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Traveling show 'Reptiles Around the World' will visit New Richland, Waseca, Waldorf and Janesville June 4 and 5

Slither around the world to meet reptiles from every continent they're found. Learn what a Legless Lizard is, meet a gecko, hold a boa constrictor, watch a snake eat and more! Geared for ages 7-12. New Richland Public Library 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 4. Waseca Public Library 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 4. Waldorf Public Library 10 a.m. Thursday, June 5. Janesville Reading Garden (next to Library) 1 p.m. Thursday, June 5.

Real Big Band at the Indian Island Winery Saturday, June 7

The Real Big Band will be performing at the Indian Island Winery from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7. They play jazz and serve as a clinician band for high school jazz musicians.

Bullypulpit Bluegrass at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Sun., June 8

Bullypulpit Bluegrass will be performing at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm from 1-7 p.m. Sunday, June 8. They play for the pure enjoyment of traditional bluegrass music.

Bremantown Musicians Play at Waseca Public Library Monday, June 9

The Children's Theatre Company will be holding an Early Bridges play, Bremantown Musicians, at the Waseca Public Library at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9. Essek the Donkey was kicked out of his home. What happens when robbers interrupt his journey to a new city? For ages 5-9.

Virtual Author Event: Lisa Jewell at Waseca Le Sueur Library System Tues., June 10

Author Lisa Jewell will introduce readers to her forthcoming title "Don't Let Him In," at a virtual Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library System event at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 10th. The book will be released June 24, 2025. Along with an introduction to her newest bone-chilling, psychological thriller, Jewell will chat about her life as a writer and her critically-acclaimed body of work.

Stenciled Book Edges at Waseca Public Library Tues., June 10

Jump into the world of book artistry by stenciling the edges of a popular book for your home library at the Waseca Public Library at noon, Tuesday, June 10. Books and supplies provided. This free event is exclusively for adults. Register at the library or at wasecalesuserlibraries.com/registered.

A word from The Word

May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! Psalm 20:4

Waseca Class of 2025



GRADUATION DAY – The Waseca High School graduating class of 2025 gathered for the final time Sunday for commencement exercises in the WHS gymnasium. See Page 12 for more scenes from graduation. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

WHS class of '25 graduates 153

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

"The end of an era. The start of a new legacy," was the class motto for the Waseca High School Class of 2025 which graduated 153 Sunday afternoon in a packed gymnasium.

Graduates wore blue gowns decorated with gold sashes and tassels. The class flower was a yellow rose.

The high school band played the entrance song, "Pomp and Circumstance," directed by Devon Lawrence.

Senior Class President Elizabeth Manthe told her classmates they have spent 2,400 days together.

Class speaker Ashton Jenzen reminded classmates, "As we step forward toward an uncertain future, we'll still have this journey."

Student council president Sophie Chawra told her fellow students, "We grew up when we took a test, when we stood [up] for someone. The real story of these past four years is growth."

Principal Dr. Jason Miller stated, "Congrats to the very large class of 2025. Remember to be present, be in it and know where your feet are. You don't become what you want, you become what you believe." He gave special acknowledgement to the seven students who had a grade point average of 4.0 or higher and the 43 students who were members of the Minnesota Honor Society, all of whom he asked to stand and be recognized.

After it was announced the students had completed all state requirements and were now officially ready to receive their diplomas, Superintendent Dr. Eric Hudspeth and school board members Alyssa Bowers, Dave Dunn and Grant Scheffert took turns delivering the diplomas and shaking students' hands.

Class escorts were Mr. John Hanson and Mr. Jake Nelson.

More photos can be found on Page 12.

NRHEG Class of 2025



Above, NRHEG graduate Grace Starman embraces her grandpa, Don Starman during the parent appreciation portion of graduation. Left, Aspy Stenzel and Mallory Schlinger exit as graduates on Sunday June 1, 2025. Photos by Eli Lutgens



NRHEG class of '25 graduates 55

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

They stood together for the final time.

One by one, they walked out into the world.

The 55 members of the NRHEG class of 2025 graduated Sunday afternoon in a packed high school gymnasium in New Richland.

Principal Grant Berg got the show rolling as he lightheartedly welcomed and thanked NRHEG board members, faculty, staff, parents, guardians, and all those who made

graduation possible.

Berg said he wanted to keep the introduction short and sweet, and he did. "Today is their (the graduates') day. Thank you."

Berg introduced the NRHEG choir which performed "This is Our Day" arranged by Masa Fukada.

Class speakers Cole Hutchens, Harbor Cromwell and Grace Starman, elected by their peers, addressed the group's shared experiences in elementary grades, secondary school, and looking toward the future.

"If my kindergarten self could see me up here today, I think he'd have just two questions," Hutchens began. "Did school really go that fast? And 'Have the Vikings finally won a Superbowl?'"

"I remember a time when the biggest decisions we had to make were things like what color folder to use or what your friend was trying to trade you for lunch," Hutchens continued. "Life was simple and we were just getting started."

Hutchens shared fond moments of elementary school through high

school, including memories of football, climbing snow hills, an Eagle Bluff trip, the Covid pandemic and much more.

"All of this led us here today," Hutchens concluded. "We have all made a difference in each other these past twelve-ish years. If we keep looking back in the past, we will miss the future... With that being said, I will leave you all with this quote from Aidan Schlaak's favorite

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Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission project

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

A number of public meetings have been held in the area over the past week requesting public input regarding the construction of a proposed 345 kilovolt (kV) powerline which will reach up to 123 miles from Mankato to the Mississippi River near Kellogg. Xcel Energy began the planning and approval phase of the project in 2022 with the intent of beginning construction in 2026. Xcel Energy claims the project is needed to provide additional transmission capacity and improve electric system reliability; one reason for the expansion, the company claims, is to accommodate power from renewable energy providers such as solar gardens and wind farms.

Information shared by Xcel during these meetings indicates that, while preliminary planning phases included a route for the line which would have followed the general track of Minnesota Highway 14 from Mankato to Waseca before going north toward Faribault, the preferred, and most likely path of the project will follow the general track of Highway 60 from Mankato to Faribault; plans show the route would deviate from the freeway's path to go slightly north of Waterville.

Xcel states landowners are paid fair market value for easements across their property and can continue to use the land for most purposes so long as their use does not interfere with the operation and maintenance of the transmission line.

Representatives from a number of state agencies operated the meetings, with representatives from Xcel providing facts and information about the planned project, which will include approximately 130 miles of new 345 (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) and approximately 20 miles of new 161 kV HVTL, as well as upgrades to existing substations. Recent meetings and presentations held in nearby communities are part of a review and public engagement process. After the project receives approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, final engineering plans, negotiations with landowners, acquiring final permits and easements must be secured before the 2026 to 2028 construction can begin. Xcel plans to have full service and power restoration complete by the end of 2028.

The typical transmission line construction process includes soil surveys and property staking; creating access for construction, including clearing trees; mobilizing equipment and delivering material; constructing foundations; installing structures; stringing conductor line; followed by finishing and land restoration.

Xcel states anticipated designs call for steel transmission structures, single-pole style for most poles. The typical pole height is 100-150 feet, depending on the terrain. For 345 kV segments, the typical right-of-way width is 150 feet. A distance ranging from 800 to 1,200 feet is left between structures. For 161 kV segments, the typical right-of-way width is 80 to 100 feet with 300 to 500 feet between structures.

Individuals who wish to post comments regarding the construction project can do so online at <https://mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments/>. The comment period on this project closes June 10.



Compostings

by Al Batt

Blinking fluid is real

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

Do you have any tattoos?
I don't think so.
You don't know?
There are places I don't want to look.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I visited a rest area in Iowa. On a wall, there was a familiar painting. When I was a boy, I thought the most famous couple in the world were the two in "American Gothic," Grant Wood's frequently parodied, iconic painting. Who were these two figures, and what was their relationship? Many people assume they're husband and wife. Wood called the twosome father and daughter. Wood modeled the pair after his 32-year-old sister and his 62-year-old dentist. He painted the duo with elongated necks and faces, and they looked stern, somewhat quizzical, and serious. Wood intended to applaud the hardworking, honest and dignified farmers of the Midwest.

That painting reminds me of the farmer who told a visitor, "The black cows always eat more than the brown cows."

"Why is that?" asked the puzzled guest.

"We have more black cows than brown cows," answered the farmer.

I spoke at a couple of things in Louisiana. The term "Cajun Holy Trinity" refers to the trio of onions, green bell peppers and celery that are a foundational component of Cajun and Creole cuisine. I ate gumbo, jambalaya and étouffée, which are distinct Cajun and Creole dishes. I had to ask which was which. I was told that gumbo is a soup or stew served over rice, jambalaya is a rice dish cooked with other ingredients, and étouffée is a thick sauce served over rice. I didn't know what things of unknown origin were in each dish, so I questioned a couple of restaurant employees. Their answers were basically the same: "You don't want to know."

I'VE LEARNED

"You're a lot like your father."
"You're a lot like your mother."
When I hear those comments, I take them as the utmost compliment.

I'm glad blinking doesn't make any noise.

Despite being titled " Fargo," no scenes for that movie were filmed in Fargo. Some were shot at Wally McCarthy Oldsmobile in Richfield, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and Chanhassen Dinner Theatre.

Nothing makes a person feel older than a new driver's license

photo.

In 1925, Skinner's Manufacturing Company in Omaha introduced Skinner's Raisin Bran. Other bran cereals existed, but Skinner's debuted the first with raisins.

We talk to ourselves when we need an expert's opinion.

Eye drops are blinking fluid.

U.S. Census Bureau figures show the states with the highest percentages of poverty in 2023 were Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, West Virginia, Kentucky and Oklahoma.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

What do you call an insect that can't decide whether or not to eat your house? A ter-might.

Santa Claus is tough on his elves. He's a real sleigh driver.

I start my new job hanging mirrors tomorrow. It's something I can see myself doing.

I meant to publish this earlier: April was Procrastination Awareness Month.

Studies show I should brush my teeth with my non-dominant hand, but a toothbrush works better.

A politician held a rally in a small town. He asked, "What can the government do for you?"

A man said: "We have two problems here. The first one is that we have no doctor in town."

The politician pulled out his iPhone and had a short conversation. Concluding his call, he said, "That's taken care of. There will be a doctor here next month. What's your second problem?"

"We can't get a cellphone signal here," said the man.

NATURE NOTES

I walked around Lake Sagatagan at the St. John's Abbey Arboretum. A family of Canada geese (Ma, Pa and five goslings) moved toward the water. One baby had difficulty climbing over the trunk of a fallen tree. To the gosling, it was Mt. Everest. It cried. The gander walked back to see if he could help and stepped onto the log just as the gosling reached the summit. The gander's big foot landed directly on top of the little fellow. More crying ensued. They both shuffled into the water, appearing no worse for the wear, but I expect the gosling had nightmares.

Some Canada geese undertake a northward molt migration in late May and early June. This migration consists of non-breeding geese, including young and failed breeders, who travel to northern and subarctic areas to molt their flight feathers and spend the summer.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"Thank you. You're a kind person. It doesn't cost anything to be kind. People forget. Kindness doesn't cost a dime."—Allan Wolf, "Zane's Trace."



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

On the North Shores of MN

It happens I was on Minnesota's North Shore this past weekend.

I would tell you all about seeing Lake Superior except for one thing: it was barely visible. Yes, of course the harbors, shoreline and waterfalls were as dynamic and fascinating as always, but smoke from the fires in Canada was so pervasive, when I looked out across the lake, it was impossible to see any horizon—anything that distinguished where the sky stopped and the water started.

I would not label that a disappointment—more like another phenomenon of the lake I had an opportunity to experience.

The part of my trip I am most interested in sharing has to do with the national monument at Grand Portage. I visited it with my adult son and his 13-year-old daughter.

Instead of a grand stone tower or sobering memorial, this particular monument is a reconstruction of a "stockade" which once stood along Lake Superior not far south of Canada. Volunteers at the site told us that, to the degree historic and archaeological evidence can be trusted and confirmed, the modern site is a quite accurate recreation of what stood there in the 1800s—except for one thing. The modern site has a steady, calm flow of visitors who walk about and appreciate what's

been assembled.

Back in the 1800s, the location would have been loud and boisterous, an amazingly dynamic community of nearly 200 people who lived and worked there. The solid wooden buildings would have been encircled by tents and campsites within the stockade walls. At trading times—most especially in the spring right after "ice out"—there would have been a second large camp area for the traveling traders who were in the process of delivering their wares.

A camp volunteer who was busily preparing wild rice soup using an iron kettle in a giant open fireplace told us he was standing in for a dozen or more cooks whose job it was to prepare meals for about 150 people at a time.

The entire monument was an enriching experience made richer by the volunteers who were staffing it during our visit.

The center of my observations here is the sense of utter amazement we all felt when we saw the 39-foot-long birchbark canoe. Just to help you feel the same level of disbelief, a semi truck trailer is 40 feet long.

The folks at the national monument have six or eight handmade birch bark canoes on display. They were upside-down above our heads in the rafters of a large log building.



Numerous canoes are suspended in the rafters of this building at the Grand Portage National Monument. The 40-footer extends out of this picture on the left side.

A volunteer kindly explained this is where they would have been found when not in use—very likely the winter—because birchbark has a tendency to dry and shrink when exposed to sunlight.

The inner structure of the canoe consisted of "ribs" every 3 or so inches apart. These were made of white cedar, we were informed, because cedar is less subject to decomposition in water than most other woods.

On display in the same building was a stack of goods which (had they been real) would have had a combined weight of about two tons—the amount of product the giant canoe typically transported. It was an impressive stack, especially when one takes into account that between 10 and 16 people were needed simply to paddle and pilot the canoe.

The goods in question had been imported to Montreal, Canada, by ship; it took six to eight weeks to transport them from Montreal to Grand Portage and other destinations. Canoes tended to travel in "brigades," meaning dozens of workers were traveling together, stopping on

Pioneer photo by Deb Bently shore overnight to set up camp.

The goods would be paddled on lakes and rivers most of the way, but there was a 10-mile stretch where everything—canoes included—had to be carried (portaged) across land.

After some rest, and after the winter's furs were bundled up and loaded, the voyageurs would get back in their giant canoes and head north.

Nearly all of us learned something about the fur trade during our time in school; I know I did. I know my children did. It was truly impressive how real that academic knowledge became, though, when standing under that massive canoe and imagining what it would be like to paddle it in Gitchie Gumee, which can be as terrifying as the ocean when the winds start to rise.

I admit, when I went to the North Shore, the visit to the national monument wasn't even on my radar, but now that I'm home it was the highlight of the trip. If you have not already been there, I recommend putting it on your list. If you have been there, maybe share with others why they should go...

Who knows where life will take me next



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

have even started to run more as I see young influencers all over my social media join run clubs, train for marathons or half marathons, and talk about how many miles they run in a day.

All this makes me consider how differently we choose to move our bodies and keep them active as we grow. A lot of adults may tend to lift weights, run for cardio, or go on a brisk daily walk.

Some sports have a bit more holding power, maybe continuing across decades but played at a different pace. Golf, pickleball, slow-pitch

softball or baseball, pick up basketball games, volleyball leagues, swimming laps during open swim.

I had an older professor who would come to class and frown at her Apple Watch, saying it didn't track her 5 a.m. swim workout that morning correctly. Or that it did and she would proudly claim she had closed her exercise ring.

For me, my anxiety makes me be active every day in order to see that exercise ring close. I lift, go for walks or runs, or play pickleball (and lose to my sister even though I'm the one who took a class).

I wonder how I will choose to move my body in the future. Will it be reduced to walks? Will I become a runner? Maybe I'll dive head first into weight training or crossfit or calisthenics. Maybe I will just enjoy the ability to move and push my body while I can. With no broken bones, no strained or sprained muscles, no arthritis yet, or things like new knees or plantar fasciitis, I think I'll take what I can get while I can get it.

But as a 21-year-old just venturing out into life, I realize I also need to step back and not take life too fast. It's okay to sit and enjoy my time. My four years of college have already flown by in the blink of an eye and yet there is still so much more out there waiting for me. Who knows where my body will take me next.

My Determination: "I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do."

— Michael Scott, The Office



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■ NRHEG

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singer, Adele, 'For this is the end.'"

Cromwell was the second speaker and talked about the significance of senior year. He talked about the present, "today."

"Standing here now, knowing this is the last time the class of 2025 will be in the same place, makes me miss the past, but more than that, it makes me cherish the memories we've made together," Cromwell stated.

"Senior year was a rollercoaster. There were late nights spent finishing assignments, or just staying up talking because we knew time was running out... There were big wins—like beating tough competition and passing tests we didn't think we'd pass. And there were hard losses too—games that didn't go our way, plans that fell through, friend-

ships that changed, and the quiet realization that some things won't ever be the same."

Cromwell said student activities taught him that being a leader isn't just a title, "It meant learning to lead with heart, to listen with respect and to keep going even when things didn't go as planned."

"To the class of 2025—thank you for the laughs, the lessons, and the memories," Cromwell closed. "We may be going our separate ways, but this year, this time, and this class will always be a part of who we are."

The final class speaker was Starman

"Saying goodbye to each other is not the end of the story, it is instead the beginning of the next chapter of our lives," she said. "Today, June 1, 2025, we embark on our next step... The day we've dreamed of since kindergarten is finally here, and we've achieved that dream. We have all walked the same path until now. That path goes 56 different ways and we

will all walk our own."

Starman said leaving behind the comfort and security of assigned seating and daily routines may be a little scary, but in exchange graduates earn their freedom to discover who they are without the walls of high school defining who they are.

"As we move on to the rest of our lives, we will face challenges that we feel utterly unprepared for—but we are ready for them," Starman ended. "Keep the memories close. They're your reminder of how far you've come. Don't be afraid to move forward. The world is waiting. You're more ready than you know."

Berg introduced the NRHEG band, which played the traditional "last song together," a composition played sometime during the seniors' career, and one they selected as a favorite.

This year's choice was "Jupiter: Bringer of Jollity" arranged by Gustav Holst.

Gisele Cazares led the parent ap-

preciation statement, after which graduates came down off the stage and delivered flowers to the parent figures in their lives.

Following the parent appreciation, a compilation of videos and photos from the class of '25 was shared.

Berg introduced salutatorian Tayla Sandry and valedictorian Sierra Misgen.

Short biographies of both these honored students appear in this week's Star Eagle.

School board members Amy Ihrke and Kelly Delacruz, alongside superintendent Michael Meihak and Principal Berg, presented diplomas to the graduates.

When finished, Berg told graduates, "It's time," and asked the graduates to stand and move the tassels on their caps.

"You are now officially graduated," said Berg. "I want to congratulate all of the graduates and thank everyone for their attendance. I wish you all the best."

In Brief

Aspyn Acres kids' wildlife clinic June 14

Contact Aspyn Acres for information about a kids' wildlife rehabilitation clinic scheduled for June 14. Using stand-in models, participants will use the resources of a new facility to help diagnose the needs of animals in distress and discover the

best way to help them. Aspyn Acres is located at 41251 135 Street north of Waseca. Email contact is aspynacreswildliferehab@gmail.com.

Father's Day at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Sunday, June 15

Celebrate Father's Day at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm from 1-7 p.m. Sunday, June 15. Featuring music from Ben Scruggs and Cargill Deluxe, pizza, drinks and more.

Juliet and the Montagues at Trowbridge Park

Tuesday, June 17

Juliet and the Montagues will be performing at Trowbridge Park in Waseca at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17. They bring together jazz, blues, funk, rock and R&B with a classic, yet modern flair. They also cover Prince, Fleetwood Mac and Michael Jackson.

Yarn Bowls tutorial at the Waldorf Public Library Tues., June 10
Make delicate bowls by wrapping yarn around a balloon and coating it with glue at the Waldorf Public Library at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. Once dry, pop the balloon to reveal a beautiful, airy yarn bowl. This free event is exclusively for ages 13-18.

Laser-Engraved Hammers Workshop at the Janesville Public Library Tues., June 10
Make delicate bowls by wrapping yarn around a balloon and coating it with glue at the Waldorf Public Library at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. Once dry, pop the balloon to reveal a beautiful, airy yarn bowl. This free event is exclusively for ages 13-18.

Hounds of Finn at Trowbridge Park in Waseca Tues., June 10
Hounds of Finn will be performing at Trowbridge Park in Waseca at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. A high energy folk rock group forged from the roots of Celtic and American traditions.

Circus Manduhai at Waseca Public Library Thursday, June 12
This Mongolian performer incorporates juggling, acro-balancing, contortion, unicycling, and hula hooping into a spectacular show at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 12. Geared for all ages.

Construction Site: Let's Build at the Janesville Public Library Thurs., June 12
Put on your hard hat while we work through Construction Site's newest projects at Janesville Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12. Kids will use their fine motor skills as they build, demolish, and everything in between. Geared for ages 3-6. Free and open to the public.

Marbled Coasters at the Waseca Public Library Thurs., June 12
Create a chic and colorful spin on marbled coasters at Waseca Public Library at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 12. Geared for ages 13-18.

How to Train Your Dragon Party at the Waseca Public Library Friday, June 13
Train with Hiccup and his friends to become dragon riders extraordinaire at Waseca Public Library at 10 a.m. Friday, June 13. Kids will create their own dragon sighting guide, learn how to read Viking runes, feed the dragons, and more. Geared for ages 7-12.

Scott Maas at the Indian Island Winery Friday, June 13
Scott Maas will be performing at the Indian Island Winery from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 13. He plays all your favorite hits from the 70s up through the 2000s.

St. Joseph's Church of Waldorf Summer Festival Sat. June 14
Join us for fellowship at the St. Joseph's Church of Waldorf on Saturday, June 14. All denominations welcome. 4:30 p.m. fellowship, 5 p.m. mass with a meal to follow with free will donation.

Got news?
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This Memorial Day, the city of Waldorf performed its annual celebration program honoring departed United States veterans at the Waldorf Community Center. American Legion Post #587 performed honors over gravesites for Wilmer Pick, Howard Barker, and David Hodgkins. An honored speaker this year at the Waldorf Memorial Day program was Jeremiah Miller, a noted Waseca resident actively serving in the Army National Guard. He is well known for many activities and services supporting and helping local veterans. A dedication by American Legion Commander Phillip Marquardt at the Waldorf Veterans Memorial Park also took place for a plaque honoring Waldorf's new Veterans Memorial Garden. The new plaque was created and donated by the Thomas L. Madden American Legion Post #587. It reads: "No matter what capacity served in, Active Duty, the Guard, or Reserves, your service matters. Anyone willing to take an oath of enlistment in God's name and fulfill duty to the best of their ability deserves respect to be honored, cared for, and remembered." ~CW4 Jeremiah Miller.

Law enforcement 'scholarship' helps sheriff's office hire deputy

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

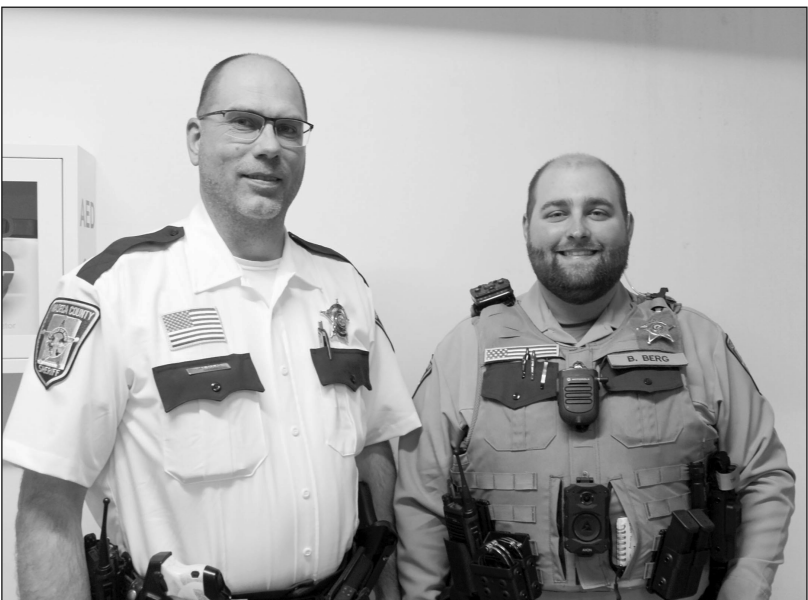
Deputies Brayden Berg and Gavin Kritzeck took the sheriff's department oath of office during the May 6 Waseca County board meeting, both were welcomed heartily as the county's newest deputies.

In the time since joining the department, Sheriff Jay Dulas reports Berg's vigilance during a routine exchange led to him locating illicit drugs. On another occasion, he participated in a high-speed chase which led to successfully apprehending someone subsequently charged with felony-level crimes.

This quick start on Berg's part might be said to align with another element of his career path: his recent training.

Berg is the first member of the Waseca Sheriff's Department to have joined the staff through Minnesota's "Intensive Police Officer Education and Training" (ICPOET) grant program.

Introduced early in 2024, ICPOET was created to help counter the shortage of law enforcement officers. Dulas explains any Minnesota law enforcement agency can apply. The steps are to identify individuals who would like to be an officer with the agency, but do not yet meet the qualifications for the required license. To be eligible, individuals must have already completed a two- or four-year degree, but it need not be related to law enforcement. Departments can



Waseca Sheriff Jay Dulas and deputy Brayden Berg.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

apply for as many grants as they have open positions and qualified candidates.

Having found a suitable candidate, the agency applies for a grant through the ICPOET program. Candidates are paid a full-time wage while they participate in an intense six-month training. They attend classes eight hours a day, rather than the more typical four, completing the

Deputy continued on 4

Waseca police department updating its mission

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

City of Waseca police chief Kris Markeson shared information about his department with members of the Waseca Exchange Club during their regular meeting on May 12. Markeson unveiled some new initiatives underway in the department, saying the timing was ideal given that May 11 to 17 is designated nationally as "Police Week."

Since 1962, May 15 has been the nation's day to remember police officers killed or injured in the line of duty; the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Foundation reports 147 such deaths occurred in 2024.

Markeson described his 26-year career with the Waseca Police Department, mentioning he is now the police chief and head public safety director after serving as captain for 14 years under recently retired chief Penny Vought.

As an effort to build unity within the department, both due to recent hires and promotions, and to his new role as leader, Markeson mentioned that he worked with the department's 17 staff members to write a new mission statement and define the group's core values. The statements appear at the end of this article.

Markeson continued on 4

Waseca County Health starts new medication management program

Taking medicine the wrong way can cause serious problems including unfortunate side effects or even life-threatening issues. Managing your medicine correctly can help prevent these problems, improve how well treatments work, help you feel better, and save money by avoiding extra trips to the emergency room or hospital. Programs like this can also help people remember to take their medicine and give them more control over their own health.

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"Medication management is going to be very beneficial to our community. It is a huge need without many providers to help. I am excited to be able to provide this service and make a difference in the community," says Waseca County Public Health Nurse, Lacey Cords.

The new Waseca County Public Health medication management program is open to people of any age with private insurance or Medical Assistance (MA). It is an important step toward healthier lives for all.

For more information or to schedule a visit, contact Waseca County Public Health Nurse Lacey Cords, BSN, RN, PHN at 507-461-7766 or lacey.cords@wasecacounty.gov.



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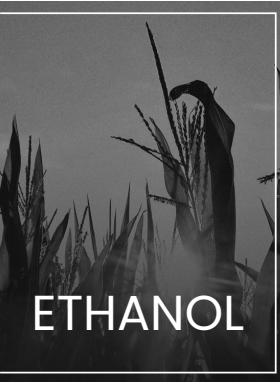


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Rachel Geary

RACHEL (KRAUSE) GEARY, age 92 of Burnsville, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, and is now with her Heavenly Father. She was preceded in death by her parents Ervin and Esther Krause, brother's Victor and Jim, and her beloved husband Rod. She is survived by her sister Gladys; daughter Rebecca, her grandchildren Josh and Julia, and great grandchildren Atlas and Oaklee. Her Son, David and his wife Stephanie, her grandchildren Ben, and his wife Mackenzie, Clay, Lauren, and Will; her great grandchild, Reece.

Rachel finished college with her teaching degree and taught school for many years. She had a special gift with children which carried on through teaching Good News Clubs through Child Evangelism Fellowship. She touched many young lives by sharing the gospel with her gift and will be greatly missed.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 11:00 AM



Rachel Geary

at the Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service - Third Street Chapel - 109 3rd St. Ne. Waseca, MN 56093.

Luncheon held immediately following the service at the State Street Chapel - 711 N. State St., Waseca, MN 56093

Private family interment will be held at the Freedom Free Cemetery in Pemberton, MN.

Second annual Take-A-Kid Fishing event returns to Clear Lake Park

Waseca Lakes Association partners with MN DNR for family-friendly fishing experience

WASECA, MN – The Waseca Lakes Association invites families to cast their lines at the second annual Take-A-Kid Fishing event on Saturday, June 7th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Clear Lake Park Fishing Pier and Beach House in Waseca.

This community event aligns with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Take a Kid Fishing Weekend, during which Minnesotans fishing with children 15 years or younger are not required to have a fishing license.

"This event is designed to introduce children and their families to fishing while showcasing one of Waseca's greatest natural assets," said Stacey Schroeder, event chair. "It's wonderful to see kids experience the joy of fishing, often for the first time."

The free event provides everything families need for a successful fishing experience, including equipment check-out, bait, snacks, refreshments, and prizes for young anglers. Participants will have the unique opportunity to fish alongside local fishing legends, Sleigh and Cutter Queens, and first responders, promoting positive community relationships and mentorship.

Last year's inaugural event attracted 42 children, and organizers are prepared to welcome even more families this year. The event serves as both an introduction to fishing and a celebration of

Waseca's outdoor recreation opportunities.

"We're excited to build on last year's success," Schroeder added. "There's nothing quite like seeing a child's face light up when they catch their first fish. Last year we even had one of our Sleigh and Cutter Queens catch her own first fish while wearing her dress and crown – it was a magical moment that perfectly captured the spirit of our event."

The Take-A-Kid Fishing event is made possible through the generous support of F.O.P. Lodge 16, Waseca VFW Post 1642, Waseca Fire Relief, Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Southern Minnesota Darkhouse Association, Fishing for Life, and 212 Waseca.

No registration is required. Families are encouraged to stop by Clear Lake Park, throw out a line, and be prepared to have a "reel" nice time.

- Event Details:
- Date: Saturday, June 7th
 - Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - Location: Clear Lake Park Fishing Pier and Beach House, Waseca
 - Cost: Free
 - Ages: All ages welcome (focus on children 15 and under)

For more information about the Waseca Lakes Association and upcoming events, visit <https://wasecalakes.org/>

Ranch Rodeo event At Yaunt-2 June 7

By DEB BENTLY News Editor

Though many people may think of bull riding and bucking broncos when they hear the word "rodeo," the Yaunt-2 organization, based in the southeastern part of Waseca county, offers a more family friendly version.

"Ranch rodeo involves the kinds of skills that people would genuinely use on a ranch," explains Doug Christopherson, who is one of about 10 members who plan and organize numerous summer events at the group's arena located on land at the southeast corner of Waseca County off of 180th Street.

The group's first event of 2025 will begin at about noon on Saturday, June 7. "Horse people" from a wide area, including southern Minnesota and northern Iowa, will have gathered and set up camp on the six or so acres of land organizers call "the ranch". The property includes a large open space, a pole shed, and a fenced-in arena about 100 feet wide and 200 feet long.

According to fellow organizer Wayne Jensen, about 35 five-member horse-and-rider teams are likely to sign up for the weekend's four-part competition.

Interested members of the general public are invited to come and watch as much or as little as they wish of the five hours of competition which will take place on both Saturday and Sunday. There is no admission cost. Some seating is available on wooden bleachers, but Jensen and Christopherson advise visitors to bring lawn chairs if they wish to be comfortable. As to whether food and refreshments are available, the two suggest checking the Yaunt-2 Facebook page prior to the event to be certain.

The Facebook page will also provide dates and details for as many as eight similar gatherings likely to take place at "the ranch" over the summer.

When it comes to entertainment and amenities, the two recommend the August 2 cancer benefit as the most visitor friendly. Raffles, a silent auction, food sales and more have helped the event, held for the past 10 years, raise as much as \$10,000 to contribute to Geneva Cancer Auction funds.

The Yaunt-2 organization has existed since the 1990s and held its first ranch rodeo in 1995. "The ranch" was acquired a few years later, and has now housed the group's events for more

than a quarter century.

Jensen was among Yaunt-2's founding members along with Chuck Hagen, Randy Hagen, Steve Quam, Tom Staska, Steve Jensen, and members of their respective families. He recalls back to almost 40 years ago when members of the group would travel together to horse-related events held during the cold months of the year in more southern parts of the country.

Having learned about "ranch rodeo" competitions held elsewhere, they were discussing the possibility of sponsoring a similar event themselves. Coincidentally, they were listening to a Jeff Foxworthy routine in which the comedian blurred the words "you," "want" and "to" as in "yaunt two pieces of cake?" They decided among themselves they did. In fact, "yaunt-2" hold their own rodeos.

"It was so long ago," comments Jensen, "we were listening to the routine on a cassette."

From the beginning, he remembers, the chief objective has always been to do something fun together which aligned with their interests as lifelong horse people.

Though there is income in the form of entry fees, there are also numerous expenses. "You can't go into it with the idea of making money," relates Jensen. "You either do it because you enjoy it, or you don't do it at all."

The rodeo against cancer began when founding member Steve Quam entered a battle with the disease. Though Quam won his first round, his death in 2020 was due to a second round of cancer. The Yaunt-2 group continues the annual rodeo against cancer in his memory, and out of a desire to see the disease defeated.

Even without any bucking broncos, Jensen and Christopherson say ranch rodeo events are exciting and competitive.

For riders curious about competing, Jensen says they can begin at any level, and do not even have to arrive as part of a team. One level, he explains, assigns unteamed riders together by chance.

Pre-planned teams often consist of family members, he continues, sometimes with numerous generations participating together.

"We've had riders from age eight all the way up to 80," he comments. Competitors take part for many different reasons—some to practice working as a



An impressive line-up of competitors took part in state-level competition last fall at the Yaunt-2 ranch in the southeastern corner of Waseca County.

team, some with the goal of earning enough points across the summer's events to advance to state-level competition in the fall.

There are only four or five Minnesota organizations which, like Yaunt-2, sponsor ranch rodeos each summer. The fall state-wide competition rotates among their locations; it took place at the ranch in 2024.

Typical ranch rodeos require teams to take part in four different categories during each event. Scores from all four are consolidated to determine the weekend's winning teams.

All four categories involve controlling the movements of cattle.

For each, the arena holds 20 head of cattle with easily legible numbers painted on them. The expectation is that all cattle will be kept to one end of the arena, with only the selected cattle brought across a well-marked barrier line.

A maximum time of 90 seconds is allowed for each task; teams win points by completing their assignment in the shortest time frame. They are disqualified in the category if they exceed the time or if any disallowed cattle cross the barrier.

In the "sorting" category, teams must separate 10 specific cattle from among the 20, bringing them across the barrier line in numerical order.

In "trailer loading," they must separate out four specific cattle and load them into one section of a two-compartment trailer. Once the cattle are in, a horse must be loaded into the second compartment. Christopherson and Jensen say that typical times for all of the tasks are usually longer early in the summer, when the cattle acquired for

the competition are "green," meaning they are not accustomed to being herded. Further on in the season, times of 30 to 40 seconds become somewhat typical for this category.

"You can imagine, things are moving pretty fast in the arena," observes Christopherson. "It can get pretty intense."

For "sort and pen," teams must separate out specific cattle in numerical order and get them into pens built at the end of the arena. Here, too, times grow shorter as the season advances, with 30 seconds becoming a good score and exceptional times sometimes 20 seconds and below.

In "doctoring," teams are given two numbers. They must rope either of the two numbered head of cattle and get it to the edge of the arena, where applying shaving cream to the animal takes the place of administering an antibiotic or some other health-related treatment.

Jensen and Christopherson admit the "ranch rodeo" tasks originate from both another time and other parts of the country, when numerous herds of cattle were let loose together on expansive open parcels of land to graze, then needed to be rounded up and separated.

Their enthusiasm for the events, they say, is based on the chance to combine their love of horsemanship, teamwork, and family-oriented fun, along with the excitement of some amicable competition.

"We certainly invite people to come see what it's all about," said Jensen. Whether as riders or spectators, he suggests, newcomers will quickly understand what has kept the organizers "yaunting 2" hold ranch rodeos for all this time.

■ Deputy

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supplies and materials needed are also included as part of the grant.

Berg's class of 32 ICPOET participants, he mentions, included individuals previously trained in rather diverse areas including realtors and lawyers. Berg had previously completed training in his home state of Wisconsin to become a conservation officer, but had not met the require-

ments to be a sheriff's deputy in Minnesota.

A final step in the qualification process, completed after classroom and skills training, is passing the Minnesota Police Officer Standards Test.

Under the terms of his agreement with Waseca County, Berg is now obligated to remain with the sheriff's department for a minimum of two years. He sees no difficulty, saying Waseca County "feels more like home than home does." He offers the example of assistance he received from Dulas and others in finding a local apartment.

■ Markeson

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"Some of them might seem fairly obvious," Markeson commented, "but having the discussion helps ensure we're all on the same page."

Markeson shared a report prepared for the Waseca City Council regarding the 2024 calendar year. The 16-page document includes the names and positions of the department's 17 staff members, specialized programs and training, and the 2024 workload including supporting as many as 25 community events and handling nearly 7,000 "calls for service."

In response to questions from listeners, Markeson revealed one of the largest difficulties facing law enforcement agencies nationwide is finding qualified officers and staff. "The pool is very shallow," he summarized, explaining that Waseca's department has an excellent retention rate, but finding replacements when someone retires or finds placement elsewhere is a slow process. Because keeping staff members is so important, Markeson said the department has made officers' well being and "peer support officers" a priority. Under the system, which has been in place for a few years already, some

officers receive specialized training to be "an effective listening ear." The system, he said, allows anyone "who wants to vent, chat or share" an opportunity to do so "before it affects someone's career."

One source of stress in the law enforcement field, he went on to say, is the increased number of calls related to mental health difficulties. Responding to calls where individuals are behaving unpredictably can be stressful for a wide range of reasons, he explained. For one thing, people who aren't thinking clearly might become hostile when approached, and so erratic behavior is a possibility. Even when that's not the case, the need to keep the situation from escalating while also evaluating the individual's status and monitoring safety concerns can become time-consuming, requiring the officer to stay at the scene much longer than on a typical call.

Regarding body cameras, Markeson stated department members have been using them for two years now, and have built them into their routine. He mentioned many law enforcement agencies, including his, use an online application called "Evidence.com" which "has made our lives so much easier." The app accepts camera footage and information acquired using smart phones and other electronics, then organizes and stores it where it can be shared

"If it matters to you, it matters to us."

— Kris Markeson

with authorized individuals—including attorneys and other agencies.

After sharing general information and responding to questions, Markeson summarized regarding the community of Waseca, "We're not Mayberry, we definitely have crime. But it is often not random; if a person's car is missing, it was most likely taken by someone they know. If there's a break-in, it was probably done by someone familiar with the house and its occupants.

"Waseca is a safe community. No one needs to be afraid to go for a walk alone. We have good schools. We provide excellent mental health support.

"This is a safe place to build your life and raise a family."

He added, "I encourage anyone who feels the need to call the police, to just call. We respond to many calls where it turns out nothing wrong was going on—but we don't know until we check. The opposite is also true—sometimes the watchful eye of a resident gives us the break we need to solve a case or stop a

crime in progress.

"If it matters to you, it matters to us."

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Elizabeth Marie Manthe

Elizabeth Manthe earns 4.0 GPA

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

Elizabeth Manthe, 18, has been acknowledged by the Waseca school district for her achievement of building and maintaining a 4.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA), which means she earned no grade lower than an A throughout her high school career. Manthe is the daughter of Justin and Cindy Manthe of Waseca. She plans to attend South Dakota State University for Business and Communications.

During school, Manthe was the Senior Class president and was part of the student council, Minnesota Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, DECA, and varsity baseball.

In the community, she participated in the MinWest Junior Board of Waterville and worked at Traditions.

Regarding her achievement of maintaining a 4.0 grade average, Manthe said she is proud of the work she put in over the four years of high school.

Manthe said her parents and family are very proud.

Her advice for younger students looking to excel in school is to “get your work done right away! Staying on top of your assignments is a great feeling and a great way to get good grades.”

Manthe admits she was not sure she would reach this level of achievement, but always knew she was capable.

“I will miss the friends I have made and the feeling of home when I’m at school,” Manthe said about what she will miss most about high school.

Among Manthe’s favorite memories of school are creating silly inside jokes with her friends.

Her favorite subjects in school were English and Math; her least favorite class was science. “Sorry, Mr. Jacobson.”

Manthe said her favorite teachers in school were Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Wendland. “They made nothing feel impossible to learn. They also never give up on their students.”

For her future, Manthe said she is looking forward to someday opening her own business and “finding lots of love and happiness along the way.”

In ten years, she said she sees herself being a successful entrepreneur.

“I would tell my freshman year self to be confident and find what makes her happy. The little things that excite us are our true passions. When you find them, don’t be embarrassed of them and don’t let go of them.”

Exchange Club rededicates WIS Freedom Shrine

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

About 75 people lined up along a Waseca Intermediate School (WIS) hallway the evening of May 27 to witness the rededication of a “Freedom Shrine,” a display of numerous documents from our country’s early history including the Declaration of Independence and the Mayflower Compact, an agreement reached among the pilgrim colonizers before they even arrived in North America in 1620.

The meticulously reproduced copies of 28 different documents are mounted on plaques and hung near each other along a hallway; they span roughly 30 feet of wall space.

Installing and maintaining shrines like the one at the WIS is a national project of the Exchange Club, a philanthropic organization which has “promoting Americanism” as one of its central goals. The documents at the WIS have been on display in the hallway for at least 20 years. The Waseca Exchange Club recently had them refurbished, which is why the display was rededicated.

A similar display was installed and dedicated at the Waseca County Courthouse in the summer of 2024.

WIS principal John Huttmeier said the freedom shrine serves to “encourage students and community members alike to gain a deeper understanding of the events, principles, and individuals that shaped the United States.”

He went on to say, “They offer context for where we’ve been as a nation, and guidance for where we must go.

“Thank you to the Exchange Club for lending this important display to our students and community.”

Waseca Exchange Club president Mikhail Rostislavovich spoke on the topic of freedom, suggesting that Americans will gain a deeper appreciation for its value and importance by studying the fundamental documents included in the display.

Regarding the Declaration of Independence, he spoke of Thomas Jefferson’s purpose of summarizing the colonist’s grievances against the English king. “Writing for all Americans,” Rostislavovich described, “Jefferson put on paper



Speakers and dignitaries for the Freedom Shrine rededication were (from left) Michael Cogan, pastor of Waseca's Real Life Covenant Church; Dr. Eric Hudspeth, Waseca school district superintendent; Katie Smith, District director with the Exchange Club organization; Mikhail Rostislavovich, Waseca Exchange Club president; Annette Duncan, regional vice president for the Exchange Club organization; and Tom Sexton, Minnesota District 19B Representative.

what then was just a dream—that all men are created equal, and because they are, they have the right to tell the government what to do, not the other way around.”

After the Revolutionary War, Rostislavovich continued, “the states began to fight among themselves. It appeared this brand new nation called the United States of America would soon crumble into 13 separate, snarling countries.

“It was the United States Constitution that saved the day.

“In fact, if it had not been written 200 years ago, we might not have any freedom left to talk about. As far as human freedoms are concerned, it may well be the most important collection of words ever put on paper.”

Referring to them as “windows” to the past, Rostislavovich encouraged everyone to treat the documents of the freedom shrine as a beginning, and to go on to learn more about the people and processes, the disagreements and compromises, and the opportunities and privileges which should never be taken for granted.

“Freedom is one of the most sought after of human possessions,” Rostislavovich said as he finished. “It is also among the most fragile, which is why we enjoy freedom and why we must forever guard and protect it.

“Perhaps that is the most important message the freedom shrine brings us. It continually reminds us of the great debt we owe to those thousands of



Members of the Mankato Area Civil Air Patrol served as the honor guard as the Freedom Shrine was rededicated.

Americans who fought for and won the freedom we enjoy today.

“It also reminds us that freedom does not come without great cost, and if we the people are to keep it, then we the people must be prepared to defend and protect it at all times.”



Above, Waseca artist Dean Dykema with a painting he created on a turkey tail feather fan. Below, The very first feather painting Dykema created—a goose feather he found while out on a walk and decided to test his skills on.



Painting on feathers is trademark for area artist

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Waseca resident Dean Dykema remembers a walk he took in 2010. “I was going along a trail, and there was a goose feather,” he describes. “I picked it up, looked it over, and thought to myself, ‘I wonder if I could paint on this.’”

It turns out, he could.

He still has that feather, decorated with a hand-painted goose.

Based on the work Dykema has continued to do ever since finding that feather, perhaps the most important asset an aspiring feather artist needs is ingenuity. After that, the list seems to include a certain amount of talent, thinned acrylic paint, small brushes, and time.

In the past 15 or so years, he says he has completed 135 paintings on feathers. Most have been custom orders with a very diverse array of subjects; the majority have been animals and wildlife, with an occasional truck, bridge, or nature scene.

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Sophie Nevine Chawra

Sophie Chawra earns 4.0 GPA

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

Sophie Chawra, 18, of Waseca, graduated Waseca Junior Senior High School this year with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA). Her family includes parents Ismail Chawra, Rebecca Thompson, and her 16-year-old sister Grace Chawra.

In school, Sophie was involved in Business Professionals of America, DECA, Minnesota Honor Society, Choir and the Sextets, Theater, and was the Student Council President. She also tutored, babysat and was a personal care assistant at Colony Court.

Sophie said she is very proud of all the work she has put in, and while she expected the acknowledgment of her 4.0 cumulative GPA, she said she will miss seeing her peers and teachers every day.

Sophie’s favorite memories of high school include “all the cheesy high school stuff” including football games, homecoming and pep fests. She said her favorite subject in school was math and her least favorite was English. Her favorite teachers included Mr. Engesether, Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Jacobson.

After graduating, Sophie plans on attending the University of Minnesota for human physiology and then dental school. In ten years, she hopes to be out of school with a job in a private dental practice and she looks forward to the responsibility of owning a pet.

For younger students looking to excel in school, Sophie suggests connecting with teachers as it makes it easier to work hard. She said the advice she would give herself as a freshman would be to “stay involved.”

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Chamber welcomes Christine Schultz, Agency Producer for Farmers Insurance

WASECA, MN – –The Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is proud to welcome Christine Schultz, Agency Producer with Farmers Insurance, as its newest member. The Waseca Chamber Ambassadors recently met with Schultz to celebrate her membership and recognize her growing role in the local business community.

A proud Waseca native, Christine Schultz brings a deep-rooted love for her hometown to her work. “I was born and raised right here in beautiful Waseca,” said Schultz. “I can’t imagine calling any other place home.”

Alongside her husband, Mat Schultz—who has served with the

Waseca Fire Department since 2010—Christine has raised seven children and built a life centered around family, community, and service.

“For 20 years, I was a full-time mom, working part-time around my kids’ schedules. Now that they’re starting their own journeys, I’ve found more time to focus on what I love: helping others,” she said. “That passion led me to Farmers Insurance, where I’m fortunate to be mentored by one of the best, right here in our hometown.”

As an Agency Producer, Christine provides the Waseca area with personalized insurance options, compet-

itive discounts, and the kind of caring service only a true neighbor can offer.

“There’s truly no better place to do that than right here in our tight-knit Waseca,” she added.

Mikhail Rostislavovich, President of the Waseca Chamber Board of Directors, welcomed Schultz with enthusiasm:

“Christine’s energy, values, and lifelong connection to Waseca make her a perfect fit for our Chamber family. We’re excited to support her journey and know she’ll be a tremendous asset to our community.”

Kristie Biehn, Chair of the Chamber Ambassadors, echoed the



From left: Diane Beckmann, Theresa Sunde, Mikhail Rostislavovich, Amy Potter, Christine Schultz, Abby Clemons, Tiffany Lynch, Jodie Thompson, Colin Worke, and Larry Johnson.

sentiment:

“Christine embodies the spirit of Waseca—hardworking, heartfelt, and always ready to lend a hand. We’re thrilled to have her on board and look forward to seeing the impact she’ll make.”

For more information contact the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

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Chamber welcomes Waseca Marketplace, LLC

WASECA, MN – The Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Waseca Marketplace, LLC has officially joined as a new Chamber member. The Chamber Ambassadors recently welcomed the organization, marking an exciting addition to the community.

Lori Bonin, General Partner of Waseca Marketplace, LLC and President of REVocity, expressed enthusiasm for the partnership: “We have enjoyed the opportunity to create relationships in the Waseca community. The Chamber has been a key connector for us to quickly establish partnerships to positively benefit our project plans. We are pleased to join the Waseca Area Chamber of Com-

merce.”

Chris Kennelly, General Partner of Waseca Marketplace, LLC and Chief Investment Officer at REVocity, shared similar sentiments: “The Chamber has been a wonderful partner to support our plans to build the first new apartment building in over twenty years. We appreciate the commitment of the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce to support strong economic development and partnerships.”

Waseca Marketplace, LLC is leading the development of a 36-unit apartment building in Waseca, MN. This initiative is a public-private partnership involving local investors, the city, county, Chamber of Com-

merce, and other community leaders.

The general partners of Waseca Marketplace, LLC are Brett Reese, Chris Kennelly, and Lori Bonin from REVocity, based in Northfield, MN.

REVocity specializes in helping smaller communities develop impactful real estate projects. The company’s collaborative impact investing approach connects local investors, businesses, and partners, creating sustainable growth and financial opportunities for the community. REVocity currently supports 15 established community real estate investments and is an affiliate of Rebound Partners, a Northfield-based integrated investment and management company.



Left to right: Jodie Thompson, Katie Gonzales, Chis Kennelly, Lori Bonin, Mikhail Rostislavovich and Kristie Biehn.

Kristie Biehn, Ambassador Chair of the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce, expressed her excitement: “We are thrilled to welcome Waseca Marketplace, LLC to the Chamber. Their commitment to investing in our community aligns per-

fectly with our mission to foster economic development.”

Mikhail Rostislavovich, President of the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, added: “Waseca Marketplace, LLC brings a significant and positive im-

The Pastor’s Column

The five-second rule

By MIKE COGLAN
Pastor Real Life Church

A long time ago when lawyers were less common, the Minnesota State Fair featured a genuine bungee jump. Customers would pay \$100 to ride an elevator to the top of a 150-foot platform, and then dive 13 stories toward the earth with only a rubber band tied to their ankles.

I was at the fair with friends staring up at this contraption. Someone said, “Who would do such a thing?” Without thinking, I said, “I would do it, but I’m not paying \$100.” A friend said, “How about if I pay for it?”

D’oh!

Before I knew it, I was standing high above the State Fair Grounds with a beautiful view of Canada. Then the gate in front of me opened. The operator screamed, “5-4-3-2-1 BUNGEE!” I leaned forward and gravity took its course.

That simple countdown was surprisingly helpful to make me jump. Others before me had hesitated, and some changed their minds and would not jump. I remembered this story while reading a book by Mel Robbins called, The 5 Second Rule. Robbins was once caught in a cycle of extreme procrastination. Her list of duties had her paralyzed. Then she had an inspiration after seeing a rocket launch on TV. She heard the countdown, “5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Liftoff!” That image inspired her to begin giving herself a countdown in her head before launching into action. By giving herself a countdown and allowing no hesitation, she found herself becoming productive.

Robbins learned that procrastination is not just a harmless habit, but a destructive way of life. The Bible warns in Proverbs 18:9, “One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.” Have you noticed that when you put something off that you know you must do, the project gets larger? Other duties begin to pile up, and feelings of dread weigh us down. This can lead to anxiety and depression. Procrastination has a kind of gravity that holds us down.

But accomplishment has gravity, too. It is called momentum. This force pulls us to completion if we just get started. Robbins found that momentum in one area

creates a chain reaction to other areas of life. We can look forward to the reward of having a task done, rather than just thinking about the task at hand. The Bible says that diligent hands “bring wealth” and “will rule”. (Proverbs 10:4; 12:24) Proverbs 13:4 says, “The desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.”

Immediate action is a force for good beyond our careers and our household chores. Some of our duties are relational. Does a friend need your help? Proverbs 3:27-28 says, “Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Come back later; I’ll give it tomorrow’ - when you now have it with you.” Our timely response can make a big difference in someone else’s life.

Who do you need to reconcile with? Don’t wait. “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23,24)

Are you angry? Address it before it gets worse. “Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry” (Ephesians 4:26). Dealing quickly with our anger is urgent, and procrastination will give the devil “a foothold” (verse 27).

Finally, do you need to get right with God? Do you need to renew your fellowship with your church? Hebrews 3:12, 15: “See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ... Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.”

The 5 Second Rule is not magic. It can’t replace careful planning and preparation. But many things in life simply require a burst of action. We need to get out the door. Call that friend. Schedule that meeting. Start that project. Go to church.

If you don’t act, you know that nothing will happen. See what happens if you do act. You might just start a chain reaction. When you have a responsibility or an obligation, give yourself a countdown. Right NOW.

5,4,3,2,1...

Discover Waseca Tourism awards grant to "Take a Kid Fishing" event

Discover Waseca Tourism has announced a grant in support of the second annual Take a Kid Fishing event, scheduled for Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Clear Lake Beach Pavilion and Pier. The event is designed to introduce local youth and families to fishing, outdoor recreation, and community building alongside Waseca’s first responders.

Now in its second year under the leadership of organizer Stacey Schroeder, the event continues to grow in both participation and impact. Last year’s inaugural event welcomed 42 young anglers and their families for a morning of learning, connection, and fun.

“It’s incredible to watch kids light up as they catch their first fish,” said

Stacey Schroeder, event organizer. “This event is about more than fishing — it’s about making memories, connecting families to nature, and showing our appreciation for the first responders who serve our community every day.”

The grant from Discover Waseca Tourism will help cover event costs to ensure a successful and inclusive experience for all attendees.

“Supporting events like ‘Take a Kid Fishing’ aligns perfectly with our mission to showcase the natural beauty of Waseca while creating meaningful community experiences,” said Mikhail Rostislavovich, President of Discover Waseca Tourism. “We’re proud to help foster traditions that connect people to each



Front row: Tom Bendorf and Finn, Stacey Schroeder, Discover Waseca Tourism President Mikhail Rostislavovich. Back row: Robin Dulas, Tim Schroeder and Colton Larson.

other and to our region’s outdoor heritage.”

While families are encouraged to bring their own fishing equipment, a limited supply of gear and bait will be available to borrow on site. The event will include prizes and refreshments for participants. Volunteers

and first responders will be on-site to assist and engage with attendees.

For more information, contact the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism or the Waseca Lakes Association.

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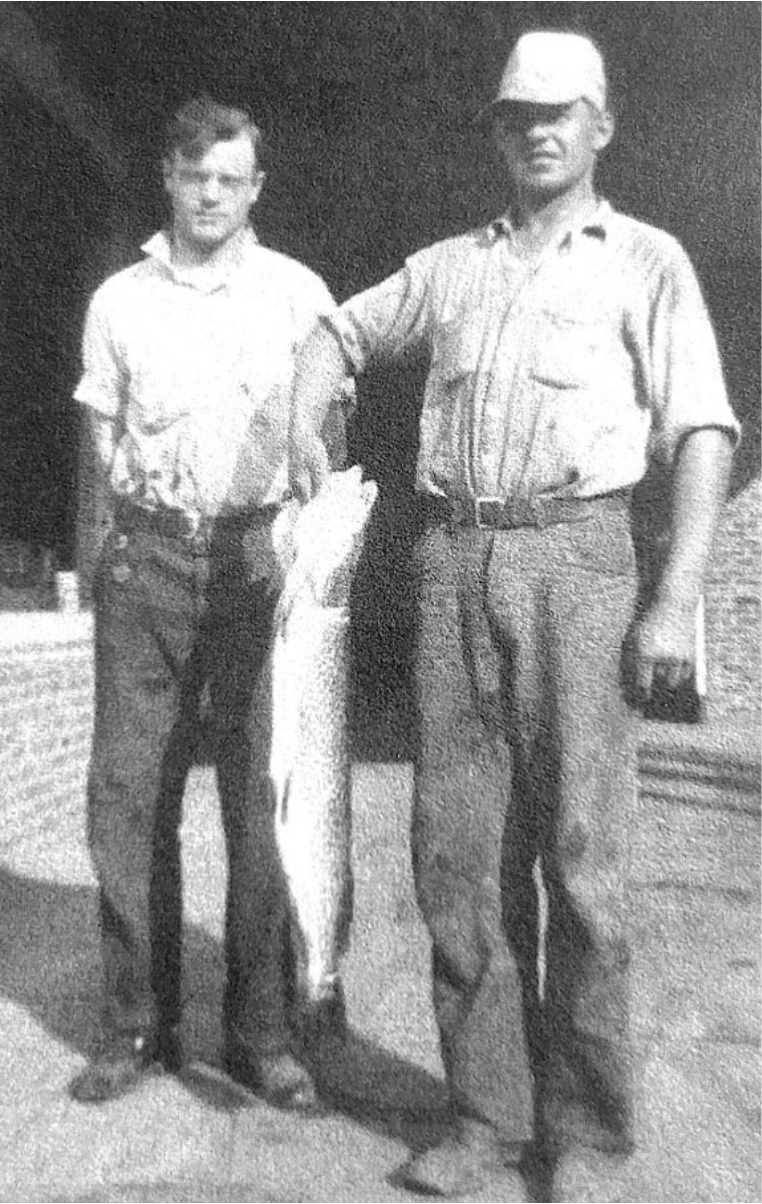
Janesville

1925

- A class of twenty will be graduated from the Janesville High School this year, a class that compares very favorably in size with those of other years and which has established a very excellent record for scholarship during the four year course. Superintendent Cole announces this week the list of honor students. To Miss Gladys Ko- plen goes the distinction of be- ing selected as valedictorian of the class. Miss Koplen's average of 93.27 wins the high honors, with Miss Rosina Flemming following with a mark of 91.96. Miss Flemming will be class salutatorian. Maynard Robbins established a mark but very slightly lower, 91.87. Misses Cecelia Cahill and Ruth Smith were the other members of the class to receive marks over 90.

- There was no doubt about that game between New Richland and Janesville High School teams last Thursday afternoon at North Side Park. In fact, the decisive score of 17 to 0 wuld indicated that the local boys went on a batting rampage while their defense was of the variety that is known as NSS – no soft spots. Henry Hess, on the mound for Janesville, was feeling stinger than necessary, giving New Richland but one lone hit. On top of that just one visitor got as far as second base.

1950



- **Ernie Hager and Herb Buesing with a beauty of a catch while fishing.**

- Picture a crowd more than double that filling any university football stadium in the United States on a fall Saturday afternoon and you will have some idea of how many vacationists Minnesota resort operators can accommodate at any one time. Totaling nearly 135,000 accommodations at some 4,000 locations, Minnesota's vacation industry comes in a variety of sizes, shapes and comforts.

- A statewide clothing drive for needy European families was launched last Sunday in Lutheran churches throughout Minnesota. The Lutheran Welfare Society is coordinating the drive at the request of Lutheran World Relief. Clothing is to be collected, packed and shipped to arrive before Saturday, May 27, to Larson Transfer Company, care Lutheran World Relief, 2010 21st Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. County officers for Lutheran Welfare have been asked to promote and coordinate the drive in their counties in order to reduce shipping costs to the Minneapolis reshipping point. This is paid by the local churches or individuals.

1975

- In his entire 12-year coaching career at JHS, Gene Wiebusch never choked like he did at the athletic banquet Saturday night. Wiebusch resigned as football coach last winter and the District 830 School Board accepted, with reluctance, this spring. Saturday night's Jaycee sponsored athletic banquet was his last official grid function. Wiebusch told the athletes and parents that he enjoyed his 12 years as football coach and that the most rewarding thing was to see boys come out for football as clumsy freshmen and to leave as seniors and confident young men.

2000

- The marketing plan for the sale of existing and upcoming lots on the golf course was presented at Monday night's city council meeting. The plan, developed by Tana Nereson, City Planner, includes advertising in area newspapers for a total cost of \$2,274. A motion was made by Mayor Morrill to do one half of the advertising now, and the remaining half in July, closer to the time the new subdivision lots will be available. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

- The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton boys' golfers swept a triangular match at Prairie Ridge Golf Course, while the girls captured their first victory of the season by finishing in the middle of the three-team meet April 25. The Bulldog boys got a stern test from Gopher Conference foe Alden-Conger, but shot just one shot off their season best in recording a five-stroke victory.

- The JWP girls, who were able to field a complete team for just the second time, fell eight shots short of the Knights' total.

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Waseca

25 Years Ago

-**Last Acre Ceremony – Resource Soil Scientist Doug Miller (l) and Chairman of the Board of the County Commissioners Jim Peterson joined together to complete the last symbolic act of the mapping of the soil in Waseca County. At 9 a.m. on Wednesday in Courthouse County Park, at the Last Acre Ceremony, a group of officials were gathered for an earth bore and to observe Peterson make the final mark on the soil map for the county.**

-On Wednesday, District 28A Republican endorsed candidate Connie Ruth visited with Waseca High School American government students.



-**These are members of the Waseca fifth grade Math Masters team that competed May 5 in Mankato. They are (front row, from left): Melanie Brooks, Alex Clemons, Chris Whitney and Beth Most. Middle row: James Flintrop, Joe Glynn, Kim Sammie Hoehn, Jordan Carlson and Jacki WERNER. Back row: Lucas Vasquez, Dustin Platte, Nick Gentle, Brenda Rollins and Emily Roycraft.**

50 Years Ago

-**Lynn Gunsolus, a member of the Waseca County Fair board since 1942, was appointed to the board of directors and elected treasurer at the board's monthly meeting Wednesday. Gunsolus, 67, was elected to those positions to replace Syl Chadderdon, who died Saturday. Syl had been a member of the fairboard approximately 10 years and during that time served as its director, president and treasurer.**

-She remembers Waseca – Singer Donna Mae Wilm is the niece of Waseca's Hilma Murray, owner of Murray's Café.



-**Tension reliever – NANCY CHAFFIN BLEW a lot of bubbles as she adjusted a classmate's cap, and awaited the start of Waseca high's baccalaureate program.**

75 Years Ago

-**DEDICATION OF BEAUTIFUL, NEW BUILDING THURSDAY** – Everything is in readiness for the elaborate dedication ceremonies of the State Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. building will be a show place of Waseca's business section for many years to come. A plaque on the building gives the company emblem, beneath which appear these words: "Dedicated to the perpetuity of mutual insurance, its integrity, soundness and its Americanism. Also to the management of the company since 1925, the Rutledges and to their faithful and loyal co-workers.

-William Lienke, 96-year-old resident of Janesville, has been fooling everybody including himself for many years. He has disagreed with everything the doctor ordered: smoked heavily up until a few years ago, didn't abstain from alcohol, and is a very heavy eater. "Although living a long time, he has been afraid of death every time he became sick," his daughter, Mrs. Linda Quast, of Janesville said.

-**"I Love the Pitter-Patter that Falls Upon My Window Sill."** Waseca county farmers awoke shortly after midnight today to hum that delightful tune. The State Experiment farm here recorded better than one-half or .57 inches of rain. Sultry weather this morning added impetus to the weather man's prediction for scattered showers today. At noon today the State farm, thermometer, showed 82 degrees.

100 Years Ago

-Memorial Day was appropriately observed in Waseca on Saturday last. The usual routine of business was suspended and our citizens joined in paying their tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased sailors and soldiers. At nine o' clock in the morning a delegation from the G.A.R., Spanish and World War veterans and auxiliaries was escorted to the Catholic cemetery where the graves of all the soldiers and sailors were decorated.

-That the law is often on the side of the cleverest lawyer was demonstrated in municipal court here Monday when Arthur Miller, arrested on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated, was declared not guilty in a jury trial. Policeman Halvorson, who made the arrest Thursday evening, stated that Miller was drunk and driving south on Main street; that he ordered him to stop but he paid no need to the order and the policeman fired a shot in order to stop him.

-Oscar Bueckslar, John Dierks, Henry Reitforts, and Walter Westphal, residents of the Waseca community, had a narrow escape from drowning while fishing in Clear Lake on Memorial Day. The had rowed out near the sand bar and one of them stood up to drop the anchor. There was a strong wind blowing, the water was rough and he lost his balance. In falling, he upset the boat and all four were thrown into the water.

New Richland

25 Years back



- **Since Lee Mendenhall decided earlier that this would be the last year that he would teach Agricultural technology and act as advisor for the Future Farmers of America, the FFA members presented him with some models of machinery to keep his mind on agriculture during his retirement. Making the presentations at the FFA Annual Awards Banquet, Thursday night were Nick Budach (left) vice president of the organization and Nathan Wayne (right), president. Budach presented him with a 1966 Farmall 806 and a 2000 QuadTrac Case IH 2000. Presented by Wayne were a 1966 John Deere 4020 with a 2-row corn picker and elevator and a 2000 John Deere 810.**

- Nicholas Budach of New Richland has been accepted for admission at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. Nicholas, a 2000 graduate of New Richland - Hartland - Ellendale - Geneva High School, is the son of Gary and Kris Budach of New Richland.

- Engagement Announcement. Darla J. CLayton and Neal K. Bat, both of HARTland, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Darla is the daughter of Orville and Gwenn Deppe of Waseca. Seh is a medical representative for ALMC. Neal is the son of Donald and Glenda Batt, Hartland. He is a diesel mechanic for Hartland Farm Equipment. A Saturday, May 27, 2000 wedding is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waseca.



- **These members of the NRHEG Future Farmers of America received the Region FFA Degree. They are from the left: kneeling, Nathan Wayne, Joe Moon, Nick Kaplan; standing, Chris Bartch, Scott Demmer, Eric M. Anderson, Tom Schutlz, Nich Budach and Cody Yard. They were thrilled with the degrees and seemed to find something very seriously hilarious about the situation!**

50 years back

- The New Richland-Hartland High School Senior Choir was making their final appearance Friday evening, with members of the choir, who graduated that evening, here. The occasion was both happy and sad, as the faces testify.

- Susan Crumb, French Horn player and Donna Peterson, saxophonist, with the New Richland-Hartland High School band have been selected to travel in Europe with the United States Collegiate Wind Band for three weeks this summer. They starred in district and region-state contests, recently, along with a number of other New Richland-Hartland band members.

- These Waldorf-Pemberton Brownies received their Girl Scout wings in a fly-up ceremony at the Girl Scout Award banquet, Friday. They are from the left: Lorie Goodrich, Chris Peroutka, Kristy Kipp, Cindy Miller and Stephanie Adams.

- Reid Nelson, former New Richland-Hartland High School baseball player, had an outstanding year at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, this spring as a freshman. Coach Jim Clark is looking forward to a better year next year with all of the team made up of Sophomores and juniors. In conference statistics Nelson had 12 hits in 40 minutes at bat, scoring 11 runs. He had 12 RBI's, walked seven times and struck out 7 times, for a batting average of .300. Of his 12 hits, one was a two-bagger, one a three base hit and three home runs and he stole four bases.

75 years back

- A son was born to Mr and Mrs Glen Christenson at the Waseca Memorial hospital, Tuesday, June 27. There are now two sons in the Christenson family, the other boy is named Neil.

- Twenty-five years ago, June 17, 1925 in the Trinity Lutheran Church at 8:000 pm. Miss Zona Marian Pierce became the bride of Lious Bennett Johnson. Rev. Edward Nervig officiated at the double ring service. Attending the bride were her sisters, Miss Cora and Miss Sara Pierce and Miss Valborg Johnson, sister of the groom. Author El- lington was the best man.

- Mr and Mrs Albert Dagner had an odd experience when pulling radishes in their garden this week a long radish came up a little hard and when it got to the surface it revealed a metal object attached to the bottom which resembled a horseshoe. Closer examination revealed it to be part of a good luck breast pin.

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ON TO STATE – Competing in last week’s Section 2AA track and field meet at Faribault’s Bruce Smith Field are, from left, Tauston Rupe, Brooklyn Flatau and William Mansfield, all of whom advanced to state along with several teammates.
Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens

Host of Bluejays advance to state track meet

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Waseca High School will be well represented in next week’s state track and field meet.

The place will be teeming with Bluejays.

No less than 13 athletes in 11 events advanced for coach David Abel’s squads from last week’s two-day Section 2AA meet at Faribault’s Bruce Smith Field.

“We had a great section meet,” said Abel. “We are very proud of everyone’s effort over the last couple of days.”

State qualifiers for the Bluejays and their section places:

- Brooklyn Flatau, first, long jump, 16-9.25; second, 100 hurdles, 14.92
- Bella Wikan, first, triple jump, section and school record 38-3.5

“We had a great section meet.”
— **WHS coach David Abel**

- William Mansfield, second, pole vault, 13-6
- Stella Omtvedt, second, 800, 2:17.99
- Jordan Johnston, second, 100, 11.16
- Tauston Rupe, third, shot put, 50-3 (qualified by state standard)
- Kalea Sartori, fourth, shot put, 37-11.25 (qualified by state standard)
- Jacob Hadley, second, high jump, 6-2
- Tovin Grannis, third, high jump, 6-1 (qualified by state standard)
- 4x800 relay, second, 9:46.85 (Omtvedt, Callie Dufault, Ellie

Kopischke, Maren Schimming)

“It’s been quite a few years since we’ve had a high jump state entrant, let alone two,” said Abel. “Bella Wikan set a new school record again in the triple jump and has one of the top marks in the state. Our 4x8 girls’ team ran an excellent tactical race and had our senior right where we needed her to be On that last lap she did her job extremely well. They all did. Our throwers continue their run of success. It was nice to see both Leah and Tauston qualify in the shot.”

The WHS boys finished third among 12 teams with 90 points.

Stewartville won with 173.

Other places for the boys: Isaac Feldkamp, fourth, 3200, 10:01.51; Malachi Noble, fifth, 400, 53.33; Rupe, fifth, discus, 134-5; Wyatt Hager, sixth, discus, 133-8; Toby Jeske, seventh, discus, 129-04; 4x800 relay, fourth, 8:24.54 (Brady Tloughan, Feldkamp, Hager, Grannis); 4x400, fifth, 3:32.39 (Tloughan, Carson Ohnstad, Feldkamp, Grannis); 4x200, sixth, 1:35.69 (Jonah Worke, Aydan Kath, Noble, Brady McKenna); 4x100, fourth, 43.79 (Bennett Ludwig, Johnston, Ohnstad, Worke).

The Bluejay girls took seventh with 81 points. Northfield was first with 139.

Other places for the WHS girls: Wikan, fifth, 300 hurdles, 48.23; Dufault, fourth, 3200, 12:01.46; Kopischke, fifth, 800, 2:27.9; 4x400

relay, eighth, 4:22.76 (Kopischke, Wikan, Dufault, Reese Rodriguez); 4x100, eighth, 52.68 (Flatau, Camila Marquez, Katelyn Weber, Angelica Lopez);

“We have some multiple state entrants with previous state experience in Jordan, Kalea and Brooklyn,” said Coach Abel. “We will look for them to be leaders for the newcomers to state. Brooklyn looks really good in the hurdles and had her best jumps of the season at section when it counted. Stella just continues to impress; she is just such a smooth runner with great power. I wish I could say it’s a surprise that Jordan qualified in the 100-meter dash, but that guy works as hard as anybody to be great at track and field.

“Overall, we had a good section meet. We were hoping to qualify a

couple of the boys’ relays and came up just short in the 4x4 and 4x8. Our boys’ 4x1 had a fantastic time and performed better than expected. Everybody that we expected to qualify from Thursday to Saturday in individual events did with a couple of surprises. Everybody on Saturday that had solid chances to go to state did their job. Some of the groups just came up short, and that’s track and field. We’re so proud of these athletes and their efforts. Our coaching staff, which I think is one of the best around, did a great job getting the kids ready for the stress of sections.”

The state meet is June 10-12 at St. Michael-Albertville High School. The Class AA preliminaries are set for Wednesday at 9 a.m. with the finals Thursday at 9 a.m.

Another meet, another trophy

JWP track girls claim section crown, advancing several to state meet

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Add another championship for the 2025 Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School girls’ track and field team.

The Bulldogs’ latest first-place trophy came on their biggest stage of the season so far, the Section 2A meet, and they came through as hoped, topping a 23-team field with 79 points at Mankato West High School Saturday. St. Clair/Immanuel Lutheran was second with 63.

“Both the girls’ and boys’ team this year did something really special,” said JWP coach Sam Schruin. “It’s been a historic season for JWP and I’m really proud of them. The coaches, community, parents, etc., all play a part into the culture we are building and I’m happy to be a part of it.”

“It’s been a historic year for JWP.”
Coach Sam Schruin

JWP girls’ state qualifiers, their section places and marks:

- MaKenzie Westphal, second, 800, 2:25.49
- Onikia Herme, second, 300 hurdles, 48.36
- Katie Olson, third, long jump, 17-2 (qualified by state standard)
- Lilly Strauss, fourth, long jump, 16-10 (qualified by state standard)
- 4x100 relay, first (Brielle Bure, Nevaeh Weimert, Olson, Struass), school and section record 49.67
- 4x200, first (Herme, Weimert, Olson, Strauss), school record



FIRST PLACE – The JWP High School girls’ track and field team hoisted the championship trophy at Saturday’s Section 2A meet at Mankato West High School. Front from left: MaKenzie Westphal, Aubrey Anderson, Clare Groh, MaKaela Westphal, Nevaeh Weimert, Onikia Herme, Brielle Bure, Ava Appel, Kayleigh Donner, Kwynn Krause. Back: Anne Adams, Julia Gonzalez, Lilly Strauss, Emma Huelsnitz, Ashlynn Wolff, Katelyn Olson, Paige Walz, Presley James, Claire Walz.

1:45.08

- 4x400, first (Herme, Ashlynn Wolff, Weimert, Strauss), school record 4:03.73
- 4x800, first (MaKaela Westphal, Kwynn Krause, Wolff, MaKenzie Westphal), school record 9:57.95

The top two athletes or relays go to state, as well as athletes who met the state standards. The top 8 athletes medal at sections.

Just missing state for the JWP girls were Aubrey Weedman, who took third in the shot put, and Presley James, third in the triple jump.

For the boys, advancing to state was the 4x100 relay team of Isaac Gahlon, Isaiah Berndt, Daulton Bauer and Ethan Born, who finished second in the section with a time of 44.7.

The JWP boys scored 37.5 points, tying for seventh out of 24 schools. Maple River was first with 74.

The state meet is June 10-12 at St. Michael-Albertville High School.

The Class A preliminaries are set for Tuesday at 3:30 with the finals Wednesday at 3:30.

Roeker, Teague spark Braves past North Mankato

The Waseca Braves amateur baseball built on a strong start to the 2025 season with a pair of wins this past week, 4-2 at North Mankato Sunday and 6-0 over Lake Crystal at Larson Field last Wednesday.

Sebastian Teague, who pitched a complete game for the Braves, would normally provided the highlights for Waseca. But Keaton Roeker stole the show.

Roeker, a 2024 Waseca High School graduate, went 4-for-5 with a

“He had the game of his life at the plate.”
— **Braves coach Tink Larson**

home run, three runs scored and three stolen bases.

“He had the game of his life at the plate,” said Braves coach Tink Larson.

Teague, meanwhile, picked up the win on the mound, allowing just one

earned run on eight hits through nine innings. He fanned 11 and walked two.

“Teague pitched another great game,” said Larson.

Also contributing offensively were Kelvin Nelson with two hits,

and Payton Garza and Griffin Krautkremer one apiece.

Both teams had two fielding errors and stranded eight baserunners.

Tyson Reger shut out Lake Crystal, giving up only two hits while striking out 17.

“It was a masterpiece pitching performance by Reger,” said Larson.

Lake Crystal’s first hit came in the seven inning on a fly ball lost in the

twilight sky. The visitors’ other hit was a broken-bat, swinging bunt in the ninth.

It was 1-0 on a home run by Kyle Waugh until the Braves scored five unearned runs in the seventh.

“We had just one hit in the inning, but they committed four errors,” said Larson.

The Braves, 4-1, are home Sunday at 2 p.m. against Waterville. They host Rochester Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30.

Bulldogs’ Simonson 2nd in Gopher Conference golf

JWP High School golfer Jeffrey Simonson came oh so close to garnering a Gopher Conference championship.

After four complete 18-hole conference rounds, Simonson finished runner-up to Coen Abel, conference player of the year. Simonson carded an 82 in the final conference meet at Lakeside Golf Course in Waseca, good for third on the day.

Also scoring for the Bulldogs were Evan Mulcahey with a personal-best 18-hole score of 93, putting him in 19th for the day, and Garrett Rienhardt, whose 97 put him in 22nd.

Bluejays’ Jellum, Huttemier upended in section semifinals

The season officially came to a close last week for 2025 Waseca High School boys’ tennis.

Senior Tyler Jellum and sopho-

more Henry Huttemier finished one place away from state, taking second at doubles in the Section 1A tournament at Rochester.

Seeded third, Jellum and Huttemier fell to second-seeded Andy Rink and Joe Palen of Rochester Lourdes, 7-6 (7), 6-2 in

the semifinals.

They went on to defeat Ackley and Doherty of Lourdes 6-1, 7-5 in the third-place match.

In the championship, Winona Cotter’s Brewer and Granseth defeated Fink and Palen 6-7 (6), 6-3, 7-6 (6).



ON TO STATE – NRHEG sophomore Kylie Olson competes in Saturday’s Section 2A track and field meet at Mankato West. She placed second, advancing to state.



SO CLOSE – The Panthers’ Lavon Jewison clears the high-jump bar in Saturday’s section meet in Mankato. He finished third, just missing the state meet. Photos by Larry Nydegger

Panthers advance three individuals to state meet

Olson reaches in shot put, Ladlie, Schlaak in high jump

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva girls’ track and field team has advanced three individuals to the state meet. Kylie Olson, Anika Ladlie and Gabby Schlaak will represent the Panthers in next week’s state meet after a stellar showing in the Section 2A meet Saturday at Mankato West High School. “I am extremely proud of our girls’ team,” said NRHEG co-head coach Larry Nydegger. “To have so many kids reach the section meet is a big deal! I am excited for our three representatives at the state meet, who are going for the first time.” Olson, a sophomore, reached state by placing second in the shot put at sections, registering a personal-best throw of 36-6.5. Anika Ladlie qualified for state by standard, clearing 5 feet for third in the high jump. Schlaak did the same, going 5 feet but taking eighth on the basis of more misses. The NRHEG girls’ team finished 10th out of 23 teams scoring with 32.5 points. Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton win with 79. Other section places for the

“I am excited for our three representatives at the state meet, who are going for the first time.” — NRHEG coach Larry Nydegger

Panther girls: Chloe Riewer, seventh, 100, 13.37 and seventh, long jump, 15-10.5; Quinn VanMaldeghem, fourth, 400, season-best 61.72; Julian Wobbrock, seventh, 1600, 5:24.04 and 11th, 800, 2:43.62; Ellen Jenö, 13th, 800, 2:48.82; Schlaak, ninth, 100 hurdles, 17.33 and ninth, 300 hurdles, 52.47; 4x100 relay, seventh, 53.37 (Riewer, Ladlie, Schlaak, Clara Buendorf); 4x200, fourth, season-best 1:49.72 (Riewer, Sierra Misgen, Buendorf, VanMaldeghem); 4x400, seventh, 4:44.44 (Misgen, Peyton Frye, Buendorf, VanMaldeghem. Olson, Ladie and Schlaak will compete in the state meet at St. Michael-Albertville High School. Ladlie and Schlaak will be in the high jump at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. Olson will compete in the shot put at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. The NRHEG boys sent four participants to the section meet.

Olson

Ladlie

Schlaak



ROOM TO SPARE – NRHEG’s Brendan Schmidt finished 11th in the pole vault in Saturday’s section meet, clearing a season-best 10-2. Submitted photo

Unfortunately, no one is moving onto state. The Panther boys finished 21st among 24 schools with eight points. Maple River was first with 74. The closest the Panthers came to qualifying an individual for state came in the high jump, where Lavon Jewison finished third with an effort of 6 feet. The state qualifying standard was 6-2. “The expectations for Lavon were high after his strong performance at the sub-section meet, where he tied the school record of 6-4,” said Nydegger. “That is one of the realities of competition; not every day will be your best day, and Lavon experienced that today. It will, however, be great to see his name on the record board!” The Panthers’ Jacob Karl compet-

ed in two events. He finished seventh in the 1600 with a time of 4:56.34, and 11th in the 800 with a personal-best time of 2:15.07. Charlie Fuller finished 10th in the triple jump with a jump of 37-3. Brendan Schmidt finished 11th in the pole vault with a height of 10-2, his season best.



END OF THE LINE – The NRHEG baseball team saw its season end in the section tournament last week. At left, Panther head coach Shawn Larson, At right, NRHEG pitcher Owen Wayne. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



Season concludes for NRHEG baseball squad

The season came to an end for the NRHEG High School baseball team in last week’s section tournament as the Panthers lost to Triton at Dodge Center. Earlier in the week, the Panthers dropped their second section contest 3-1 at Sibley East. “We were grateful we are in the double-elimination portion of the bracket,” said

NRHEG head coach Shawn Larson. Owen Wayne kept the Panthers in the game at Sibley East, pitching all six innings while striking out four and walking four. “Owen had a great day pitching,” said Larson. “He was doing a great job of mixing pitches and keeping his baserunners in check. This game was a pitcher’s duel as our pitcher

did his job as much as we could ask of him.” The Panthers totaled four hits two by Aaden Hanna and one apiece by Wayne and Aiden Schlaak. “We had hits and baserunners,” said Larson. “We just were unable to put them together at the right time.” The game was a clean one defensively, with

the Panthers committing two errors to one for Sibley East. The Panthers graduated seniors Seth Staloch, Alden Dobberstein, Schlaak, Hanna, Carter Martens, Jace Ihrke and Brock Ziemke. The Panthers were coached in 2025 by Larson, Jeff Reese and Marcus Fischer.

Season ends for NRHEG golfers

The season concluded the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva golfers in last week’s section tournament. The NRHEG girls had only three players so they did not have a team score. Individually: Olivia Wilkenson 127, Alexis Olson 135. Panthers head coach Brad Root reported Matt Williams registered a season-best 92 for 18 holes. “The other boys did not play up to their best,” said Root. Other NRHEG scores: Reid Sandry 91, Braxton Arnold 100, Braydon Rollag 101, Shan Hanson 110. The NRHEG boys finished in 13th place in the section and did not advance a golfer to this week’s section play.

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■ Dykema
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how many feathers should be used to create a suitable surface. He fastens them together using spray adhesive. He also makes decisions about whether to prepare the surface in any way or paint directly on the fibers of the feathers, whose individual hair-like strands are called “barbs,” and have natural structural elements that cause them to interlock with each other.

“You have to use really small strokes,” he observes regarding the technique. “More ‘dabs’ than ‘strokes,’ really.”

As for his ability as a painter, Dykema says the skill comes to him somewhat naturally. “I’ve been painting since I was 12,” he recalls. “I just enjoy creating images.”

Dykema, 63, and his wife Jodi have been married for 42 years. The two spent the first half of their married life together in the military, with Dean serving as a criminal investigator with the Marines in Quantico, Virginia; El Toro, California; and Okinawa, Japan. After 12 years of active service, Dean entered the reserves and the couple lived in the Twin Cities.

The move to Waseca happened in 1995, when Dean was among the staff members who helped open the Federal Correctional Institution.

His trademark artistic skill throughout his time at the prison, he mentions, was drawing caricatures, typically for milestones like moving to a new location. “I would draw the caricature, and leave plenty of room around it” he describes, “then people would sign it and write messages, and we would give it as a gift.”

In certain ways, Dean observes, he does not fit the mold of a “typical artist type.”

“My painting room is organized and neat,” he points out. “I do one project at a time, and I finish it before I move on to the next one.”

Since retiring in 2015, he has painted on glass, refined his skills at woodworking, and done a variety of special projects, including paintings for the state waterfowl, pheasant and turkey hunting stamps. He has placed as high as third in the competition, but has never had his painting selected.

An interesting challenge of the contests, he adds, is that the full-sized painting is reproduced down

to the size of the stamp, then judged. “The colors change when the size is reduced,” he observes. “It’s really hard to visualize how it’s going to look when it’s that small.”

Dean says he can become deeply engrossed in the work of painting, suddenly discovering he has been at work for six or eight hours.

The large fan, he mentions, required more than 100 hours to complete.

Once the painting is finished, he attaches it to matting and frames it. After it’s fastened and enclosed, he says, the finished product can be shipped.

Dean’s sense of creative adventure led to another special project he enjoyed. A Utah hunter asked whether he could paint on a moose antler. After Dean agreed to “give it a shot,” the hunter sent him the horn.

The two talked over possible subjects for the painting; Dean eventually recommended the shape and angle of the surfaces lent themselves to an eagle about to land on its nest carrying a trout in its claws.

The customer was so pleased with the finished product, he made structural changes above his fireplace so the antler could be mounted there.

“That’s one of the biggest sources of pleasure for me,” Dean states. “That ‘wow’ factor.”

“It’s always a blast to get that smile and sense of appreciation.”

In addition to the agreed-upon price, Dean says he frequently receives thank you cards after customers receive their purchases. “And sometimes extra money, because they say I should have charged more for my work.”

In between commissions, he enjoys various projects for fun, including cornhole boards and “whatever I happen to think of.”

For his son Jamie and future daughter-in-law Rachel, he acquired a wakeboard and painted images of Mickey and Minnie Mouse near the tip, capitalizing on Rachel’s status as a “Disney super fan.” As a joke, he painted an “evil clown” version of Mickey on the back side, making it look as if the horror figure has torn its way through the board and is about to crawl out.

He couldn’t resist, he said, since his son particularly dislikes clowns.

“I just like to keep busy,” he says lightheartedly. “I can always find a project to take on.”



MSOE's Raider Robotics team turned heads and set a world record at the 2025 VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas in May. Waseca graduate Oliver Rohwer was part of the team. Photo by Ben Young

Rohwer helps MSOE Robotics set world record

MILWAUKEE, WI (05/29/2025) - MSOE's Raider Robotics team turned heads and set a world record at the 2025 VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas in May. This annual competition is the premier global event for student robotics teams, organized by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation (REC Foundation). Thousands of students from more than 60 countries showcase their skills in engineering, programming and teamwork.

MSOE competed in the VEXU Robotics Competition, which is targeted at college and university students. This year's competition was known as "High Stakes." There were 109 VEXU teams in attendance, split between two divisions (Technology and Math). MSOE was one of 55 teams in the Technology Division.

Oliver Rohwer from Waseca was part of the team representing MSOE. Rohwer is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

For the competition, teams built two robots (a 24" robot and a 15" robot) to compete in a 12' x 12' square field against another team. Each match consisted of a 15-second autonomous period followed by a 1105-second driver-controlled period. The objective was to gain a

higher score than the opposing team by scoring rings on stakes, placing mobile goals and climbing a 3-tier structure at the end of the match. Teams were allowed to use custom-designed and manufactured parts.

The Raider Robotics team set the world record match score for VEXU (76 points); second highest score was 61 points. The Raiders were the only team to have a Tier 3 climb during the autonomous portion of the game; they were also one of only two teams to have beaten the 2025 VEXU world champions (Ten Ton) during their path toward the championship.

They were one of only two teams within the 55-team division who possessed the ability to do a Tier 3 Buddy climb (where one robot is attached to the other robot while at Tier 3 of the tower).

These results attracted attention from the FUN Robotics Network, which produces video content at competitions like this focused on teams that are excelling or have a unique robot. Raider Robotics was featured in an episode of "Pits & Parts," with the producers saying MSOE had, "One of the wildest robots we have seen in High Stakes. MSOE Raider Robotics created a pair of VEXU robots of which one climbs and does the high stake in

auto, then drops down a 'trapezoidal' bar for their 24-inch robot to climb." Those episodes can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=favwo7VTwds>

Teams earn their spot at the World Championship by excelling in regional and state competitions. They then compete in high stakes matches using custom-built robots, striving to be crowned world champions.

Beyond the competition, the VEX Robotics World Championship serves as a celebration of innovation and creativity. It provides students with hands-on experience in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, helping to bridge the talent gap in these areas. Participants develop critical skills such as problem-solving, collaboration, and perseverance, which are essential for future careers in technology and engineering.

MSOE Raider Robotics is grateful for the support of MSOE, The Angelus Corporation, Milwaukee Tool, SMC Corporation, Harley-Davidson and Metalcraft Automation Group.

About MSOE Raider Robotics MSOE Raider Robotics is a student-run collegiate robotics team with three main goals: community outreach through support of local

FIRST robotics programs, professional development of students through connections with local businesses and experts in STEM industries, and competition in college level competitive robotics across multiple offered platforms. More information is available at msoevex.com.

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