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The Senior Girls perform "Bella's Finals" from the movie Pitch Perfect.
Pioneer photo by Rachael Jaeger

Timeless music

WHS hosts 'Vinyl to Viral' show

By RACHAEL JAEGER
Staff Writer

Waseca High School students put on their spring variety show "Vinyl to Viral" the evenings of May 3 and 4. Performances featured a mixture of tunes from the 1950s to present day.

The show opened with the State Street Singers' version of "Rockin' Robin"; singers were all decked out in suits and dress pants, polka dot dresses, colorful pastels, and leather jackets. The energetic beginning was an excellent introduction to the different personalities of the students and the timeline of the songs they performed throughout the night.

The Female Sextet moonwalked onto the stage while wearing black fedoras to sing "Billie Jean" by Michael Jackson. Shortly after entering the stage, the Female Sextet tossed their fedoras into the audience who squealed in surprise; some broke into applause. The Female Sextet each took a line from Billie Jean and sang a solo while the other young women

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Among the State Street Singers performing "Rockin' Robin" were (front row, from left) Ava Omtvedt, Norah Schimming and Trista Stinehart. The annual high school variety show was presented at 7 p.m. on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4.
Pioneer photo by Rachael Jaeger

Art Exhibit and Reception at Waseca Art Center May 9

Eric Zuccola and the Waseca Art Appreciation Group will be exhibiting their work from April 24-June 8th at the Waseca Art Center. There will be a reception for Zuccola's work on May 9, 2024 from 5-7pm.

Waldorf Petal Pushers to host plant sale May 11

The Waldorf Petal Pushers garden club is having a plant sale on May 11 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Waldorf Community Center. Annuals, perennials, houseplants, succulents will be available. \$20.00 gift cards from Soubas greenhouse will be sold.

Hartley's 'Night in the big city' May 14

Students, parents, and families are invited to Hartley Elementary's "Night in the big city" May 14 from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Food will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Events include an art show, literacy activities, BOGO Book Fair. The meal is free and includes hotdogs, chips, a cookie and beverage.

4-H Garage Sale May 17-19 at Waseca County Fairgrounds

The "largest garage sale in Waseca" will be May 17-19, during Waseca's all-city garage sale weekend, benefitting 4-H camps, scholarships, and project-learning opportunities for Waseca youth. Community donations are appreciated.

Waseca Craft and Vendor Show May 17-19 at Waseca County Fairgrounds

The Waseca Craft and Vendor Show will be May 17, 18, and 19 at the Waseca County Fairgrounds. Times are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 17: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 18, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19. Vendors looking to participate should call Jennie Johnson (507-475-1021) or Robin Dulas (507-461-0314) to reserve a space.

Happy Days in Waseca 5 p.m. June 6

Happy Days in Waseca, an event aiming to bring more community to Waseca is taking place June 6 from 5-9 p.m.

A word from The Word

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil.

Jeremiah 29:11

Stagecoaches across Waseca County

Joecks pens fourth book

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Since last September, Waldorf area resident Judy Joecks has been putting in some very long days to meet a self-imposed deadline of May 15. She is happy to report she has accomplished her goal: her most recent self-published book—this one titled "Stagecoaches Across Waseca County and Neighboring Counties"—goes to a Mankato printing company next week to be reproduced.

For the time being, she is collecting the names of interested individuals so she knows how many of the 220-page, comb-bound book to have made; so far she's planning on about 100. The price for books in this first printing will be \$35.

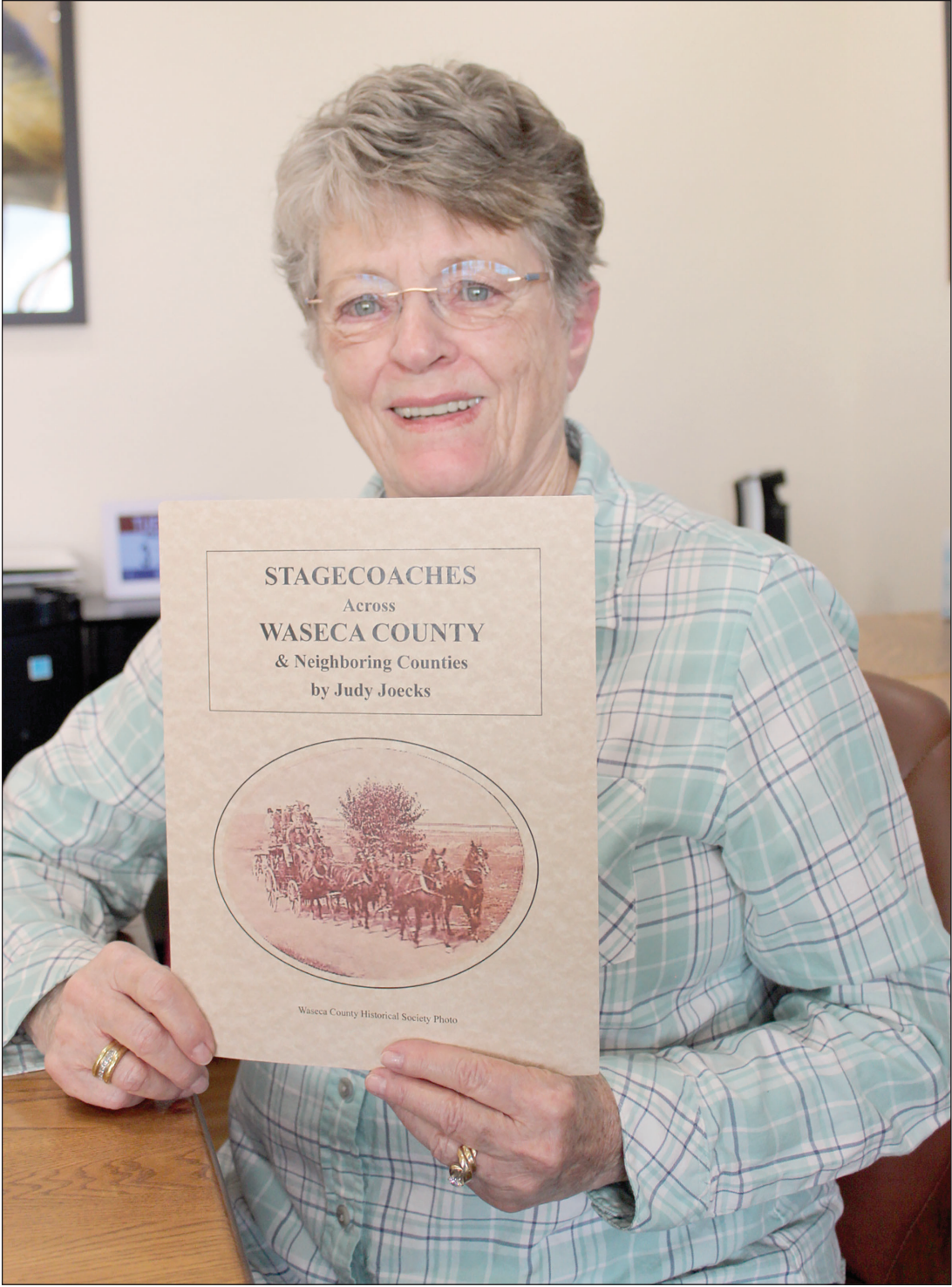
Joecks, 84, admits that when she becomes curious about a topic, she feels compelled to learn more.

That was the case with her 1999 book, "A Touch of Waldorf History," her 2018 book about the "Pink Schoolhouse," and her 2023 book focusing on P.T. Barnum and the famous circus owners' impact in southern Minnesota and most especially Waseca County, where he once briefly owned a farm near Waldorf.

Joecks became curious about stagecoach routes and practices in the county late last summer. Her research began with a visit to property formerly owned by one-time Waseca County Sheriff Mert Schwarz and now owned by Lyle and Judy Kunz. The crude foundation of the stagecoach barn and the remains of a trail are still visible on the property, which is located within an area that was part of Waseca County's first county seat, the "memory town" of Wilton.

The barn was near the LeSueur River where it is now crossed by the "Wilton bridge" along County Highway 4 roughly 4 miles south of Waseca. Joecks points out, however, that there was no bridge at that time: In pioneer days, travelers had no choice but to find a shallow place to "ford" any rivers they wished to cross.

Joecks says she went on to visit many locations across the county looking for signs of former barns and trails. One of her most important sources as she continued her research was the Waseca County History Center, located in Waseca. She compliments Joan Mooney and other staff members who were



Waldorf area resident Judy Joecks, 84, has compiled four books documenting elements of local history. She has recently completed a 220-page book about stage coach routes and stops throughout Waseca County.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

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A student holds frames which are used to align and correct severe fractures or broken bones of animals, Dr. Troy Summers explained their use during a demonstration at FarmAmerica on Friday, May 3.
Pioneer photo by Rachael Jaeger

Ag day at FarmAmerica

By RACHAEL JAEGER
Staff Writer

About 300 junior high students visited FarmAmerica near Waseca on May 1 and 3 to learn about a range of diverse careers in the field of agriculture. The students came from Waseca; New Richland Hartland Elendale Geneva (NRHEG); Janesville Waldorf Pemberton (JWP), and United South Central (USC) schools.

Students were divided into groups which then rotated to twenty-minute presentations at various locations. Waseca fire chief Jason Forshee informed students about work in safety and rescue. He demonstrated a number of different types of gear and explained their uses. One of the first items Forshee explained was the "tripod" fire departments use for entering and exiting confined spaces. Another item Forshee talked about was a metal enclosure used to prevent someone trapped in a grain bin from being buried; the enclosure also has a ladder attached to allow a victim to escape.

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WASECA SCHOOL BOARD

Connecting families to community resources

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

School social worker Jenny Sandbeck shared the work she does as the staff spotlight at the Waseca school board's May 2 workshop meeting. "Right now the legislature is sensitive to providing additional support," Superintendent Eric Hudspith stated, referring to the student support team that includes counselors, nurses, psychologists, and social workers. "But counselor is the word they throw around a lot without recognizing what everyone's role is in a school." Sandbeck is currently the Waseca Jr./Sr. High social worker and 504 plan building coordinator, but began at Hartley Elementary as the Family Services Coordinator in 2001.

Sandbeck told board members her job includes helping students strengthen their social-emotional skills and addressing issues that may get in the way of learning. She also helps connect students and families to community resources. "I was able to collaborate with our Neighborhood Service Center and we brought in a food program for students and families. We're going to meet again to talk about what kind of food program can happen this summer as well."

Sandbeck also co-coordinates the Waseca Intervention Group (WING), an after-school academic support program that runs Monday through Thursday each week. She is also a liaison for the McKenney Vento federal program that serves students and families who are experiencing homelessness. Sandbeck believes one of the biggest pieces she deals with is transportation. "Sometimes a student who becomes homeless might end up in a neighboring community," she explained. "So the student doesn't have to change districts, we want to keep the continuity of education going. With every district change there can be up to a 30-percent loss in academic progress."

The board next discussed program space and cost considerations regarding the possible relocation of the Southwest Metro special education program out of the Central building. Hudspith distributed an outline of his notes to the board which included lease cost information, potential outcomes of the relocation.

School continued on 4



Compostings

by Al Batt

Slowly getting over my fear of speed bumps

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
I sent my brother a "get better" card.
I'm sorry to hear he's ailing.
Oh, he isn't sick, but I know he could get better.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I saw a pickup pulling a trailer containing five mattresses to the landfill. Sometimes, in the course of human events, a man has to take mattresses into his own hands.

It had rained cats and dogs. I know because I stepped into a poodle. I waited quietly in the dim shadows of a waiting room. I wondered how many people die in a waiting room each year. I'm sure it's not as many as those who die in living rooms.

I had a green rental car in Texas. It was really green. I don't know if I'd ever had a green one before. No one asked me what kind of rental car I was driving, but if they had, I'd have told them, "Green."

A woman at the venue where I spoke told me that her husband sits around the house all day with no clothes on. "I tell him to put on some clothes, but he tells me to go slap flies. He says that as long as we're not having any company, who cares? I ask him, 'Then why are you wearing your cowboy hat?' He replied, 'Well, you never know.'"

I WISH I'D HAVE HUGGED MY MOTHER MORE
I'll give my wife some macaroni art I'd made for Mother's Day. She'll be surprised.

My mother wasn't vertically enhanced. I teased her that she was so short her feet could be seen on her driver's license photo. I knew if I put my heart on the table, my mother would never step on it. She bragged about me. "Allen has always been smart. He was a toddler when he grabbed that electric fence. No one had to tell him to let go." She nearly cried when I gave her a painted rock and some dandelions for Mother's Day. I think it was because I had given her a painted rock and some dandelions for Mother's Day. I'm proud to be Lucille's boy. I wish I'd have hugged Mom more.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
Are Madonna and Cher on a first-name basis?
What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic? Sanka.
Why do ducks have flat feet? To

stomp out fires. Why do elephants have flat feet? To stomp out burning ducks.

If you get shingles a second time, is it a case of the doubles?
Have you heard about the man who regained his sight and lost his job as an NFL referee?

My cousin moved from Nacogdoches to LA because LA was easier to spell.

Who said, "Coming are British the"? Paul Reverse.

I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know 'y.'

I'm slowly getting over my fear of speed bumps.

NATURE NOTES

On an unseasonably seasonable day, critters act as cheerleaders. The white-throated sparrows whistled, "Old Sven Peterson, Peterson, Peterson," and chorus frogs sounded like a thumbnail running down the teeth of a comb.

A Cooper's hawk hunted the yard. Birds flee or freeze in place when this happens. The first bird to return to the feeders when the coast is clear is almost always a chickadee.

I watched American white pelicans flying low enough that the nuptial tubercles on the upper mandibles of both males and females were exceptionally evident. Above them, a red-tailed hawk circled. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology says the pelican's wingspan reaches 114 inches and the hawk's stretches to only 52 inches. I love being astonished.

Chipping sparrows, brown thrashers and song sparrows kept me company as I looked at anthills in sidewalk cracks. I used to wonder while wandering what it'd be like to fall into an anthill. It would have been a tight fit, no doubt. I listened to Canada geese playing their vuvuzelas. I love this time of the year when the blue-winged teal bloom wherever there is a puddle, and the drakes entertain me with their enthusiastic peeping. The joy of being a birder is immeasurable.

I watched grackles and red-winged blackbirds mob a crow in the air, forcing the bigger bird to the ground. As the crowd dispersed, the crow flew into a spruce tree. Poor decision. The tree was filled with blackbirds, most of whom joined the fray and chased the crow from the scene.

MEETING ADJOURNED
"Non nobis solum nati sumus."
(Not for ourselves alone are we born.)—Marcus Tullius Cicero. Be kind.

The exciting life of a retired teacher

I went to the Orpheum Theater in the Cities this past week to see Shen Yun, a show which features dance and music styles from China. During the show, the emcees informed us the tumbling and acrobatic acts usually associated with the circus actually originated as part of Chinese music performances.

Certainly, the acrobatics we saw were dynamic and impressive. Not only were they physically demanding, they were being performed in costumes which must have seemed very warm under those stage lights.

I felt I was performing some acrobatics of my own climbing the extremely steep steps and then folding myself into the very compact seating. My knee caps formed themselves to the shape of the chair in front of me. My elbows sharpened themselves on the insides of the narrow armrests—actually putting my arms on top of them would have had me reaching halfway onto my neighbors' laps.

Along with all that, the price for my ticket would have fed my father's family of 15 (two adults and 13 children) for a month "back in the day," but we all know "the day" is gone, so I probably shouldn't dwell on that.

Still, just like the complicated and expensive drive to watch the solar eclipse, going to the Orpheum to see



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently
Contributing Writer

Shen Yun was "worth it." It had its imperfections, but was also uplifting, stunningly beautiful, and intellectually fascinating. There are enough minutes of footage online, I think, to show you what I mean.

Speaking of footage, though, the theater managers were intensely serious about their "photography is strictly forbidden" policy. Human nature being what it is, the announcement that no photography should occur during the show was still echoing in my ears as the show began. Yet next to me—thanks to the compact seating arrangements, pretty much in front of my eyes—a woman used her smartphone to record a few moments of the action on the stage; I would estimate 30 to 45 seconds' worth. The teacher in me couldn't help thinking about how useless a rule is if it's not enforced.

Not long afterward, an usher was standing to our left. She insisted that

my neighbor either hand over her phone, or delete the recording while she watched. Given the price of my ticket, I did not appreciate having the usher hovering in my line of sight while I was still trying to take everything in. The teacher in me, though, was glad to be biting her "inner" tongue.

I had a much different adventure this past Sunday. For the sake of entertaining my 12-year-old granddaughter, she and I traveled to the Wisconsin Dells. There we worked our way through "Wizard's Quest," an attraction that features a very large, very elaborately decorated venue. We were in a fantasy land with a dragon's skull large enough to put a bed in, an undersea section that included a mermaid swimming above us and small sea creatures in bubbles around us, a "willow forest" with intertwining branches, and a wizard's study filled with maps and spell books.

Our job was to move through the

various settings where we would come across various characters—all immobile statues with electronic tablets in front of them. The tablets informed us of a difficulty the character was facing and asked whether we were willing to be of help.

We found ourselves bargaining for an ointment to drive stinging frogs off a tree sprite, looking for the footprints of a wayward baby salamander, and seeking shelter from an anticipated meteor shower. Each of our quests called for creative thought and walking—oh, so much walking—to get to the various locations we were advised to visit. We were either looking for clues or trying to locate and "speak" with various characters.

Still, it was an impressive venue with stunning attention to detail. It was impossible to walk through any section without being impressed. It certainly suited my granddaughter's fascination with fantasy characters. Some of the scary monsters were so realistic, she refused to pose next to them for me. Others, on the other hand, were so beautiful or colorful or detailed, one wanted to look at them for hours. I can't promise I will go again, but I will say I am glad to have been there at least once.

How should I spend my summer?



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

then again, that defeats my original purpose of getting a part-time summer job... I will keep you all updated as to the success of my fun little job hunt.

Speaking of my apartment, I moved into a new unit this week, which has been a hassle and whirlwind of a time. Last Wednesday I was studying with my roommate when we got a call saying our apartment is scheduled for some renovations. Apparently the plan is to fix some of the damage done by a storm that flooded most of the building way back in September. But we were only notified last week, then given only

a few days to move. Luckily we didn't have to move across the building, only up eight floors. So I guess it could have been worse.

Personally, I was excited about the move because we've been in our apartment for two years now, and I was looking forward to a change. My roommate was less enthused because the reason we resigned as early as we did was so we wouldn't have to change apartment units—but there we were, moving eight floors. Oh well, there's nothing we can do about it now. Time to just fill the apartment with plants and

make it seem completely homey because that will definitely work.

So that has taken up the majority of my week. And without school or work to worry about, it's been difficult keeping track of what day it is. Tuesday felt like Friday because all I did was putz around my room most of the day and make seven layer bars—although naturally they weren't as good as my grandma's or dad's. They were still good, of course: after all, they are seven sugary levels of sweetness. Maybe I'll just start baking a lot with all my newfound freedom. Probably not though, because even though I have friends, many of them are healthy and athletic and don't want constant inputs of sugars and sweets, so they're no fun.

My Determination: "I believe that life is a game, that life is a cruel joke, and that life is what happens when you're alive and that you might as well lie back and enjoy it." - Neil Gaiman, American Gods

Should you play Yu-Gi-Oh in church?

I've had the idea for a while to start sharing all of my newspaper stories beginning with the first. The problem is, or really, the thing is, the newspaper keeps printing and I get caught up in the day-to-day, the week-to-week life of telling the current stories.

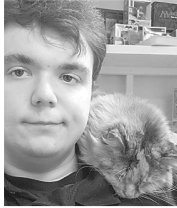
This week and last were prom: Waseca on the last weekend in April, NRHEG during the first weekend in May. Covering those events got me thinking about the times I attended prom: both were typical "go with your friend" experiences.

As a sophomore I was asked by one of my friends, a senior, to go with her.

My senior year there was a girl I thought about asking, but I was friends with her brother, so was unsure whether I should. When he suggested to me that I ask her, I did, and we went.

I wish there was more to the story. We had a great time, played lots of games and danced on a riverboat.

Back to the present.
I wrote a couple weeks ago about the First Congregational Church



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

closing in New Richland. I've had many, many thoughts about this.

Attending church again this past weekend, I was reminded of a question Deb Bently and I were contemplating the other day: Given a choice, which would be preferable, to lose a loved one quickly or suddenly, or slowly, with time to say goodbye?

I find myself comparing the loss of my childhood church to the losing of a loved one.

Even though it's painful, I'm glad there is some time to say goodbye.

The thing I will miss most are the memories I won't get to continue to make there. That, and Pastor Pam's sermons.

I didn't start going to church as an adult, again until this past year, attending with Deb.

I'm sad the number of times I'll get to hear Pastor Pamela preach, and the number of times I'll get to sit in those same pews I played Yu-Gi-Oh (a card game) with my brother growing up can be counted with one hand.

A week from Sunday, my niece and (soon to be) god-daughter Aria will be baptized there, the final baptism of the First Congregational Church. Pastor Pam is really happy to have a baptism scheduled. So am I.

The final Sunday, I hear, will feature a lot of music. Pastor Pam wants it to be a celebration. She has served as our pastor for two decades.

I sat in for the church meeting after service on Sunday. Many, really all, of my questions were answered. Bruce Berg showed me pictures from

the final youth "Christmas Play" ever held at the church. My older brother Nathan, my sister Jessica and myself were all pictured numerous times. I was 5 years old and remember being too scared to say my lines. Even though my only line, as my dad likes to remind me, was, "And myrrh."

I remember wanting to be in the play because I thought wearing the different crowns was cool.

In the coming weeks I imagine more memories will be shared. Doubtless, I will write more about this topic.

"And men go abroad to admire the heights of mountains, the mighty waves of the sea, the broad tides of rivers, the compass of the ocean and the circuits of the stars yet pass over the mystery of themselves without a thought." - Augustine

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." - Augustine

text based on historically accurate sources including newspapers and local history books—perhaps most notably "James Child's History of Waseca County 1854 to 1904." She takes photographs using her smartphone, and finds other useful images online and in books and newspapers.

Acknowledging that many octogenarians are not well acquainted with computers, Joecks comments she doesn't "pay much attention to my age."

Joecks and her husband Dale have been married 65 years. They ran a farm operation for decades on land previously owned by Dale's parents, raising three children. Their son Todd now operates the home farm near Waldorf which is well on its way to becoming eligible as a century farm.



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■ Joecks

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to books and online sources as she gathered information.

"I don't like to sew or make crafts," she observes, "so I guess I could say my hobby is collecting, organizing, compiling and sharing information."

In the course of her research, Joecks learned the county, like the southern region of the state, was once criss-crossed by stagecoach routes. A major source of income for the coach companies came from the U.S. Postal Service, which contracted with them to deliver mail to the towns gradually becoming established across the prairie.

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Waseca County's first homesteader was Asa Sutlief, who staked his claim in what is now Wilton Township in 1854. By 1857, Wilton had been named the county seat and had a post office. As other towns were incorporated, they, too, were linked by stagecoach routes.

Through those pioneer days, stagecoaches were the pipeline connecting communities to the larger network of the state and nation. According to Joecks, news and letters delivered by stagecoaches were a source of communication and comfort which helped them feel less secluded. Through her research, she came across many interesting anecdotes, including that the first mail delivery in the county was brought from Mankato on foot; the tired delivery man found a ride for the

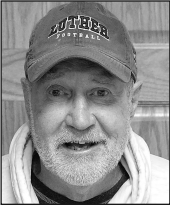
return trip.

"Even after everything got better established, it was still a rough ride. The roads were really only rough, bumpy trails. Dust and rain could get inside the wagon. Sometimes wheels would break."

When things were going well, it was still a slow ride; the coaches stopped every 15 miles or so to change horses. A stagecoach ride from Mankato to Owatonna took more than two days.

Anyone interested in arranging to receive a copy of "Stagecoaches in Waseca County and Neighboring Counties," can contact Joecks either at her email address: judyjoecks@gmail.com, or by texting her phone at 507-317-1345.

Joecks compiles the originals of her books on her computer. She writes the



Bits and Pieces

by Dave Zika



Remember the giant waterslide?

As you leave Waseca on old Highway 14 east toward Owatonna, you pass by Kiesler's Campground and the southeast boat landing of Clear Lake. North of the boat landing is a large hill known as "Maplewood."

For the past 25 years, the Clear Lake Association, along with the city, hosts a spring park cleanup. Families and individuals of all ages report to Maplewood, where they are assigned a park where they are asked to pick up trash, gather sticks or branches, and perform other tasks to make everything look ship shape. After their task is complete, they report back for camaraderie, hot dogs, chips and snacks, coffee, pop or other beverages. For the past couple of years I've enjoyed serving hot dogs and treats to cleanup participants alongside Joan Mooney. The last couple of cleanup Saturdays have been very cold and windy. We serve the goodies in a large pavilion originally built by the Boy Scouts at the top of the hill. The building is constructed of clay tile and brick; it was built in 1929, and is still in excellent condition. I'm sure some repairs have been made to it over the years. It was a pleasure watching people warm themselves at the large, built-in fireplace, talk, laugh, and sip hot coffee or a beverage.

I hear that Maplewood Park was the center of Waseca's cultural and social life back in the late 1800s. That's some 130 years ago, so no eye witnesses are alive to interview and tell stories. I took some questions to the Bailey House of the Waseca County Historical Society; Joan and Virginia sent me home with a folder of information. It was fascinating research.

In the late 1800s there was a "Chautauqua" movement that began in New York and moved west. One of the movement's goals was to intertwine education and entertainment; lectures, dance, music, drama, and art were some of the key components. The idea was to introduce this culture to others while also presenting information and practices they could use in everyday life. Chautauqua came to small towns; the ideal setting was among trees, by a lakeshore, or in a park.

As we were informed in "Field of Dreams," "If you build it they will come." It certainly turned out to be true in this case: Maplewood became a combination of a dinner theater, the Orpheum, and, on a much smaller scale, Valley Fair. The park was the center of Waseca's cultural and social life for at least 15 years.

At the top of the hill was a luxury hotel, probably the finest in Minnesota. It had three levels with porches and promenade decks, a large lobby, parlor and dining room. The hotel featured great food and provided 40 rooms for guests. Just south of the hotel was an auditorium. It had a roof and open sides and a folding canvas for bad weather. Even with a seating capacity of more than 500, Chautauqua brought overflow crowds. The auditorium offered week-long entertainment by musical organizations, outstanding speakers, plays, and science lectures. Supposedly William Jennings Bryan and Mark Twain each spoke there. Just west of the auditorium stood the Chautauqua Hall, a building patterned after a Greek temple with a floor and roof supported by pillars. One of its uses was teaching crafts and skills for young people.

A giant waterslide ran down to Clear Lake: It started from the highest point on Maplewood hill. The waterslide was constructed of wood—which causes me to think of slivers—but apparently they weren't a problem, since people kept using it. A steamboat named the Commodore was purchased from Lake Minnetonka for \$1,200 by Ira Trowbridge and A.P. Jamison; the boat offered cruises on Clear Lake and transportation to guests for many years.

Maplewood also featured a store which offered groceries to guests and campers during a busy summer season. For entertainment there was a one-lane bowling alley, probably the first in Waseca County. There were 30 private cottages on the grounds owned by names like the Mayo brothers, Trowbridges, Everetts, and other prominent families. The ground also included sites for campers. At the main entrance there was a barn accommodating a considerable number of horses belonging to campers and visitors.

Visitors came from everywhere to vacation and experience Chautauqua. They came by horse-drawn vehicles, walked out from Waseca, or came by train. Trains arrived at the Maplewood depot daily, 16 in all from 9:45 a.m. until 9:40 in the evening. They came from Iowa to the south and Minneapolis to the north picking up visitors along the way. Horse-drawn buses and carriages met all the trains and transported people to Maplewood. So as you can see, Maplewood was once "the" place to be.

Unfortunately, a fire destroyed the hotel in 1898. Maplewood began its journey downhill after the hotel was lost; by the mid-1920s the Chautauqua movement came to an end. E.A. Everett purchased the property and gave it to the Cedar Valley area Boy Scouts of America. A \$10,000 Boy Scout building was constructed and donated as Camp Everett-Hormel; it still stands today on the area where the hotel used to be.

Maplewood today is that special niche where body and spirit can be reconstituted. If you take a hike through the gate to the top of Maplewood, you just might find your quiet getaway place. You can sit down in the scout shelter and smell the trees, leaves, and wildflowers in bloom. Take a hike on the blacktop path down by the lake and walk with your dog or kids down to the fishing pier. There's a picnic table for snacks and benches to watch action on Clear Lake. When you get to the pier, turn and look up the hill where the water slide may have been. Ouch, it's a long way down on a wooden, curvy slide to the water.

Christensen joins city of New Richland

By TRISTAN GEHRING
Staff Writer

Heather Christensen. Christensen, 34, started as New Richland's assistant city clerk on April 15, 2024. She is a New Richland native who spent a few years away before coming back to the area. "I'm happier than ever," she says about her new role, "I'm super excited to be working for my hometown. It's so cool to see how everybody I graduated with has grown and to get to know the community."

Of her new position, she says, "I've always loved the idea of working for my community. It's something that's appealed to me my entire life, helping." She also explained that she handles big situations very well, with little stress, though she tends to "sweat the small stuff." Over the next few years she hopes to excel in her career with the City of New Richland, and do good for the town. "There's a lot that can be taught and learned here," she explained.

Christensen's work history is varied. "I've gotten a lot of experience in the last ten years," she said. She spent some time studying business administration, did several years in the healthcare field, worked in office settings, processed loans for a finance company, and managed a bar.

Christensen says her transition to this new stage is going great. "We had a couple bumps in the road in the beginning, but we worked like a team and we got through it," she explains. "It's been wonderful; everyone's been super welcoming and great with helping with any questions that I may have, which I am very grateful for. We've got a good team here."

"People may know my dad and step-mom," Christensen says. Previously a Hines, Christensen is the daughter of Steve Hines and has two sisters and a step-brother. She met Kaleb Christensen in 2018. "It's a funny story," she said about their meeting. "In high school I was really good friends with his sister, but I never even knew he existed." Kaleb had already moved out by the time Heather was spending time at his family home, and the topic never came up. Christensen describes meeting her husband as "coming full circle." Meeting Kaleb was also what brought Heather home to



New Richland's new assistant City Clerk Heather Christensen.

Photo by Tristan Gehring

New Richland. When her daughter Brynna, now 10, was born she remembers hoping Brynna would someday attend NRHEG schools. "I had such a good experience there," Christensen recalls. Meeting Kaleb and returning to New Richland made that wish come true; her daughter started kindergarten at the Ellendale school. "I met him, we came back, and the rest is history," Christensen says with a smile. She also has a son, Fisher, 3, with Kaleb. The two were married in a small, intimate ceremony on the lakeshore in 2022. "It was the best thing we ever did."

The Christensens are outdoorsy people. They own a place near Mille Lacs Lake and like to spend time there fishing and enjoying nature. "In the summertime, any open weekend we go up to our land up north," Christensen explained. She also enjoys attending rock concerts with her husband, and spending time together with family. Christensen describes herself as "very involved" with her family, which includes a plethora of nieces and nephews whom she loves to spend time with. While attending NRHEG High School, Christensen played volleyball, basketball, and softball. Sports are still an important part of her life – in the last few years she's begun coaching her daughter's basketball team; this summer she

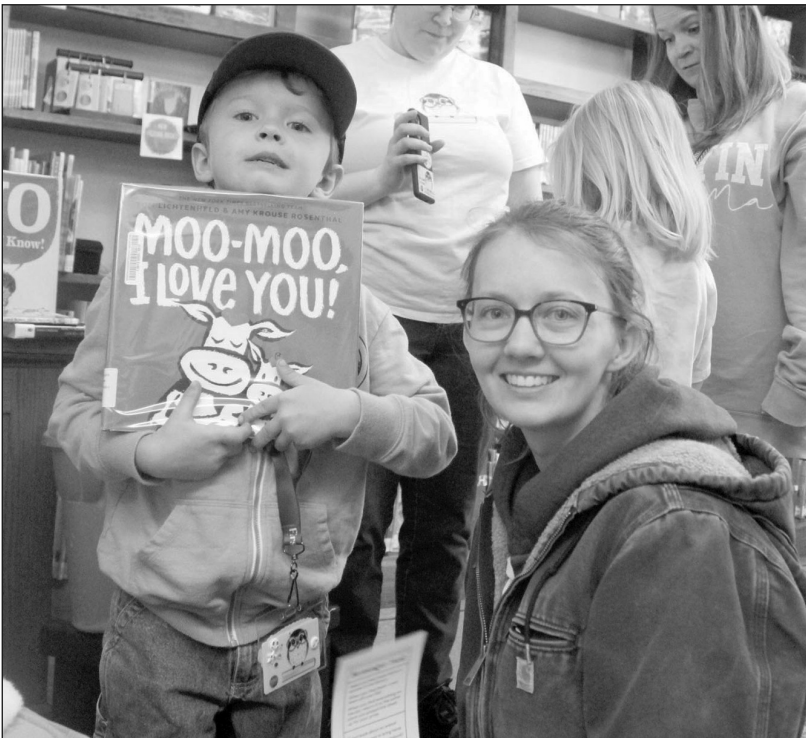
will coach her softball team alongside her husband. Cooking is another thing Christensen holds a passion for – at one time she wanted to attend culinary school to open a restaurant of her own, but life has taken her in a different direction. Even still, she loves experimenting in the kitchen and coming up with new recipes.

"I'm usually joking around," Christensen says about herself. She explains that she is rarely in a bad mood, something evident to those around her. She also describes herself as very understanding and social. "I don't want people to ever hesitate to reach out to me," she adds.

"Don't let yourself have regrets," Christensen says. "I've hated looking back and having regrets that I didn't take the chances I wanted to. But I got my kids out of it and I wouldn't change that for the world. Taking chances is something we really instill in our kids – 'Try it,' we say, 'See if you like it.'"

"I'm still learning, so hopefully people are patient with me," Christensen said of her position with the city. "I'm super excited to start on this journey and to get more involved with the community and everybody else around here. I'm really excited to see where this is going to take me in the future."

Library Card Celebration



The Janesville Public Library was host to a card party May 4. Kindergarteners who attended collected their first library card, played games, posed for pictures, and danced.

Left, Addilyn Winter, 6, proudly displays the new library card she decorated with an assortment of stickers.

Above, Colton Tester, 5, alongside his mom, Lauren Tester, shows "Moo-Moo, I Love You," a book with a red cover he searched for as part of his treasure hunt at the library. Colton said he was looking forward to checking the book out and being able to read it later with his mom.

Top left, Kelly Koplen, Janesville Public Librarian, middle, enjoyed the enthusiasm of new library card holders Addilyn Winter, left, and Colton Tester.

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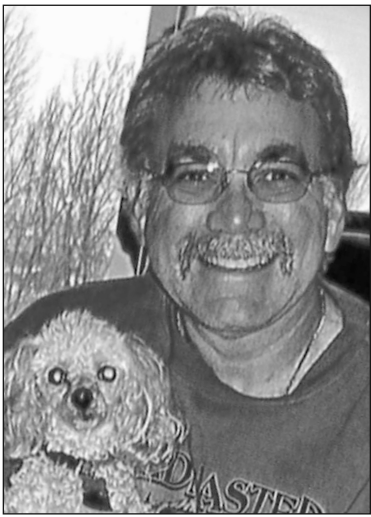
Douglas Moldenhauer

DOUGLAS ARTHUR MOLDENHAUER, age 65, of Waseca passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 3, 2024 in Waseca.

Born on December 5, 1958 in Wilmington, Delaware, Doug was the son of Arthur and Sara (Dillard) Moldenhauer. He graduated from Wicomico High School in Salisbury, Maryland. Doug worked various jobs prior to moving to Minnesota where he began a long career at Wenger's in Owatonna, retiring at the age of 62.

On September 6, 2002, he was united in marriage to Susan Dahle in Ortonville, and together made their home in Waseca. Doug enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, camping, cooking and gardening. He was a member of Christ Community Church in Waseca.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Susan Moldenhauer of Waseca; son, Brad Buker of Mankato; grandson, Kaiden Buker; sister, Linda Jarrett of Seaford, DE; niece, Starla Ohm; nephews, Matt and Daniel Jarrett; mother-in-law, Betty Dahle; sisters-in-law, Darlene Krocak, Barb Swan, Nancy Hall, Mary Mahlen, Gretchen Dahle; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and



Douglas Moldenhauer

nephews; aunt and uncle, David and Barbara Ryan of MD; and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Sara Moldenhauer; aunt, Irene Sutlief; and father-in-law, Kenneth Dahle; brother-in-law, Daniel Dahle.

Memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the State Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. A burial will follow at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca. Dsofuneral.com

Jeanne Hofmeister

JEANNE MARIE HOFMEISTER, age 96, of Waseca passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, May 3, 2024 at Foxdale Memory Care.

Born on November 29, 1927, in Waseca, Jeanne was the daughter of Frank and Della (Johnson) Rohde. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School. Following her education Jeanne began working at Herters where she met Robert Hofmeister and they were later united in marriage on May 4, 1948, at Sacred Heart Church in Waseca. Together they made their home in Waseca while raising four children. Later in life, Jeanne worked at Viking Woodcraft. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, knitting, shopping, baking, reading, and following her grandchildren's activities. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Blessed be her memory.

Jeanne is survived by her children, Gary (Janine) Hofmeister of Milwaukee, Randy (Angie) Hofmeister of Waseca, Jane (Paul Neigebauer) Hofmeister of Waseca, Marty Hofmeister of Waseca; eight grandchildren, Sarah (Zeev Haskal) Byrnes, Jamie (Matt) Payne, Kate (William James) Hofmeister, Jeffrey (Erica) Hofmeister, Abby (Pat)



Jeanne Hofmeister

McClure, Ellie (Jon) Marchiori, Hannah Neigebauer (fiance, Bruce Harguth), and Nathan Hofmeister; ten great-grandchildren; brother, John Rohde of Waseca; and sister-in-law, Peggy Rohde of California; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings, Kay McClain, Joe Rohde, Jim Rohde, Pat Courtney, and Tom Rohde.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 10, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service at the church. A burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Waseca. Dsofuneral.com

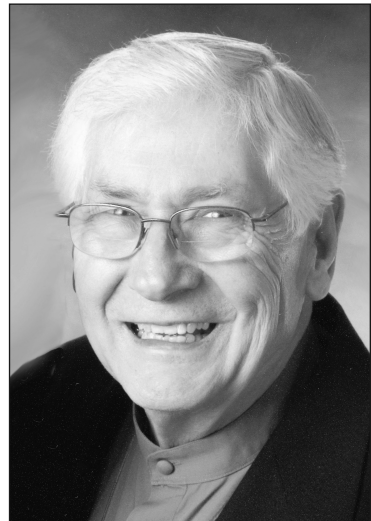
Raymond Hans Peterson

REV. RAYMOND HANS PETERSON, age 94 of Waseca, went home to his Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Colony Court in Waseca.

Born on December 28, 1929 in Mobridge, South Dakota, he was the son of Henry and Julia (Russeth) Peterson. He graduated from Bryant High School in 1947 and went on to attend Augustana and Augsburg College. While in college, Ray studied pastoral ministry, nursing home administration, and chaplaincy. He was united in marriage to Marvelle Ann Sorenson on June 7, 1950 at Palisades Church in Garretson, SD.

Ray spent over 50 years of his life working in ministry. He served churches in Revere, MN, Staten Island, NY, Colman SD, Minneapolis, MN, New Richland, MN, Sioux Falls, SD, and his most recent church, Christ the King Lutheran Church in Waseca, MN. He had also served as the Chief Chaplain of the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Ray also shared his ministry through song and also had a radio program of message and song in Yankton, South Dakota. He enjoyed golf, bowling (Holy Rollers), basketball and baseball.

He is survived by his children, Daniel (Sandy) Peterson of Morris-town, David (Kim) Peterson of Eden Valley, Peggy (Edward) Anderson of North Branch, Lisa (Jordan) Burdick of Waseca, and Tim Peterson of Tea, SD; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He is



Raymond Hans Peterson

also survived by one sister, Joyce Case of Minneapolis; sister-in-law, Shirley (Marlin) Schmidt of Milbank, SD; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; siblings, Aril, Ted, Walter, Bill, Lenore, Ann, Alice, and Grace; and great-grandson, Trae Daniel Peterson.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 from 4-7 p.m. at the State Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca. Visitation will continue on Thursday, one hour before services at the church.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Waseca, with Rev. Cary Larson officiating. A private family interment of Raymond's and Marvelle's cremated remains will take place at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca at a later date. dsofuneral.com

Frank memorial fund prepares for fourth annual benefit

By TRISTAN GEHRING
Staff Writer

The Hunter Alexander Frank Memorial Fund will be hosting its fourth annual fundraising benefit Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the Steele County Beer Gardens and is currently collecting donations. This year's event will include the memorial ride, car and bike show, cornhole tournament, silent auction, live entertainment, and other family-oriented activities. The donation goal for 2024 is \$15,000, to be totaled after the event. As of 2024, the foundation has also officially obtained 501(c)(3) status, which they say would not have been possible without community support.

Hunter Frank was born in Owatonna in April of 2000 and graduated from Owatonna High School in 2018. Immediately after graduating, he enlisted with the U.S. Navy as an Aircrewman with the VP-26 Tritons. On October 17, 2020, he lost his life while on deployment to El Salvador. "Hunter was always a beacon of joy to those around him, and he was always willing to drop

everything to help out anyone in need," says the foundation team. The Hunter Alexander Frank Memorial Fund was established to continue that legacy.

In 2021, Hunter's older brother and president of the foundation, Brandon Flores, hosted a memorial motorcycle ride in the Waseca and Owatonna area. The turnout from the ride inspired his family to go bigger, and in 2022 they hosted a second memorial ride followed by a benefit dinner and silent auction, where they raised \$10,500 which was donated to Wounded Warriors Family Support (WWFS) in Frank's name. In 2023, the foundation took it one step further by hosting an entire day of events which produced \$11,200 to donate to WWFS. WWFS is a Nebraska-based foundation providing support for veterans and their families nationwide. To learn more about WWFS, visit the organization's website at wwfs.org.

There are several ways to help. The silent auction is a huge source of the foundation's funding, and donations such as gift certificates, merchan-



Hunter Alexander Frank

dise and services are what make it possible. Businesses and individuals can also become a sponsor at the bronze, silver, or gold levels and receive benefits in exchange for their donation. Those wishing to make a monetary donation who cannot afford the sponsorship packages are also a big part of the foundation's fundraising efforts. There is also the opportunity to volunteer time and relevant services on September 14 at the event. To donate or register as a volunteer, or to learn more about Hunter Frank and the foundation, visit hafnmemorial.org.

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tion, and what the next steps would be. The vacated space would potentially allow the community education department to expand childcare services to include infants and younger children. SW Metro would be re-

located to Northridge Plaza. Hudspith told the board that, even if the SW Metro transition were approved, it would not be completed by this fall, but could potentially occur mid-year. He said it was possible a few of the childcare options may be available beginning this fall, with the expansion of that program. "That's not a money maker program, but when you compare it to your preschool and your school-age care system, that's where you break even on those pro-

cesses for childcare options," Hudspith said. "But it's an exciting opportunity for us to provide some additional service to the community as early as this fall, or in the coming year."

The final item on the agenda was a synopsis of the summer programming options in the schools; students in grades K-6 not proficient in reading and math can have targeted instruction on a small group or individual basis at their school. Junior

high students who failed a core class have the opportunity to make up that class; there will also be options for students in grades 9-12 who are behind in credits toward graduation from JWP, WEM, NRHEG and Waseca. Hudspith also highlighted some of the new summer community education programs and the ongoing athletics. "It's not a quiet summer around Waseca Public Schools," he laughed.

Blood Drive



National Red Cross attendant Emily Rhoda wraps up Diane Beckman's arm as she finishes donating blood at a drive sponsored by the Waseca American Legion Sweet-Sommers Post the afternoon of Monday, May 6.

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Outstanding Operation



The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) recognized the City of New Richland's wastewater treatment plant for outstanding compliance with MPCA standards during 2023. Minnesota has approximately 1,600 municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plants; New Richland's was one of only 253 recognized. Pictured from left are Maintenance and Utility Supervisor Eric Henderson, People Service Manager (in charge of the plant) Shell Johnson, and city administrator Anthony Martens.

Gehrke sworn in at regular meeting

By JESSICA LUTGENS
Staff Writer

Ryan Gehrke was sworn in as the newest member of the New Richland City Council during the group's April 22 meeting. Also introduced to the council was the city's new assistant clerk, Heather Christensen, who replaced Sara Jo Vulcan.

Bob Johannsen presented the Care Center report, noting that the center's census was up significantly in March compared to the month prior, with the average being 36.97 compared to 33.9 in February. Johannsen also informed council members that, because of recent training undergone by nursing staff, the center should be able to accept more referrals in the future. Previously, patients were turned away because the facility was not able to provide certain specialized services. Of the 38 referrals the center received in March, 19 were accepted.

The cost of hiring agency staffing continues to have a significant financial impact for the center, but Johannsen expressed gratitude to nursing staff members who have helped cover hours to offset some of that cost. An MBS nurse has been hired, but openings for roughly 20 CNAs remain, along with openings for nurse aides, RNs and LPNs. The care center report was approved.

Shell Johnson presented the PeopleService report, which stated that a break in a water main on Division Street in late March revealed a leak inside a building that has been present for many years. It was suggested that the city may need to hire a service to find the source of the leak in order to repair it.

It was noted that the City of New Richland received a Certificate of Commendation, operational award for the 2023 review period recognizing "exceptional compliance" with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The report was approved.

Eric Hendrickson presented the maintenance and utilities report,

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which included purchase requests for up to four tons of cold mix at a cost of \$180/ton, street repairs/patching through Uland Brothers at a cost of \$60,218, three gate valves at an undetermined cost, and a computer for the street department at a cost of \$549, all of which were approved along with the report.

In new business, the council approved the purchase of a paper folder for utility bills at a cost of \$1,391 along with a landscape maintenance agreement with the New Richland Town and Country Garden Club to "maintain and continue to promote civic beautification through their adoption of the New Richland Highway Garden along Highway 30 and the New Richland City Hall Garden." The city will compensate the club \$1,000 in 2024 for services provided that are outlined in the agreement.

Also approved were a total of \$1,675 worth of ammunition along with \$100 a month for body cameras for the New Richland Police Department. The council discussed removing trees and brush from the retention pond in the Homestake Subdivision, approving six loads of material to be hauled to the dump.

Finally, a right-of-way permit was approved to allow All Saints Church to adjust a concrete curb so that it meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Tony Martens presented the city administrator's report stating that the city's new utility payment vendor will be approved next month. Work continues on a "Community and Economic Development Assistance" grant with the state on behalf of the Economic Development Authority, along with the Service Line program and final details on this year's spring cleanup. The report was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Kruger qualifies for state

JANESVILLE JOURNAL - Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton junior Miles Kruger has already achieved plenty as a high school musician. But he officially made history when he got the news that he qualified for All-State, something that other musicians at JWP haven't done in 33 years.

Kruger will be attending the Minnesota Music Educator Association's All-State Camp from July 30 to August 3 this summer at Concordia College in Moorhead, where he will be gathering with fellow All-State musicians for "an intense week of building musicianship, making friends, and performing." The camp features world-class conductors and section coaches from around the state. The week culminates in performances featuring what students have accomplished together.

In addition to the summertime camp, Kruger will be attending the MMEA Midwinter Convention in Minneapolis on February 14 and 15, 2025.

Kruger qualified for All-State on baritone saxophone. According to him, he had been working on several etudes on the baritone sax since the beginning of the school year in September. "I also did a scales etude," he added.

He sent in those as part of his blind audition. He found out around April 18, right after he took his ACT test, so he couldn't quite take it all in. But he did say, "I am very excited to go. It's pretty cool I'm the first to do this in 33 years. I was confident about getting in."

Kruger's dedication to his craft began in fifth grade, the first year many students from JWP started their journey in the world of band. After six years, he plays all four saxophones—baritone, tenor, alto, and soprano—for various ensembles, including the JWP pit orchestra, jazz band, several honor bands, the JWP sax ensemble, and other pit orchestras outside of school. Kruger also shared that he's "pretty proficient" on the piano.

Band director Adam Hille said he has enjoyed



Miles Kruger

watching the once-budding musician grow into a confident saxophone player. "Seeing his growth has been incredible," he said. "One of my favorite parts about teaching 5-12 bands is seeing students go from making their first sounds on their chosen instruments to watching them grow into fantastic musicians."

When asked about any lessons or memories he'd like to take away from the All-State summer camp, Kruger didn't talk about himself. "The big

thing that I would like to get out of this is seeing more students at JWP audition for some of these things," he said. "We had some others think about auditioning, but they didn't do it. I hope that seeing that I made it encourages them to give it a try."

Director Hille echoed his sentiments: "I hope that now that Miles has made All-State, more students will see this as an achievable goal, and hopefully, it will encourage them to take these bigger auditions."

Reduced enrollment leads to staff cuts at JWP

By RACHAEL JAEGER
Staff Writer

During the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton (JWP) April school board meeting, board members approved placing math teacher Jeff Kuball and choir teacher Josh Sorenson on "unrequested leave." Board members were told decreasing enrollment makes it possible for the district to get by with three math teachers, rather than the four it has had this school year. The choir position will become part-time for the same reason. Board members chose not to renew the contracts of probationary teachers Jena Schoenrock, business education, and Janelle Waters, special education.

"When we're looking at numbers, we need to remember that there's a lot of formulas that go into figuring how much money we get from the state due to our student enrollment," Erler clarified.

He also announced construction on Teal Street under the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant would begin June 10. The construction will extend from Teal Street east over to Nelson Court.

In other matters, Erler shared he had met with Taher, a food service based out of Minnetonka, earlier that day. He expressed how impressed he was that kindergartners

to second graders were trying new foods but noted the students were charged for another entrée if they didn't like the food they formerly chose. He and school business manager Wendy Dieker addressed the issue by arranging to have samples available the previous day so students could have a better idea of how well they will like the next day's meal. He also promised to communicate with the parents so they would be on the same page.

Erler also brought up a discussion with members from the local Mayo Clinic, which recently closed, to partner with them for vaccinations, immunizations, and sport physicals.

"They are willing to provide us with services that some families struggle with getting," Erler said. "They also mentioned it's possible to get some equipment that they no longer use," said school board member Laura Seyes, who also took part in the discussion.

Erler reported that Mayo Clinic had declined to help pay for new vape detectors installed at the school, but had offered to educate students about the dangers of vaping. He said Mayo plans to bring representatives from the Minnesota State University (MSU) nursing department next fall.

Erler also shared that the Minne-

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sota Department of Education (MDE) had paid JWP a surprise visit to check to see how the school structures its Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) testing. Even though no testing was scheduled for that Monday, April 29, fifth-grade science teacher Megan Christopher consented to have her class start their tests. The representative who observed the process, Erler added, complimented JWP, and said the district would receive a report within the next few days.

The school board also approved applying a structural spray for the track at a cost of \$104,000 after some debate about whether or not to add the gray for the exchange zones on the track.

The school board also approved the employee contracts of the activities director, business manager, community education director, director of building and grounds, director of teaching and learning, director of technology and integration, executive assistant to the superintendent/human resources specialist, principal, and school nurse.

Summer school hours were established as being from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday, beginning on June 3.



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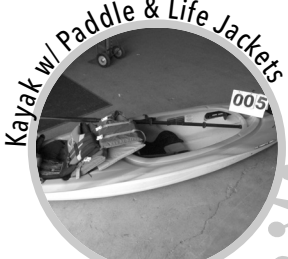
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Jason Forshee from Waseca Fire and Rescue shows the students what equipment is used for what the situation calls for on.



Jason Leary, Ag Technology Manager from Crystal Valley Farms, responds to group questions during his presentation at ag career day, an event at Farmamerica.



Dr. Troy Summers, primary doctor from Summers Ridge Veterinary Clinic in Janesville, engages students in discussion about animal health. Pioneer photos by Rachael Jaeger

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After one student asked whether Forshee had ever used the equipment, Forshee responded that he's never had to in his career and he hopes it stays that way. He told students he has been called to only one incident involving grain storage. Fortunately, during that call in Hope, the victim was easily recovered.

Dr. Troy Summers from Summers Ridge Vet Clinic in Janesville told students about the four different oaths a veterinarian takes after finishing eight years of school. He revealed that veterinarians promise to meet continuing education requirements and to keep updated on issues in animal health. Besides that, they take an oath to relieve and reduce animals' suffering, and to protect public safety by being aware of diseases which might migrate from ani-

mals to humans. Part of that promise is also protecting the public food supply.

"You don't think about veterinarians protecting the food supply, but that comes in at a lot of different levels," Summers stated, adding he learned that from being a large animal veterinarian for many years. "We set up vaccine protocols, quarantine protocols, sanitation protocols — whatever we need to do to keep animals healthy."

Jason Leary, AG Technology Manager from Crystal Valley Coop, demonstrated a few different sizes of drones he uses for different purposes. One small enough to be held in his hands is used to assess and photograph crops from above. A larger drone is used for planting or spraying crops; it is capable of carrying up to eight gallons of liquid, so after about two acres, the drone returns for a refill. At the same time, the battery typically must also be replaced since it lasts for only twenty minutes.

Since drones are such a new tech-

nology, Leary told students the government is still determining what laws should be in place to regulate them.

"Right now you need a couple of different licenses, including one to commercially fly the drone," Leary said and added that a custom applicator license is needed for the drone. Every drone must also be registered and insured through the state and on the federal level, he said, which can play into a reason why it's mostly agriculture businesses that own drones right now.

During the day, David Trcka, Ag lender and Jaelyn Hebert, an assistant teller from FM Bank, conversed with the students about taking out a loan, interest accumulation, and building up savings. FM Bank emphasized the importance of repaying loans promptly, and of keeping strong rapport with the bank. If someone takes out a loan and doesn't pay it back in a timely manner, Trcka explained, the bank might not grant a loan to that person again.

Trcka also gave examples to the students of how or why he will approve or disapprove a loan based on the farmer's income, property, and the crop sales.

Hebert also suggested that the farmer can set up a certificate of deposit (CD) so they can save money for a fixed amount of time. But, she warned, any farmers who break agreement can be penalized with a fee. She also said there are some benefits to keeping part of an operation's money less readily accessible.

Several employees from Dotson Iron Castings demonstrated to students how cast iron is molded into products for tractor parts. Students put sand into molds provided by the company; those were placed into a furnace that heated up the product for a few minutes. Students expressed apparent amazement about what could be done in a short amount of time.

Representatives from Bushel Boy Farms spoke about their business, and all the different careers involved with

growing vegetables. They also explained to students about the important inspections, testing, and quality control measures they take within their plant to supply their customers with their freshest food products. Students were offered samples of mini cucumbers, strawberries, and cherry tomatoes.

Larry Olson from Feedmill Operations worked a simple but enlightening math problem which revealed it takes fifteen percent of protein to make up the feed for growing hogs. As Olson also explained, sometimes the ratio for the measurements needs to be changed so a chosen goal can be met. He explained that the State of Minnesota tests feed products to ensure they have the nutrients needed for different animals.

Nathan Hanel and Courtney Spence from Southern Agriculture Center of Excellence also centered a discussion about how different products like Red Wing Boots are created from cowhide, so they involve the agriculture industry in that

way. Paints and crayons are made from soybean oil and brushes originate from cattle hair. Hanel and Spence also explained that soybeans are cleaned, cut into flakes, refined and cooked before pigments, resins, and waxes are added to create soy ink.

"Bottom line is — think about this — agriculture is everywhere," Hanel said.

Becca Habinck, Lab Manager and LeAnn Erickson, Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) Manager partnered from Guardian Energy shared information about making ethanol.

"Anything we make goes into gasoline, it raises the octane of the gasoline, and it makes the gasoline a cleaner fuel," Habinck said. "Renewable energy is a big topic now, so it's a good industry to get involved in," Habrinck said. "It's not going anywhere and there's going to continue to be a huge push towards it, especially with the constant innovations, upgrades, and updates."

The Pastor's Column
Discussing the different kinds of conflict

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS
Waseca First Congregational Church

Conflict is a part of life. From simple conflicts over dinner plans to complex discussions at work that set the direction for the next phase, we cannot escape conflict. There is good conflict and then there is bad conflict.

Good conflict is one where we are resolving injustice, calling one another to a holier walk with God, or seeking to restore one another to right relationship with God. Bad conflict is one where our preferences take advantage of others, we manipulate situations for our advantage, or seek to justify our behaviors to bring us a bit of comfort for a moment. As followers of Christ, we are called to examine our motivations and actions in light of Scripture and the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

There will be times when conflict between family and friends, at work or leisure, at home or elsewhere will directly affect us. It is in these times that we find out how big our faith really is. Do we trust that God is at work in the conflict or are we trying to resolve it in our own power?

Jesus told us to remove the plank from our own eye before we try to remove it from others. We are to examine ourselves and our actions with a clear head and unfiltered view. We are not to try to justify our behaviors but ask ourselves with the help of the Holy Spirit to reveal to us any actions, words, or behaviors that did not reveal God's love to others.

If there is fault in your actions, then we know we are to seek forgiveness of our sins against others by going to them and confessing in order that we might be restored to right relationship with them. If God says you are completely justified and righteous in your ac-

tions, that there is no plank in your eye, what are we to do in conflict? Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2:21-25 to act like Jesus did:

21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Once we are in a safe place, where no more harm can come to us, we are not to retaliate, but to wait for God to move. Trusting that He will heal our past hurts, through His work of the cross, as we forgive those that have harmed us. Seeking that His justice will come about, be it through the police and courts, the conviction of the Holy Spirit or another way. Conflict should draw us closer to God and to each other through the work of forgiveness, us seeking to forgive one another and asking God to forgive and teach us better ways to live.

Let us live in Godly righteousness through conflict, seeking to forgive and be forgiven. If you are living in conflict with others, take time now to ask God to reveal to you any faults, seek to be forgiven by admitting your sins to God and those your harmed, ask God to guide you in the right path to restored relationship with those that you are in conflict with.

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Janesville

1924

- Even an editor is not too old to learn. And one thing that he over-looks many times granting that he realizes its importance, is that of expressing an opinion upon some subject or incident at the say so of somebody else about which he knows nothing. Better keep away from expressing an opinion unless you know where you are at and are fully equipped to defend yourself in case of a reaction.

- The American Legion, Post 281, of Janesville, is entitle to the support of the community in its efforts to mould public opinion upon an important subject and to promote its substantial financial standing in the great play to be put on Thursday and Friday evening of this week at the Princess Theatre. Do not fail to see the play and thus show sum-pathetic consideration for the boys of the great war.

1949

- Tuesday was clean-up day at Janesville’s beautiful lakeside park near the Lake Elysian dam. Business places were closed at noon and an enthusiastic crowd of workers reported at the park. At the same time a large number of farmers with tractors, trucks, garden and trimming tools reported at the park to help with work. In all there were between 100 and 150 men at work when the crew was at its best.

- Waseca County’s contributions in the 1949 Easter Seal sale for the physically handicapped have reached a total so far of \$1,273.05, according to Mrs. Frank Sankovitz, of Waseca, local Easter Seal committee co-chairman. This is the first fund total report since before the campaign ended officially Easter Sunday and with returns still coming in.

1974

- She hasn’t got a leg left to stand on, but that doesn’t stop Alvina Rux from cooking, baking and hosting the kids who fill her Alma City home after school and on weekends. At 72, Alvina (little kids call her Bina) still lives in the back of the tavern she and her husband, Walter, ran before he died in 1971. Since then, she has lost her last leg and lives along with her memories.

- The Golden Bears shut out a young Waldorf-Pemberton team last Tuesday 10-0 and split a doubleheader with New Richland Saturday in the opening round of Gopher Conference play. Kris Johansen got credit for the shutout by pitching three innings, striking out five, and allowing one hit. Mark Berndt came in for the final two innings and got two strik-outs while keeping the Colts hitless.

1999

- The Janesville Fire Department responded to a fire call at Wiste’s Meat Market on Wednesday, April 14. The call came in at 12:35 p.m. when one of the employees coming back from lunch noticed smoke and flames. When firefighters arrived on the scene, it took them only minutes to extinguish the blaze which was located in the store’s rear smokehouse. The cause of the fire is unknown but possible buildup in the smokers is suspected.

- In addition to successful season openers, the JanesvilleWaldorf-Pemberton boys’ and girls’ golf teams were able to avenge losses from a year ago. The JWP girls opened their season by defeating Faribault B.A. and St. Clair at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Janesville April 12. The Bulldog boys had an even easier time beating the same two teams. With the opening wins, Mike Muedeking’s teams both start their seasons with 2-0 records.



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25 Years Ago

-Waseca city officials and residents in the southeast part of town are concerned about an old major storm sewer trunk line which runs under the foundation of three houses. Cracking, line failure, and collapse of the existing pipe in some yards in the area have occurred. Water in the line also backs up because pipe cannot carry it all, causing major back ponding.

-“Welcome to ground breaking.” said Dr. Edward Frederick, chair of the board for the Minnesota Agricultural Center at Waseca (Farmamerica). “It’s been a dream many of us have had.” He said seeing the visitor’s center for Farmamerica start to become a reality “is a signal we’re coming out of that time of idling and are in full gear.”

-The natural way of doing things. That is the lifestyle John Parmeter has chosen to live. He is a history teacher in the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Sig Native American School in the Cass Lake-Bena School District on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. Throughout his life he has been interested in traditional activities.

50 Years Ago

-The city council decided to go ahead with street improvements in the downtown area and handled some other business before adjourning at about midnight last night. Street improvements will be made this summer on 2ND St. West from 2ND Ave. S.W. to 3RD Ave. N.W. from State Street to 2ND St. N.W. and on 2ND Ave. N.W. from State St. to 2ND St. N.W.

-Two vocal selections won the title of Miss Waseca for Patricia Ann Olsen in January 1963 and her singing is now taking her all over the U.S. now. The story of a former Wasecan making good became apparent to this reporter recently when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicolin showed us some photos of “Broadway” with the Lloyd Pederson Show and explained that the girl on the left was “Bob’s Pride and Joy.”

-The Waseca Braves will open their 1974 home schedule this Saturday night when the New Richland Reds will be here for a 7:30 game at Community Field. New Richland is expected to field another strong team, as they have in the past several years.

75 Years Ago

-Central high school seniors may attend school mornings and work as an apprentice in a business or industry afternoons following a decision by the Waseca school board this week. Credit will be given for industrial work and the senior will graduate with his class.

-A great deal of interest is being displayed in the Waseca County Fair association’s plan to honor the 25 oldest living persons in Waseca county at fair time. Herman Peterson reported at a board meeting Wednesday evening. Maragaret Matson, superintendent of the school division of the fair, reported that she had included premiums for centennial features in school work.

-Art Cahill tossed three hit ball as Janesville stopped bitter rival Blooming Prairie 9-0 for the Art Chido coached team’s second Gopher’s conference win. All three of the hits allowed by Cahill were singles. The only trouble confronting Cahill was in the top of the first inning when he allowed two successive hits.

100 Years Ago

-Waseca will put on a Fourth of July celebration this year that promises to eclipse anything of a similar nature in its history. The Elks have taken the matter in hand, and when the Elks undertake to do a thing it’s done in proper style. Committees have been appointed to handle the great number of details.

-Charges and counter charges have been flying thick and fast between the camps of the barbers and retailers of the city the last week or so. The tension is turrible. And it’s all about the baseball game to be played at the Fair Grounds Thursday evening at six ’o clock.

-Fred Babcock is complaining witness in an action brought today accusing Mrs. Max Opstein of slander of Mr. Babcock’s daughter Lucille. It is alleged that Mrs. Opstein accused the girl of stealing some of her curtains which have been turned into a waist.

New Richland

25 Years Ago – May 6, 1999

- Businesses in Ellendale: watch out there's a new corporation in town. Choco-Pops is their name and making chocolate pops is their game. At the Ellendale Elementary School, Mrs. Geraghty and her 3rd grade social studies class have just finished up their unit on Jobs/Money and the Workforce. Mrs. Geraghty is the president of the business and the thirty-eight 3rd graders are the employees.

37 Years Ago – May 6, 1987

- “Progress of the Heart-aid Fund is going well,” said County Clerk Vern Krejci. “We have reached the three-quarter mark of our goal.” The Ellendale Ambulance Service has been asking for donations from community residents and businesses to purchase a Heart-Aid machine for use on ambulance calls. The response has been very good and the fund now holds a little over \$6,000. The total cost of the machine is \$10,000.

- Spring planting is running about two weeks ahead of average in Steele, Dodge, and Freeborn Counties, says Steele County Extension Agent Tim Arlt. As of May 1, virtually all of the alfalfa crop and small grains such as oats and wheat have been planted, said Arlt. A conservative estimate is about 80 percent of the counties' corn crop is in the ground and many area farmers will begin putting soybean crops into the soil this week. The reason for the early planting has been unusually warm temperatures both this winter and during April, along with very little rainfall. Rain kept farmers out of the fields only about three days in April.

102 Years Ago – May 4, 1922

- C. J. Aronson paid a visit to St. Paul Thursday to look up the subject of a radio receiving apparatus. Before leaving, Mr. Aronson placed an order for a large receiving outfit with horn amplifier which is to be installed here by the Security State Bank and businessmen of the town who are interested in having Ellendale receive the intelligence service offered by this revolutionary device. The receiving outfit will probably be the sole property of the bank, and the device for broadcasting will be purchased by those in the community who wish to contribute. The whole thing will cost about \$300 and will be powerful enough to receive messages and concerts from any part of the United States. It will take 30 days or more before the outfit can be secured, as there is such a demand that dealers are unable to keep a stock of instruments on hand.

- A. M. Lerberg received a newspaper clipping from a Norwegian newspaper stating that fifteen aviation officers were stationed on the home farm in Norway, and on March 4th they took his father, M. A. Lerberg up for a spin in the plane, being in honor of his 80th birthday. His son and grandson also enjoyed a trip in the plane.

- Chris Svendsen gave up his position as night watch on the first of May and has again resumed his old job as a street commissioner. Mr. Swenson has been dividing the 24 hours with Police Chief Gardner, going on at 7 p.m. and off at 7 the next morning. The council, to take care of the vacancy thus caused, has made arrangements with Policeman Gardner to change his hours, so that he now goes on duty at 2 in the afternoon and works until 2 in the morning.

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Straight A Honor Roll

The following students made the Straight A Honor Roll at Waseca Junior and Senior High School.

7th Grade – Liah Adams, Rylee Ahlschlader, Keenan Collins, Bryan De Jager, Maxwell Deml, Maahin Lad, Maurice Lopez, Gavin Riehm, Hannah Sommers, Tomas Vasquez-Neigebauer, Aiden Walker.

8th Grade – Armaan Bhatti, Allyson Holmseth, Oriana Jewison, Charley Kietzman, Allison Mader, Violet Ray, Claire Roemhildt, Mandi Root, Maren Schimming, Ryan Yoder, Addison Zimmerman.

9th Grade – Madelynn Benzick, Brody Dufault, Lauren Holmseth, Colby hoof, Violet Rohwer, Savanna Vagts, Kate-lynn Weber.

10th Grade – Paige Dufault, Hannah Heusinkveld, Layla Keith, Kaylee Lawson, Vivian

mader, Corrick Medina, Pearl moore, Sadie Schimming, Andres Vasquez-Neigebauer.

11th Grade – Nathanael Andrs, Andrick Balderas, Kendall Bowers, Sophie Chawra, Jack Chen, Collin Dettmer, Eden Eads, Lexi Kanewischer, Izaac Kehler, Sierra Krause, Melanie Krueger Eineke, jaya Kunkel, Emily LeMieux, Elizabeth Manthe, Hazel Moore, Lily Owens, Addison Pfeifer, Levi Root, Nevaeh Sampson, Leah Scheffert, Cody Weber, Kendra Young.

12th Grade – Alex Anhorn, Sage Barnett, Lylah Bauman, Addison Bomsta, Ahmed Farooq, Vailey Hodgkins, Daniel Kohler, Ella Krautkremer, Hannah LaCroix, Josie Madson, Preston Miller, Evelyn O'Brien, Oliver Rohwer, Norah Schimming, Trista Stinehart, Cherilyn Thissen, Addison Wieseler.

A Honor Roll

The following students made the A Honor Roll at Waseca Junior and Senior High School.

7th Grade – Hector Beltran, Abigayle Berge, Brayden Butler, Sheila Driessen, Shylo Driessen, Nolan Dufault, Jack Durisen, Gavin Farley, David Haley, Nicholas Harguth, Dalisaya Howe, Abigail jarrett, Jacob Jyrkas, Kooper Lindquist, Ella Linnes, Dominik Mansfield, Ava Miller, Libby Miller, Braxton Nelson, Nicholas Nelson, Wyatt Partain, William Peavy, macy Peterson, michael Petracek, Camilla Staloch, Cadence Stenzel, Carson True, Ava Trumbull, Evan Worke, Jenna Yoder, Quinn Yoder, Ava Young.

8th Grade – Ashlynn Eldeen, Kavita Ewest, Brier Hayes, Toby Jeske, Jack kelly, Kellen Klinger, Jacob Knutson, Carly Kratzer, Ty Krautkremer, Max Malouff, Khloe Nelson, Lillian Petersen, Enoch Possin, Gavin Reger, Reese Rodriguez, Patsy Sandoval, Ava Van-DenHemel, Cyrus Wilson.

9th Grade – Grace Chawra, Noelle Drake, Zoey Dunn, Chelsia Eneboe, Isabella Garza, Jacob Harguth, Megan Hudak, Henry Huttemier, Kasey Ibarra, Jacey Jensen, Abigail Lapides, Landon Lewer, Cash Lynch, Nolan McQuery, Belle Miller, Coy Miller, Kaylie Morrissey, Tristan Nelson, Alexa Welander, Aera Zimprich.

10th Grade – Brooklyn Anderson, Slade Barnett, Natalie Berndt, Maximux Bodenweiser, Ella Bul-

fer, Alexis Claybaugh, Khloe Fuller, Ethan Hiller, Sophia Hillsman, Haley Kahnke, Allen Kopeztki, Madilyn Larrabee, Jolee Larson, William Mansfield, Dakotah Marik, Mia Mitchell, Remy Murphy, Catherine Olson, Christian Possin, Logan Reger, Chloe Roemhildt, Lilianna Sanchez, Jaiden Schaefer, Kaiya Stagman, Hannah Teague, Brady Tloughan, Ellery Waldron.

11th Grade – Reed Anderson, Alexis Brinkman, Jade Dauchel, Emma Donnay, MaLanie Engelmueller, Issac Feldkamp, Lucas Groll, Benjamin Hagen, Brayden Hoof, Tyler Jellum, Chloe Johnson, Mia Kanewischer, Addison kelma, Bennett Ludwig, Mason Matz, Kyle McGuire, Katlyn McMurphy, Oz Meyman, Erik Radke, Kenzie Sandborg, Katlyn Schueler, Takara Slattery, Jackson Tesch, Solomon Wilson, Maxwell Wirtz.

12th Grade – Jack Anderson, Charlie Androli, Cecelia Bjerke, Mallory Bruhn, Noah Dale, Tegan Flatau, Emily Gordon, Dominic Grunzke, Lola Guggisberg, Grace Guritz, Cyrus Guse, Sarah Haley, McKyla hasselquist, Samuel Hyland, Mason Jes, Kaeden Johnson, Emma Keith, Elijah Miller, Alison Mumme, Isabel Olson, Ava Omtvedt, Amanda Riecke, Andrew Robran, Colton Schoreder, Cameron Stagman, Ethan Stenzel, Jacob Thompson, Noah Thompson, Isabelle Wilhelmi, Lucas Vasquez-Neigebauer.

B Honor Roll

The following students made the B Honor Roll at Waseca Junior and Senior High School.

7th Grade - Andrew Barnes, Avery Barto, Annabelle Benson, Luis Bethke, Makayla Clark, Isaac DeLeon, Joscelyn Ebnet, Dathan Elias, Chloe Hagen, Madalyn Halla, Ethan Harwood, Alysia Ingram Bratts, Abigail Jackson, Kennedy Jansen, Jaiden Johnson, Liam Lewer, Crus Lynch, Ahvah Maas, Kenna Miller, Lilly Miller-Williams, Addison Monson, Kenzie Morrissey, Shakiyah Powell, Nalyce Quillen, Ariel Reynolds, Corbin Ristau, Jaxson Roemhildt, Avery Roessler, Gabriel Sanchez, Jace Selvik, Christopher Spotts, Myles Stenzel, Samantha Sutton, Enrique Tovar, Connor Vosejpka, Sophiel Weber, Carter Wernimont.

8th Grade – Onna'ki Abrego, Sophia Abrego, Avvygayle Attenberger, Valente Avalos, Filberto Caudillo, Isaiah Dymeck, Ashley Fliflet, Mailee Gilmore, Kelly Hernandez-Verde, Calvin Kahnke, Aydan Kath, Logan Konz, Aileen Lindsay-Brothers, Mya Lynch, Landan Madsen, Kaylee Matz, Archer O'Brien, Madalynn Root, Hannah Rugger, Asha Sharif, Ella Swindle, Megan Thursdale, Robbyn Wilson.

9th Grade – Lucas Danner, Makya Donovan, Addison Epper, Lacey Frank, Melody Galle, Amber Hagen, Corbin Hanna, Eryn Harrison, Trey Jenzen, Amilya Lynch, Taylor Markeson, Fushen Mei, Emily Mumme, Gahvin Nowacki, Elsie Owens, Owen Rupe, Otto Schoenrock, Avery Selvik, Jostin Toapanta, Owen Wieseler, Jonah Worke.

10th Grade – Amelia Ankerholz, Hunter Barnes, Andrew Bar-

telt, Brooke Bartelt, Ava Bruhn, Victoria Calderon, Miya DeRaad, Kelsey Draeger, Lily Frye, Jude Gehring, Lauren Grant, Destiney Gustafson, Wyatt Hager, Kody Hess, Wesley Hiniker, Jenna Hudak, Jordan Jonston, Anders Jorgenson, nathan kaiser, Alyssa Kilmer, Gabriella Maas, Madisyn McClune, Madilynn Meyer, Julius Oviedo, Kaden Peirce, Madison Roessler, Jacob Root, Justice Root, Deron Russell, Amin Sharif, Diego Toapanta, Joan Victorino, Jasmyn Villafuerta, Caleb Wulf.

11th Grade – Hunter Anderson, Owen Arnold, Ryley Bartz Edward Bethke, Allison Chicos, Elias Crosby, Helin Cruz-Hernandez, Caden Danner, Claire Dieker, Tristan Godwin, Aiden Groskreutz, Keaton Gustafson, Liam Hagre, Karley Hamilton, Angelica Hernandez, Brayden Hesch-Priem, David Hodgkins, Ellie Hoehn, Brandyn Jascha, Maris Kahnke, Peyton kalbow, Alexander Kotz, Gabriela Lopez, Camila Marquez, Lucas McQuery, Jacob Mlenek, Gracie Morgan, Jason Murphy, Aayu Patel, Arpee Patel, Keegan Peterson, Cecjay Pickett, Tauston Rupe, Damarius Russell, Ashley Sanchez Pliego, John Schulz, Jordan Sell, Molly Volovsek, Mason Wadd, Nicholas Waldron, Henri Wobschall.

12th Grade – Aliyah Barstad, Grace Below, Charles Cariveau, Allie Eldeen, Carter Ellis, Alexandria Eustice, Makenzi Ferch, Tristin Gross, Logan Heyer, Zachary Schimek, Kayla Schulz, Cody Sieberg, Caitlin Slattery, Jordyn Studiant, Paige Swenson, Joshua Teachout, Sebastian Teague, Zachary Theobald, Cody Vagts, Gu-lyan VanEngelenburg.



RETURN TO SENDER — The Bluejays’ Oliver Rohwer, above, hits a forehand return during the Bluejays’ nonconference 7-0 victory over visiting Worthington Monday. Otto Schoenrock, below, returns a shot on his way to victory.

Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK — That’s what this is for the WHS boys’ tennis team, which travels to New Ulm Friday for a first-place conference showdown. Above, the Bluejays’ Dominic Grunzke eyes up a backhand Monday. Below, Otto Schoenrock prepares to serve.

Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



Win once,
take home
a trophy

For boys’ tennis
team, that’s what
it boils down to

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The Waseca High School boys’ tennis team is one win away from a conference championship.

The Bluejays, 10-2 overall, improved to 3-0 in Big South East Conference play Tuesday with a 5-2 decision over St. Peter on the WHS courts.

It set the stage for a Friday 4 p.m. showdown at New Ulm, also 3-0 in the conference.

On Tuesday, the Bluejays won three of four singles matches, all in straight sets. Henry Huttemier swept at No. 2 6-2, 7-5, Otto Schoenrock won at No. 3 7-5, 6-2, and Armann Bhatti prevailed 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4. The Bluejays’ Tyler Jellum was tough at No. 1 singles but lost 6-4, 6-4.

Tanner Hanson and Keenan Collins won at No. 2 doubles, 4-6, 7-5, 10-4. Lucas McQuery and Brayden Hoof rolled 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3 doubles. It was a close one at No. 1, but Oliver Rohwer and Dominic Grunzke were defeated 6-7 (3), 6-0, 10-5.

Waseca’s junior varsity lost 4-3. A day earlier, the Bluejays blanked visiting Worthington 7-0.

Jellum, Schoenrock and Collins won in straight sets at singles. Huttemier gutted out a 6-3, 5-7, 10-3 decision.

Rohwer and Grunzke, Hanson and Bhatti, and Hoof and McQuery all won in straight sets at doubles.

The JV lost 4-3.

Before Friday’s match at New Ulm, the Bluejays traveled to Lake City Thursday.

Big South East Conference Standings

New Ulm	3-0
Waseca	3-0
Blue Earth Area	1-2
St.Peter	1-3
Fairmont	0-3



NONCONFERENCE CONTEST — The NRHEG High School baseball team hosted Madelia Monday at Jeff and Carol Reese Field in New Richland. At left, Seth Staloch and Jared Lee jog off the field. In the middle, Jordan Brouwers legs out a ground ball. At right, Carter Martens is greeted on the bench by a smiling NRHEG coach Shawn Larson.

Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens

Baseball Panthers
drop nonconference
decision to Madelia

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

The NRHEG baseball team played four very good innings of baseball with a very good 9-2 Madelia squad Monday at Jeff and Carol Reese Field in New Richland. A final score of 11-1 does not accurately represent how the group played.

In the first inning, Madelia scored two runs due to timely hitting, a passed ball and some self-inflicted errors.

The Panthers cleaned things up from there, but were unable to score in the bottom of the first after loading the bases with no outs. Carter Martens lined one off the pitcher’s glove, resulting in an out at the plate. The scoring threat was the

biggest for the Panthers, whose lone run came when Jordan Brouwers scored on a passed ball in the bottom of the third.

The arguable ace of the staff, freshman southpaw Jarod Lee, pitched three very good innings before getting into trouble in the fourth. He left with two runners on and nobody out. Martens, appearing in relief, pitched through the sixth inning, allowing five runs. Ryan Schlaak finished the game on the mound, pitching the seventh frame. He allowed two runs.

Since it was a nonconference game with no significance for play-off seedings, Lee, was pulled in the fourth due to his pitch count.

Registering hits in the contest were Devon Parpart (1-4), and A.J.



DIAMOND DEFENSE — At left, third baseman Carter Martens stands ready make a play In the middle, Jared Lee fields a ground ball from his shortstop position. At right, Seth Staloch awaits the throw at second base.

Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens

Deen (2-3). The Panthers struck out 11 times, and committed three fielding errors. Lee pitched 3 innings, allowing 4 runs, 2 earned; Martens 3 innings, 5 runs, 3 earned and Schlaak 1 inning, 2 runs, both earned.

The Panthers had five games this week, Monday, Tuesday against TCU, a doubleheader Thursday

against Maple River and Friday at LCWM. It will be a test of their depth of arms as they try to find the arms necessary to field so many innings.

With the loss, the Panthers’ record fell to 4-8 overall, 2-4 in conference. On top of the Gopher standings this week is undefeated Kenyon-Wanamingo with six conference

wins, 10-3 overall, followed by Hayfield 5-2 (8-5); Blooming Prairie 4-2 (5-5), Maple River 4-2 (6-4), Triton 4-2 (4-6), JWP 4-4 (8-6), Randolph 3-2 (4-6), USC 3-4 (4-8), NRHEG, WEM 1-6 (2-7), and Medford 0-8 (0-11).

The Panthers’ remaining regular season schedule appears as follows:

• FINAL SCHEDULED HOME

GAMES, Thursday May 9, home doubleheader against Maple River beginning at 4:30 p.m.

- Friday May 9 at LCWM
- Monday, May 13 at Medford
- Tuesday, May 14 at Kenyon-Wanamingo
- Thursday, May 16 at WEM

NRHEG clay target team takes over first place

Luna, Stenzel currently 1-2 among conference girls; Routh, Schrodt in top 10 for boys

Two weeks into the Clay Target Spring season, the Panthers of NRHEG find themselves atop the conference.

Much of this is due to strong scores from many students against just a few powerhouses.

In week one, the team from Goodhue was leading the second-place Panthers, but that changed as Goodhue fell to fourth in what is a

very close conference, with five of the seven schools all within striking distance of the top spot.

The Panther shooters were led in part by the top two current top female shooters in the conference, Gracie Luna and Ciara Stenzel.

"Both ladies have had a strong start to the season," said NRHEG coach Dan Sorum.

Keira Lenort is currently third in

the conference, with Abbie Viktora and Faith Phillips also in the top 10 averages.

On the male side, Reese Routh and Dylan Schrodt are currently in 10th place for conference averages.

But, it is truly the top-to-bottom scores that have made a difference considering the unusual drought of 25 straight rounds. Nora Flatness, Zander Flatness, Brody Mudgett,

Jayden Fleming, and JP Lynne are all in the top 25 averages for the conference.

The Panthers now move into Week 3 of competition in Class 5A Conference 3 and hope to widen their lead over the rest of the field. You can see all league standings at <https://mn.usa claytarget.com/spring-trap-shooting-leaderboard/>



Luna

Stenzel

WHS track teams 2nd, 4th at St. Charles

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The Waseca High School track and field teams competed in the St. Charles Invitational Tuesday, April 30, with the girls finishing second and the boys fourth.

"We were missing some key girls last night and would have finished first with them in the lineup," said Bluejays coach David Abel.

But that did not hinder Brooklyn Flatau, who finished first in three events and placed in four. She won the 100-meter high hurdles in 15.45 seconds, the 300 intermediate hurdles in 47.24 and the long jump at 16-4. She cleared 8 feet for fifth in the pole vault.

Callie Dufault captured the Bluejays' other first, winning the 3200 in 12:19.79.

Taking second were Stella Omvedt, 800, 2:26.0, and the 4x800 relay team with Dufault, Maren Schimming, Violet Rohwer and Reese Rodriguez. They clocked 11:07.78.

Other places for the girls: Schimming, third, 3200, 12:43.63; Vivian Mader, third, 100 hurdles, 17.58; Kalea Sartori, third, shot put, 34-7 and fourth, discus, 87-6; Camila Marquez, third, high jump, 4-8; 4x400 relay, third, 4:31.67 (Omvedt, Bella Wikan, Mader, Rodriguez); 4x200, fourth, 1:57.89 (Reese Ludwig, Sarah Haley, Wikan, Marquez); Omvedt, fourth, 1600, 5:48.05; Mader, fifth, 300 hurdles, 52.75; 4x100, fifth, 57.56 (Ludwig, Savanna Vagts, Katelyn Weber, Niya Williams).

St. Charles won with 120.5 points. Waseca had 104.

The Bluejay boys won two events. Will Mansfield went 12 feet for first in the pole vault. Tristan Godwin clocked 4:56.38 to take the 1600.

Finishing second were Isaac Feldkamp, 3200, 10:36.18, and the 4x100 relay team of Carson Ohnstad, Cash Lynch, Micah Allen-Haas and Jett Rohl in 46.94.

Other places: Ohnstad, third, 100, 12.11 and third, 300 hurdles, 44.57; Brady Tloutan, third, 400, 54.21; Ethan Stenzel, third, shot put, 44.2.25; Javonn Rodney, third, discus, 129-6; 4x200 relay, third, 1:39.34 (Allen-Haas, Liam Biddle, Jonah Worke, Tloutan); Worke, fifth, 100, 12.12 and fifth, long jump, 17-9; Lynch, fifth, 200, 24.65 and sixth, 100, 12.2; 4x400, sixth, 3:55.51 (Nathanael Andrs, Wyatt Hager, Tovin Gannis, Tloutan); 4x800, sixth, 9:25.68 (Colton Schroeder, Grannis, Feldkamp, Biddle).

St. Charles' boys won with 187 points. The Jays totaled 83.

"It was a good meet," said Abel. "We were lucky to dodge some serious rain. Brooklyn Flatau had a great meet. The girls' distance was solid. Overall, it was a good check to see where we are in the season. We learned a few things about some athletes. Bella Wikan ran a great leg in the 4x400 and Tovin Grannis impressed with his split in the 4x800."



BIG WIN — The JWP High School baseball team defeated visiting Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons 8-2 last Friday on Staff Appreciation Night in Janesville. Above left, the Bulldogs' Chase Gerdts pulls up at third base with a stand-up triple. At right, winning pitcher Ty Melchior fires a pitch.

Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

Bulldogs treat large crowd with a victory

Staff Appreciation Night is a big hit

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

It was Staff Appreciation Night for the JWP High School baseball team last Friday.

Staff members in attendance had to appreciate the outcome.

The Bulldogs led from start to finish while defeating Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons 8-2.

"It was so amazing to see so many staff show up to our game," said JWP coach Cory Jewison. "The seniors picked two staff that had an impact in their lives. They handed them a personalized baseball and invited them to our Staff Appreciation Nght."

And the Bulldogs put on a good



HUSTLE — At left, JWP's Austin Carda hustles down to first after laying down a bunt. In the middle, Joshua Bengston (8) puts the tag on AC/GE's Hunter Adams. At right, the Bulldogs' Chase Gerdts scores a run.

show, with starting pitcher Ty Melchoir striking out 10 through five innings while surrendering just three hits. Austin Quast and Joshua Bengston each pitched an inning in relief.

Offensively, Chase Gerdts was 1-for-3 with a triple, Quast 1-for-4 with an RBI, Steven Blomstrom 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs,

Krause 1-for-4 and Nolan Morsching 1-for-2.

The Bulldogs lost 9-2 in a Gopher Conference game at NRHEG April 29.

"We had four hits that game as a team," said Jewison. "We definitely hit the ball hard, but just right to the other team."

Gerdts started and pitched four



"It was amazing to see so many staff show up to our game."

— JWP coach Cory Jewison

innings, striking out nine and walking two, while Melchior fanned three and walked three in relief.

Gerdts was 1-for-3 with a triple, Quast 2-for-3 with a double and Blomstrom 1-for-3.

NRHEG golf teams 2nd, 3rd at Oak View

The NRHEG High School golf teams ventured to The Oaks Golf Course near Freeborn May 2, with the girls placing second and boys third.

Scores for the girls: Meela Budach 47, Hallie Schultz 55, Elsie Wilkenon 71 and Alexis Olson 77. Budach posted the second best score and Hallie Schultz was fourth.

For the boys, Daxter Lee shot a

54, Hudson Chrz 57, Jackson Chrz 58, Tyler Kress 67 and Brandon Rollag 59.

"Budach continues to play well," said Panthers coach Brad Root.



Budach

After four rainouts, JWP golf teams have full schedule ahead

So far, it's been a season of rain-outs for the JWP High School golf teams, who have had three meets postponed by weather.

It's going to mean a very busy stretch for the Bulldogs, who have seven meets scheduled in the next three weeks.

The boys finished fifth among 14 teams at Hayfield April 13. Logan Thell was 11th among individuals, Steven Dimmel 12th.

The girls, who did not field a full

squad, saw Hope Dimmel place 18th.

On April 16, the boys won by a whopping 28 strokes against Kenyon-Wanamingo and Randolph. Steven Dimmel and Jeffrey Simonson tied for medalist honors while Thell and Carter Miller tied for third. Ryan Kronbach took fifth.

Hope Dimmel finished fourth for the girls.

The Bulldogs faced Maple River and United South Central April 25,

with the boys winning by 23 strokes led by Thell's first-place finish. Steven Dimmel, Alex James and Simonson tied for third.

Hope Dimmel took third.

The boys' team was victorious, by 17 strokes this time, as the Bulldogs took on Triton and Randolph May 2 in Janesville. Thell and Simonson tied for first and Steven Dimmel was third.

Hope Dimmel was the girls' medalist.

Jays 7th at Mankato

The Bluejay track teams competed in the Mankato East Co-Ed Relays last Thursday.

It was not a good format for Waseca, which finished seventh of eight schools for both boys and girls.

Highlights for the Bluejays included William Mansfield's first place in the pole vault at 13-6. Brooklyn Flatau clocked 15.64 seconds for first in the 100 hurdles.

Kalea Sartori took first in the discus at 102.7.

The Bluejays' top-finishing relay team was the Throwers 4x100, which placed second with Sierra Krause, Sartori, Nevaeh Sampson and Lauren Holmseth.



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05/03/2024

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 373.01, subdivision 1(b), the purpose of this letter is to inform the public of the sale of real property owned by Waseca County in Waseca County. The properties available for sale are identified below. The full legal descriptions for each Property are included at the end of this notice.

Property No. 1: PID No. 05.030.1110. Approximately 11 Acres.

Property No. 2: PID No. 01.003.1050. Approximately 10.41 Acres.

Property No. 3: PID No. 02.026.1100. Approximately 8.1 Acres and PID No. 02.027.0600. Approximately 0.6 Acres. These 2 parcels must be bought together.

Property No. 4: PID No. 06.013.0400. Approximately 10.5 Acres.

Property No. 5: PID No. 12.004.1100. Approximately 15 Acres

SUMMARY OF BID PROCESS

The County will pay all assessments (current or delinquent), taxes, and deferred installments of assessments, if any, currently levied against said real estate. The cost of recording the deed will be paid by the purchaser. The purchaser shall be required to pay all state deed tax/recording fees required for the conveyance. Upon acceptance of any bid, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.01, the County shall reserve to itself all iron ore and other valuable minerals in and upon the land, with right to explore for, mine and remove the iron ore and other valuable minerals. The minimum bid amount for each property is identified in the full bid documents.

The full bid documents and information can be accessed on the Waseca County Website, <https://www.wasecacounty.gov/>, to be printed off, or you can stop in at 900 3rd Street NE, Waseca, MN 56093 for a copy.

Bids will need to be received in the Public and Elections office located at the Courthouse (307 N State Street, Waseca, MN 56093) no later than 1 pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Bid opening will be held at the East Annex Conference Room on May 22, 2024, at 1:15pm. All bids shall be considered and the one most favorable to the County accepted, but the County Board may, in the interest of the County, reject any or all bids. The County Board will make a final determination at the County Board meeting on 06-18-2024, in the county meeting room located at 300 State Street N Waseca, MN 56093.

Questions regarding the properties can be submitted to the contact below.

Sincerely,

Brian Tomford, Facilities Director
900 3rd Street NE (507-835-0629)
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Legal Descriptions for the Properties

Property No. 1:

That part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter (SW-4 of SW4), Section 30, Township 108 North, Range 23 West, Waseca County, Minnesota described as:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 30, thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 42 seconds East (assumed bearing) along the South line of Section 30, a distance of 1116.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 49 seconds West parallel with the West line of Section 30, a distance of 429.35 feet; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes 42 seconds West, parallel with the South line of Section 30, a distance of 1116.00 feet to the West line of Section 30; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 49 seconds East along the West line of Section 30, a distance of 429.35 feet to the point of beginning.

Contains 11.00 acres and is subject to right-of-way easements along the South and East boundaries together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto.

Property No. 2:

Exhibit "A"

Tract A. That part of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 107 North, Range 24 West, shown as Parcels 17 and 18 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 81-27 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Waseca County, B1 as shown on said Plat No. 81-27; thence southerly on an azimuth of 181 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds along the boundary of said plat for 23.06 feet to Right of Way Boundary Corner B2; thence continue on an azimuth of 181 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds for 294.03 feet to the point of beginning of Tract A to be described; thence continue on an azimuth of 181 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds for 30.31 feet; thence southwesterly for 567.94 feet on a non-tangential curve, concave to the southeast, having a radius of 1121.35 feet, a delta angle of 29 degrees 01 minutes 09 seconds and a chord azimuth of 251 degrees 50 minutes 25 seconds; thence on an azimuth of 237 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds for 925.37 feet; thence deflect to the right on a tangential curve, having a radius of 624.81 feet and a delta angle of 08 degrees 58 minutes 42 seconds for 97.91 feet; thence continue on the last described curve for 172.25 feet; thence on an azimuth of 00 degrees 53 minutes 32 seconds for 491.43 feet; thence on an azimuth of 70 degrees 53 minutes 32 seconds for 696.79 feet; thence deflect to the right on a tangential curve, having a radius of 1357.39 feet and a delta angle of 12 degrees 35 minutes 12 seconds for 298.19 feet; thence on an azimuth of 83 degrees 41 minutes 39 seconds for 143.93 feet; thence on an azimuth of 90 degrees 25 minutes 16 seconds for 465.70 feet to the point of beginning;

containing 10.41 acres, more or less;

Subject to the following restrictions and reservations:

No access shall be permitted to Trunk Highway No. 14 from the lands herein conveyed, except that access shall be permitted along the following described line: Commencing at Right of Way Boundary Corner B1 as shown on said Plat No. 81-27; thence southerly on an azimuth of 181 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds along the boundary of said plat for 23.06 feet to Right of Way Boundary Corner B2; thence continue on an azimuth of 181 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds for 324.34 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence southwesterly for 567.94 feet on a non-tangential curve, concave to the southeast, having a radius of 1121.35 feet, a delta angle of 29 degrees 01 minutes 09 seconds and a chord azimuth of 251 degrees 50 minutes 25 seconds; thence on an azimuth of 237 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds for 925.37 feet; thence deflect to the right on a tangential curve, having a radius of 624.81 feet and a delta angle of 08 degrees 58 minutes 42 seconds for 97.91 feet and there terminating.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF EXISTING UTILITIES, IF ANY, AS PROVIDED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES §161.45 SUBDIVISION 3.

Property No. 3:

PID No. 02.026.1100

Beginning at a point on the North line of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township One Hundred eight (108) North, Range Twenty two (22) West, said point being six hundred sixty (660) feet East of the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SE¼) of Section twenty seven (27), Township One hundred eight (108) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West, thence South Ninehundred eighty (980) feet on a line parallel with the East line of said Section Twenty seven (27), thence North Sixty seven degrees thirty minutes (67° 30') West One hundred eighty (180) feet, thence North Two hundred fifty (250) feet parallel with the East line of said Section Twenty seven (27), thence West two hundred (200) feet parallel with the North line of said Section Twenty six (26), thence North Twenty degrees 30 minutes (20° 30') West One hundred (100) feet, thence North Seventy four degrees 30 minutes (74° 30') West One hundred fifty (150) feet, thence North three degrees thirty minutes (3° 30') East One hundred twenty five (125) feet, thence North twenty seven degrees ten minutes (27° 10') East Three hundred twenty (320) feet, thence North Fifty five degrees fifty minutes (55° 50') West One hundred sixty (160) feet to the North line of said Section twenty six (26), thence East along the North line of said Section twenty six (26), Five hundred (500) feet to the point of beginning.

PID No. 02.027.0600

The North twenty feet (20) of the East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter (SEofSE¼) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township one hundred eight (108) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West and the North twenty (20) feet of the West one-half of the West one-half (WofW¼) of the Southwest quarter (SW¼) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township one hundred eight (108) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West, EXCEPT for any land contained in the following described parcel beginning at a point on the North line of the Southwest quarter (SW¼) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township one hundred eight (108) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West, said point being six hundred sixty (660) feet East of the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township one hundred eight (108) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West, thence South nine hundred eighty (980) feet on a line parallel with the East line of said Section Twenty-seven (27), thence North Sixty seven degrees thirty minutes (67° 30') West one hundred eighty (180) feet, thence North two hundred fifty (250) feet parallel with the East line of said Section Twenty-seven (27), thence West two hundred (200) feet parallel with the North line of said Section Twenty-six (26), thence North Twenty degrees Thirty minutes (20° 30') West one hundred (100) feet, thence North Seventy-four degrees Thirty minutes (74° 30') West one hundred fifty (150) feet, thence North three degrees thirty minutes (3° 30') East one hundred twenty-five (125) feet, thence North Twenty seven degrees ten minutes (27° 10') East three hundred twenty (320) feet, thence North Fifty five degrees Fifty minutes (55° 50') West one hundred sixty (160) feet to the North line of said Section Twenty-six (26), thence East along the North line of said Section Twenty-six (26), five hundred (500) feet to the point of beginning.

Property No. 4:

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 108 North, Range 24 West, Waseca County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of said Section 13; thence on an assumed bearing of North along the west line of said Southwest Quarter, a distance of 414.40 feet; thence North 86 degrees 00 minutes East, a distance of 1,074.00 feet; thence South 13 degrees 53 minutes West, a distance of 510.59 feet to the south line of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes West along said south line of the Southwest Quarter, a distance of 988.86 feet to the point of beginning. This tract contains 10.5 acres of land and is subject to right-of-way in existing Township Road and subject to any and all easements of record.

Property No. 5:

All that part of Government Lot 2 in Section 4, Township 107 North, Range 22 West, described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 2; thence south 00°10' west one hundred seventy three and four tenths (173.4) feet, on an assumed bearing on the west line of said Government Lot 2; thence north 90°00' east four hundred sixty two and six tenths (462.6) feet; thence south 5°00' west two hundred thirty six and four tenths (236.4) feet; thence south 00°00' west two hundred seventy three and six tenths (273.6) feet; thence south 83°30' east two hundred forty seven and six tenths (247.6) feet; thence south 90°00' east six hundred twelve and twenty one hundredths (612.21) feet, to the point of beginning; thence north 58°58' east two hundred and seventy (270) feet more or less, to a point on the westerly shoreline of Rice Lake; thence southeasterly one hundred ninety five (195) feet more or less, on said westerly shoreline, to the point of intersection with a line bearing south 90°00' east from the point of beginning; thence north 90°00' west three hundred seventy (370) feet more or less to the point of beginning; containing 0.6 acres more or less.

AND:

That part of Government Lot 2 in Section 4, Township 107 North, Range 22 West, lying easterly of the hereinafter described Line 'A':

Commencing at the northwest corner of Government Lot 2, in Section 4, Township 107 North, Range 22 West; thence south zero zero degrees ten minutes (00°10') west one hundred seventy three and four tenths feet (173.4), on an assumed bearing on the west line of said Government Lot; thence south ninety degrees zero zero minutes (90°00') east four hundred sixty two and six tenths (462.6) feet; thence south five degrees zero zero minutes (5°00') west two hundred thirty six and four tenths (236.4) feet; thence south zero zero degrees zero zero minutes (00°00') west two hundred seventy three and six tenths (273.6) feet; thence south eighty three degrees thirty minutes (83°30') east one hundred ninety nine and thirty seven hundredths (199.37) feet, to the point of beginning of Line 'A':

thence south fifty three degrees two minutes (53°02') east seven hundred nine and eighty six hundredths (709.86) feet, to the point of beginning of a curve;

thence southeasterly one hundred eighty one (181) feet more or less, on a curve concave to the southwest, with a radius of two hundred ninety seven and twenty three hundredths (297.23) feet, to a point on the south line of said Government Lot 2, and there terminating;

and southerly of the hereinafter described Line 'B':

Commencing at the northwest corner of Government Lot 2, in Section 4, Township 107 North, Range 22 West; thence south zero zero degrees ten minutes (00°10') west, one hundred seventy three and four tenths (173.4) feet on an assumed bearing on the west line of said Government Lot; thence south ninety degrees zero zero minutes (90°00') east four hundred sixty two and six tenths (462.6) feet; thence south five degrees zero zero minutes (5°00') west two hundred thirty six and four tenths (236.4) feet; thence south zero zero degrees zero zero minutes (00°00') west two hundred seventy three and six tenths (273.6) feet; thence south eighty three degrees thirty minutes (83°30') east on hundred ninety nine and thirty seven hundredths (199.37) feet, to the point of beginning of Line 'B';

thence south eighty three degrees and thirty minutes (83°30') east forty eight and twenty three hundredths (48.23) feet;

thence south ninety degrees zero zero minutes (90°00') east nine hundred eighty two (982) feet more or less to the westerly shoreline of Rice Lake, and there terminating, containing 15 acres more or less. (Area indicated includes accretion by recession of Rice Lake).

Subject to highway easement on the westerly side thereof.

EXCEPT:

All that part of Government Lot 2, in Section 4, Township 107 North, Range 22 West, described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 2; thence south 00°10' west one hundred seventy three and four tenths (173.4) feet, on an assumed bearing on the west line of said Government Lot 2; thence north 90°00' east four hundred sixty two and six tenths (462.6) feet; thence south 5°00' west two hundred thirty six and four tenths (236.4) feet; thence south 00°00' west two hundred seventy three and six tenths (273.6) feet; thence south 83°30' east one hundred ninety nine and thirty seven hundredths (199.37) feet, to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described;

thence south 83°30' east forty eight and twenty three hundredths (48.23) feet;

thence south 90°00' east six hundred twelve and twenty one hundredths (612.21) feet;

thence south 58°58' west four hundred twenty three and forty four hundredths (423.44) feet, to the centerline of a township road;

thence north 53°02' west three hundred seventy two and nine hundredths (372.09) feet on said centerline, to the point of beginning;

containing 1.64 acres, more or less;

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WASECA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 81-PR-24-293
In Re: Estate of
RALPH E. HANKS,
Decedent
NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING
ON PETITION FOR FORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated December 5, 2017, and amended by First Codicil dated September 2, 2023, and Second Codicil dated September 16, 2023, and for the appointment of Carol M. Hanks whose address is 16350 305th Ave, Waseca, Minnesota 56093 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper and no objections are filed, a Personal Representative will be appointed to administer the Estate, to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate

to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against 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 Notice or said claims will be barred.
Dated: 04/29/2024
/s/ Jeffrey Johnson
Judge of District Court
/s/ Shannon Asselin
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Waseca High School students presented their spring variety show named "Vinyl to Viral" the evenings of May 3 and 4. Held in the performing arts center, the show featured a mixture of tunes from the 1950s to present day.

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■ Show

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danced.

Later that night, the Female Sextet also performed "Landslide" while seated with their bare feet dangling or tucked beneath them on tall wooden stools. In the background, there was a golden glow that seemed to reflect the sun rising over country fields and trees.

There were numerous memorable moments throughout the night, including when Emma Keith invited her sister Layla Keith to perform her solo with her. Emma chose "The Truth" in memory of their Aunt Candice Miller, who also wrote the song. In the background, a projector showed a few pictures of Miller or Miller with her nieces while Emma and Layla harmonized and danced.

Norah Schimming was the first senior of the night to perform a solo called "As The World Caves In," a ballad Matt Maltese originally wrote in 2017. Schimming said she loves the song both for its tone and melody, and because it was part of the 2024 Marching Jays Field Show, something which she said had an impact

on her life. She was involved with State Street Singers, Female Sextet, and Select Choir and was a section leader. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire to major in psychology and minor in music.

Lucas Vasquez, a senior, performed "Sway" only on Friday night. Dressed in a black jacket and pants, red bowtie and a white shirt, Vasquez made his passion for the song and his performance clear. Female classmates wore bright red skater dresses and a few male singers dressed in black added a liveliness to the performance.

Isabelle Wilhelmi performed "One of Us" by the 1980s pop group, ABBA, who her family enjoys listening to together; they also enjoyed the musical Mamma Mia. She was involved in State Street Singers, Female Sextet, and Select Choir. Her plans include attending the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire next year to study music education.

Ava Omtvedt, also a senior, performed "Your Song" because it held special meaning as part of the beginning of her choir journey; she performed it as part of the eighth-grade ensemble. She was involved in State Street Singers, Female Sextet, and Select Choir. Her plans include pursuing further education at the Uni-

versity of Montana and studying wildlife biology.

Sarah Haley, a senior, chose "Mama's Broken Heart" by Miranda Lambert because of its country roots and her love for country music. She was involved with State Street Singers and Select Choir. Her future plans consist of going to Minnesota State University and studying finance with a minor in music.

Trista Stinehart, a senior, selected "Almost There" because she's always liked the movie it comes from, "The Princess and the Frog." She was involved with State Street Singers, Select Choir, and Female Sextet. Her future plans include attending the University of Northern Iowa and majoring in economics.

Eli Miller, the last senior to perform his solo, picked Anson Seabra's "Welcome to Wonderland" because for him, the song represented a chapter closing in life like his pending graduation and going on to college. Miller was involved in State Street Singers, Male Sextet, and Select Choir, as well as being a section leader. His plans include attending the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire next year.

During the night, the State Street Singers performed the 1970s song "Celebration," originally done by Kool & The Gang, as well as "I Want

You Back/ABC," originally performed by the Jackson 5. The State Street Singers also performed "Love Shack," released at the end of the 1980s. The Waseca students crowded onstage with sunglasses, overall shorts, loud bright outfits, animal printed jackets or t-shirts, and a yellow firefighter uniform with a tall striped red and white hat.

During the night, the Male Sextet performed several songs, including "New York, New York" and the Temptations' "My Girl."

When the Waseca High School students burst onto stage, several of them for the last time, the liveliness that started the night, also ended it. Eli Miller led the rest of the group with a driving wheel and the other singers behind him moved in sync with the rhythm he led but pointed in different directions. After dancing onstage for a while, the singers eased into the audience while they clapped.

While Vinyl to Viral was a variety show, it came across as all the students enjoyed themselves and worked together to put on a phenomenal performance. Even when the seniors performed their solos, the whole show seemed to move in unison with its themes. It truly encapsulated its "Vinyl to Viral" theme.

Fundraiser



Free Flags for Veterans, a Waseca non-profit headed by Jeremiah Miller, held a fundraiser the evening of Saturday, May 4, at the Starfire Event Center. The evening featured a silent auction and raffle, along with music performed by Whiskey Peddler from Princeton. Top, Robert Tackett, organization board member, gave a statement encouraging all veterans to apply for earned benefits and other resources available to them. He discussed why veterans need each other's company; he also recommended they find ways to be active in the community, and that they allow others to see their vulnerabilities.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Waseca City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093, and amend the following resolution by adding a new parcel number to the Abatement Program:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-29, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASECA, MINNESOTA, AMENDING THE HOSPITAL SEWERSHED FACILITY PLAN

A complete copy of Resolution 24-29 is available at City Hall, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093
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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Waseca City Council will hold a public hearing on **TUESDAY, MAY 21st, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093, to consider the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1112 – Regulating Specialized vehicles: All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs), Mini Trucks, and Golf Carts

A complete copy of Ordinance No. 1112 is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093.

Julia Hall
City Clerk
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ORDINANCE NO. 1111 – Regulating Mobile food vending to include food trucks, vending wagons, food stands & Food Carts

A complete copy of Ordinance No. 1111 is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093.

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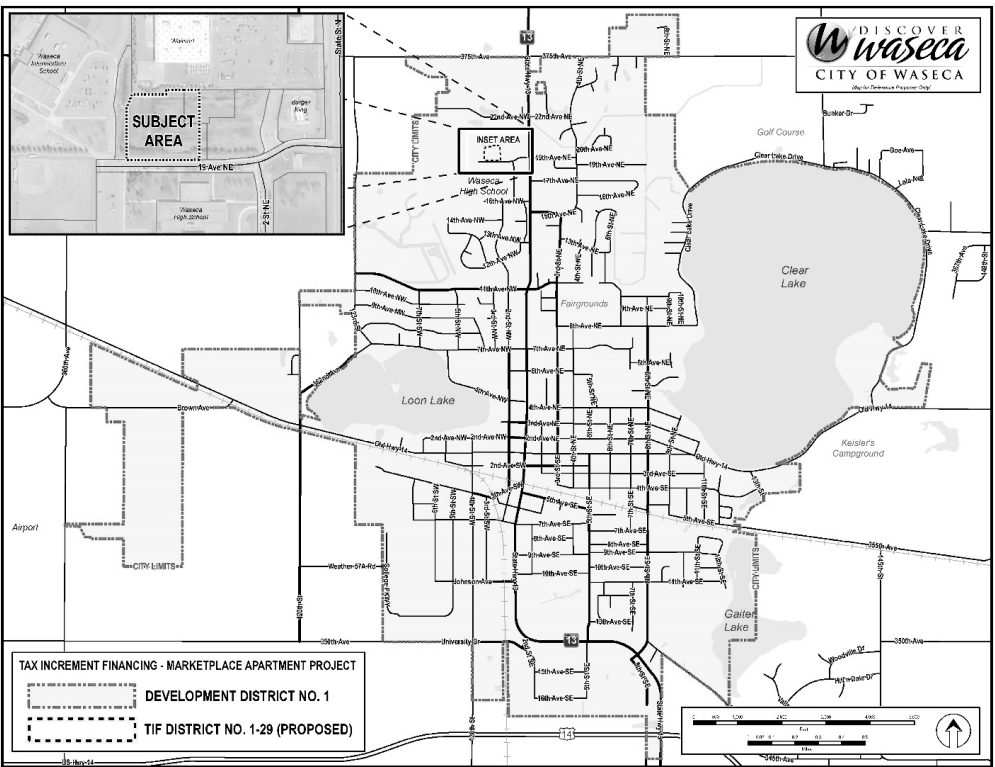
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Waseca, Waseca County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on May 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 508 South State Street, City of Waseca, Minnesota (the "City"), relating to the proposed modification of Development District No. 1, the proposed modification of the Development Program for Development District No. 1, the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District (Housing) No. 1-29 (Marketplace Apartment Project) within Development District No. 1, and the proposed adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.124 through 469.133 and Sections 469.174 through 469.1794. Copies of the Development Program, as modified, the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan are on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator at City Hall.

The property included in Development District No. 1 is described in the Development Program, as amended, on file in the office of the City Administrator. The property proposed to be included in Tax Increment Financing District (Housing) No. 1-29 (Marketplace Apartment Project) is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file at City Hall, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093.

A map of Development District No. 1 and Tax Increment Financing District (Housing) No. 1-29 (Marketplace Apartment Project) is set forth below:



All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or in writing prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
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/s/ Carl Sonnenberg
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