreless in the second half while the Rockets, after some halftime adjustments, scored 22 second-half points.

“We had a tough time finishing tackles and getting off the field on defense,” said Kruger. “We were able to move the ball still in the sec-

and half, but just not able to finish.”

Randolph held a 309-253 edge in total yards, racking up 20 first downs to the Panthers’ eight.

Cromwell was the Panthers’ leading ball carrier with 42 yards on 12 carries. Dobberstein, who did not throw an interception, was 7-for-15 passing for 154 yards. Bartlett finished with three catches for 131 yards.

Schlaak led the defense with eight solo tackles and two assists.

The Panthers play at Norwood-Young America Friday at 7 p.m.

		First Quarter		Fourth Down		0-5	1-2
		NRHEG — Owen Bartlett 71 pass from Alden Dobberstein (Ryan Schlaak run)		Fumbles lost		1	1
		RAN — Tristan Zingler 6 run (kick failed)		Turnovers		1	1
				Penalties		5-15	5-25
		Second Quarter		INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
		NRHEG — Harbor Cromwell 5 run (Owen Bartlett run)		Rushing — NRHEG: Cromwell 12-42; Dobberstein 10-31; R.Schlaak 5-17; Rest of team 1-9; RAN: Zingler 17-57; Leifeld 3-17; Rest of team 11-43			
		Third Quarter		Passing — NRHEG: Dobberstein 7-15-0, 154; RAN: Ford 17-24-0, 176; Kriesel 1-1-0, 16			
		RAN — Tristan Zingler 10 run (two-point conversion good)		Receiving — NRHEG: Bartlett 3-131; Knudson 4-23; RAN: Kriesel 8-62; Opelt 1-10; Rest of team 9-120			
		Fourth Quarter		NRHEG Defense — R.Schlaak 8 solo tackles, 2 assists; Cromwell 4 tackles; Brouwers 4 tackles, 1 assist 3 tackles for loss; Bartlett 2 tackles, 1 assist; Knudson 2 tackles; Staloch 2 tackles; Ihrke 2 tackles, 1 assist; Fleming 2 tackles; Hanna 1 tackle; Larson 1 tackle, 1 TFL; Hutchens 1 tackle; A.Schlaak 1 fumble recovery			
		RAN — Colton Ford 16 pass (two-point conversion good)					
		RAN — Hunter Kriesel 16 pass (two point-conversion failed)					
				RAN		NRHEG	
		Total plays		60		45	
		First downs		20		8	
		Rushing		117		99	
		Passing		18-25-0		7-15-0	
		Passing Yds.		192		154	
		Total Yds.		309		253	
		Third Down		6-11		2-8	

		Randolph 28, NRHEG 16			
RAN	6	0	8	14	= 28
NRHEG	8	8	0	0	= 16

The

Pastor's Column

Take time to read, learn, discuss and encourage

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

There comes a time in my daily devotions when it gets hard to read through the bible in a year. I want to do it, but when your daily reading consists of Job, 1 Corinthians, and David's exilic Psalms there is not much that is encouraging. God speaks to us through His word and there is something that He is trying to teach me in these passages, I need to remain faithful.

As our kids head back to school, they will be faced with the same dilemma that I am, what do we do when we are not as excited about learning? Our faithfulness, when we struggle, is watched by others. Are we revealing our faith in God's plan or are we trusting our own strength? Struggles teach us to trust in God's plan and help us to focus on all that God is doing.

On the other hand, there are things that we want to learn. Give me a book that discusses theology and the community of God, and I will be happy to read it and discuss it with anyone. In our schools our students will discover what they are passionate about and our teachers will encourage them to explore those ideas and grow in their knowledge. They will enjoy the process of learning and discuss what they are learning with others.

We learn and grow in the things we are passionate about and struggle when things seem

dry. The hardest part of learning is to remain faithful in study. God wants to speak to us through scripture, the church, our circumstances and His people, but sometimes we just aren't listening. We can become frustrated when others don't listen to us or pay attention in class, at work, or in community meetings. I am glad that God is patient when we struggle to listen to Him.

In Nehemiah, Joel, Exodus and Psalms we have been given the same declaration of God's love for us. In Psalms 86:15 we read, "15 But You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in faithful love and truth." Our God is compassionate in His dealings with us, patiently teaching us about Himself. He extends grace in our offenses. He is slow to anger, allowing us time to align our hearts with His. He is abounding in love for us by extending and teaching us His truths.

There is always something for us to learn about God, we only know Him in part, but He wants to make Himself fully known to us. Let us be the example to the children in our lives who observe us every day. Let us take time to read, learn, discuss and encourage one another in our daily walk of faith. Remain faithful in your study of God's word even when it seems dry, God may be teaching you something to pass on to someone else.

'Substantially complete'

NRHEG summer construction nearly done

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

"There are always complications when it comes to construction projects," observes Kevin Nack, NRHEG's "go-to" person when it comes to the array of updates taking place this June, July and August at both the NRHEG elementary and secondary sites. "It's how they're dealt with that determines the outcome."

About \$5 million worth of improvements took place across the two buildings, according to information shared at school board meetings. Probably this year's largest "complication" were the extensive rains in June and July, which interrupted the schedule for excavating ground, reshaping it, and then surfacing it as parking.

Parking areas originally scheduled for completion in July received asphalt surfacing the week of August 18; final touches including installing bollards and painting stripes and directional arrows were scheduled for August 26 and 27, weather permitting.

Although the final touches will be an inconvenience for teachers during their start-of-year workshop, speculates district superintendent Michael Meihak, the expectation is that they will be fully in place as students arrive on September 2.

According to Meihak, the Ellendale site will now have 68 parking spaces, up from 36. The spots are in a new lot located south of the building. Meihak mentions the newly-paved spaces have a traffic flow intended to encourage parents to use

it when dropping off and picking up their children. The hope is student safety will be increased when congestion along School Street is reduced.

The parking lot east of the secondary site will now have 161 spots, rather than the 148 it was designated for in the past. The lot is perhaps 50 feet longer than before, but only slightly wider; new sidewalks and a grass boulevard now take up some of the space adjacent to Ash Avenue. Meihak says that, although the secondary lot was technically capable of holding 148 cars before, potholes, fading painted lines and other factors typically kept all of them from being used efficiently. The upgraded paving, new lines and clearly marked traffic flow, he hopes, will make it easier to follow through on intended patterns.

Along with the wet weather, another major snag in the process was encountered during the removal of 1950s-era asbestos components in the high school band room. As the process began in June, it was discovered more of the space needed to be disassembled than was previously realized. The district applied for necessary permits well over a month ago, but is still waiting for a reply.

This means the 90 or so students scheduled to use the room throughout the school day will need to "pivot," to use Meihak's term. He suggests the nearby gym may be available as phy ed classes prioritize spending time outdoors. The choir room is not scheduled for use every hour of the day. The stage, which is connected to the music room, is also



Among those overseeing the construction work at the NRHEG elementary and secondary sites this summer have been (from left) school board chair Rick Shultz, facilities maintenance director Scott Schuller, district superintendent Michael Meihak and SitelogIQ coordinator Kevin Nack.

Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

an option. "We have a way of co-operating and working things out," stated Meihak. "We'll be able to manage for the short time before the renovations are finished."

Other changes in the buildings, Meihak says, are far less visible to the everyday visitor—although at least one will be easily heard. In both the elementary and secondary site, new fire alert systems have been installed with "state of the art" speakers. In place of the harsh tone of an alarm, occupants will hear a voice stating that a fire has been detected and directing everyone to depart the building. Those same speakers will be available for everyday uses, including giving the daily announcements.

"Since the fire alarm system is updated to be sure everyone in the building is safely notified, we can expect clearer, more consistent sound quality for our building-wide announcements," states Meihak.

Upgrades to the heating, ventilating and cooling (HVAC) systems should also lead to increased efficiency and consistency, Meihak notes. Many of the climate control units are roof mounted; their ages tend to align with the time when the individual sections of the building were first constructed. With a few of the units replaced during this summer's work and others having received upgrades, Meihak predicts the temperature in each building will be more consistent throughout, rather than each room or section having its own temperature idiosyncrasies.

Some bathrooms in each building have been upgraded to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). In the process, they have also become more attractive and modern.

So despite the behind-the-scenes nature of much of the work, Meihak predicts this summer's updates will improve the learning environment for students by making everyday practices and circumstances within the building safer, simpler and more efficient.

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WASECA FREEBORN JOINT COUNTY DITCH 6

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Please Take Notice: The Waseca Freeborn Joint County Drainage Authority Board of Commissioners, sitting as the Joint County Drainage Authority for Waseca Freeborn Joint County Ditch 6 (“JCD 6”), will hold a final hearing on the viewers’ report of benefits and damages for the pending redetermination of benefits and damages of JCD 6. The viewers’ report has been filed with the Joint County Drainage Authority. The hearing will be held on September 20, 2024, 10:00a.m., or thereafter as the agenda allows, in the Commissioners’ Room of the East Annex, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota 56093. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

JCD 6 consists of tile and open ditch, and begins at the quarter section line between the Northeast and Northwest Quarters of Section 2, Hartland Township, Township 104 North, Range 22 West, Freeborn County, and flows northwesterly through the Northwest Quarter of said Section 2, then continues northwesterly across Section 34, New Richland Township, Township 105 North, Range 22 West, Waseca County, the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, then northerly along the section line between said Section 27 and Section 28, then westerly by northwesterly across the Northeast Quarter and Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 28, then northerly across the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, then northerly along the quarter section line between the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 21, then easterly along the quarter section line between the Northeast Quarter and Southeast Quarter of said Section 21, then northerly and northwesterly across the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 21, then westerly across the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16 and southwesterly across the Southeast Quarter of Section 17 where it terminates at its outlet into Waseca County Ditch 47. JCD 6 includes tile and open ditch laterals and branches located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Section 33, Section 28, and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, all in New Richland Township, Township 105 North, Range 22 West, Waseca County.

The viewers’ report, along with amendments, if any, all property owners’ reports, and records describing the drainage system are available for inspection by contacting Waseca County Drainage Inspector Chris Howard by email or phone chris.howard@wasecacounty.gov or (507) 835-0534. A copy of the viewers’ report is also available for public inspection at the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office, 411 Broadway S, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

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Mail to Chris Howard (chris.howard@wasecacounty.gov or Land & Water Resources Director, Chris Howard, at 307 North State Street, Waseca, MN 56093). All comments received prior to the final hearing will be submitted into the record.

The following properties are affected by the redetermination of benefits and damages for JCD 6:

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STATE OF MINNESOTA/ DEPT OF REVENUE; CITY OF NEW RICHLAND; STATE OF MINNESOTA/ DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION; WASECA COUNTY; NEW RICHLAND TOWNSHIP; HARTLAND TOWNSHIP.

Dated: August 20, 2024

WASECA FREEBORN JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JCD 6 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

/s/ Doug Christopherson, Chairperson Published in the Waseca County Pioneer Aug. 29, Sept. 5 and Sept. 12, 2024

STATE OF MINNESOTA
WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY UNDER STATUTES CHAPTER 103E
FOR THE REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS AND DAMAGES
OF WASECA COUNTY DITCH 26

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Please Take Notice: The Waseca County Board of Commissioners, Drainage Authority for Waseca County Ditch 26 (“CD 26”), will hold a final hearing on the viewers’ report of benefits and damages for the pending redetermination of benefits and damages of CD 26. The viewers’ report has been filed with the Drainage Authority. The hearing will be held on September 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., or thereafter as the agenda allows, in the Commissioners’ Room of the East Annex, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota 56093. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

CD 26 consists of subsurface tile and open ditch, with the main tile starting in the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, just south of the north section line, then draining northerly into the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, then westerly into the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5, then northerly and northwesterly across the West Half of Section 5, then westerly along the quarter-quarter section line between the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 5, then outletting into the open ditch of CD 26 near 130th Street, where it continues as open ditch across the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, terminating into Boot Creek in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, all in Township 105 North, Range 22 West (New Richland Township), Waseca County, Minnesota.

CD 26 includes Branch A with Laterals A1 and A2, Branch C, Branch E, and the Madison Outlet. The starting point for Branch A is in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7 just west of 130th Street, then drains northwesterly into the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 7, then north and northeasterly across the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 7, the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5 where it confluences with the CD 26 main tile. Branch A includes Lateral A 2 in the northeast corner of said Section 7 and the southeast corner of said Section 6, and Lateral A-1 starting in the Northwest Quarter of said Section 8 just south of the north section line and draining northwesterly into the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5 where it confluences with Branch A. Branch A also includes the Madison Outlet which starts in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 8 and drains northerly, east of 130th Street until it confluences with Branch A. Branch C starts in the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8 and drains north into the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5 where it confluences with the CD 26 main tile. Branch E starts just north of the south quarter-section line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 5 and drains southwesterly until it confluence with the CD 26 main tile in the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5.

The viewers’ report, along with amendments, if any, all property owners’ reports, and records describing the drainage system are available for inspection by contacting Chris Howard by email or phone at chris.howard@wasecacounty.gov or (507) 835-0534.

At the final hearing, the Drainage Authority will accept public comment regarding the viewers’ report. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment per the instructions above. Written comments may be submitted by email or by U.S. Mail to Chris Howard (chris.howard@wasecacounty.gov or Land & Water Resources Director, Chris Howard, at 307 North State Street, Waseca, MN 56093). All comments received prior to the final hearing will be submitted into the record.

The following properties are affected by the redetermination of benefits and damages for CD 26:

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The following governmental entities are affected by the redeterminations of benefits and damages for CD 26:

WASECA COUNTY; NEW RICHLAND TOWNSHIP.

Dated: August 20, 2024

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WASECA COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CD 26 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

/s/ Brian Harguth, Chairperson /s/ Michael Johnson

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On August 21, 2024, the Waseca County Sheriff's Office received the donation of two all steel memorial benches for the two sheriffs who were killed while in office, one in 1940 and one in 1976. The benches were hand built by V/M Engineering & Associates in Faribault, Minn. The owners, Todd and Merle Vold, and fabrication manager Mark Clevenger collaborated with the Donald D.

Eustice Scholarship Committee to design the benches. A badge design which appears on the benches was created by Kyle Roers at Clear Cut Metal Art of Janesville. Pictured with the benches are Sheriff Jay Dulas, Investigator Joseph Roeker, Todd Vold of V/M Engineering & Associates, Chief Deputy Doug Gerdt, and Cheryl Clevenger—a member of the Donald D.



Eustice Scholarship Committee. Roeker and Clevenger acted as coordinators for the project. Sheriff Dulas commented, "We are very grateful for the

wonderful donations and really appreciate all the hard work and time everyone put into this project. The benches will be at the Waseca County Sheriff's Office for everyone to enjoy.

Feel free to stop in the sheriff's office lobby and see them." Engraved on the benches is the message that they are in memory of Sheriff Lemick A. Larson (EOW 09/29/1940) and

Sheriff Donald D. Eustice (EOW 09/04/1976). We must never forget each met his "end of watch" in service to the Waseca County community.

Peterson to lead Waseca band department

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

New Waseca band director Anders Peterson says teaching is something he decided on back in the eighth grade: "During a career research unit, I just so happened to be the only one of my friends who did not research being a band director. Oddly enough, I am the only one who followed through," he says. Originally from Dassel, Minnesota, Peterson graduated from Luther College in spring (2024) with a BA in Music Education and will be moving to Faribault. He says he is excited to begin his teaching career here in Waseca and will do his best to keep the Waseca band legacy alive. "My involvement with differing marching arts has informed me of the reputation the Waseca band program holds here in Minnesota. Specifically, being a member of River City Rhythm for 8 years means that I've spent many hours rehearsing at Waseca School's facilities and getting to know high school director Devon Lawrence very well. It seemed like the perfect opportunity to become a part of a program and be able to work with a colleague I know well." Peterson believes his favorite part of teaching will be seeing the students' pride and excitement in their achievements, which he says are "always a joy and a motivator to keep teaching. When students really take ownership in their education and pursue the subject simply because of their enjoyment, that's when real learning happens. It is one of the most fulfilling experi-



Waseca Band Director
Anders Peterson

ences both as a student and a teacher." The one thing this music students will leave his classroom with? "I'm not expecting every student to become the next biggest star, but I'm hoping they can all understand the music they hear playing over the radio and appreciate the process it took to make it," Peterson says.

DePauw joins Waseca special education department

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

Johnathan (JJ) DePauw knew he was destined to teach: "Since I was a child, I have always wanted to grow up and help people. I went through college looking for the right place for me to make a difference. With my skills, personality, and goals; it seemed like education was the fit for me," he says. "I have a fun-loving, energetic, people-person personality which helps me a lot in the classroom!" DePauw, who lives in Waseca with his wife, Ashley DePauw; dog, Penelope (Penny); and newborn son, joins the special education team while completing his Master's degree. "This is the second district I have taught at and hopefully my last! I taught for 3.5 years at Tri City United Schools," DePauw says. "I taught for a semester as a long-term substitute in a seventh- and eighth-grade history classroom, and I spent the next 3 years working in special education! I enjoyed every minute of it, and I look forward to continuing my special education journey in Waseca Public Schools!" DePauw's wife is also a teacher, at the Waseca Intermediate School (WIS). "We decided that this is the city where we would like to raise our children, so I planned to teach here as soon as the opportunity presented itself." The one thing DePauw's students will leave his classroom with is confidence. "I want my students to feel that they have what it takes to reach their goals in life, no matter what they are told or what they have gone through." When he is not at school, DePauw likes to spend time with his family and friends, playing board games, yard games, card games, bowling, or watching movies.



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1924

- Until he was seventeen years old, Charles G. Rider worked on his father’s farm. For six years thereafter he was employed as a laborer in a lumber mill. This was followed by enlistment and service in the army, first as a private and later as a sergeant of the Headquarters Company of the 361st infantry. In the Argonne Forest on October 12, 1918, he received multiple gunshot wounds in his right hand, arm, hip, and leg. These necessitated four months in the hospital at Lineofes. He was then returned to America and discharged on a surgeon’s certificate of disability. Besides his wounds he is further disabled by certain chest conditions.

- In the passing of Arthur Graham whose death occurred at his home on Monday morning (Sept. 1), Janesville loses one of its best known citizens. He was never a rugged man but up to within three weeks of his death had been in usual health. At that time intimate friends noted his apparent decline. It came rapidly. The last time he ventured out was on Saturday the 23rd. But it was with difficult that he was enabled to reach home. Death was due to a general breaking down from ills incident to advancing years.

- The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Severson was the scene Saturday evening of a prettily appointed wedding, when Miss Verna Severson, youngest daughter, became the bride of Mr. Wheaton Williams, of Minneapolis. The solemn vows were exchanged in the living room of the home, before an improvised altar of green and lighted candles, and in the presence of more than 100 attendants. Rev. T. Ross Paden, past of the First Presbyterian Church, Mankato, performed the ceremony.

1949

- The Janesville Red Sox tangled with Elysian in a listless baseball game at the latter place on Sunday afternoon, and when the smoke cleared away, the score read, Janesville 12, Elysian 3. The Sox collected a total of 14 hits off the slants of Ritchison and Miller, three of which were circuit clouts by Bob Scheuneman, Hang and Story. Elysian came through with 10 hits. The Sox started with Story on the hill, followed by Bob Schueneman and Haag in that order.

- Because of small enrollments, District 61, 83, and 94 have closed. District 61 will transport to Janesville, District 83 to Waldorf and Minnesota Lake, and District 94 to New Richland. Some schools have large enrollments and closed to seventh and eighth grades. Such districts are 3, 5, 7, 10, 23, 25, 55, 74, and 91. In such schools the district does not have an added expense transporting the seventh and eighth grades. The tuition is paid directly to the superintendent of the independent district by the state and county. The district pays the transportation but is later reimbursed by the state and county Laws 1947, Chapter 633 as amended by Laws of 1949, Chapter 732, 128.07 Subd. 5.

- The Army’s “fightingest” Division was a product of the upper Midwest, according to a recent communication from the Department of the Army. The 34th Infantry Division composed of National Guardsman from Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota, is credited with having more combat time than any other American Division in World War II.

1974

- Two new Trinity teachers, David Schelp and Mrs. Mike Lund will be installed into the teaching ministry at the 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, August 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church. A reception for the two new teachers will be held at Trinity School following the service.

- Janesville area youngsters put away the bicycles and bars and picked up the books for the first time this morning as school got underway at Janesville Public and Trinity Lutheran. Both schools will have full days for the rest of this week. Then the youngsters will get a one-day break Monday for Labor Day before settling down to the five-day school routine.

- Twenty-three drivers from Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota gave Sprintway International Kart Track its baptism of fire Sunday afternoon. Sunday’s kart races were the first of four planned this fall for the Janesville track located southwest of town on the Fred Schnepf farm. The track is managed by Schnepf’s son, Richard.

- “The Countdown to D-Day starts Monday,” says Becky Mulcahey, president of the Janesville Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America. Monday, September 9 signals the start of the four-week countdown to Minnesota D-Day on October 7 – that Don’t Smoke Day that will be the broadest assault on smoking by a single state in the history of the U.S. D-Day is being sponsored locally by the JHS F.H.A. Chapter, in cooperation with the Janesville State Bank.

1999

- Janesville’s future forecast shows opportunities for plenty of growth and city planner, Tana Nereson, is excited to implement the projects. “I think this town is going places,” Nereson said. Nereson’s first day with the city was Monday, Aug. 23. She spent the first week familiarizing herself with the city and its many projects. Among those projects Nereson plans to pursue is the development of Prairie Ridge subdivision’s Outlot B. the planning and zoning commission is currently looking into dividing Outlot B into additional residential lots.

- District residents still have time to put their name on the upcoming Nov. 2 election ballot. The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 2, at which time three members will be elected to the Janesville-Waldorf- Pemberton School Board for four year terms.

- Three new smiling faces have joined the staff at Trinity Lutheran School in Janesville. Those staff members recently hired for the eighth-grade school include Roxanne Broring, Carrie Kroenke, and Joan Quiram. Roxanne “Roxy” Broring is a full-time pre-kindergarten teacher at TLS. Carrie Kroenke will be teaching fifth-graders in the afternoon at TLS. Her teaching subjects will include religion, math, English and physical education. Joan Quiram’s teaching duties at Trinity Lutheran School cover a variety of subjects. In the morning she will be teaching seventh-grade spelling, social studies and library. She will also be teaching eighth-grade history and will serve as an aide in the lower grades while her class is in religion.

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Waseca

25 Years Ago

-In Tune – The Waseca Marching Jays performed Tuesday night as part of the annual Fall preview at the high school football field. Lutheran Brotherhood #8526 contributed \$433 in matching funds through its challenge campaign to the Waseca Band Boosters.

-It’s a government by the people, for the people and of the people, and four Russians want to know all about the ins and outs of the U.S. democracy. They arrived last Friday ready to find out how it works. However, getting here to study the governmental system was an experience in itself. The four, Anatoli Minjaev, Nataliya Kozlova, Alla Trunkina, and interpreter Elena Burkova arrived in Moscow last week not knowing where they were going in the United States



-Preparing for the first full week of school, Sept. 13-17, S.O.S. program organizers and volunteers tried on their hot pink hats. From left to right: Linda Grant, Irene Jeddeloh, Barb Penny, and Diane Forsythe will be among the women who will Stand Out for Safety.

-The hot pink caps are free. If all goes as planned, there will be women wearing the pink caps on streets and near school bus stops in neighborhoods from school; to show them that adults care about them.

50 Years Ago

-Directors of the Waseca County Fair Board met Wednesday evening at the fairgrounds. Evaluation of this year’s fair and concern over the financial status of the group were of prime importance. Highlight of the meeting, however, was an appearance and presentation by Norvin Rueckert, director of the Waseca County Vocational Center. Fair Board secretary Fred Halstead reported that all grand stand shows made money at the fair except the Saturday night Freddy Willer Show. The carnival took in more money than it has ever in the past. Total parking revenue was \$1,625.

-National honors – FCA CUDDLE GROUP received national honors in the May 1974 issue of the Christian Athlete, the FCA’s national magazine. The Cuddle Group now numbers over 80 Waseca girls.

-With students – MIDDLE SCHOOL supervisor Jim O’Regan meets with students (left to right) Pete Madel, Shelia Evenson, and Michelle Denn against the background of a collage on the first day of school Wednesday.

75 Years Ago



-Mr. Rosenau, a former resident of Wilton township, will occupy the pulpit at Trinity Lutheran church (Wilton) this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Rosenau is at present a student of theology at Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, Mo. During the past summer, he assisted at the radio station K.F.U.O. located at the campus of the St. Louis seminary.

-Political activity in Minnesota is due to take a big spurt during the next several weeks. Both major parties are projecting large-scale campaigns for the rallying of their forces, and, when Congress adjourns, members of the Minnesota delegation will be back in the state to begin the customary fence-rebuilding activity.



-CHAMPION PUREBRED SOUTHDOWN LAMB – Carolyn Frisk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Frisk of New Richland, was awarded this top honor at the State Fair for the lamb shown above. She was awarded a grand championship ribbon at the Waseca county fair which entitled her to compete at the State Fair.

100 Years Ago

-Herman Isker’s trotter, “Gay Boy” won second place in the 2:25 trot at the Owatonna fair last week. Gay Boy won third money in the 2:30 trot at both the Albert Lea and Austin fairs. In the Austin race he bear a Canadian horse which made a mark of 2:15 at the Owatonna fair. Gay Boy is racing at the Wabasha County Fair at Plainview this week.

-The Waseca county’s forty-fifth annual county fair opened yesterday noon and has been going full blast since. The exhibits are exceptionally good, considering the early season, and the list of attractions is large enough and varied enough to suit almost any taste. There is a carnival, a merry-go-round a Ferris wheel, and a hundred and one other attractions. There are free shows and sows that charge admission, there are eats and drinks (non-intoxicating) in unlimited quantities, there is band music and jazz music, races, ball games, etc., etc.

-C.L. Plummer, who began raising poultry this spring on his farm north of town, took a pen of White Leghorns to the Steele county fair last week. He won first prize on pen in the White Leghorn class and second prize on sweepstakes, for the best pen of any breed of poultry exhibited at the fair. Not so bad for a beginning in the poultry game.

New Richland

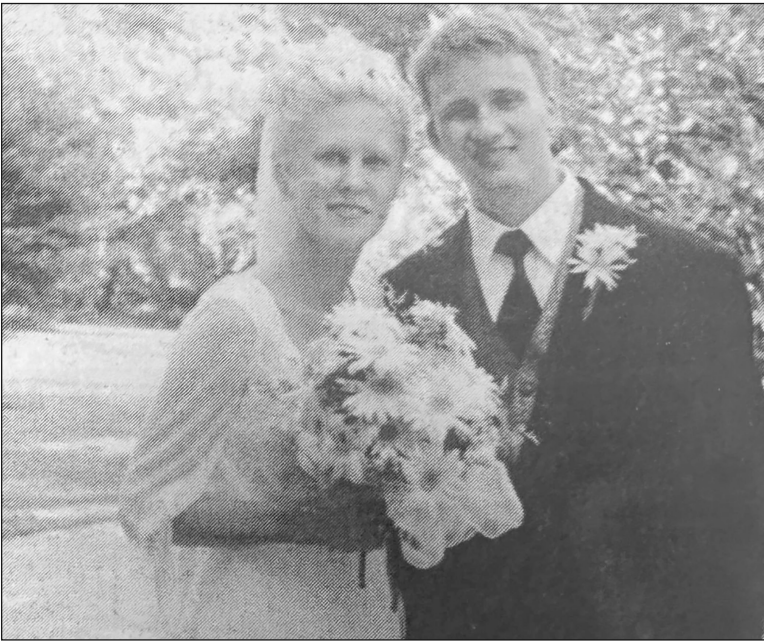
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● New Richland Hartland Ellendale Geneva School District 2168 will be holding a general election on Tuesday November 2, 1999. At the election, three members will be elected to the school board for terms of four years each. School Board members whose terms are up for election this year are: Shirley Jensen, Gretchen Supalla, and Richard Chicos.

● The Child Care Advisory Group at Albert Lea Medical Center will again offer free First Aid and CPR training area day care providers and child care workers. The program format includes four hours of First Aid training in infant, child and adult classifications. In addition, four hours of CPR training under the American Health Standard will be presented by Albert Lea Medical Center Ambulance staff.

● It’s not just a better building, its better access to medical care for patients at Owatonna Clinic- part of Mayo Health System. “It will be more efficient for staff to go between the emergency room and urgent care and allow us to add space for additional emergency room staff,” said David Berg, administrator at Owatonna Clinic. Patients also will have better access and can enter directly into urgent care on evenings, and weekends through the north entrance.

● Corey Clark, son of JoAnne and Doug Hacker of Ellendale has been named to the 4th Quarter Gold (3.75) Honor Roll at the Minnesota State Academy for the deaf Faribault.



● Kristina and Micah Eastvold. Kristina and Marie Wilemon and Micah Richard Eastvold were married at 2 p.m. at the Kemper Center Chapel in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Pastor Mitch Dowell performed the double-ring-ceremony. Kristina is the daughter of Wiliam and Kathy Wilemon of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois. Matron of honor was Jennifer Kapity, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tanya Miller, friend of the bride, Stephanie Breckenfeld, cousin of the bride, and Amy Greenwald, friend of the bride. The flower girl was Stephanie Mongulla, friend of the bride.



● Back L. to R: Genevive Toland (sophomore), Vivian Randall (Jr.), Principal B. E. Bergeson, coach, Iris Wayne (Jr.), Violet Jensen (Sophomore); Front L. to R.: Helen Johnson (Sr.), Verna Gruetzmacher (Jr.), Olive Lewisin (Sr.), Captain. The first class to graduate from Ellendale High School was in 1923 (before that only classes 1-8 were taught in Ellendale). There was both a girls and a boys team, each coached by the same person. In 1925, after a season of games against the surrounding towns, the girls record was; 10 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. They had outscored their opponents 509 to 229. The girls win was a very important event in this newly formed district and the trophy still looks very impressive.

50 years back

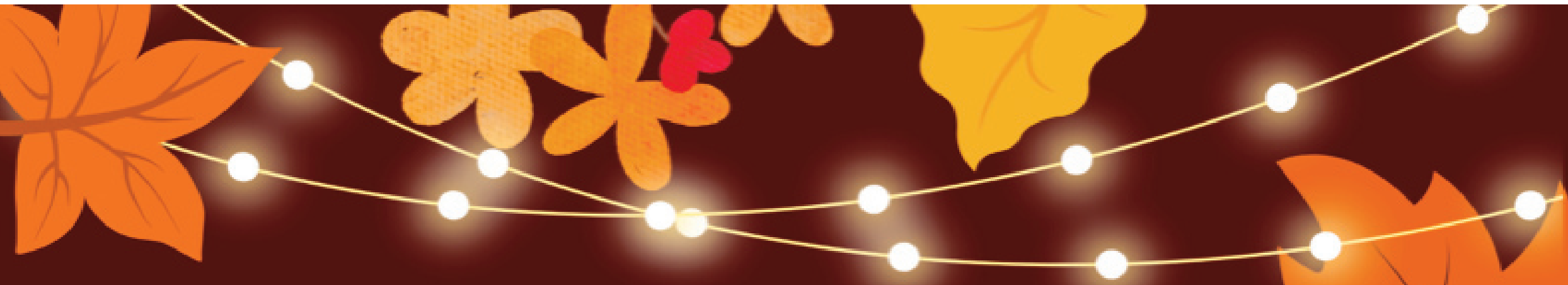


● Dick and Anita Borland have been remodeling and setting up their new restaurant for a week, but Monday was the big day in Clarks Grove for the couple. After running various restaurants and cafes over the years, most recently the Chow House in Albert Lea, they’ve opened up shop just 3 miles from their rural Clarks Grove home.

● Steve’s Market owners, Steve and Donnavan Eaker, recently returned from the American Meat Processors Association Annual Convention held at Bally’s Grand Hotel in Reno, NV on August 3-6. Steve had entered his homemade meat products in the ProductShow and came away with a Grand Champion placing in Ring Bologna and a Champion placing in Smoked Turkey. He also placed fifth in Dried Beef. Judging was done by professors from different universities throughout the country and other experts in the meat in the meat industry for the Product Show.

● Jean Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Richards of Ellendale, is recently enrolled at Lowthian College in Minneapolis. Lowthian College is dedicated to the teaching of fashion merchandising and is accredited by AICS, Washington, D.C. Jean’s major will prepare her for a career in retailing and related business.

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204 2ND ST SW - WASECA

9/12 - PAINT & SIP
9/21 - CLASSIC CAR SHOW
9/26 - HORSERACES
10/10 - PAINT & SIP

JONNIE BEANS

204 2ND ST SW - WASECA

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