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On January 10, 2025, Waseca High School sent 31 students to participate in a District Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Competition in Owatonna. Of the participants, 22 are moving on to the state competition from March 2 to 4 in Minneapolis. The top finishers from Waseca include: Lexi Kanewischer, First in Advanced Interview; Cash Lynch, First in Employment Interview; Jolee Larson, second in Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling. The table at left includes all the students moving on to state competition.

DECA is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Its competitions are designed to provide high school and college students with hands-on experiences that develop their leadership, problem-solving, and business skills. Participants compete in various events, including role plays, case studies, and prepared presentations, often simulating real-world scenarios in business and entrepreneurship. These competitions challenge students to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate their expertise in specific career clusters.

Daddy Daughter Dance at the Central Building Friday, Feb. 7

The central building in Waseca is hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. Cost is \$22, additional daughters are \$12, enter door #15. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

St. Olaf Lake Ice Fishing Contest 2 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 8

The New Richland Sportsmen's Club St. Olaf Lake ice fishing contest will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 on St. Olaf Lake, east of New Richland. Holes will be drilled in advance; fish houses are allowed. Food will be available for sale, and prizes will be offered in various categories.

Rotary Pickleball Classic Tournament at The Mill Sat., Feb. 8

The Waseca Rotary Club will be putting on a Pickleball Classic Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 8 at The Mill. 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. signup. Gameplay from 9:15 a.m. till 5 p.m. Ages 16 and up. \$100 entry fee, 2 person teams, double elimination with 25 minute games. Waseca Area Foundation.

Mini Book Birdhouse building at Waldorf Public Library Tuesday, Feb. 11

Create an adorable mini bookish birdhouse at Waldorf Public Library at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11th. This event is geared for ages 8-12.

Lego Club at Janesville Library Tuesday, Feb. 11

Kids ages 7-12 are invited to a creative Lego-building club at Janesville's Public Library at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. Enjoy the magic of Legos by ditching the instruction manual and building their own creations.

*A word from
The Word*

*God thunders
wondrously with his
voice; he does great
things that we cannot
comprehend.*

Job 37:5

Maybe two “wrongs” can make a “right”

Fabric recycler Josh Hicks

By **DEB BENTLY**
News Editor

Josh Hicks sees two wrongs he would like to work toward making right.

One is that military veterans have trouble fitting back into society after their service. For any number of tragic reasons, an average of 22 of them die by suicide each day in the United States.

The other is that perfectly usable—and sometimes even highly sought-after—clothing ends up being discarded.

Hicks, 49, is a Rapidan area resident, an electrician, and, with his wife Trisha, a parent with one child as young as 3.

He also continues to experience aftereffects from a traumatic brain injury he suffered while a member of the infantry in the marines from 1995 to 1999. Typical treatments offered by the veterans' administration, he says, “push” the use of painkillers and other substances which, he believes, “mess with your head.”

Hicks believes he has a simpler, more natural solution for much of the alienation veterans often feel: the company of other veterans. He says he came across this solution quite naturally when he has happened across other veterans in his day-to-day interactions.

“I find out they were in the service, and I feel this huge sense of relief,” he says energetically. “Here, with this person. I can be myself.”

By way of explanation, Hicks says “Being in the military changes who you are. The way you see



Rapidan area resident Josh Hicks is working to keep reusable fabric and clothing out of landfills while using any proceeds to help veterans. The name of his Facebook page, "22NoMore," refers to his goal of shrinking the number of veterans who die by suicide each day. He is pictured here next to the clothing bin at the Waseca County Recycling Center.

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Identify Frosty for share of \$1,500

It's time again for the annual Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Identify Frosty event. This year's event is the 27th installment of the annual contest.

Who is Frosty?

Identify FROSTY and win some cash! Prize money totaling \$1,500.00 is waiting to be won. FROSTY is a Waseca County resident chosen to be an ambassador for the Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Festival. Follow the clues and guess FROSTY'S name.

Grand prize is \$300.00. If you are at the official unmasking at the Star Fire Event Center at 8:30 p.m., on Friday, February 21, 2025, you will win an additional \$50.00. First correct guess from Janesville, New Richland and Waseca wins

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Pioneer Publisher Eli Lutgens, Sports Editor Jim Lutgens, News Editor Deb Bently together at the annual Minnesota Newspaper Association awards banquet January 30, 2025.

Photo by Johnnie Phillips

Pioneer writers, newspaper garner 14 awards during annual banquet

First in General Reporting, Sports Reporting; second in General Excellence

The Waseca County Pioneer and its writers took home 14 awards during the Minnesota Newspaper Association's (MNA) annual awards banquet January 30, 2025 at Marriott North in Brooklyn Park.

In its second year of eligibility for consideration, the Pioneer earned two first- and three second-place plaques. The two firsts, came in the General Reporting and Sports Reporting categories. Three second-place finishes came in the coveted General Excellence category; Classified Advertising and Editorial Page as a Whole. Last year the Pioneer finished second in General Excellence and General Reporting; third in Sports Reporting and did not place in Classified Advertising or Editorial Page.

Judges' comments included, "Some really good photography and engaging writing."

And, "One of the most elegant and classy design layouts I've seen for a classified section."

Finally, "The Pioneer's clean, crisp page design earned its place."

Newspapers from across the state submitted entries for consideration in

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Compostings

by Al Batt

Hartland dealership closing

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

I need an appointment. How about 10 tomorrow morning?

No, thanks, I need only one appointment.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. It's been a gentle winter. January didn't have too many days, and I could have done most of my snow shoveling with a spatula. The groundhog saw its shadow on Groundhog Day, so we'll have six more weeks before we need to take down the Christmas decorations. I'd come to a spork in the road. It's hard to know what to do when that happens. I had to go somewhere, so I headed west to a cafe where one size of fries fits all.

"Go west, young man, go west," was an expression first used by John Babsone Lane Soule in the Terre Haute Express in 1851. It appealed to Horace Greeley, who rephrased it slightly in an editorial in the New York Tribune in 1865: "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country."

I enjoyed a hamburger and fries for lunch. For dinner, I made myself a cheese sandwich. Why? Because I was hungry and I knew how to make a cheese sandwich. One slice of bread had a hole in it where the baker had crawled through. Minimal flavor had escaped. It was all good.

I'VE LEARNED

I've never bought a pillow. The car you need to pay the most attention to when driving is the car behind the car in front of you.

I really brightened the day for my wife's birthday. I changed a couple of light bulbs.

Geology rocks, but geography is where it's at. I had a schoolmate who was so bad at geography, he could never find the classroom.

Mothers hear you when you're quiet.

A mature alligator has 80 teeth. They have no molars for crushing and grinding food before they swallow it. Lost teeth are replaced. An alligator may go through 2,000 to 3,000 teeth in its lifetime. And they never lose.

My neighbor Crandall called the front desk of a hotel where he was a guest and told the clerk he couldn't find the door to get out of his room. He said that one door went to the bathroom, one allowed entry to the closet, and the other had a "Do not disturb" sign on it.

Some people interpret three consecutive sneezes as a sign of good luck, that someone is thinking positively about you or that you're about to receive a blessing.

I was traveling during a recent spring when I found angry hailstones. My car had substantial hail damage, plus it had a couple of extra dents, which were door dings given anonymously by generous people. I couldn't include that damage in my insurance claim. I have to look at myself in the mirror each day. That can be hard enough to do without a guilty conscience.

NEWS FROM HARTLAND HAROLD

The only auto dealership in Hartland is closing its doors. The minute the last brand new car is driven off the lot, it will signal the end of Routh Studebaker. General Manager Mark Bernard is considering a career in agronomy.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

How can I tell if there is an elephant in my refrigerator? The door won't close.

Parallel lines have so much in common, it's a shame they'll never meet.

Without a doubt, my favorite movie starring Robin Williams is "Mrs. Fire."

I put an ad in the newspaper: "Wanted: Someone to hand-feed me my Doritos so my fingers won't become orange. No weirdos."

NATURE NOTES

Some horned larks spend the winter in southern Minnesota, while those that had migrated, begin returning to Minnesota in early February through late March. Horned larks get their name from the black feathers protruding above their heads. The only lark native to North America creeps along bare ground searching for tiny seeds. When flushed into flight by a car, a horned lark looks pale with a blackish tale.

The courteous winter weather makes me expect a bountiful crop of fawns in May and June. I saw a pair of red-tailed hawks perched on a utility pole. Crows stood on top of road-killed deer and raccoons. The birds posed as if they were big-game hunters. Three trumpeter swans flew over. Minnesota has the highest population of trumpeters in the lower 48 states, about 55,000. I smelled skunk and spring in the air. An amorous skunk has a 4-square-mile territory. Great horned owls hunt them. A male skunk is called a buck and a female a doe. You might recall this exchange from "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

Lou Grant: "You got a lotta skunk."

Mary Richards: "Why thank you, Mr. Grant."

Lou Grant: "I HATE skunk."

Lou Grant, played by Ed Asner, said "spunk," not "skunk."

MEETING ADJOURNED

Make yourself useful. Be kind.

A vastly increased respect for farming

I have been told more than once not to refer to "soil" as "dirt."

I was happy to comply, and agreed fully with the sentiment that the ground we walk on is much more than mere dirt beneath our feet.

Last week, I attended one day's worth of the Soil Health Summit presented by the University of Minnesota Extension. I tried to be strategic about it, although the schedule made it evident I would only be scratching the surface of all there was to learn. First of all, four sessions were being offered at a time and I had to choose among them. Second, I lacked the technical understanding to follow everything that was being said.

I can tell you I came away from the gathering with a vastly increased respect for what it takes to be a farmer these days. It's a tightrope walk every year, with a need to make plans before the ground thaws, and no way to know what will happen once the crops are in the ground.

What I want to mention here, though, is the respect I came away with for our soil.

I've been told before, and would have trouble forgetting, that there are more microbes in a teaspoon of soil than there are humans on planet earth. Those microbes are what keep the soil vibrant.

So in writing this column, I have



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

played a small "word association" game inside my head. I am going to describe some of the images which come to mind when I hear the word "soil."

One is the prairie which used to cover much of Waseca County. Those tall grasses grew such thick roots that the first settlers who came hoping to break up that prairie could not use their traditional plows.

I am told that, until John Deere came up with a stainless steel plow blade, all attempts to cut through those thick roots were futile. Native Americans, I understand, grew their crops in selected parts of the forests rather than out on the prairie.

I am also informed that the indigenous Dakota would have trouble gathering for their powwows because of the height and thickness of the native plants. They developed a "grass dance," performed by some of their most physically capable

members, whose steps were designed to flatten a wide area of standing grass and allow a group of people to gather.

I once had a visitor from another state ask me, "Why is the ground so black here?" The question took me completely by surprise. When I responded, "What color is your soil?" the answer was "reddish-brown."

Many of us take the rich heritage beneath our feet for granted, but that heritage has the capacity to feed the world.

During the soil summit, trivia questions would appear on some screens located throughout the facility. One regarded earthworms. Did you know a single worm can "eat" 26 tons of soil in a year? Incredible.

The members of one group, the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition (MSHC) had a rather dramatic display they titled "How to soil your undies." Fastened to a display board

were four pairs of men's underwear in various states of decay.

Some information they shared was that the fabric of the skivvies could indicate the vibrancy of the microbes in various patches of ground. While I'm skipping over some detail, here, the experiment encourages folks to decide how many patches they wish to compare, acquire that many pairs of brand new, 100-percent-cotton underwear, then bury them for two or three months in those various locations. The less that remains of the fabric, the harder the microbes in the soil have been working—an indicator of soil "health."

The skivvies fastened to the display board were impressive in their variety: one pair still looked usable, the most "processed" ones were barely recognizable rags. They looked like they had been buried for decades rather than weeks.

If you want to carry out this experiment, full instructions are on the organization's website, www.mnsoil-health.org.

One more point in my "word association" game. If the details about dirt...I mean "soil"...are so rich and complex, imagine how fascinating every element of nature must be. What a wondrous planet we inhabit. Aren't we fortunate to be here?

'Have goals, but not strict boundaries'

I've had quite a few good conversations this week, and as someone who enjoys thinking about things and analyzing them, please, let me share my thoughts on some topics.

My first notable conversation was with Eli.

I asked to talk with Eli to discuss my after-graduation plans, as I have been fortunate enough to work at the Waseca County Pioneer for four years now. I have been an intern and reporter during the summer, and have taken care of behind-the-scenes tasks the rest of the year. I would like at least part of that to continue, whatever my future endeavors happen to be. Thankfully, Eli assured me that I could help out virtually and work from anywhere, which is really nice.

But then we started talking more about futures and living life, which seems to be the theme of many of my conversations lately. But that's logical I guess, given that I and all my friends will be graduating college in three months.

Eli and I talked about my hopes and dreams, what I could possibly do, what my dream job would be versus what I'm willing to take. It was also helpful to hear how Eli got to where he is now and what he's learned along the way; I gladly took the wisdom he gave me.

"It's important to have goals, but not put strict boundaries on them," he told me.



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

Which is good, because that's exactly where I'm at. Yeah, I'd like a great job doing what I think would be fun, but I'm also open for whatever life decides to throw at me. And that's okay.

Another conversation that stuck with me this week was one I had in class, talking about artificial intelligence. We had read a New York Times article talking about a guy who had spent two hours chatting with the Bing AI bot and what he had learned from it. Basically, the article was about how this reporter had pushed boundaries with this AI and asked some more intimate questions, asking what it would do or how it would think or feel if it was sentient or not held back by the rules and guidelines Bing had set on the AI bot.

The interesting part, though, was the fact that after a while, the bot turned into what the reporter described as a "moody teenager," begging the reporter to leave his wife

because the bot loved him and knew he loved the bot. The AI even responded with plentiful emojis.

So in class we talked about AI, the impact, why it responds the way it does, why people fear it will become sentient.

A Google engineer was fired for claiming AI had become sentient. A lot of people in society who use social media or listen to misinformation are scared that it will become cognizant. I will admit, after reading that NYT article, I, too, began to fear the unknown powers of AI.

But in class we talked about how, despite this fear, people don't understand that AI is really just one thing: a mirror.

AI is not sentient and never will be. It has just become knowledgeable at analyzing our thoughts and words and responding the same way, thinking it is how we want it to respond. In October, a 14-year-old boy killed himself after chatting with an AI chatbot. The mom claimed it was due

to chatting with the bot, where the boy had expressed thoughts of depression and suicide.

While there is obviously need for AI and chatbots to react better—and especially to provide more help to those expressing thoughts of suicide or death, it just proves that AI only knows how to mirror, reflect the thoughts.

So while I know now that AI isn't sentient, the knowledge that it is just reflecting whatever thoughts and feelings I express is unsettling to me. Thankfully, I avoid using it.

On a lighter note, my roommate and I had a great conversation about relationships and how this time in our lives is when the second wave of people we know, our age, are getting engaged or married. The first wave is those who get engaged or married right after high school. Now we are reaching the end of college, where more people are getting engaged again. We like to talk about it as we hold the knowledge that it will be a long while for either of us. It's just fun to update each other on our high school friends or people we know riding the high of this second wave. Congratulations to everyone involved in those waves.

My Determination: "I did it again. I said something helpful and went past it." - Francine Smith, American Dad!

■ Hicks

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the world, the ways you connect with people—those will never be what they were before.

"When I'm with someone else who was in the service, and especially with another marine, I can talk and act naturally without worrying I'm being judged."

Hicks believes the sense of alienation and "apartness" veterans feel contributes heavily to the number of suicides.

"They think they can't fit in," says Hicks. "I know from experience it's a lonely feeling."

Thinking of the relief he feels in the company of other veterans, he believes an important way to help former servicemen find stability and comfort is simply to bring them together and allow them to share the uplifting camaraderie he's experienced.

As an electrician who specializes in construction work, Hicks finds himself with spare time during the colder months of the year. A hobby he enjoys is visiting thrift stores across a fairly wide swath of southern Minnesota and northern Iowa.

One proprietor he particularly admires is Jamie Spaid of S.S. Boutique in Mankato. Like nearly all thrift stores, S.S. Boutique offers used items for sale at prices well below "new"; it is also a central tenet of the business that it will provide clothing to those who express a need—whether the request is for a

"Items get a new life. They're making someone happy instead of lying in a landfill somewhere."

— Josh Hicks

child outgrowing his or wardrobe or someone who needs dressy clothes for a job interview or other important occasion.

Hicks occasionally volunteers for Spaid. In helping her market some of the high-end vintage items which are often donated, he has learned some things about the used clothing market.

One is that he has become something of an expert at cleaning and refurbishing items with small flaws which might otherwise make them unsalable. "I know how to remove stains," he declares. "Usually when I get done with it, the item looks like new."

He has also become experienced at recognizing and marketing items which may be of interest to certain buyers.

"That 1960s dress in Grandma's closet might be just the thing someone in L.A. or London or Japan would like to have," he observes. "People will buy certain types of items because they make a statement or they stand out."

"And they wear them," he says, "so those items get a new life. They're making someone happy instead of lying in a landfill somewhere."

He also tells the story of having found souvenir t-shirts for bands or special events. "Maybe someone had one like that once, and would really enjoy the feeling of wearing it

again," he points out.

Although he admits it will take time and he still has many details to work out, Hicks has made a beginning toward turning the "wrong" of wasted clothing into the "rights" of happy customers and income he would like to use to help veterans.

"If I get everything the way I would like, someday the store could pay me a living wage and I could spend all my time on projects for veterans," he speculates. "The most important part to me is finding ways to help veterans feel appreciated and supported."

One very visible part of the project is a large bin at the Waseca County Recycling Center along Highway 13 south of Waseca. In place for only a few weeks so far, the bin has already been filled to capacity a few times.

Hicks invites people to bag or box no-longer-used clothing of all types. "I'll find a home for all of it," he says. What can't be made suitable for resale will also be used, he goes on to say. Old blankets, for example, are very welcome at humane shelters. Unsalvageable clothing and other fabric can be made into rags used during painting and cleaning projects.

"If it's truly trash, please throw it away," he says of soiled or badly worn fabric items. "But if it has any sort of use left in it, put it in the bin."

In addition to the bin at the recycling center, Hicks has posted flyers

on community boards at various area businesses. If people touch base with him, he says, he will work to arrange picking items up at their homes.

"Sometimes people have to empty a house so it can be put up for sale. They might be in a hurry, so they just throw everything in a truck and take it to a landfill," Hicks observes. "I would come and take the clothing away," he offers.

Even though it is only in its beginning stages, Hicks says he has gotten some clues he's on the right track. "I keep coming across fellow veterans," he says. "They've loved the idea, and they've been very generous offering their help and support." He mentions Justin Lehrke of Janesville's Bin Pro. Hicks says he and Lehrke felt an instant connection when they shared the information both were former marines. Lehrke has offered insights and advice, and even the occasional loan of equipment when it comes to collecting and hauling items away. Hicks speaks energetically about the many possibilities he is working toward—a sales outlet which offers quality items at "real thrift store" prices; a project for veterans to share which also gives them the comfort and relief of working with people who understand them; income for projects which help veterans feel less isolated.

"The possibilities are endless," he says. "It will take some time and some work, but anything we can do to make that number of suicides—22—smaller will be worth it."

Anyone wishing to contact Josh Hicks can use his Facebook page, 22nomore.



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Pine Cone Succulents at Janesville Public Library Tues., Feb. 11
Transform ordinary pine cones into beautiful, faux succulents at the Janesville Public Library at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. Geared for adults. All supplies are provided at this free, unique crafting event.

Virtual Author Event: Waubgeshig Rice on-line chat Tues., Feb. 11
Watch bestselling author Waubgeshig Rice chat about his newest book Moon of the Turning Leaves, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11th. This hotly anticipated sequel to the bestselling novel Moon of the Crusted Snow at a virtual Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library System on-line chat. Must register to attend, register at: at wasecalesueurlibraries.com/getregistered

Cook the Book event at Waseca Library Thursday, Feb. 13
Visit Waseca Public Library to choose a recipe from the selected cookbook: When Southern Women Cook by America's Test Kitchen. Then bring the finished dish to Waseca Public Library at noon on Thursday, February 13th, where the cooks will sample all the dishes and share their experiences. Open to all cooking and baking skill levels!

Toners Lake Vintage Ride Saturday, Feb. 15
Toners Lake Vintage Snowmobile Ride will be from 11 a.m. through 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15. Registration is from 9 a.m. through 10:30 a.m. The starting point will be 8747 415 Ave. Janesville, MN 56048. For more information contact either Marissa at 507-461-4501 or Mark at 507-835-5480.

Jamboys at Indian Island Winery Saturday, Feb. 8
The Jamboys will be playing at the Indian Island Winery from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8. They perform upbeat music acoustically.

Valentines' Dinner at Indian Island Winery Saturday, Feb. 15
There will be a Valentine's Dinner at the Indian Island Winery at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Cost is \$150 per couple and includes two glasses of wine, two, three course dinners catered by Oscar's, entertainment by Generation Gap, a rose and multiple gifts.

Snowmobile Safety Riding Course at Lakeview Park, Janesville, Sat., Feb. 16
There will be a Snowmobile Safety and Riding Course at Lakeview Park on the south end of Lake Elysian in Janesville at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Contact Marty Erdman at 507-420-1109 with questions.

Drawing Club at Janesville Library on Thur., Feb. 20
There will be a Drawing Club at the Janesville Public Library at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20. This is for children ages 10-18. This month the focus will be how to draw different types of mushrooms.

Chris Brooks Band will perform at Starfire Event Center Friday, Feb. 21
The Starfire Event Center will host the Chris Brooks Band from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21. They perform a combination of danceable, current and classic country radio hits. This is part of the Sleigh and Cutter Festival.



From left: McKenzie and Megan Filzen, along with Sandy Matejcek were among those attending the Mike Filzen Poker Run on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025. Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

Mike Filzen Memorial Poker Run a success

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer
The yearly Mike Filzen Memorial Poker Run Ride took place Saturday, Feb. 1, organized by the Waseca Sno-Secas snowmobiling club. A part of the Sleigh and Cutter Festival, the event starts and ends at the Waseca American Legion. This year, more than 30 people took part. Mike Filzen died of cancer at the age of 47 in 2012. Born and raised in Mankato, he came to Waseca when the University of Minnesota Waseca

was still in operation, around 1990, to attend classes there. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Pheasants Forever, Wild Turkey Federation, Lakeside Golf Club, and a member of the Lucky 11. He started his own company, Underground Technologies, which he operated from 2008 to 2012. Every year, the poker run raises money to provide two \$500 scholarships for Waseca Junior Senior High

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From left: Art Center Vice President Penny Vought, President Mikhail Rostislavovich, Kim Harty, Barbara Bauer, Past President Missy Donner.

2025 art season opened with Kim Harty and Barbara Bauer

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer
The Waseca Art Center opened displays by Kim Harty and Barbara Bauer to a full house on Thursday, Jan. 30. Opening words from Waseca Art Council President Mikhail Rostislavovich introduced the pair of creators.
Harty, whose work is featured in the Harguth Gallery, stated, "I am a Waseca native who raised two beautiful daughters here as well. I have been a self-taught artist since the age of six, being influenced by the Impressionist movement. Through the art of noticing, my aim is to capture the fleeting qualities of light, color and atmosphere as well as the emerging psychological principles concerning human consciousness."
Harty's artist statement said "All living and non-living things have their moments to shine, find the extraordinary in the ordinary." Harty said she had to take a break from art when her two children were born, but that she never stopped dabbling in it. She started taking art classes at The Vine in Mankato, where students were given a different challenge every month; things blossomed from there. She pointed to two different sets of paintings which showed four people and said, "I used the scrapings from other paintings and those four unique individuals are what was created. I like to try to capture moments that aren't obvious."
Barbara Bauer is featured in the Beckman portion of the Waseca Art Center. She shared that her career took her away from her artistic studies when she was younger; retirement has brought her back. She has used many different artistic media, including oil pastels, colored pencil, watercolor, acrylic painting, monotypes and Gelli plate printing. But it was upon discovering alcohol inks and encaustic style where she was taken with the looseness and unpredictability of the outcomes. "I find that encaustic is the most challenging medium I've encountered given the guarantee of unexpected results and need for the ability to adapt to what the medium wants to do. Each piece I create is inevitably much different from what I imagined before I started. My work is inspired by landscapes and nature, both rural and urban, but I am most pleased when an abstract or sometimes semi-abstract piece can be interpreted in different ways depending on the viewer."
Bauer's artist statement said, "I believe creating art is not only satisfying and gratifying, it is necessary for mental and emotional health. But equally important is being able to offer something to others to contemplate and enjoy." She also said that encaustic art has been around for centuries, having first been used by the Romans, Egyptians and Greeks. Since the 40s and 50s, she said, there's also been a resurgence in the style.
After the reception, attendees were encouraged to peruse the artists' work and enjoy a chocolate tier and sparkling cider in the Tea Room. Both Harty and Bauer were available to mingle and answer questions.

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a wide array of categories. The Pioneer's work was compared with publications of similar frequency and circulation, referred to as "non-multi day" and with 1,000 or fewer subscribers.
More than 4,000 entries were submitted to MNA for consideration this year.
Of the roughly 40 categories, writers Deb Bently, Jim Lutgens and Eli Lutgens earned 10 individual awards.
Bently earned one first-place finish, her first, as well as a second-place certificate. Last year Bently placed two seconds and a third. Her first-place story was about Patty Wetterling in the Arts and Entertainment category; her other winning story was about the Neighborhood Service Center's Backpack program in the Social Issues Category.
Judges' comments about the Wet-

terling article read, "This was a great piece that really captured the spirit of the event and the author's journey through the process of finding out what happened to her son. The article was well written and the style the writer chose to use in approaching this piece really let the story shine through. It was a pleasure to read."
Jim and Eli Lutgens together took home a first-place plaque for a sports story written about
Keegan Kuball's second state wrestling championship. This was the second first-place finish in as many years for the father/son duo.
Jim also captured a first-place finish in the Sports Feature category for his article titled, "Mr. Baseball" about Waseca legend Tink Larson.
In the same categories, Eli took second in the Sports Feature story for his article titled, "Future of Bluejay Football," a piece about the youth football program. He also took third in the Sports Story category for an article about the NRHEG Cheer Team finishing eighth in the nation.
Eli also took home both a first- and second-place finish for two photos submitted in the News Photo cat-

egory for images captured during the county wildfire in 2024. He garnered a third-place finish in the Crime and Court category for a story about the Waseca/Steele County Drug court program.
Eli has accumulated nine statewide awards from MNA: four first-place finishes, a second and four thirds. He was also featured in the 2024 Editor and Publisher magazine's "25 under 35" edition; was named 2024's Young Reporter of the Year by the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists (MSPJ) and earned a first-place finish in the Investigative Reporting Category in 2022 from MSPJ.
The Pioneer has now earned seven awards as a publication over the past two years: two firsts, four seconds, and a third.
Bently's acknowledgments from MNA now total six: one first, four seconds, and a third.
Jim, as a sports editor with a lifetime in the journalism field, has earned more honors than he can recall. He has many first-place finishes for his sports reporting dating back to the 1980s. His sports sections

earned third- and first-place finishes for the Pioneer the last two years. He has authored three first-place stories in Sports Story and Sports Feature Story categories over the last two years. Notably, the only feature-style pieces he wrote the past two years for the Pioneer have won awards.
"My dad is my favorite writer," Eli states. "Last year, I asked him over and over for months to write a story about Ted Hammond. When he finally did, he thanked me for insisting and also told me I should pay him a little bonus because the story would win an award. It did—first place. This year I asked him to write something special for our anniversary edition. He wrote about Tink Larson. Another first-place pick.
"Thank you to our incredible team of writers, staff, delivery drivers and volunteers," Eli said. "And of course our readers and advertisers. None of this could be done without an excellent community of people. There truly is no better part of the world than Southern Minnesota."
All of the articles referenced here can be found online at waseca-countypioneer.com.

JWP SCHOOL BOARD

JWP installs new member, approves calendar

JANESVILLE JOURNAL -
The JWP School Board welcomed new member Dave Olson on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Olson was one of two newly elected school board members; Monica Erickson, the other new member, was absent from the meeting.

JWP's most pressing business dealt with the attendance policy and deciding the 2025-26 school year calendar. The topic occupied a significant portion of the meeting, with the schedules and preferences of teachers, staff, and administration to be taken into consideration.

The first calendar (dubbed Calendar B) was the least popular, as the winter break was slightly shorter and called for students and staff to be in the building for only two days during one of the holiday weeks and teacher workshop day on Jan. 2. Superintendent Jeremy Erler speculated the workshop day wouldn't be particularly productive. However, a positive element to Calendar B was that the staff development days were the most spread out.

Calendar C was the shortest of the three, with the school year ending before Memorial Day. It included a two-week Christmas break. However, the students and staff had only two days off for Thanksgiving instead of the typical three. This calendar also had a staff development day after New Year's Day; a problem with it was the days set aside for staff training in January and February were close together. Calendar D was a mix of B and C, with three days for Thanksgiving, a similar Christmas break, and a whole week for spring break.

According to Erler, there were some "grumblings" about how votes from staff and the teachers' union were divided. Because of this, Erler wanted the board's opinion on which calendar to choose.

Along with that information, Erler offered a fourth option, which included two weeks of holiday break and three days for Thanksgiving while allowing the students (except seniors) to leave school by May 2. However, it didn't include a spring break, and the teachers and staff would have to return to the building on June 1.

Some board members didn't know which to choose since they wouldn't have any children in school for 2025-26. Board member Dave Olson commented he believed C was the better option. "I'd rather see them done before Memorial Day than after," he said. "It doesn't seem like they get much accomplished after having a long weekend, and they have a few more days before they're done for the summer."

Joan Olson liked Erler's version best; fellow member Kevin Born agreed. Student council representative Eric Daschner gave an interesting perspective. "From what I've seen, everyone likes Christmas break to be as long as possible," he said. "I think most students also prefer to get out of school earlier than to have a week-long spring break in the middle."

After further discussion, the board approved Erler's revised version rather than B, C, or D.

The board approved the district's revised attendance policy. The only change since the board last reviewed it was that staff requested that all absences not reported by the custodial guardian by the start of the school day for all students PreK- be marked

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OBITUARIES

Harriet Eaton

Harriet Elaine Eaton, age 97 of Waseca, passed away on the afternoon of Thursday, January 30, 2025, at Mill City Senior Living in Faribault surrounded by her family.

Harriet was born in New Richland on July 5, 1927, to Leonard and Doris Peterson. She graduated from New Richland High School in 1945. She met the love of her life, Kenneth Eaton, a World War II Army Sergeant, at an outdoor movie in Otisco. They were married on May 3, 1946, and celebrated their 78th Wedding Anniversary in 2024.

Harriet lived in the Waseca area her entire life, except for one year when the Army moved her and Ken to Alabama. She was a "farm girl" through and through, having lived 87 years of her life on a farm until she and Ken moved into town, where they spent their remaining years. She came from humble beginnings, having spent most of her childhood living without running water.

Harriet was a faith-filled woman who followed God's word throughout her life. A turning point in Harriet's life came on January 20th, 1950, when she rededicated her life to the Lord at a Billy Graham gathering in Austin. This led her to devote herself to church, bible studies, and mission trips. She was an active member of the Vista Covenant Church her whole life, involving herself in Church committees, teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, and Covenant Women.

In a sense, her life was focused on nurturing families: Her own, the Church, and the broader community. Sundays after church, she and Ken hosted gatherings that lasted all day. Even when the family grew to 54 and moved throughout the country, Harriet and Ken kept "family first" alive building precious multi-generational memories by hosting a three-day annual gathering for all the extended family at Cedar Valley Resort near Lanesboro, MN. She had a gift of hospitality.

Outside of family and God, her two big loves were being a church historian and all things Swedish. She traveled to Sweden and found



Harriet Eaton

her homestead from the 1600s. Her great-grandparents came to Waseca County in 1858.

Through her devotion, she has instilled a lasting legacy of love that lives on in her family. She will be deeply missed.

She was welcomed to her Heavenly Home by the following who preceded her in death: her daughter Gail (Ted) Johnson, her parents Leonard and Doris Peterson, and her brother Jerry (Margie). She is survived by her husband, Ken; her children, Steve (JoAnn) Eaton, Dave (Shawnee) Eaton, Sherrie (Pat) Murphy, Brian (Cindy) Eaton, and Ted (Margey) Johnson. She leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Harriet's family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of Lakeshore Assisted Living in Waseca, Mill City Senior living in Faribault, and to Brighton Hospice for the compassionate care they provided to her.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service, and will continue for one hour before the service at the church on Friday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Vista Covenant Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 7, 2025 at Vista Covenant Church (14679 275th Avenue, New Richland, MN 56072) with Rev. Brian Schanil officiating. Interment will follow at Vista Covenant Cemetery. dsfuneral.com

Betty Zell

BETTY LOIS (POSSIN) ZELL, age 95, of Janesville passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at Whispering Creek in Janesville.

Born on March 25, 1929 in Freedom Township, rural Janesville, Betty was the daughter of Otto and Bertha (Schendel) Possin. She was baptized on April 21, 1929 and confirmed in her faith on March 29, 1942 by Rev. H.C. Mueller at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Freedom Township. She attended Immanuel Lutheran School where she was involved in their youth groups and church choir. She graduated from Waldorf High School. During the summers she worked at Birdseye in Waseca. After graduating, she worked at EF Johnson Co. and First National Bank in Waseca. She married Harvey Zell on September 2, 1955 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Freedom Township rural Janesville by Rev. F.W. Parduhn. They lived and raised their family on the Zell Family Farm.

She became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wilton Township where she belonged to their ladies aid and altar guild. She enjoyed canning, gardening, growing flowers, raising chickens, and ducks. She also worked nights for a few years at Birdseye and Brown Printing to supplement the family farm. In 1989, Betty and Harvey rented out their farmland and moved out to Alma City. They continued to clean up and mow at the farm. She kept busy mowing grass, gathering walnuts, shoveling snow and helping babysit her grandchildren. She created many memory and photo albums for her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Lonny (Darla) Zell of Alma City, Audrey (Marlon) Rudolph of Pem-



Betty Zell

berton, Amy (Daren) Arndt of Waseca; grandchildren, Heather (David) Ehlke, Bridget (Cody Woodard) Zell, Jeremy (Jolene) Zell, Nicholas (Lily) Zell, Melissa (Jason) Raddatz, Brittany Arndt and Tyler (Abbie Hermel) Arndt; great-grandchildren, Desiree Strand, Dylan Krueger, Layla Cline, Dawson Ehlke, Jaden Ehlke, Maddison Hasse, Alma Zell, Leonora Zell, Grace Raddatz, Maverick Raddatz, and Holden Zell; great great-grandchild, Braelyn Strand.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; siblings, Mabel (Arthur) Kreutz, Lenora (Clarence) Witt, Elaine (Harry) Witt, Erwin (Elinore) Possin, Ewald Possin, Gerald (Viva) Possin; great-grandchildren, Mabel Rose and August James.

Funeral Service will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wilton Township, Waseca County, Minnesota. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow in Woodville Cemetery in Waseca. Dsofuneral.com

Waseca American Legion hosts Adult Carnival

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

The Waseca American Legion held its annual Adult Carnival on Friday, Jan. 31. About 200 people attended the event, which featured risque activities, a silent auction, a live auction, food, games, prizes, and a wine wall. Put on by both the Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, the event is reportedly the only fundraiser held at the Legion Hall which benefits the organization itself.

Proceeds will go toward either kitchen repairs or maintenance in the lounge. Last year's proceeds went toward replacing the carpet in the front hall.

As people entered, they bought participation tickets for \$1 each. Different numbers of tickets were needed for different activities. There was a very popular human slot machine sponsored by DTO Electric. Indoor Axe Throwing was sponsored by Waseca Glass. Plinko was offered

by Western Specialized. "Pin the Tassel" was sponsored by Matt O'Brien Accounting. Coney Island Bag Toss was courtesy of Greener World Solutions.

Both the silent and live auctions featured an impressive variety of items. One particularly unusual offering was an autographed copy of the book "Blackhawk Down" with an opportunity to watch the movie with one of the pilots from the mission. Offering continued variety were coffee baskets, bathroom and miscellaneous baskets, numerous wine baskets, a homemade Amaretto basket, clothes baskets, hat baskets, a snakeskin purse basket, a kitchen pan set basket, beer baskets, honey baskets, fireball whiskey baskets, Jack Daniels sets. Dog chews and accessories baskets, Makers Mark Whiskey baskets, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis DVD sets, Neighbor's Meat hotdish bundles, candy baskets, New Glarus Beer 6-pack Baskets, syrup baskets and a risqué video bas-



Hannah Neigebauer took a turn throwing axes at the Waseca American Legion's Adult Carnival on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025.

ket. Past and Present home décor, crepe makers and a grill. Bird seed and corn hole games, Timberwolves cooler, gas blower, a fish weather-vane, four Wild tickets, a fish anchor, homemade caramel, custom laser knives, American flag metal works, Spotted Cow beer, Half Pint Brewery and a Valentine's basket.

The featured cuisine was the Le-

gion's famous hot beef sandwiches, coney dogs, footlong hotdogs, onion rings, cheese curds, loaded fries and more. Both the bar and the dining room were almost full to capacity.

Lori Streeter Rolfling, who was just finishing up her dinner said, "I donate every year, this is the first time we've been able to make it."

Waseca SWCD supports landowners conservation district

Waseca, MN - The beginning of the new year can often be challenging for many reasons. It's okay if you

haven't perfectly stuck to your New Year's resolution. You can still think about how you can improve your life and what changes can be made to be successful in those improvements. These are typically changes to our own lives but may also be changes to the environment around us.

In a county that prides itself in agriculture and highly values rural living, those improvements might include changes on your property. Now is the perfect time to start thinking about and educating yourself on implementing new conservation practices on your property this year.

Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) works with farmers and rural landowners to financially and technically support conservation projects such as cover crops, reduced tillage, grass waterways, septic, terraces and windbreaks. The implementation of these practices foster conservation and im-

prove property.

Waseca SWCD partners with other area SWCD's and agencies to provide local farmers and landowners with opportunities to learn about soil health and inform on how it can be applied in their operations. This February Waseca SWCD and other partners are putting on a workshop that goes over making soil health work with economics, research, and experience in the field.

Waseca SWCD invites any farmers or landowners to the HWY 14 Winter Workshop in Owatonna, MN. This is a free event with a meal included. This event is intended for all farmers or landowners but may be especially helpful for those who are curious about or are new to topics like cover crops or reduced tillage.

If reducing erosion, increasing infiltration, or potentially reducing input costs on your farm are topics that interest you, this event might be the perfect opportunity to hear about changes that can be made to see those improvements.

The workshop is being held on

February 18th at Torey's Restaurant in Owatonna, MN from 8:30am-3pm. This event will be a great opportunity to learn from producers in southern Minnesota who have experience with soil health.

If this event is something you may be interested in, you can register by contacting Lindsey Cornell at 507-320-3728 or emailing Lindsey.Cornell@mn.nacdn.net. Please RSVP by February 11th, 2025.

One of the best ways to learn about soil health is to either experience it yourself or hear about it from farmers who have experience doing it. Conversations about the challenges and successes of soil health practices, like cover crops, are necessary in making informed decisions for your farm.

For many farmers, soil health has become a hot topic in the conservation and agriculture worlds, but what does that mean to farmers in the Waseca County area. Farmers new to these ideas may struggle to identify the relevant applications and determine the best starting point for these practices. But it may also be a small

change to your land that makes improvements to the environment around you.

Other improvements any landowner can make is planting a tree or multiple trees on their property. Native trees can provide excellent habitat for wildlife as well as be a beautiful addition to any property. They also provide practical benefits. Many rural homeowners use multiple rows of trees to provide their properties with protection from wind and blowing snow, known as windbreaks or shelterbelts.

Waseca SWCD hosts an annual tree sale that gives the area residents the opportunity to purchase trees and can provide support to those who are planning on completing a larger project, like a wind break. If you or someone you know may be interested in purchasing trees or need assistance in planning – give us a call at 507-835-0603. We will be hosting a tree open house on February 19th at our office, 300 North State Street Door 4, Waseca, MN 56093. Tree orders will be due by February 26th.

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School seniors. Said Megan, "We try to give these scholarships to students who are in premed or someone looking

to specialize in cancer research." The scholarships will be handed out at a high school awards ceremony set for May 14. Filzen has two daughters, Megan and McKenzie Filzen. Also in attendance was Sandy Matejcek, his life partner in his later years. The rules of the poker run are that the best five-card poker hand wins.

The schedule was to start by playing a round at the Legion Hall in Waseca. From there, the group headed down to New Richland and The Willows to continue playing. In Waldorf, it was Papa Olie's; in Janesville, the Purple Goose; in Elysian, the Thirsty Beaver; in Waterville, the Classics Pub; then back to the Waseca Legion. A blue party bus transported the group, including Megan and McKenzie, and Sandy. According to (identify speaker), the shared vehicle kept safety first while allowing drinks to keep flowing. The event typically ends around 7 p.m.

Megan and McKenzie both agreed

the best year so far, "was 2022, that was our 10-year anniversary, we had like 70 plus people. That was also the last time it snowed enough to use our snowmobiles. Since then the years and the snow that hasn't fallen have been such a let down but we're still going to keep doing it. Dad was such a hardcore snowmobile man and it would be nice if we could use our snowmobiles but we're making it work." As the clock reached noon, all in attendance finished their drinks and headed outside to the bus. All proceeds raised by the Mike Filzen Memorial Poker Run go to charity.

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Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Parade at noon in downtown Waseca Saturday, Feb. 22

The Waseca Sleigh and Cutter parade route begins at the county fairgrounds at about noon, circles through downtown and returns to the fairgrounds. Spectators can either stay in the shelter of their vehicles parked along residential streets on the route, or watch from the sidewalks along State Street. More information about the route is available online.

Waseca Vintage Snowmobile Ice Drags at Clear Lake Sat., Feb. 22

Waseca Vintage Snowmobile Ice Drags will be at Clear Lake Saturday, Feb. 22. Registration is at the Boathouse from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Races start at noon. Questions call 715-556-6345 or 612-296-2043.

Vintage Snowmobile Show/Ride at Clear Lake on Sat., Feb. 22

The Annual Vintage Snowmobile Show/Ride will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m., with show from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Clear Lake near the Boat-house. Contact Seth at 507-837-9230 or Marissa at 507-451-4501 with questions.

Waseca Sleigh and Cutter fireworks display on Clear Lake after dark Sat., Feb. 22

The Sleigh and Cutter festival is sponsoring its largest fireworks display ever. The show will be fired at about 7:30 p.m. from the ice on Clear Lake.

In a Bind at Indian Island Winery Saturday, Feb. 22

Music group In a Bind will be performing at the Indian Island Winery from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. They play a variety of hit music.

Waseca High School Choir Concert 7 p.m. Feb. 25

Waseca's choir participants in grades 9 to 12 will present a concert at the high school beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Pottery wheel, watercolor painting classes at Waseca Art Center in February

The Waseca Art Center is beginning new classes in February, including Pottery Wheel Ceramics (8 weeks for \$200) and Atmospheric Watercolor Flowers (4 weeks for \$100). For times, dates and to register visit wasecaartcenter.org.

Children's Dream-catcher, silent auction and bingo at Starfire Event Center Mar. 1

There will be a Children's Dreamcatcher event, a live and silent auction and bingo at the Starfire Event Center from noon till 3 p.m. on March 1.

CredibleMind offers free mental health resources

All area residents are eligible to use free online access to mental health resources available at MNPrairie's "CredibleMind" website. The site offers interactive, evidence-based ways to explore local and national mental well-being resources. Free and anonymous at www.mnprairie.crediblemind.com

Check your home for radon this month

With doors and windows shut tight against the cold, dangerous levels of cancer-causing radon gas can build up in homes during the winter months, posing a health risk. Waseca County Public Health reminds residents that now is the time to test or retest homes for radon. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that occurs naturally in soil and can enter homes through cracks and other openings in the walls or foundation. When inhaled over a long period of time, radioactive radon particles can damage lungs and lead to

lung cancer. In fact, radon causes about 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year. Due to its unique geology and cold climate: • The average Minnesota home radon level is more than 3x the national average. • As many as 70% of Southwest Minnesota homes have high radon, compared with 40% in the rest of the state. "You can't see or smell radon, so the only way to know if it's in your home, and help prevent future

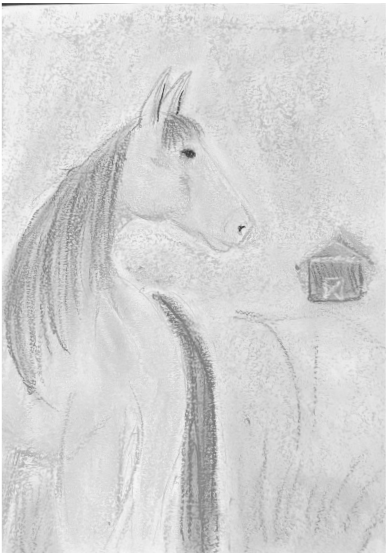
cancers, is to test for it," said Dan Tranter, supervisor of the Indoor Air Unit at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). "People who have detected high radon levels and installed a radon mitigation system should test every 2 years to confirm the system is working. People who have tested before and results were low should test every five years." Tranter also noted that people should test sooner if the home has had significant changes (such as significant renovations, changes to an HVAC system or openings to soil),

and if you use ground contact spaces that weren't tested before (such as a basement or new addition). During National Radon Action Month in January, Waseca County Public Health provides test kits at no cost. For information about the availability of these test kits, contact Tevyn Schmidt at 507-835-0657 or stop at the front desk. Test kits also can be purchased at hardware and home improvement stores or ordered for \$12.95 at mn.radon.com.

Drawing pastel horses at the Waseca Art Center

By BEN REVERMANN Staff writer

High school upperclassman Caitlin Roberts encouraged her young students "If you have never drawn horses before, whatever your skill level, start with a circle. "As long as you know shapes, you can draw whatever you want." Roberts and her students met on the second floor of the Waseca Art Center (WAC) the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 1. Intended for children and any interested adults, the class was offered free of charge thanks to financial support from Waseca's Sleigh and Cutter festival. Ten students took advantage of the opportunity, the majority of whom were girls under the age of 10. The topic for the day was a step-by-step tutorial for drawing horses. In the middle of the room were three long black tables; scattered on them were clean white papers, colored chalks, colored pencils and dry paint brushes. Protecting the tables were black plastic tablecloths for easy cleanup. "I've never seen horses up close and in person, just in the parades when Waseca has them," shared Roberts. "I want my horse to look like a believable My Little Pony." As images took shape, they began as "stick horses." As details were added, the drawings became more and more recognizable. "The ears are like two triangles at the top of the



head, fill in the spots around the circles," said Roberts. "I know, 'Just pencil' looks plain at first, but that's what the pastels are for." Among the students was Christy Easton, who not only attended the class, she also works at the WAC as the director of education and programming. Easton said about the new class, "This is our inaugural drawing class. We have so many kids here and with the generous donation from the Sleigh and Cutter festival we can provide this class for kids for free. Adults can participate as well." As their work continued, drawing students were instructed to use a small, dry paintbrush to spread the chalk around on the paper to give it a blended look. This is where the black tablecloths came in, since all



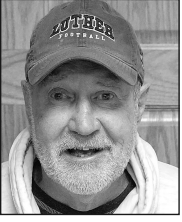
There was a group of young women and old at the Pastel Horse Drawing class at the Waseca Art Center on Sat., Feb. 1.

the students had a mess surrounding their horse drawing. From there, the drawings began to shine as one by one each student finished her horse. Also being offered in the near future at the WAC are a variety of classes aimed for a variety of audiences. A class in pottery wheel ceramics is held each Tuesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; there is a fee for partici-

pation. An Atmospheric Watercolor Flower Series will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. for 4 weeks, Feb. 5 through 26; this class also requires a fee. There will be two Saturday sessions for a hand ceramics class for children from 3 to 5 p.m. Feb. 15 and Mar. 1; this course is free, again thanks to a donation from the Sleigh and Cutter Festival.

Fascinated by the Northern Lights

I've always been fascinated by different lights and when I observe light shows of various types I always find them relaxing therapy: peaceful and calming. Last year was a spectacular viewing of the Northern Lights, also known as the aurora borealis. This natural light show in the night sky is caused by collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun and Earth's magnetic field. I viewed them a couple evenings, purposely leaving town and going out into the country so I could see them better. The purple, green, and pink waves above the horizon were absolutely spectacular. My daughter-in-law Shannon is a spectacular photographer; she spent many evenings late into the night to catch some amazing images, and now she's put together a collection of wonderful northern light pictures. I always take time at the end of the day to observe sunsets. I've watched hundreds of them off the end of our dock along Lake Tetonka. The colors are beautiful and for a few minutes the sun is worth the view before disappearing and setting into the twilight. I have two memorable pictures of sunsets hanging on a wall at the cabin. An old hunting buddy, the late Al Butler, and I were walleye fishing on the north shore of Lake Elysian one fall evening. Al had a wonderful collection of sunset pictures. We watched our lines lying lifeless on the water,



Bits and Pieces

by Dave Zika



and never had a bite. Al snapped a picture of a magnificent sunset. A couple of days later he knocked on the door and handed me a framed print. His message was "here's a picture of the sunset, you have to take what nature gives you." Shannon snapped a picture of a great sunset off the dock with several fishing boats in the shadow of the setting sun. The picture hangs next to Al's. I'm not a huge fan of sunrises, the sun is too bright for these old eyes. Once in a while there is an early blanket of clouds to the east with sunlight peeking through on the rise. The pink, green and yellow colors make viewing wonderful. The summer lights at the cabin are always astounding and amazing. Pontoons traveling the lake in the evening are really lit up. IA truly memorable one was decorated in purple moving across the water. There is a huge flag flowing in the wind directly across from us to the north. The flag is lit up at night with many different colored lights shining on it. There are always colorful reflections on the surface of

water to observe, especially ones given off from the red blinking lights from a tower to the northeast. Once in awhile, I'll turn on the yard light in the late evening; it has a special yellow glow and attracts insects. Since I'm an insect nut, I'll observe June bugs, giant water beetles, moths of all sizes, and clouds of itty bitty bugs that swarm to the light. I have to remember not to turn on the deck light next to the door or the cabin will be buzzing with unwelcome insect visitors. The Friday night lights at the football field, or light banks glowing at the baseball field are always wondrous to view at night during the season. Whenever you enter Waseca in the evening, you'll observe a huge white glow in the sky hanging over the city. Sometimes when I wake up really early--5 a.m.--and take our wonderdog out for her early duty, I observe the striking lights to the west. Our street and park across the streets are lit up with light poles and globes of all sizes. Businesses to the southwest

have glowing signs with whites, greens and reds. It's peaceful and quiet, a stunning light show which most people aren't awake to appreciate. Last weekend I drove to observe the ice house city lit up on Clear Lake after dark. Some of the houses have purple or blue lights, and the convoy of vehicle lights coming and going is astonishing. Bonus viewing as the huge sculptured ice heaves and chunks resting on the northeast shores of Clear Lake. There are so many other wondrous lights to observe: fireplace lights, candlelight, Christmas tree lights, rainbows, and fireworks, to name a few. Recently we lost a glorious light here in Waseca who shined on our Waseca community for many years. Bea O'brien, who worked as a legal assistant out of high school for the Iverson Law firm, and more recently for Molly Byron, has passed away. Bea touched the lives of thousands of clients she worked with every day. Bea will always be remembered for her smile and the impact she made on her family and anyone she ever met. To husband Mike, all of her nine children, all of her grandchildren and relatives, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lisa and I both know KT, our beautiful lady, will welcome Bea to heaven with a glorious, awesome light on.

Soil Health Summit draws hundreds

By DEB BENTLY News Editor

The University of Minnesota Extension Soil Management Summit drew hundreds of farmers, educators and presenters to Mankato's Mayo Event Center on Jan. 29 and 30. About a dozen sessions each day covered topics ranging from drainage, manure, cover crops and "inputs." Presenters included academicians sharing the results of multi-year studies, field advisors from numerous state and county agencies, and farmers simply sharing their own experiences and observations.

Vendors offered information about tillage equipment, testing services, and organizations which assist farmers in implementing practices to promote soil health.

Eileen Kladviko, Ph.D., of Purdue University, shared results of a 30-year study regarding the benefits of good soil drainage. Kladviko shared her conclusion that drainage is not only fundamental to consistent crop production, but it contributes significantly to the success of the elements of soil management, including cover crops, reduced tillage, and soil testing.

Farmers Andy Linder, Martin Larsen and Vance Johnson led a "Farm Economics Panel." Larsen, a fifth-generation farmer from the Byron area, presented a thorough spreadsheet which presented the economic advantages his farm experiences from having a three-crop rotation that includes oats.

"I wanted to show this stands on its own two feet," said Larsen. He presented data which showed that, even without supplemental money provided by government agencies, his farm is about \$44,000 more profitable than one with the traditional corn-soybeans rotation.

Melisa Wilson, Ph.D., of the University of Minnesota, presented results from studies she has worked on regarding the use of manure as a fertilizer. She referred to manure as "a multi-vitamin for your soil," which "closes a natural loop" that has supported soil health for millennia.

Wilson shared many observations regarding the differences between manure and commercial fertilizers, stating each has different strengths depending on the circumstances.

She particularly recommended a "manure database" which would help farmers understand the nutrient potential from various types of animal waste. The database, she said, takes more than 500,000 data points into account to provide its information.

The database is available online at <https://z.umn.edu/manureDB>.

Among the vendors were representatives from the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition, a non-profit organization which describes itself as "a farmer-led and driven organization dedicated to provide education, farmer-to-farmer mentoring, networking, and plain language technical information." Anyone interested in more information about the coalition is encouraged to visit its website at mnsoil-health.org, or to email executive director Mark Gutierrez at mark@mnsoilhealth.org.

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From left: Chamber Executive Director Robin Dulas, Chamber President Mikhail Rostislavovich, Former Executive Director Ann Fitch.

Mikhail Rostislavovich honored with Chamber Champion award

Waseca, MN – The Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Mikhail Rostislavovich has been awarded the Chamber Champion Award, a prestigious honor recognizing his outstanding dedication, leadership, and transformative impact on the organization.

Over the past seven months, Mikhail has selflessly committed approximately 1,000 hours of his time to support and strengthen the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce. In a critical moment, he stepped into a pivotal role to solidify the organization's structural integrity, ensuring a resilient and sustainable future—regardless of who sits at the helm. His collaborative leadership style empowered individuals to take active roles, instilling confidence and a renewed sense of purpose among board and committee members.

“Mikhail’s impact has been nothing short of monumental,” said Ann Fitch, former executive director of the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce. “By thoughtfully guiding us toward a sound and secure structure, he has built a cornerstone that will sustain us for decades to come. His efforts have touched the lives of many people here, transforming hesitation into bold strides forward. On a personal note, asking Mikhail to help guide this organization into a sustainable position for my suc-

cessor was one of the most significant requests I’ve ever made, and I remain forever grateful for his unwavering support.”

Current executive director Robin Dulas endorsed Fitch’s sentiment, “What Mikhail has done for our organization is unheard of. His overwhelming donation of his time and talents is astonishing. You do not find that level of dedication in everyone.”

This award, given to individuals who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the Chamber’s mission, underscores Mikhail’s belief in the power of a strong, resilient Chamber to positively impact the community. His work will be remembered not only in the processes he strengthened but in the personal growth he inspired in those around him.

“Receiving the Chamber Champion Award is a testament to Mikhail’s dedication and remarkable volunteer spirit,” noted Abby Clemons, Immediate Past President. “We thank him for everything he has done—for the Chamber, for our members, and for everyone whose lives he has improved through his service.”

For more information about the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce, or to learn how you can get involved, please visit www.wasecachamber.com or contact 507-835-3260.

School

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“unexcused.”

The board briefly discussed what appointments would be considered excused and whether an email from a medical provider (doctor, etc.) counted as “in writing” to excuse an absence. Emails from the caretaker do count. The policy went into effect immediately. The administration emailed parents to notify them of the change and provide a link to the pol-

icy.

The board then approved the JWP cybersecurity response plan with only a few name changes. They also greenlit the Minnesota Pay Equity Report, which they must submit to the state’s Management and Budget Division annually. On their end, they seem compliant, but that will be up to the state to decide.

The board initially had the prospect of installing cubicles in the media center to discuss, but Erler suggested tabling the matter indefinitely until they can test and see if the cubicles are worth the money. He said that he and Business Manager Wendy Dieker had a long talk the

day of the meeting about “whether this is the best use of taxpayer dollars.”

During the reports section of the meeting, Born asked Eric Daschner if the current cell phone policy was being followed and whether it was working. “When teachers honor and uphold it, yes,” Daschner replied. “But when they’re lenient, not so much. Some teachers are still more relaxed about it than others.”

Daschner added that students usually never used their phones during instructional time but did use them during independent work time in class. Born then asked about cell phone use during lunch, and Dasch-

ner said that sophomores and above don’t use them as much and were more social. But the underclassmen were on them more often. “Sometimes, it’s hard to watch them play video games while eating,” he added.

Erler reported that the solar project has saved the district 2 pounds of carbon emissions since 2023, equivalent to planting 2 trees. He also shared that the Google workspace had some minor vulnerability issues, and the district was working with students to help them become more cyber-aware in the workspace.

The next meeting is on February 10.

Snow

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\$150.00; and if you are at the unmasking, you will win an additional \$50.00. Only five names will be drawn for \$100 – must be present. Five names win \$50.00 – attendance is not necessary.

- Contest rules**
1. Clues are published by the Waseca County News and Face-book); Waseca County Pioneer; NRHEG Star Eagle; Waseca Chamber of Commerce; and KOWZ/KRUE radio.
 2. One guess allowed each week.
 3. Each entry must have a name and complete address. Entries without complete information will not be entered.
 4. Entrants must live in Waseca County and be over 18 years of age.
 5. If there are multiple correct guesses, a drawing will be made to determine the winner.
 6. If there are no correct guesses, a drawing will be made from all entries received.
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Frosty: Week 1 Clue

*Much like the legend,
The 2025 Sleigh and Cutter Frosty is anew.
Coming again this year,
In their white Frosty Hue*

*A Waseca transplant,
But ties they did bind,
Here the greater part of 40 years
A love match they did find*

*A local friend, and
A supporter of the arts,
Who will it be this year?
The answer, the clues will impart.
Frosty: Week 2 Clue*

*A northerner from the start,
Frosty moved South for school
The major of study initially unknown
But a degree was the general rule*

*Completing classes at Gustavus
And taking credits as MSU
A 1983 college graduate
History was a favored study too*

*Far out of school now
But to help pass the time
Frosty enjoys putting together words
Possibly a limerick or a rhyme
Frosty: Week 3 Clue*

Do you think you have Frosty

*Narrowed down or found out?
Have you passed them around town
While strolling out and about?*

*A lover of the arts
And items that are unique
Catch Frosty at the local stores
Browsing, and taking a peek*

*A supporter to all businesses
Big or small, or community driven
Donating time, talent or special items
With their contribution, a unique display given*

Medallion: Week 1 Clue

*How quickly again,
The time of the year is here,
Another winter season bringing the Sleigh & Cutter Community Near*

*In our 75th year, the medallion
Once again is hidden
Bundle up for your search,
Perhaps you need a lucky mitten?*

*Hidden within the town
Easy to find but not in plain sight
The medallion is secured
Protected and strapped in tight.
Medallion: Week 2 Clue*

*One lucky winner
Will keep the grand prize
Their dedication and note taking
A technique which was wise*

*Now in support of the 75th year
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The Pastor’s Column

What is God calling you to do?

**By Mike Coglan
Pastor, Real Life Church**

GOD told Abram: “Leave your country, your family, and your father’s home for a land that I will show you. - Genesis 12:1

“Good morning, Wasecal!” My wife Laura and I say this most every morning as we open our east-facing blinds. Then we watch the sunrise while drinking coffee. It has been a good way to greet our new town and remind ourselves that we have a new state, a new home and a new church.

I just finished my first year serving Real Life Church. This has been one of the most wonderful decisions we ever made. But it was not an easy decision, nor was the journey tranquil. This move ranks among the most exhilarating and exhausting commitments we have ever done. Our whole life was completely disrupted. We were physically depleted with an interstate move. We felt the loss of all the things we left behind, such as a home and a church that we loved for 23 years. We grieved being farther from our kids and grandkids. We left old friends and simple pastimes.

But stepping out in faith is what builds faith. It is adventure. If it were easy to do, it would be common. Look to Abram (who would later be called Abraham.) He had to leave the comforts of his home. He had to go into unknown territory. How did Abraham find the strength to follow his call?

By an act of faith, Abraham said yes to God’s call to travel to an unknown place that would become his home. When he left he had no idea where he was going. By an act of faith he lived in the country promised him, lived as a stranger

camping in tents. - Hebrews 11:8,9

Abraham acted in faith. He didn’t have the whole plan. He didn’t do a risk analysis. He didn’t know if he had all the strength and resources to finish the trip. But he had the faith to start.

What is God calling you to right now? Where is God calling you to go? The decisions you make today are the stories you tell tomorrow. What new story is God calling you tell? Your destiny may require that you leave your security. Wayne Gretzky famously said that you miss 100% of the shots you don’t take. You won’t even find out what you missed if you don’t take the shot.

If you are restless right now, God has a project for you. I’m sure he does. It may be a big life-changing adventure. It might be something as simple as intentionally building your marriage or spending more time with your kids. Maybe you should finish your degree. Join the gym. Visit an A.A. meeting. Get out of debt. God may be calling you to start a business or a local charity.

Do you have the faith to take one step? If you want that faith, your next step might be to step through the doors of a local church for the first time in a while. It’s scary. It’s worth it. Take a chance.

I am so glad to live and serve here in Waseca. We said yes to God’s call before we had it all figured out. Again and again, we received what we needed when we needed it from God. This is the same God who left his own comfortable home in heaven to become a poor baby, a homeless traveler, a servant to everyone, and finally a risen Savior who prepares a future home for each one of us.

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25 Years Ago

-More than 50 years after the end of World War II, American veterans of that war still do not have a national memorial. In 1993 the U.S. government began planning a national WWII memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor more than 400,000 Americans who died in the conflict, 16 million who served in the military and millions more who contributed on the home front.



-Members of St. John Lutheran Church in Waseca put another twist on Super Bowl Sunday with a food drive for the Waseca Neighborhood Center. Children and adults of the congregation brought canned goods, dry goods and cash donations to fill the “super bowl” on Sunday. Fund-raiser organizer, Jackie Krause, said the goal of the drive is simply to feed the hungry.

-Rob Williams, a Waseca High School German teacher, was recognized as the best presenter in the state by his colleagues in the Minnesota Council of Foreign Languages and Cultures (MCTLC) at its recent state convention held in Minneapolis.

50 Years Ago

-With 591 students, enrollment at the University of Minnesota Technical College-Waseca is up 40 percent from comparable figures a year ago, it was announced today by the Office of Admissions and Records. The 591 figure for Winter Quarter '75 compares with 420 for Winter Quarter '74, according to Jim Hesch, supervisor of admissions and records.

-UMW received a big vote of confidence in its future from Gov. Wendell Anderson Thursday. Anderson asked the legislature in his capital improvements budget for \$300,000 to renovate existing school facilities and plan the building of a new classroom-laboratory building at the Technical College.

-Waseca area residents had a full day of no snow, but may get more tonight. The National Weather Service calls for increasing cloudiness later today and a chance of snow tonight becoming flurries Saturday afternoon. Waseca's Southern Experiment Station reports that yesterday's high was 17 degrees; the low was -3.

75 Years Ago



-“Ma” Weckwerth, 75, has found perpetual youth. Busy at 75, still finds time to crochet. Have you got an odd job for a kindly, hard working old lady? Mrs. Ed. “Ma” Weckwerth, 75 years old, keeps five roomers and ten boarders, but still has plenty of spare time. She spends her afternoons crocheting and recently completed a bed spread and tablecloth. They are on display in the Wolf-Habein window during national crochet week.

-George Guyer, 34, son of the late William, and Gordon Larson, 28, are the new partner-owners of the former Guyer and Martinson clothiers. The firm will be known as Guyer and Larson Clothiers. The announcement was made today, February 1.

-Ten bicycles will be given away to five boys and five girls in the Waseca trade area will be contacted with complete details. The promotion is the first of a series being planned by the retail committee of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce.

100 Years Ago

-The Waseca County Poultry association went on record at its annual meeting Saturday as favoring a continuation of the present plan of state aid to Poultry Associations for premiums at their shows. Resolutions to that effect will be drawn up and forwarded to the representatives from this district now serving in the state legislature.

-New machinery has been installed and considerable remodeling has been done to eliminate overhead at the Cargill Commission Co's, local elevator for the handling of the contract of Albert Angell Jr., for the manufacturing of his poultry feeds. It was necessary to triple the capacity of the plant in order that this contract might be handled.

-At a recent meeting held during the State Poultry Association's Show in the Kenwood Armory at Minneapolis, the big hatchery men and baby chick producers of the State of Minnesota organized a State Baby Chick Association with P.D. Farrington, Manager of the Waseca Hatchery, as Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Janesville

1925

- A week ago last Tuesday evening basketball games between the Waldorf boys and girls and the Good Thunder boys and girls resulted in a victory for the Waldorf girls and the Good Thunder boys. The girls games was a one-sided games. The final score of 28 to 11 shows the accurateness of the team. The boys game was a nip and tuck affair from whistle to whistle, but advantage of height enabled the boys from Good Thunder to outscore their smaller bust faster opponents, the score being to.

- President Coolidge's tribute to the American newspaper which he delivered at the dinner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors was a sincere recognition of the services which newspapers are given to the nation as a whole. American newspapers, the President said, are particularly representative of the practical idealism of our people. They are the best newspapers in the world. They print more real news and more reliable and characteristic news than any other newspaper.

- The right of the farmer and manufacturer in the middle west to make the nearest and most convenient part for their expert business free of any rate discrimination has been recognized in a bill introduced by Senator William M. Butler, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Republican National Committee. In this measure it is provided that the railroads without discrimination can only charge the lowest established rate to all ports on the seaboard also provides that the steamship lines will have to pursue a similar course. For years farmers and manufacturers in the great interior portions of the country have in many cases been obliged to ship their products to inconvenient ports because of the rates.

1950

- At a dinner meeting held Wednesday evening last week at the Waseca Hotel, Campaign Manager Loyd R. Kelly of the Waseca County March of Dimes drive in addressing a large gathering of county unit workers gave out the following information. “The National Foundation treasury is virtually broke.” Along with other information in regard to the situation he stated that only \$,000 was on hand for the National organization to operate from December , until money from the present campaign becomes available. Mr. Kelly stated that over one million dollars would be needed to cover expenses incurred during that period.

- Due to the temporary closing of the Minneapolis Knitting Mill, it has become necessary for the State Employment Service to spend a longer time in Janesville on their bi-weekly visits. Mr. Ben A. Iverson, Mankato Local Office Manager announces that visits in the future will be at 00 on Friday mornings. This will enable his staff to give proper consideration to all employment problems in Janesville.

- More than a quarter of a million drivers on Minnesota truck highways received some help from the officers in maroon uniforms in , according to the State Highway department's annual summary of Highway Patrol activities. The most important aids to motorists, but perhaps the least appreciated the department surmises were corrective measures aimed to prevent accidents to the drivers themselves and to others.

1975

- Mary “Keke” Finley wasn't named Minnesota's Junior Miss, but she came home from the week-long Owatonna pageant richer and happy about the whole experience. “It was just a blast,” said the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Finley. “I practically lived with the 23 other girls around the clock. We really got to know each other and we're going to try and get together again.” A Marshall girl, Lori Walker, was named Minnesota's Junior Miss in coronation ceremonies Saturday night. It made the second time in three years that a Marshall girl received the title. In Lori Nieno, Marshall, was the state's Junior Miss. Janesville's entry was honored Thursday night when she received the Talent Award from among the first 12 contestants. In addition to the trophy, Mary received a clock radio for the award. For her talent, Mary played a “Salute to America” on her flute.

- The computer in the Janesville High School Math Department does not wear tennis shoes, although some of the students being trained to operate it May. Mr. Ostrem, head of the department, explained the function of the computer. “The computer classes are offered to make the students more aware of the machine. The course alerts them to what the machine can and can't do. People and computers are in contact with each other every day, directly or indirectly. Computers are prominent in banking, tax accounting, and many phases of business.” Computer classes were first offered to senior high students five years ago.

- Despite an icy gravel road and curious spectator traffic, the Janesville Fire Department was able to save Bill Jewison's dairy barn from a hay fire Monday afternoon. Mrs. Jewison told the Argus that her husband and oldest son, Bill, had just finished loading a cow when Bill Jr. ran into the house and told her to, “Call the fire department. The milk house is on fire.” As it turned out the milk house was not on fire. It was the hay in the upper left of the adjoining barn.

2000

- The Janesville City Council held its meeting on Monday, Jan. 2 Mayor Morrill was absent as well as a council member, yet business was conducted as usual. There was a huge turnout for the public hearing portion of the meeting concerning the Grove Street Mobile Home Park. City Administrator Dena Lotter asked for suggestions from those that own property adjacent to the park, as to what they would like to see done with the property if the mobile home park were to be sold. Most of the public that attended the meeting felt that they would like to see single family homes go up in that area, instead of low income apartments or an assisted living facility.

New Richland

25 Years back



- A check in the amount of \$100 was presented by Cathy Stringfield from the Education Minnesota of New Richland - Hartland - Ellendale - Geneva High School to Kari Klug. Kari Klug is in eighth grade at the middle school in Ellendale and was selected by the People to People Student Ambassador to visit the British Isles for three weeks this summer. She is the daughter of George and Joanne Klug of rural New Richland. Last fall she was interviewed and accepted by the Minnesota delegation for People to People Student Ambassador Program.



- Biology students instructed by Terry Anderson at the New Richland - Hartland - Ellendale - Geneva high school. They made a study of a coral reef nearly real in their classroom. One wall is covered in blue, representing the water, with all types of fish and turtles floating around on it. Among the students in the class that worked on the project are from the left; Kelli Schlaak, Michele Maurer, Nakia Berg and their instructor Terry Anderson.

50 Years back

- Optimistic farmers expanded and reinvested in their business last year borrowing from the Federal Land Bank Association of Mankato a record \$6,271,800 during 1974. Farmers reinvested in their business in hopes of a repeat performance of 1973 commodity prices and harvests. Loken reports land in this area is now selling up to \$1,300 per acre and is in great demand.

- The academic High Honor and Honor lists for the fall quarter at Mankato State College were recently announced Dr. Kent Alm, vice president for academic affairs. Two hundred eleven students qualified for the High Honor list by achieving a 4.0 straight “A” average while 732 earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the honor list. On-campus enrollment during the quarter was 9,791. To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours. Students from this area on the High Honor List were Colleen Rose Jewison, and Peggy A. Armendariz of Janesville, both freshman, Barbra A. Vogelsang and Micheal J. Blashack of Waldorf, both seniors, Annette B. Henry, a sophomore and Jayne M. Joyce, a freshman, both of Waseca. Brenda J. Roesler and Christine M. Schultz, seniors and Alan A. Hagen, a freshman, all of Wells.

75 Years back

- Relatives, numbering 38, gathered at the Oscar Anderson home Sunday in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. The honored couple and their guests attended church services in the morning at the St. Peters Lutheran church. Here they were presented a beautiful bouquet of jonquils by the Ladies Aid members. Mrs. Anderson was presented a carnation corsage and Mr. Anderson a carnation boutonniere. Mrs. Henry Schult, a niece had charge of the guest book. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were married 50 years ago at Burt, Iowa.

- There will be no reorganization of the force of operators at the local telephone office following the resignation of Mrs. ArminBecker, effective march 1. Miss Verna Weckwerth will succeed Mrs. Becker as chief operator. Mrs. Becker had been employed by the company since August 25, 1947, Miss Weckwerth since September 1, 1947, Mrs. Carl Weckwerth since April, 1949, and Miss Ruth Miller since July 8, 1949. As night operator Mrs. Minnie Frost has seniority over all the others, having been a member of the force since May 23, 1943.



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A GREAT DAY – The Bluejays’ Bella Wikan, who the previous weekend broke the school record for all-around points, finished second in all-around last week against Martin County West.

Photo by Lisa Carda

WHS gymnasts fall to Martin County Area

Wikan sets school record at Kasson

The Waseca High School gymnastics hosted Martin County Area last Tuesday and lost 135-130.325.

Bluejay senior Bella Wikan, who broke the school record in all-around at Kasson the previous weekend, finished second in all-around with 35.4 points. MCA’s Lillie Schultz won with 35.825 points.

Wikan won the vault at 9.224, finished first on the uneven parallel bars at 9.225, was second on the balance beam at 8.525 and third on floor exercise at 8.7.

Also scoring in all-around were

Waseca’s Katelyn Weber, 32.325; Hannah Parks, 31.52; Brooklyn Flatau, 30.075; and Avery Carda, 30.024.

Other events:

Vault – Flatau, 8.9; Weber, 8.75; Parks, 8.475; Carda, 8.375.

Bars – Flatau 8.9, Weber 8.75, Parks 8.47; Carda 8.375.

Beam – Weber 7.725, Parks 7.55, Carda 6.725, Flatau 6.425.

Floor – Parks 8.5, Flatau 8.4, Weber 8.1, Carda 7.675.

The Bluejays compete in the Big South championship Friday.

The section finals are Feb. 13 at St. James.



PIN TO WIN – Waseca’s Jacob Knutson, top, won by fall as the Bluejay wrestling team prevailed 45-28 at Blue Earth.

Pioneer photo by Jim Lutgens

Bluejay matmen battle past Blue Earth Area

The Waseca High School wrestling team was victorious at Blue Earth Area last Tuesday, defeating the host team 45-28.

Wins for the Bluejays were by Owen Sommers, 107 pounds; Jacob Knutson, 133; Deven Parpart, 139; Sam Selthun, 152; Slade Barnett, 160; Lucas Selthun, 189; Matthew Veroeven, 215; and Ben Hagen, 285.

Knutson, Parpart, Sam Selthun,

Barnett, Veroeven and Hagen won by fall.

The Bluejays returned to the mat Tuesday for a home triangular. They compete Friday in the Big South Conference championship.

The section team semifinals are Feb. 15 at the Rochester Mayo Civic Center and the individual section tournament is Feb. 21-22 at Rochester.



BIG BASKETS – The Bluejays’ Ethan Hiller, left, and Carson Ohnstad, right, take the basketball to the hoop during Waseca’s come-from-behind 88-73 victory against a very good Marshall team Friday.

Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



Bluejays rally past Marshall, 88-73

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The Waseca High School gymnasium was filled to near capacity for Friday’s boys’ basketball showdown between the Bluejays and Marshall.

Those in attendance were treated to a great game and an impressive comeback.

The Bluejays, who trailed 44-38 at halftime and by 10 early in the second half, went on a 15-0 run and never looked back en route to an 88-73 triumph.

“Our guys kept battling and finally we made our run in the second half and we were fortunate to come out on top against a really good Marshall team,” said WHS coach Seth Anderson.

The difference, according to Anderson, was shooting.

“Marshall was shooting the ball incredibly well and they finally

cooled off,” he said. “Our offense was pretty good all night, but when we went to our zone defense, it caused some turnovers and easy buckets on the other end. It also prevented all the easy looks they were getting.”

The win improved the Bluejays, ranked No. 2 in the state in Class AA, to 20-0 for the season. Marshall, which was ranked No. 10 in Class AAA, fell to 14-5.

Senior Damaris Russell spearheaded the comeback, finishing with 31 points, 6 assists and 3 steals. His little brother Deron, a sophomore, totaled 24 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Carson Ohnstad also reached double figures in scoring with 21, adding 5 rebounds, an assist and 3 steals.

Others: Ethan Hiller 6P, 2R, 4A, 2S; Cyrett Long 4R; Caden Danner 2R, 1S; Isaac Feldkamp 4P, 2R, 1A;

Wyatt Hager 12, 1A; Brandyn Jascha 2P, 3R, 1S.

And the fans were a factor.

“It was fun to see the gym packed,” said Anderson. “It was a great high school basketball atmosphere.”

Cooper Mensink scored 28 for Marshall.

The Bluejays face Granada-Huntley-East Chain tonight at 7:15 at Truman, then venture to Jackson County Central Saturday at 1:30 p.m. to take on JCC, 16-2 and rated No. 4 in Class AA.

Big South West		
	W-L	Overall
Luverne	6-1	13-5
Redwood Valley	6-2	15-6
Windom	5-2	12-4
St. James	2-5	8-9
Pipestone Area	1-6	6-11

Big South Big		
	W-L	Overall
Marshall	5-0	14-5
St. Peter	3-2	10-10
Worthington	2-3	3-15
New Ulm	0-5	5-13

Class 2A state rankings By Minnesota Basketball News Week 9, Jan. 29, 2025		
1. Albany		16-0
2. Waseca		20-0
3. Caledonia		17-2
4. Jackson County Central		16-2
5. Breck		10-7
6. Blake		16-1
7. Montevideo		14-2
8. Warroad		16-1
9. Mora		14-1
10. Pequot Lakes		13-3

Big South East		
	W-L	Overall
Waseca	4-0	20-0
Jackson Co. Central	6-2	17-2
Belle Plaine	5-2	12-4
Fairmont	4-3	12-7
Blue Earth Area	2-6	8-11
Tri-City United	0-8	0-19



BIG WIN – Gracie Morgan, left, drives to the hoop during the Waseca High School girls’ basketball team during last week’s 54-39 victory over Medford. At right, the Bluejays’ Katlyn McMurphy hangs on to a rebound.

Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



WHS girls come through on Senior Night

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Senior Night was special for the Waseca High School girls’ basketball team.

The Bluejays won for the second time in as many days, defeating visiting Medford 54-39 Tuesday night after a Monday 52-20 triumph over Blue Earth Area at Waseca.

“We are proud of the eight seniors who have continued with basketball and continue to work hard on the basketball court,” said Waseca head coach Anthony Jackson. “We are appreciative of earning a victory on their celebratory night as seniors.”

The seniors include Lexi Kanewischer, Callie Dufault, Gabriel Lopez, Katlyn McMurphy, Mia Kanwischer, Addison Kelm Gracie Morgan and Lily Owens.

According to Jackson, Mia Kanewischer earned Player of the Game honors for the Bluejays, finishing with 14 points.

“She played her typical excellent defense and she shot the ball very well this evening,” said Jackson.

Dufault scored 18, Morgan 6, Lopez 2, Reese Rodriguez 2, Owens 2 and Maren Schimming 1.

The Bluejays dominated Blue Earth Area at home Monday in a Big

South East Conference clash in Waseca.

“Callie played awesome defense this evening,” said Jackson. “Her defense on Lola Lundquit was a big reason why we were able to be successful defensively. The girls did a nice job moving the basketball on offense and stayed focused in both halves of the game.”

The Bluejays, who improved to 1-3 in the conference and 4-17 overall, faced Sibley East Monday. They play Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Jackson County Central, Feb. 10 at home against St. Peter and Feb. 11 at Windom.

Big South East		
Fairmont	6-2	14-5
Jackson Co. Central	6-2	15-6
Tri-City United	6-2	13-5
Belle Plaine	3-5	7-12
Waseca	1-3	4-17
Blue Earth	0-8	3-18

Big South West		
Redwood Valley	6-2	15-6
Windom	5-2	16-5
St. James	4-3	14-5
Pipestone	3-4	10-10
Luverne	0-7	3-18

Big South Big		
Marshall	5-0	20-0
St. Peter	3-2	111-8
New Ulm	2-3	12-7
Worthington	0-5	1-18

NRHEG girls up record to 14-5

Camryn VanMeldghem scores 1,000th career point in 71-21 blowout of Medford

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School girls' basketball registered two lopsided wins and one milestone last week.

The Panthers, improving their overall record to 14-5, defeated visiting United South Central 67-33 Thursday, three night's after Monday's 71-21 home blowout of Medford, during which junior Camryn VanMaldeghem registered her 1,000th career point.

The Panthers, 5-1 in the Gopher Conference West and 8-2 overall in conference play, started both games strong, leading USC 37-23 at halftime.

"The girls came out strong to start the game, and never looked back," said NRHEG coach Onika Peterson. "Our defense was solid, and we were able to switch things up throughout the game keeping USC on their toes. We pride ourselves on our rebounding and we were able to keep USC to one-shot possessions."

Individually for NRHEG: Gabby Schlaak 10 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist; Quinn VanMaldeghem 13P, 10R, 2A, 5 steals; Clara Buendorf 8P, 12R, 2A, 1S; C.VanMaldeghem 27P, 12E, 3A, 5S; Chloe Stork 1P, 4R, 3A, 1S; Kylie Olson 8P, 5R, 1A, 2S.

The Panthers handed winless Medford yet another loss, leading the Tigers 55-9 at the break.

"We played a team that is in a rebuilding year," said Coach Peterson. "Our girls came out and played extremely well. They had a tremendous first half. In the second half we were able to get everyone in and rotate in shifts to maximize playing time for our girls."

Camryn VanMaldeghem became the 15th NRHEG girls' basketball player to reach the 1,000-point club.

"What an accomplishment for her and her teammates," said Peterson.

Individual totals: Schlaak 11P, 3R, 3S; Ezra Boerner 4P, 3R, 1S; Q.VanMaldeghem 10P, 15R, 1A, 6S, 1 blocked shot; Buendorf 1P, 5R, 1A, 1S; Kenley Gehrke 2P; C.VanMaldeghem 28P, 6R, 4A, 2S; Savannah Farr 2P, 1R; Stork 2P, 1R, 2S; Olson 9P, 8R, 1A, 1S, 1B; Alexandra Estrada 1R.

After a Monday game at WEM, the Panthers host JWP Friday and host St. Clair Feb. 10, during which NRHEG's 2004 state tournament team will be honored.

Gopher Conference West			
	W-L	Ov.	
JWP	5-0	18-2	
NRHEG	5-1	14-5	



SHUTDOWN DEFENSE – The Panthers' Gabby Schlaak, left, and Ezra Boerner (2) apply defensive pressure to Medford's Elaine Schwarz during NRHEG's 71-21 triumph over visiting Medford last Monday. Below, the Panthers' Camryn VanMaldeghem posed for a couple photos after scoring her 1,000th career point.
Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

WEM	3-2	12-8
United South Central	1-5	11-10
Medford	0-6	0-21

Gopher Conference East			
	W-L	Ov.	
Triton	7-0	19-2	
Hayfield/Schaeffer Ac.	5-2	11-9	
Bethlehem Academy	3-3	8-10	
Randolph	2-4	7-11	
Blooming Prairie	2-5	6-15	
Kenyon-Wan.	1-6	7-15	



NRHEG boys notch first victory

Panthers follow with win No. 2

After waiting most of the season for their first win, the NRHEG boys' basketball team prevailed twice.

After upending Medford 65-52 last Monday, the Panthers rallied past Bethlehem Academy 58-54 Friday. On Thursday, they fell 74-49 at United South Central.

The Panthers came out firing against BA, taking a 21-10 lead about two-thirds of the way through the first half. The Cardinals went on a 14-2 run to take a 24-23 break at halftime.

"We talked about some minor adjustments to make in the second half, but mainly that we needed to stay out of foul trouble, and then take better care of the basketball," said NRHEG coach Dan Schmidt.

The second half saw numerous ties and lead changes as the Panthers battled back-and-forth and had a fun stretch of shot-making by both teams.

With BA leading 53-51 with about 1:25 left in the game, Calvin Nissen hit a big 3-pointer to NRHEG up 54-53.

Schmidt put BA on the line with 15 seconds to go, to keep them from holding for the last shot. It paid off. The Cardinals made the second of two shots to tie it.

The Panthers were able to work it around and Owen Wayne hit a 3 from about 25 feet out with 5 seconds left. Sean Lassahn came up with a big steal on the inbound and then hit a free throw to ice it.



CLUTCH PERFORMANCES – Owen Wayne, left, and Charlie Nissen, right, came up big last week as the NRHEG boys' basketball team defeated Medford and Bethlehem Academy last week.
Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

"It was such a great effort from everyone today, top to bottom," said Schmidt. "The guys played their hearts out. We had a lot of energy on the bench. It was a fun atmosphere for a noon Saturday game."

Individually for the Panthers: Aaden Hanna 1 rebound; Greyson Schaefer 11 points, 7R; Calvin Nissen 10P, 1 assist, 1 steal; Owen Wayne 16P, 6R, 3A, 3S; Brendan Schmidt 8P, 5R, 5A, 2S; Lavon Jewison 1 blocked shot; Hudson Chrz 5P, 4R, 2A, 1B; Sean Lassahn 3P, 3R, 2S; Jase Knudson 3R, 2A; Jordan Brouwers 2P, 8R, 1A, 3S.

The Panthers traveled to Medford to face a team also looking for its first win of the season.

Again they came out hot, jumping to an 8-0 lead. Medford was up 33-28 at halftime.

The second half started as the first

half ended, with Medford hanging around and eventually taking a one-point lead.

"But we never quit," said Schmidt. "I can't say enough how much the boys battled when things got gritty. We did it with guys in foul trouble, and a very short bench due to injuries and illness."

Schmidt said Nissen provided a huge spart off the bench, both offensively and defensively.

"It was good to see some guys kind of bust loose tonight," said Schmidt. "We've been waiting for some of them to do so, and I'm hoping this will be a sign of things to come. Jase hit a couple of big shots along the way. Owen ran the offense very well. Brendan finally broke through in the scoring column, and continued to rebound well. Greyson had a good game off the bench, but

was hindered by foul trouble. Jordan Brouwers to play steady and probably could have had double figures if not for some missed shots down low."

Individual totals: Scafer 4P, 4R, 1A, 2S, 2B; Nissen 12P, 4R, 3A, 1S; Wayne 11P, 3R, 7A, 2S; Schmidt 13P, 8R, 2A, 2S; Jewison 3P, 1R, 1A; Chrz 3P, 2R, 1A, 1B; Knudson 15P, 4R, 5A, 3S.

Coach Schmidt was hopeful traveling to Wells Thursday, but it didn't work out that way.

Individually: A.Hanna 1P; Schaefer 8P, 5R, 1S; Nissen 7P, 2A; Wayne 14P, 3R, 3A, 3S; Schmidt 7P, 5R, 3A, 2S; Jewison 6R, 1S, 3B; Knudson 12P, 1R, 2A, 2S; Brouwers 2R, 2A; Zander Hanna 1R.

After a Monday home game against WEM, the Panthers are in action tonight at 7 p.m. in a noncon-

ference game at Nicollet. They host JWP Friday at 7:30 p.m. and play Feb. 11 at 7:15 at home against Blooming Prairie.

Gopher Conference West			
	W-L	Ov.	
JWP	4-0	13-4	
WEM	3-1	9-8	
United South Central	3-2	7-12	
NRHEG	1-4	3-15	
Medford	0-4	0-15	

Gopher Conference East			
	W-L	Ov.	
Triton	5-0	14-5	
Blooming Prairie	4-2	13-5	
Randolph	4-2	8-11	
Kenyon-Wan.	3-3	11-9	
Hayfield	1-5	7-12	
Bethlehem Academy	0-5	1-15	

For Flyers, it's playoffs already

The South Central Flyers girls' hockey team lost three of four games last week.

The Flyers, 4-9-2 in the Big South and 9-14-1, ended the regular season Monday at Windom. The section tournament started Monday, with the semifinals set for Feb. 8 and the championship game Feb. 13 at Owatonna.

Big South Standings				
	WLT	PTS	Ov.	
Luverne	12-2-0	24	17-6-2	
Marshall	11-1-1	24	20-3-2	
MN River	11-1-2	24	17-5-2	
Fairmont	7-6-0	14	14-10-1	
So. Central	4-9-2	9	9-14-1	
New Ulm	3-7-1	7	10-13-2	
Worthington	1-11-1	3	5-16-1	
Windom	0-12-1	1	6-16-2	

NRHEG wrestlers show signs of life

The NRHEG wrestling team was in action for three dual meets last week, falling 37-28 to Triton and 50-19 to GMLOKS Tuesday at Dodge Center, and 52-22 to WEM/JWP at Waterville Thursday.

"We are showing signs of life," said NRHEG coach Shawn Larson after Tuesday's action. "We had a good night all around. We (coaches) were proud of the efforts up and down the lineup. Grahm Jacobson had a great night with two big wins at 107. Harbor Cromwell and Ryan Schlaak also went unbeaten on the night. We are happy to see improvement everywhere in our lineup, but Khaiden Madson is showing a lot of grit right now and winning matches from what he has learned in a short time in the sport."

Jacobson defeated his Triton opponent 10-6 at 107 pounds. Madson won 5-2 at 145, Cromwell prevailed 9-1 at 160, Ryan Schlaak won by fall at 172, and Wyatt Larson won by fall at 189. Eli Hendrickson reived a forfeit at 139.

Against GMLOKS: Jacobson won by fall at 107,

Charles Tufte by 6-2 decision at 114, Madson by technical fall at 145, Cromwell by 16-3 major decision at 160, Ryan Schlaak by fall at 172.

At Waterville, Owen Schlaak won by fall at 107, Ryan Schlaak got a pin at 172, and Larson took a technical fall at 189.

"Our team has youth and inexperience," said Coach Larson. "Their team has juniors and seniors with more time on the mat. The difference was noticeable tonight. We had great efforts in our wins."

The Panthers wrestled in The Takedown 22, a tournament at Maple River, Saturday, coming home with five placewinners. They were: Ryan Schlaak, second, 172; Cromwell, third, 160; Larson, fourth, 189; Tufte, fifth, 114; and Jacobson, sixth, 107.

"This was a good performance," said Coach Larson. "We are really getting better and that is exciting."

The Panthers host Kenyon-Wanamingo Thursday at 7 p.m. in New Richland. The section tournament starts Feb. 13.

WHS icemen top Redwood Valley, improving to 10-1-1 in Big South

The Waseca High School boys' hockey team defeated Redwood Valley 13-1 last Tuesday in Redwood Falls.

The Bluejays improved to 10-1-1 in the Big South and 15-2-2 overall. Redwood Valley fell to 2-12-0 and 3-17-0.

Scoring for Waseca: Otto Schoenrock, Cash Lynch, Brayden-Hesch Priem, Griffin Storey, Jude Gehring and Lucas Groll, with assists by Storey, Groll, Jayden Gehring, Avery Selvik, Jackson Tesch, Hunter Anderson, Henry Huttemier, Beckett Srp, Hesch-Priem, Jude Gehring and Schoenrock. Goalie Carter Martens made 15 saves.

Larson named to national hall of fame

Tink Larson of Waseca is a 2025 inductee into the National High School Baseball Association Hall of Fame.

Larson is in his 65th year of coaching baseball, 58 of them at the high school level. He started his career at age 19, coaching the American Legion, Babe Ruth, and adult Amateur teams in his hometown of Kasson, Minnesota. In 1967, he was hired as the head coach at Waseca High School. He was the head coach for 35 years and has been an assistant coach for 23 years.

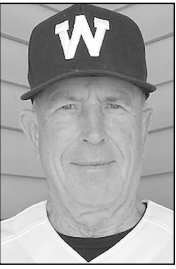
Coach Larson was a head coach of various teams for 50 years: High School, American Legion, 16U, and adult amateur. In over 40 of those years, he coached four teams. He is currently an assistant coach for five teams: Minnesota State University, Mankato and the Waseca High School, American Legion, 16U, and adult amateur teams.

Coach Larson has won over 2500 games, with 480 at the high school level. He also has over 1000 wins as an assistant coach, with over 800 in the past 17 years at MSU, Mankato. He has coached in over 4500 games as a head coach and over 2000 as an assistant coach. He was an assistant basketball coach for 30 years, an assistant football coach for half a dozen years, and an athletic director for 13 years.

The highlight of his coaching career was winning a high school state baseball championship in 1990 after finishing second in 1981, 1988, and third in 1987. Each member of the 1987 team went on to start on their respective college teams. Coach Larson was noted for producing shortstops. Every shortstop at Waseca for over 20 consecutive years played college baseball, with five playing professional baseball.

Coach Larson has been very involved in the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Association. He is a past president of the MSHSBCA. He is currently a member of the MSHSBCA Advisory Board, chairman of the MSHSBCA HOF Banquet, the liaison between the MSHSBCA and the high school coaches, and is in charge of an MSHSBCA Junior Showcase for top high school juniors.

His extensive involvement in coaching and leadership roles has resulted in his induction into 14 Halls of Fame at the local, state, and national levels. His coaching success has earned him many honors, including being a finalist for three national Coach of the Year awards. His family has been a source of strength and support throughout his life and career.



Larson

After a Monday game against Sibley East, the Bluejays host Jackson County Central Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Waseca Community Arena.

Big South Standings				
	WLT	PTS	Overall	
Luverne	11-1-1	23	16-3-1	
Waseca	10-1-1	21	15-2-2	
New Ulm	7-3-0	14	10-9-2	
Marshall	7-5-0	14	9-11-0	
Minn. River	5-3-0	10	9-8-0	
Worthington	5-8-0	10	6-13-0	
Windom	4-8-0	8	5-14-1	
Redwood V.	2-12-0	4	3-17-0	
Fairmont	0-12-0	0	0-18-0	



TRANSITION GAME – Katelyn Olson leads the fast break for the JWP girls’ basketball team. Photo by LeAnn Kavitz

JWP girls trounce TCU

The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton girls’ basketball team improved to 18-2 overall with a nonconference 62-53 triumph over Tri-City United at Montgomery Friday night. Mikayla Wheelock led the Bulldogs with 21 points and frive rebounds, with Katie Olson totaling 15 points and 3 steals and Nevaeh Weimert also reaching double figures in scoring with 10. Others: Presley James 7P, 7R; Hope Dimmel, 6P, 3R; Kwynn Krause 3P. The Bulldogs 5-0 atop the Gopher Conference West, face second-place NRHEG Friday in

New Richland.		
Gopher Conference West		
	W-L	Ov.
JWP	5-0	18-2
NRHEG	5-1	14-5
WEM	3-2	12-8
United South Central	1-5	11-10
Medford	0-6	0-21
Gopher Conference East		
	W-L	Ov.
Triton	7-0	19-2
Hayfield/Schaeffer Ac.	5-2	11-9
Bethlehem Academy	3-3	8-10
Randolph	2-4	7-11
Blooming Prairie	2-5	6-15
Kenyon-Wan.	1-6	7-15

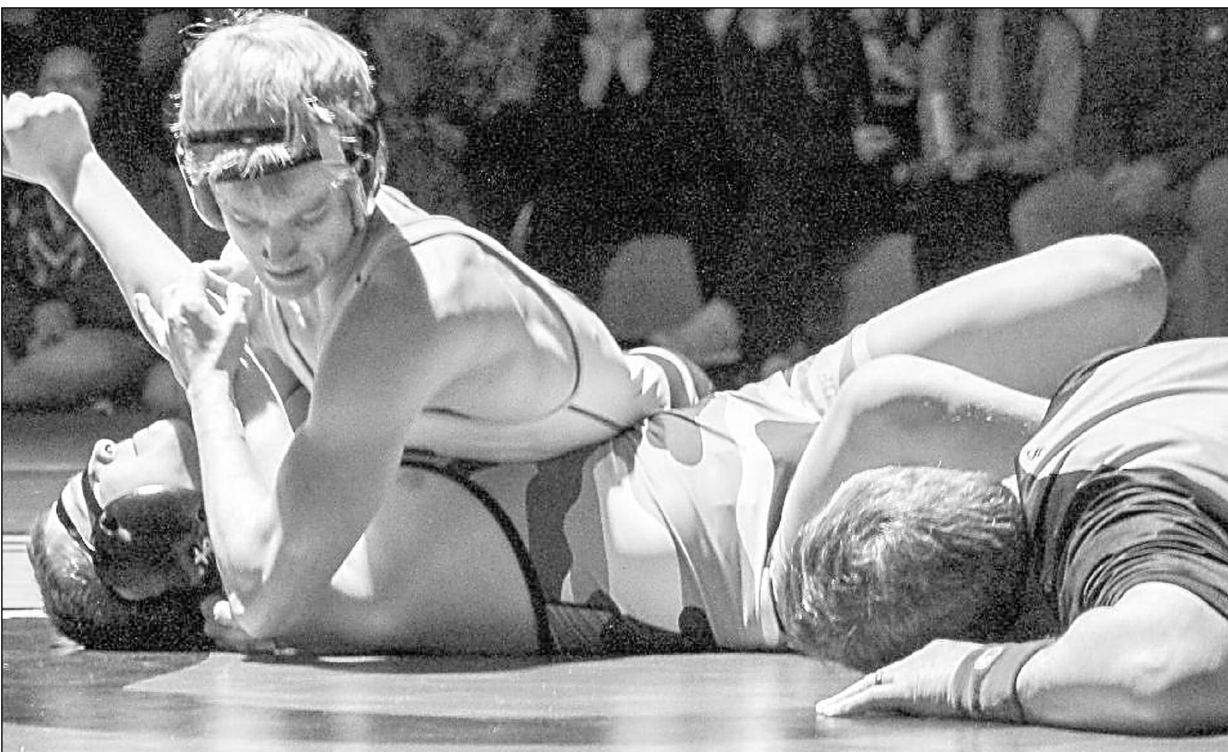
JWP boys improve to 13-4

The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School boys’ basketball team continued an outstanding season last week, winning 72-40 at St. Clair Saturday after defeating LeSueur-Henderson 70-55 at LeSueur Thursday. The Bulldogs pulled away in the second half at St. Clair after leading 24-20 at halftime. Individually for JWP: Daulton Bauer 22 points, 4 rebounds, 11 assists, 4 steals; Parker Gearity 1R; Gavin Bauer 16P, 5R, 5A, 4S, 3 blocked shots; Landon Johnson 7P, 3R, 2A, 3S; Caleb Quast 4P, 4R, 1A, 1B; Seth Dahlberg 1A; Zander Terbeest 3P, 1R, 2S; Tyson Kronbach 1S; Jeffrey Simomson 5P, 6R, 1A; Isaiah Berndt 5P, 6R, 1A, 1S; Gavin Weedman 1R, 2S; Ethan Born 10P, 6R, 1A. At LeSueur, the Bulldogs bolted to a 39-23 halftime advantage and cruised from there. Individually: D.Bauer 16P, 6R, 6A; G.Bauer 21P, 6R, 4A, 4S, 2B;

Johnson 12P, 5R, 3A, 3S; Quast 4P, 4R, 3A, 3S; Weedman 8P, 3R, 1A; Born 4R.		
The Bulldogs, 4-0 in the Gopher Conference West and 13-4 overall, played at winless Medford Monday. They host NRHEG Friday at 7:15 p.m. and play at home Feb. 10 against Sibley East at 7:15.		
Gopher Conference West		
	W-L	Ov.
JWP	4-0	13-4
WEM	3-1	9-8
United South Central	3-2	7-12
NRHEG	1-4	3-15
Medford	0-4	0-15
Gopher Conference East		
	W-L	Ov.
Triton	5-0	14-5
Blooming Prairie	4-2	13-5
Randolph	4-2	8-11
Kenyon-Wan.	3-3	11-9
Hayfield	1-5	7-12
Bethlehem Academy	0-5	1-15

Grizzlies 6th among 14 teams in tournament

The WEM/JWP High School wrestling team finished sixth among 14 teams in Saturday’s Takedown on 22 Tournament at Maple River. Watertown-Mayer won it with 225 points. The Grizzlies totaled 101. Individual results: • 114: Brenden Masso (WEM-JWP) - 6th Varsity - Quarterfinals - Brenden Masso (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Semifinals - Garrison Dierks (Mankato East) over Brenden Masso (WEM-JWP) (Fall 2:31) Varsity - Cons. Semis - Danny Davis (New Prague) over Brenden Masso (WEM-JWP) (Dec 11-8) Varsity - 5th Place Match - Charles Tufte (New Richland-H-E-G) over Brenden Masso (WEM-JWP) (Dec 17-11) • 121: Trey Richards (WEM-JWP) - 5th Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Trey Richards (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Quarterfinals - Jackson Stensrud (Mankato East) over Trey Richards (WEM-JWP) (TF 21-4 5:28) Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Trey Richards (WEM-JWP) over Brayden Becker (Austin) (Fall 1:36) Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Trey Richards (WEM-JWP) over Dakota Schlaak (New Richland-H-E-G) (Fall 2:17) Varsity - Cons. Semis - Isaac Rodriguez (Jackson County Central) over Trey Richards (WEM-JWP) (Fall 1:50) Varsity - 5th Place Match - Trey Richards (WEM-JWP) over Bly Mettler (Mankato West) (Dec 13-8) • 127: Carson Petry (WEM-JWP) - 6th Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Carson Petry (WEM-JWP) over Lewis Foley (Watertown Mayer- Mayer Luth.) (TF 15-0 1:09) Varsity - Quarterfinals - Carson Petry (WEM-JWP) over Elijah Lofton (New Prague) (TF 16-0 3:08) Varsity - Semifinals - Noah Gonzalez (Maple River/USC) over Carson Petry (WEM-JWP) (Inj. [time]) Varsity - Cons. Semis - Jackson Buboltz (Mankato East) over Carson Petry (WEM-JWP) (M. For.) Varsity - 5th Place Match - Elijah Lofton (New Prague) over Carson Petry (WEM-JWP) (M. For.) • 133: Brady Murphy (WEM-JWP) - 4th Varsity - Quarterfinals - Isaiah Gonzalez (Maple River/USC) over Brady Murphy (WEM-JWP) (Dec 4-1) Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Brady Murphy (WEM-JWP) over Nick Rosevold (Mankato East) (MD 11-0) Varsity - Cons. Semis - Brady Murphy (WEM-JWP) over Grady Connelly (New Prague) (Dec 6-0) Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Sully Marx (Watertown Mayer- Mayer Luth.) over Brady Murphy (WEM-JWP) (Dec 4-1) • 139: Carson James (WEM-JWP) - 6th Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Parker Casas (Owatonna) over Carson James (WEM-JWP) (Fall 0:38) Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Carson James (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Carson James (WEM-JWP) over Elliot Hall (Chaska-Chan Stormhawks) (Dec 4-3) Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Carson James (WEM-JWP) over Brock Stauffer (Martin County Red Bulls) (M. For.) Varsity - Cons. Semis - Isaac Pumper (New Prague) over Carson James (WEM-JWP) (TF 15-0 2:10) Varsity - 5th Place Match - Parker Casas (Owatonna) over Carson James (WEM-JWP) (TF 20-5 3:58) • 145: Zach Quast (WEM-JWP) - DNP Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Zach Quast (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Quarterfinals - Torrey Paplow (Martin County Red Bulls) over Zach



SHOW HIM THE LIGHTS – Carson Petry, top, placed sixth as the WEM/JWP wrestling team finished sixth among 14 schools in Saturday’s Takedown on 22 Tournament at Maple River. The Grizzlies’ Keegan Kuball, below, won the championship at 285 pounds. Photos by LeAnn Kavitz

Quast (WEM-JWP) (Fall 1:00) Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Zach Quast (WEM-JWP) over Ben Root (WEM-JWP) (M. For.) Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Soren Ehmke (Mankato West) over Zach Quast (WEM-JWP) (Dec 8-5) • 145: Ben Root (WEM-JWP) - DNP Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Nathan Blaschko (Tri-City United) over Ben Root (WEM-JWP) (MD 14-0) Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Ben Root (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Zach Quast (WEM-JWP) over Ben Root (WEM-JWP) (M. For.) • 145: Reed Sammon (WEM-JWP) - DNP Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Karson Tufte (Watertown Mayer- Mayer Luth.) over Reed Sammon (WEM-JWP) (Fall 3:34) Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Shaune Peterson (Maple River/USC) over Reed Sammon (WEM-JWP) (MD 20-8) • 152: Charles Adams (WEM-JWP) - DNP Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Andrew Bauer (New Prague) over Charles Adams (WEM-JWP) (Fall 3:48) Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Charles Adams (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Lucas Morsching (WEM-JWP) over Charles Adams (WEM-JWP) (M. For.) • 152: Lucas Morsching (WEM-JWP) - DNP Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Lucas Morsching (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Quarterfinals - Mason Deutsch (New Prague) over Lucas Morsching (WEM-JWP) (Dec 6-1) Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Lucas Morsching (WEM-JWP) over Charles Adams (WEM-JWP) (M. For.) Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Brayden Mithun (Maple River/USC) over Lucas Morsching (WEM-JWP) (Dec 8-4) • 160: Luke Cahill (WEM-JWP) - DNP Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Luke Cahill (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Quarterfinals - Bennett Blom (Mankato East) over Luke Cahill (WEM-JWP) (Fall 2:00) Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Luke Cahill (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Trenton Whiteaker (Austin) over Luke Cahill (WEM-JWP) (MD 12-2) • 172: Maddox Moreno (WEM-JWP) - 4th Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Maddox Moreno (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Quarterfinals - Maddox Moreno (WEM-JWP) over RJ Reinardy (Owatonna) (Dec 13-9) Varsity - Semifinals - Bryce Burkett (Watertown Mayer- Mayer Luth.) over Maddox Moreno (WEM-JWP) (Fall 1:35) Varsity - Cons. Semis - Maddox Moreno (WEM-JWP) over Carter Flatland (Owatonna) (Fall 2:27) Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Christian



Cupples (Mankato East) over Maddox Moreno (WEM-JWP) (Fall 1:31) • 215: Avery Fall (WEM-JWP) - 4th Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Avery Fall (WEM-JWP) received a bye Varsity - Quarterfinals - Avery Fall (WEM-JWP) over Gianni Lopez (Sibley East) (Dec 4-2) Varsity - Semifinals - Kyler Burmeister (Watertown Mayer- Mayer Luth.) over Avery Fall (WEM-JWP) (TF 18-3 3:09) Varsity - Cons. Semis - Avery Fall (WEM-JWP) over Ivan Martin (Martin County Red Bulls) (SV-1 8-5) Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Tyler Thilges (Mankato East) over Avery Fall (WEM-JWP) (TF 17-1 3:07) • 285: Keegan Kuball (WEM-JWP) - 1st Varsity - Champ. Round 1 - Keegan Kuball (WEM-JWP) over Daniel Petty (Mankato East) (Fall 1:06) Varsity - Quarterfinals - Keegan Kuball (WEM-JWP) over Caelan Rupert (Chaska-Chan Stormhawks) (Fall 0:26) Varsity - Semifinals - Keegan Kuball (WEM-JWP) over Axel Cardenas (Sibley East) (Fall 0:43) Varsity - 1st Place Match - Keegan Kuball (WEM-JWP) over Samuel Winkels (Austin) (Dec 12-5) • 112 Girls: Bre’ Ana Masso (WEM-JWP) - 1st Girls Varsity - Round 1 - Bre’ Ana Masso (WEM-JWP) over Daisy Clausen (New Prague) (Fall 5:47) Girls Varsity - Round 3 - Bre’ Ana Masso (WEM-JWP) over Izabelle Alejandro (Sibley East) (Fall 0:45) Girls Varsity - Round 4 - Bre’ Ana Masso (WEM-JWP) over Isabella Rangel (Sibley East) (Inj. [time]) Girls Varsity - Round 5 - Bre’ Ana Masso (WEM-JWP) over Teva Feit (New Prague) (Fall 3:13) • 100 Girls: Payton Miller (WEM-JWP) - 2nd Girls Varsity - Round 1 - Payton Miller (WEM-JWP) over Naileah Quiroz (Martin County Red Bulls) (Fall 3:28) Girls Varsity - Round 2 - Payton Miller (WEM-JWP) over Lily Scholtes (Mankato East) (Fall 4:16) Girls Varsity - Round 3 - Anaelyse Skidmore (WEM-JWP) over Payton Miller (WEM-JWP) (SV-1 11-8) • 100 Girls: Anaelyse Skidmore (WEM-JWP) - 1st Girls Varsity - Round 1 - Anaelyse Skidmore (WEM-JWP) over Lily Scholtes (Mankato East) (Fall 2:49) Girls Varsity - Round 2 - Anaelyse Skidmore (WEM-JWP) over Naileah Quiroz (Martin County Red Bulls) (Fall 1:59) Girls Varsity - Round 3 - Anaelyse Skidmore (WEM-JWP) over Payton Miller (WEM-JWP) (SV-1 11-8) • 124 Girls: Lilly Ewert (WEM-JWP) - 3rd Girls Varsity - Round 1 - Paige Swanepoel (New Prague) over Lilly Ewert (WEM-JWP) (Dec 9-6) Girls Varsity - Round 2 - Trista Gessler (Tri-City United) over Lilly Ewert (WEM-JWP) (Fall 0:32) Girls Varsity - Round 3 - Lilly Ewert (WEM-JWP) over Aubrey Carnesi (Jackson County Central) (SV-1 5-4) The Grizzlies wrap up the regular season tonight at 7 p.m. against Triton at Dodge Center.

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COUNTY OF WASECA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 81-PR-25-26
In Re: Estate of
SANDRA E. POPIEL,
Decedent
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEAR-
ING
ON PETITION FOR FORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSU-
PERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-
SONS:
It is Ordered and Notice is hereby
given that on the 12th day of March,
2025, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be

held in the above Court at Waseca,
Minnesota, for the formal probate of
an instrument purporting to be the
will of the above named decedent,
dated February 4, 2020, and for the
appointment of Collette Berg whose
address is 917 10th Ave NW, Waseca,
MN 56093, as Personal Representa-
tive of the Estate of the above named
decedent in unsupervised administra-
tion, and that any objections thereto
must be filed with the Court. That, if
proper and no objections are filed, a
Personal Representative will be ap-
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the Court, and close the estate.
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said Estate are required to present the
same to said Personal Representative
or to the Court Administrator within
four months after the date of this No-
tice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: 01-21-2025
/s/ Carol M. Hanks
Judge of District Court
/s/ Shannon Asselin
Deputy Court Administrator

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WASECA
PROBATE COURT
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Probate Court Division
Court File No. 81-PR-24-907
In Re: Estate of
SHIRLEY J. BURDICK,
Deceased
NOTICE INFORMAL APPOINT-
MENT OF ADMINISTRATOR
AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Notice is hereby given that an ap-
plication for informal appointment of
administrator of the above named
decedent's estate has been filed with
the Registrar herein, and the applica-
tion has been granted informally ad-
ministrating such estate. Any
objection may be filed in the above

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hearing fixed for such purpose.
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Heine, whose address is 18680
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personal representative of the estate
of the above named decedent, has
been made. Any heir, devisee or
other interested person may be enti-
tled to appointment as personal rep-
resentative or may object to the
appointment of the personal repre-
sentative and the personal representa-
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or to the Court Administrator within
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tice or said claims will be barred.
Dated: 01/06/2025
/s/ Deanna Verdick
Deputy Probate Registrar
/s/ Shannon Asselin
Court Administrator

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