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Homecoming

Waseca annual Beers and Brats night 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3

Every bar in Waseca will host Beers and Brats night from 3:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3. There will be brats, hotdogs with all the fixings, chips and drinks available for purchase.

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

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

Autumn Acres Farm Fall Festival at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

The Autumn Acres Farm near Janesville will host its Family Fun Fall Festival starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5. Live music all day from bands Family Tradition or In a Bind. Caricatures, face painting, logging camp, pet and feed goats, kids' scavenger hunt, vendors, wagon rides, corn pits, corn maze, pick-your-own pumpkins plus more games and activities. Located 35482 W. County Line Road, Janesville.

Jack Backbone and TJ Brown at Indian Island Winery 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 5

The Indian Island Winery will host live music by Jack Backbone and TJ Brown from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, October 5. They play acoustic Americana blues, rock and country. Dinner and cocktails will be available.

Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm will host Flavor of Fall Festival 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

The Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm will host its Flavor of Fall Festival from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday Oct. 6 from 1-7 p.m. Both days will include live music, fall flavored beers and wines, face painting, wagon rides and apple cider bar. Pork carnitas, homemade verde sauce, tomatillos from the garden, pickled red onions, cilantro and Cannonbells cheese.

Benefit breakfast for the family of Kialyn Quillen at Waseca American Legion Sunday, October 6

A benefit for the surviving family of Kialyn Quillen will take place at the American Legion from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6. It will be \$10 per plate and will have pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice and coffee.

Woodville Cemetery Tour Sunday, Oct. 6

Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service is planning a walking tour of Woodville Cemetery for the afternoon of Sunday, October 6.

A word from The Word

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 11:14

Homecoming Victory WHS celebrates September 20-27



2024 Waseca High School Homecoming royalty: (front, from left) Mia Kanewischer, Addison Pfeifer, Kendall Bowers, Lucia Mansfield, Queen Sophie Chanra and Lexi Kanewischer. Back: Carson Ohnstad, Damarius Russell, King Ben Hagen, Tauston Rupe, Braydon Hoof, and Joseph Mixteco-Perez.

Photo by Alyssa Bowers

Week highlighted by coronation, win

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Waseca Homecoming week 2024 concluded last Friday after a week full of activities, themed dress up days, coronation, and parades came to a close. The excitement concluded with a 38-21 win over Jordan on Friday evening.

The anticipation kicked off with a pep fest for all fall sports held the Friday before homecoming, Sept. 20. Also leading into the week was the Bluejay Boosters' breakfast at the American Legion.

"Dress-up" days, activities and games were scheduled all week long.

A major highlight was coronation on Thursday evening, when Ben

Hagen, son of Brad and Allyson Hagen, and Sophie Chanra, daughter of Izzy Chawra and Rebecca Thompson, were crowned King and Queen.

The school-day excitement came to a close on Friday afternoon with a parade featuring more than two dozen units, followed by Friday evening's triumphant game.

Serving as emcees during Thursday night's program were Ashton Jenzen and Jennifer Hernandez-Verde.

Prior to the crowning of the king and queen, Waseca's foreign exchange student was honored.

Waseca continued on 4



Waseca's 2024 Homecoming King and Queen, Ben Hagen and Sophie Chanra.

A walk through time Woodville cemetery tour set for Sunday

DSO, WCHS and Woodville help plan venture

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

"We want to bring back good memories of what downtown Waseca used to be like," observes Woodville Cemetery maintenance supervisor Cap Peterson. "We want to get people out there so they can see how beautiful, how peaceful a place it is."

Peterson is speaking of a walking tour of Woodville Cemetery scheduled to take place the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 6. There is no charge to participate. Interested individuals and groups are asked to visit the Dennis Steffel Omtvedt (DSO) Facebook page, where they can sign up for their chosen time slot.

Participants are asked to put their cars in the parking lot of the DSO funeral chapel located at 109 Third Street NE in Waseca. There they will board a bus to be transported to the Woodville Cemetery, located along Fifth Avenue NW.

The cemetery will be closed to vehicle traffic

Tour continued on 4



Representatives of Dennis Steffel Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Services, the Waseca County Historical Society, and Woodville Cemetery near the recently installed sign identifying Woodville's "Potter's Field," an area in cemeteries where unknown persons or those who could not afford a gravesite were commonly buried. The new sign was made possible by donations given during last year's cemetery tour.

Pioneer photo by Deb Bently



John Clemons, Roy Srp stand together after their final city council meeting served together in 2022.

Photo by Eli Lutgens

Former Waseca mayor dies

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

John Clemons died last week at the age of 66 after an emergency hospitalization for cardiac arrest. Clemons had spent more than 30 years as an elected official for the city of Waseca, including serving as mayor from 1995 to 2000 and again from 2015 to 2017.

"You always knew where he stood," recalls Al Rose, whose leadership as a Waseca City Council member coincided with Clemons'. "He and I didn't always agree; in fact, there were times we bumped heads pretty hard. But he was always willing to agree to disagree and still be friendly."

"He had a good heart, and you always knew it was in the right place."

"He was a good man who died too young," observes Roy Srp, who was a council member and mayor across the same 30 years. In fact, Srp credits his entry into public leadership to Clemons. After both of them had been caught in a "traffic jam" caused by a train, Srp says Clemons asked him "What are we going to do about this problem?" Then suggested an answer to his own question: "You could run for city council and help find a solution."

Srp says, after some thought, he decided he would give it a try and, "Lo and behold, I won!"

"The longer I knew him, the more I realized he had a genuine love, care and affection for the people of Waseca. He was always acting in what he perceived to be their best interest."

Srp, who was a longtime employee of the railroad, was impressed with the diplomacy and positivity Clemons always brought to meetings and discussions. Srp remembers some complex exchanges with DM&E Railroad, which, at the time, wanted to work with cities along its route regarding a large contract to haul coal. "John believed community partnerships with the train company were the best approach; he negotiated the terms positively and was the first mayor along the route to sign on."

Srp mentions railroad leadership at the time praised Clemons for his willingness to communicate and seek mutually acceptable solutions.

Another instance where Clemons was "the voice of Waseca" occurred when 12-year-old Cally Jo Larson was found murdered in her home. The community experienced pressure and interest from national-level media regarding the crime until months later, some of her possessions were found among the items recovered during a burglary investigation and the burglar confessed.

Clemons continued on 4



Compostings

by Al Batt

Why is bad music played louder than good music?

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

What's wrong? My doctor wants me to have elective surgery. Well, don't worry, you have my vote.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. I called a company with a question. I got the hold department. That department did its job and put me on hold. They didn't care for phone conversations. With that frustration as fuel, I opened the garage door and raised a moistened forefinger to determine which direction the wind was blowing. I wasn't far down the road before I encountered a situation that doesn't make many feel fallstalgic. This is the time of the year when a driver could spend time following a farm combine moseying down the road on a field tour. When this happens to me, I try to make a weather prediction (The next few days will bring weather) and to think of the name of a Kardashian (Not one of them is named Kerfuffle). I tried to decide what my favorite song and my favorite movie were. I tried to identify the make of a car without seeing its name. ☹️The combine slowed my pace. Not a bad thing.

I didn't get my knickers in a twist. I'd left early, so I had no reason for hurrying. I wasn't in search of a rare uneaten ear of sweetcorn.

I stopped and talked to Mrs. Johnson. She said her doctor had told her she should watch what she eats. She knew it was good advice, but she didn't like what the doctor wanted her to watch. A nurse had asked her if she had a living will. She did. Will is her second oldest boy and lives in Topeka

I took my car in for servicing and received some good news. The floor mats still had some life in them and didn't need replacement. It was a ray of sunshine.

IN LOCAL NEWS

Shhhh! The Walls Have Beers liquor store opens.

The Parallel Line Club never meets.

Local poet laureate retires for no rhyme or reason.

Waldo starts a GoFindMe page. Sweater shop hires a used cardigan salesperson.

I'VE LEARNED

I'm never sure which side the cellphone goes in a formal place setting.

Not every plastic lid is meant to fit something.

Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve as

long as it rhymes with conceive or believe.

A car park means a lot.

I WONDER

Did the brain name itself? Why haven't I heard anyone mispronounce "Pinocchio"?

Why don't people with good tastes in music play it loud in a car with the windows down?

Are there conspiracy theories about other planets being flat?

Did the guy who invented the snooze button ever invent anything else or did he never again get up early enough to invent anything else?

NATURE NOTES

Having a bird feeder is like having a backstage pass. I watched mourning doves drink at the bird-bath. Pigeons and doves suck up water like a horse and both males and females produce pigeon milk in their crops, which they feed to their young. Europeans introduced rock pigeons to North America in the early 1600s.

I watched pelicans herd fish into the shallows for easy eating. It ended in a fierce feeding frenzy. It was an incredible fish drive, similar to but wetter than the cattle drives Rowdy Yates participated in as the ramrod of the crew that drove bovines on the Sedalia Trail in the TV series "Rawhide." Rowdy, played by Clint Eastwood, worked under trail boss Gil Favor. They moved cattle from San Antonio, Texas, to Sedalia, Kansas, while being prodded along by Frankie Laine's voice singing, "Move 'em out, head 'em up, Rawhide." The pelicans worked without music.

Moles rarely come to the surface where owls, hawks, weasels or snakes might get them. Because of their musky odor, moles are unpalatable to some predators, but raccoons, coyotes, foxes and skunks dig them out. Domestic dogs and cats kill moles but rarely eat them. A mole eats earthworms, Japanese beetle grubs, cutworms and more.

Where did "naked as a jaybird" come from? It has an uncertain origin. The expression from the 1800s was naked as a fledgling jaybird, naked as a fledgling robin or naked as a fledgling. At some point, people dropped the word "fledgling" from the idiom. In the 1920s, J-bird was an abbreviation of the word jailbird. Before giving them uniforms, jail authorities stripped new inmates naked and disinfected them.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"Life is short. Be swift to love! Make haste to be kind!"—Henri Frederic Amiel.

It's easy to be caught up in the day

Seize the day. This is going to sound morbid, but every now and then as I am about to leave my house, either just for a few hours or perhaps a few days, I look around and realize, this might be the last time I am here.

We genuinely never know what will happen to us between the time we close our door behind us and the time we intend to open it again. This issue, and really every issue of the newspaper provides proof of that.

Each life is its own puzzle, and I believe that, when all the pieces are in place, we are meant to move on. That journey, I believe profoundly, will lead to a place which does not have the kinds of troubles we face in the here and now.

But knowing we could take that journey at any moment should keep us on our toes. It should prevent us from taking anything for granted.

Our relationships with others are the most important example, I believe. Have we been fair? Have we conveyed our love? Have we forgiven, even if "forgetting" is out of the question? Of course we have not been perfect, but have we at least recognized our mistakes or oversights and, when possible, taken steps to rectify them?

Have we been fair to ourselves? Some of us are awfully judgmental when it comes to our own actions and choices. Others of us are maybe a bit too easy on ourselves. Is either of this true for you, as you leave the house for what might be the last



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

time?

Of course we don't all want or enjoy the same things, but have we recognized where we want to be, what we want from life and from ourselves, and have we worked toward acquiring it? Have we been understanding of our failures or oversights, but firm about coping with them?

We are fortunate to have been placed on a planet of beautiful and amazing diversity. Have we regarded it with the reverence it deserves? Have we recognized our place in the planetary ecosystem and responded appropriately?

Yet again, these questions are not meant to lead to reprimand or praise. They are simply so fundamental to who we are and what we do that they deserve consistent attention—rather like being certain to get the oil changed in our cars.

It is easy to be caught up in the day to day flow of events—to go places, perform tasks and continue forward without stopping to examine why. But really, "why" should be at the center. Let me offer my work for the

newspaper as an example.

Naturally, I am paid for what I do, but as a still-licensed teacher, I could earn extra cash in quite a few other ways without returning to a classroom full time. So why do I devote so much time and effort toward something I don't "have to" do?

My "why" in this case is twofold. The community deserves to have its news shared and its history recorded. The people who are making the news also deserve the recognition. I am trained and skilled in the tasks of gathering and writing the news, and so am a logical choice to do the recording and recognizing.

I also find it rewarding. I've mentioned before that it's a privilege to meet and interact with the people and organizations of our communities. My three-hour conversation with Lori Pommerenke the other day is an excellent example. Lori and I graduated high school the same year—1977. It felt good to touch base again, and I was filled with admiration for Lori's commitment to handle her parents' estate responsibly.

A typical interview lasts 45 mi-

nutes or so, but Lori's story and experiences were so engaging, I only realized how much time had passed as we had finished up and I was driving away. Writing the story was a pleasure for me, will help people understand why her sale is structured as it is, and will help complete her "complicated journey."

My "whys" are satisfied; my time was well spent.

So my message about "seize the day" is not about grabbing all the gusto or winning all the contests. It is one about reflection, appreciation, and fulfillment.

If you find yourself wondering about ways you can find these things, I have some offerings. Go for a walk, promising yourself to "stay in the moment" as you take your steps. Read some poetry. Give some volunteer time to a cause you have always felt is a good one. Do something nice for someone you haven't communicated with in a while. Accomplish a task you have been putting off. Go inside an empty church and say a prayer. Write a letter to yourself and mark it for "delivery" at a later date. Create a day-long challenge for yourself: can you go all day without saying something mean, without eating any chocolate, or without breaking a traffic law?

All these are simple ideas to "keep you on your toes." If you see me later this week, ask me how I did on my in-the-moment challenge, and be prepared to have me ask you how you did on yours.

On top of everything I have to wear glasses

Well, it's finally October and according to the little notebook I use as a planner (and something to take little notes in), I have been both incredibly busy and doing almost nothing this past month.

Take this past weekend. It felt like I was always doing something. I am both physically and mentally exhausted as if I was—but in reality, I got nothing done. On Saturday, I ran a 5K for the Minnesota Daily bright and early in the morning and I was quickly reminded why I choose not to run ever, let alone while being timed in the midst of a crowd of people. The only other time I choose to run is the Turkey Trot 5k every year, with the occasional exception of the Clover Dash in the spring. Whenever I run a 5k, I take advantage of my youthful body and decide training is not necessary—after all, I'm busy doing other things (and more voluntary running? No thank you). Even without training, I manage to average around 35 minutes in my races, which personally, I don't



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

think is too bad. A runner will laugh and tell me otherwise, but I won't listen.

After the 5k, I went to the Minneapolis Cider Company for the first time — now that I am officially of age — for its October Fest. I dominated in some pickleball games and then watched as my boyfriend dominated in the apple bobbing contest, twice. I don't know why they let him do it again the second time, but I guess watching him fully commit to the bit and putting his entire head in the bucket of water was pretty hilarious. He even convinced us to do it with him the second time; by the end

of it all, we were all soaking wet because that's the only way to win.

Anyway, it was a lot of fun and I see now why people like going to distilleries or breweries just to hang out, talk and play games.

After that, I had to rush home to dry off and get ready for a get-together my roommates and I were hosting to show off our new apartment and celebrate making it through the first couple weeks of school. It was a lot of fun and an interesting time. There was one point when I was talking to someone, then turned around to find about fifteen very large men standing in our apartment.

Turns out one of our friends who is on the Gopher Rugby team had invited the team and most of them showed up, thinking it was our friend's party. It was not, so a few of them were surprised at showing up to a different apartment, but they decided to stay and have fun. We gave our friend crap for it, but he deserved it.

On top of all this, I have had an eye infection for the past month and have not been able to wear my contacts (which I usually live in as I don't really like wearing my glasses). I finally went to the doctor and got medicine to fix it, but that comes with time, so I still have to wear my lovely, lovely glasses. I will tell you, running a 5k in glasses was not fun. Nor is playing pickleball. But I guess those are only first-world problems, so I will stop complaining.

My Determination: "I want a dry-erase board so I can write down all my private thoughts and then erase them immediately." - Tina Belcher, Bob's Burgers

An overarching theme this year

I've just gotten over a cold. The month of September was incredibly busy. School has started, sports have begun and fall allergies have arrived.

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of speaking with Kirsten Sommers along with coach Brad Wendland. I've said it before and I'll say it again, sports are an incredible opportunity to teach and nurture kids.

The Waseca football program does an incredible job with their players. I've been very impressed with Coach Wendland. I'm grateful he took time to speak with me this past week about Brian Sommers and the story behind the evening arranged in his honor.

This week we lost John Clemons. My interactions with him were genuine and kind. He will be missed.

September represents a new start, not only for schools, but also the Minnesota Newspaper Association (MNA). Each year as fall begins, MNA accepts nominations for newspapers, writers and special awards for member publications. This means going through each edition and submitting our best entries.

I entered my weekly column for consideration again this year. The process involves submitting three columns written between Sept. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2024. Part of submission rules suggests columns should have some sort of theme, impact or community relevance. Reading that, I questioned whether my columns would fit the very broad criteria.



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

Looking back at each of my columns, though, I was rather stunned to find the overwhelming theme I wrote about in 2023-24 was loss.

Loss of loved ones.

Loss of beloved organizations.

Loss of time.

The three columns I entered for consideration were about the loved ones we lost this past year, the loss of my local church, and finally, the column from our anniversary

edition.

The final column doesn't necessarily have to do with loss, but I felt like I shared good stories and a strong message from the newspaper.

The final lesson I took away from looking at every edition from the past year: we've grown as a newspaper. I personally feel I have grown as a writer, the newspaper in page count and quality. Stacey Schroeder told me during the Waseca Mayoral Debate on Tuesday, "It's been nice to see your paper grow up."

Thank you, for your kind words.



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House of Rep. seat 19B
debate 7 to 8 p.m.
Tuesday October 8

Edel Fernandez and Tom Sexton, both running for open Minnesota House of Representatives seat 19B, will face off in a debate from 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Waseca High School Performing Arts Center. Sponsored by the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce, this debate is free and open to the public.

Angel Val at Indian
Island Winery 6 to 8:30
p.m. Friday, Oct. 11

The Indian Island Winery will host Angel Val from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. Angel grew up listening to her mom sing in an 80s rock band. She mixes rock and country music. She has been playing guitar since Jr. High.

Date Night on the
Farm at Autumn Acres
6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11

Autumn Acres Farm will host Date Night on the Farm at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. This is a couples event, hayride, community bonfires, music and lighting, pulled pork sandwiches, hot cider or cocoa. \$80 per ticket and will include two pumpkins, two logo mason jars and photo ops.

Christ the King Baked
Potato Bar Friday
October 11 from 11
a.m. until 1 p.m.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Women of the Word (WOW), will be holding a Baked Potato Bar luncheon with all of the delicious toppings-plus dessert, on Friday, October 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at 309 6th St. NE, in Waseca. Cost is \$8/person. Proceeds will go to Missions. A drawing will be held for a mission quilt that has been donated by the Ctk Quilters. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent. All are welcome!

Family Tradition at
Waseca American
Legion 7:30 to 11:30
p.m. Friday, Oct 11

The Waseca American Legion will host the band Family Tradition from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. This family trio performs both old and new hit country music.

Farmamerica Fall
Festival from 10 a.m.
to 3 p.m. Sat., Oct. 12

Farmamerica's Fall Festival will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 12 at the Farmamerica grounds. There will be tram rides to view historic sites, a corn maze, concessions, bounce houses, puppies and farm animals. There is a \$7 entrance fee, members get in free.

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

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

Happy Homecoming

NRHEG celebrates September 22-28



NRHEG Royalty from left: Violet Elise Aronson, Jase Knudson, Hannah Brunsen, Tayla Sandry, Alden Dobberstein, King Harbor Cromwell, Prince Beckett Budach, Jayden Fleming, Queen Mallory Schlinger, Princess Leni Routh, Cole Hutchens, Sierra Misgen, Owen Bartlett and Lia Johannsen.

Parade, football win highlights week

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

NRHEG Homecoming week 2024 concluded last week with a week full of activities, themed dress up days, coronation, and parades coming to a close Friday.

Tuesday evening, Harbor Cromwell alongside Mallory Schlinger, daughter were crowned King and Queen.

Serving as the night's Emcee's were Adalyn Staheim and Chloe Reiwer.

Together the homecoming candidates were introduced, along with a list of their activities, which will follow at the end of this article.

Students' week was busy with various observances including a trip to Ellendale for the parade route on Friday. The homecoming court also helped serve lunch to elementary students. Dress-up themes included: "Country vs Country Club," "Tacky Tourist Day/Hawaiian," "PJ Day," "Color Wars," and of course, "Panther Spirit Day."

Parades concluded the afternoon activities Friday. The football team played and dominated in a 43-8 win over Medford, which was followed by a student dance.

NRHEG continued on 6



Above, the NRHEG 2024 Homecoming parade.

Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

NEW RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL

Council sets 16.2% preliminary tax levy increase

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

During their Sept. 23 meeting, members of the New Richland city council set their preliminary adjusted 2025 tax levy at \$758,166, an amount almost \$106,000 higher than in 2024, or about 16.2 percent.

City Administrator Anthony Marten predicted that, once actual numbers for staff insurance are available rather than the estimates used to determine preliminary amounts, the city's levy increase will be no more than 12%. He told council members he estimates high to assure his plans will cover the final figures.

"But," said Martens, "everything is costing more right now. Gas for city vehicles is higher, wages are higher, chemicals for the waste treatment plant are higher. Maintenance for the city streets is higher. New equipment is costing more, everything is going up." Council members raised a few possibilities for increasing non-levy income, including re-examining fees charged for ambulance calls. After discussion, however, council members approved the preliminary budget with a vote of 3 for and 1 against.

Pam Krill is the Workforce Development Coordinator for NRHEG schools, hired by the South Central Service Cooperative to help local students explore employment opportunities as they prepare to leave school. From a small town herself, Krill says she wants to help New Richland grow. Of last year's graduates, Krill reported 22 went directly into the workforce. Krill told council members she

Council continued on 6

iWealth expands, celebrates 30 years

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

"Money doesn't make us happy," declares Brad Connors. "Purpose does."

Connors, 50, is at the helm of Waseca-based iWealth, a company which offers guidance on investments, insurance, and finance.

After graduating from Waterville-Elysian-Morristown in the late 1980s and going on to attend technical college, he returned to the Waseca area and began his work as an insurance and investment advisor in 1994; the company is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year.

"I've always been independent, but for those first few years I was located inside other businesses," he

explains, mentioning that for a time, his early one-man office was inside what was then First National Bank.

For about the past 10 years, iWealth—whose name was devised before Apple electronics began its line of "i" products—has been housed along Fifteenth Avenue NE in Waseca. The business opened an office in Bloomington in 2020 and has acquired online representatives in California and Oregon.

A ribbon-cutting event this month celebrated its newest acquisition, the financial services office in Mankato owned by Gary Guentzel. Adding Guentzel and his staff, Connors says,

iWealth continued on 6



Waseca based iWealth recently expanded into Mankato, taking on the former EFS investment firm operated by Gary Guentzel. Thanks to the merger, iWealth now has 16 team members.

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OBITUARIES

John Clemons

JOHN MARTIN CLEMONS, age 66, of Mankato, died on September 25, 2024, at the St. Mary Campus of Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Born on September 13, 1958, in Waseca, he was the eighth of ten children of Lawrence and Leta (Root) Clemons. John was raised in Waseca and graduated from Waseca High School in 1977. On April 25, 1980, John was united in marriage to Mary Morrill at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Together they made their home in Waseca and welcomed their son, Alexander, in 1988. In 2022, John and Mary moved to Mankato.

John worked at Corchran's in Waseca before starting a career at Brown Printing. During his time there, he attended Mankato State University, receiving Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration Management and Industrial Relations, and a minor in Economics. In 2014, he joined Bosch in Owatonna, followed by Johnson Outdoors in Mankato. Just for fun, he worked part time at Menards.

John loved the community that raised him and was always looking for ways to give back. He began his life in government in the Police Reserve, later being elected to the City Council and serving three terms as Mayor of Waseca. He gave back to his church as a religious education teacher and was a substitute teacher for many years in Waseca and St. Clair.

John enjoyed going on road trips, exploring farmers markets, hiking, gardening, reading, and most of all, being a great husband and father.



John Clemons

John is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Mary; son, Alexander (MaKenzie) of Urbandale, IA; siblings: Deb (Terry) Roemhildt, Susan Clemons, Jane Clemons, Carol (Jim) Hanson, Kevin (Keri) Clemons, Paul (Julie) Clemons, Gale (Jim Peterson) Clemons, and Ellen (Cliff) Canavin; mother-in-law, Sandra Morrill, brother-in-law Jon (Diny) Morrill, sister-in-law Meleah (Art Scheevel) Huxford, Todd Huxford; many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Lee; father-in-law, Frank "Buzz" Morrill.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca with Fr. Glenn Frerichs as Celebrant. Interment will be at a later date. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM on Thursday and continue until the time of the service at the church. dsfuneral.com

Gary Wayne Berg

GARY WAYNE BERG, age 77 of Waseca, passed away on the morning of Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at Oaklawn Care and Rehabilitation Center in Mankato.

Gary was born in Albert Lea on August 9, 1947, to parents Oscar "Buddy" and Betty (Anderson) Berg. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from New Richland High School with the class of 1965. When Gary was only seventeen, he and some friends pursued early enlistment in the United States Navy. Immediately following his graduation he began his active military service. Gary was proud to become a Navy SeaBee and loved his time in the construction battalion while stationed in Vietnam. Gary was gravely injured by mortar fire on the first night of the Tet Offensive just days before the end of his tour. After lengthy stays in several hospitals he was awarded the Purple Heart. Although he remained legally blind and physically disabled, he returned to Minnesota and was proud to work as a block tender for Evenson Brothers Construction for many years. In 1967, he was married to Karen Matz in Port Hue-

neme, California. Although they later divorced, they continued a great friendship as time went on. At age 32 Gary returned to school to study business, first at UMW in Waseca where he earned an Associate's Degree and later he earned his bachelor's degree and graduated Suma Cum Laude from MSU in Mankato. Gary finished his working years with a 22-year career at the Internal Revenue Service.

Gary was a past Post Commander and Treasurer with the Waseca American Legion, he was a life member of the Waseca VFW, and he loved marching with his squad for many years. He also loved tending to his garden... so much so that in his later years he actually hauled Minnesota dirt to his winter home in Texas in order to plant his Good Friday Potatoes. Because Gary was legally blind following his military service, he was never able to drive a vehicle again. It was a part of his life that he desperately missed, and his family is so happy to know that after over 60 years he's now able to drive that beloved red 57' Chevy on streets paved in gold.

Gary is survived by four chil-

dren, Michele (Al) Tischer of Austin, Marcie (Nathan) Ross of Waseca, Matthew (Kristina) Berg of Waseca, and Mitchell Berg of Chesapeake, VA; his former spouse and good friend, Karen Berg of Waseca; grandchildren Lucas Tischer, Katey (Kyle) Sellers, and Isaac (Alyssa) Tischer all of Austin, Emilee (Blake) Kortuem, Alex (Carley Larson) Ross, and Juliana (Nathan) Sipe all of Waseca, Jordyn (Gavin) Doering of OK, Ryan Berg of Waseca, and Noah Berg of SC, Tyler Berg, Oscar Berg, and Lauren Berg, all of VA; great-grandchildren, Oaklyn and Cleo Tischer, Amelia and Charlotte Sellers, Tate and Will Kortuem, and Liam Berg; and siblings Kathy (Edgar) Peterman of Anoka, and Kris (Gary) Budach of New Richland. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; a great-niece Finly Budach; and many other special relatives.

Gary's family would like to express special thanks to Amanda, Jami, and Josie as well as the other staff at Oaklawn Care and Rehabilitation Center in Mankato for the fantastic loving care that they offered to Gary over the past two years.



Gary Berg

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024 at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca, and will continue for two hours before the service at the church on Tuesday.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at Le Sueur River Lutheran Church in rural New Richland, with Rev. Dan Kordahl officiating. Interment followed at Le Sueur River Lutheran Cemetery. dsfuneral.com

Tour

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that day. "There's not enough space for a hundred or more cars to park there," Peterson explains. "By keeping the cars somewhere else, we protect the peaceful, serene mood of the environment."

Visitors will be dropped off at the east end of the grounds. Provided maps will show them where the featured gravesites are; like last year, there will also be people available to provide guidance and answer questions. Prominently displayed signs will provide carefully researched information.

Peterson estimates those who visit all the selected sites will walk about one half mile. He says at least one chair will be available at each of the 29 locations. Refreshments and numerous chairs will be set up near the facility's vault, where Andy Hager, who digs graves for many of the county's cemeteries, will be stationed. Hager will be sharing some of his experiences and observations, including information about the train tracks which once ran through the cemetery; Peterson promises visitors will be fascinated and entertained.

About every half hour, the transport bus will be available near the west end of the cemetery to return tourists to their vehicles.

"People can make all their own decisions about the tour," offers fellow planner Sarah Miller, of DSO. "They can take their time as they walk around; they can visit as many or as few of the 29 featured locations as they wish."

Miller invites anyone who wants further information about the tour to contact DSO using the com-

pany's Facebook page, or to call the funeral home.

Peterson and Miller, along with Waseca County Historical Society researcher Virginia McCarthy and Sam Steffel of Dennis Steffel Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Services are the same team which planned last fall's successful cemetery walk, attended by about 150 people.

Last year's focus was on well-known Waseca area figures including inventors, investors, and entrepreneurs. Last year, 25 graves were selected for inclusion; in some cases, individuals associated with the history-makers were available at gravesites to provide information and sometimes share personal experiences.

Although there was no charge for the cemetery walk, individuals chose to donate more than \$630. That amount was used to construct and erect a sign at the west end of the cemetery letting visitors know where the "potters' field" is located.

Based on the positive public response to last year's event, Peterson, Miller, McCarthy and Steffel began meeting in April to determine this year's theme and select grave sites for inclusion.

Though the team members decline to name the individuals who are being featured, they are willing to reveal they all owned businesses in the downtown area of Waseca sometime between 1940 and the 1960s.

"These are people everyday folks got to know and interact with on a regular basis," comments Peterson. "This walk will bring back memories of what towns used to be like, with little mom and pop stores that focused on the interests in a local community."

"People taking the tour will remember these people."

the job of the mayor or a city councilman to water the flowers."

According to Rose, Clemons began working in the print shop at Brown Printing early in the 1980s. He was promoted to the administrative level, where he worked for decades as a purchaser. During that time, he attended Minnesota State, Mankato, and earned degrees in business administration, industrial relations, and economics.

A husband and father, Clemons prioritized his relationships with his wife, Mary, and his son, Alex.

"If he was in a mood," recalls Srp, "all I had to do to bring a smile back on his face was to ask about Mary or Alex. They were the center of his life and brought him great joy."

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Mortiz Eull is from Poland; his host family is Anne Gerber and Charles Rohwer.

The night's junior attendants were the first members of royalty to be introduced: Ella Wilson, daughter of Mathias and Krissy Wilson; Eli Janike, son of Jake and Stephanie Janike.

Brief biographies of the seniors were provided as they processed to the front.

Kendall Bowers, daughter of Mike and Alyssa Bowers, participates in volleyball, Business Professionals of America (BPA), is a Fusion volleyball coach, a member of St. John Lutheran Church and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. Kendall also works at Subway.

Joseph Mixteco-Perez, son of Jose Mixteco and Marisol Perez, is involved in football, track and field, BPA and student council. He also works at ICAN.

Sophie Chawra, daughter of Izzy Chawra and Rebecca Thompson, is involved in sextets, BPA, DECA, is

the Student Council President, and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. Sophie is on the Minnwest Bank Junior Board of Directors and works at Colony Court, an Assisted Living Facility.

Tauston Rupe, son of Brian and Cassie Rupe, participates in football, track, basketball, and is a football captain. Tauston is in sextets, student council, DECA, a member of the Minnesota Honor Society and he works at 212.

Lexi Kanewischer, daughter of Trevor Kanewischer and Amanda Tesch, is involved in basketball, golf, student council, is a member of the Minnesota Honor Society, Minnwest Junior Board of Directors and a member at St. John Lutheran Church. Lexi is employed at Calo-nett, Waseca Sno-Biz. She is also a nanny for the Babcock family.

Ben Hagen, son of Brad and Allyson Hagen, is a football captain, wrestling captain, involved in student council, a member of the Minnesota Honor Society, LeSueur River Church and Axis Youth Ministry. He is a 4-H camp counselor and he works on the family farm.

Mia Kanewischer, daughter of Aaron and Deanna Kanewischer, is a member of Grace Lutheran Church,

student council, is a captain on the tennis team and participates in basketball and golf. She is employed at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, Waseca Sno-Biz and she is a nanny for the Hoffman and Kopsischke families.

Carson Ohnstad, son of Tony and Rachelle Ohnstad, is a captain of the football team, participates in basketball and track. Carson also volunteers through community ed.

Lucia Mansfield, daughter of John and Edita Mansfield, participates in student council, is a soccer captain, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Minnesota Honor Society. She also works at Pepito's.

Brayden Hoof, son of Dana Hoof, is involved in sextets, State Street, marching band, math team, Science Olympiad, drama department, and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. He participates in hockey, tennis and soccer. Brayden works at McDonald's and is a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Addison Pfeifer, daughter of Tim and Jen Pfeifer, participates in BPA, is a captain of the tennis team and a member of the Minnesota Honor Society. She is on the Minnwest Junior Board, a member of Sacred Heart Church, is a dancer at UPDS and works at Kiesler's Campground, The

Mill Event Center, and Waseca Sno-Biz.

Damarius Russell, son of Derrick Russell and Bambi Jes, is involved in BPA, a captain of the basketball, football and track teams. He is a member of Christ Community Church and works at Pizza Ranch. Damarius has committed to South Dakota State University to play football.

Following a shoutout to all fall activities, Select Choir sang, "The Times They Are A-Changin'" arranged by Adam Podd and "I lived" arranged by Jacob Narverud, and directed by Mrs. Kreinbring.

The Marching Jays then performed music from their 2024 production entitled "Forced!"

Coronation concluded with last year's king, Jack Anderson, crowning this year's royalty.

After the crowning of this year's royalty, photos were taken before the night's homecoming dance concluded the evening.

Friday's events concluded the week-long celebration with a pepfest and a parade, followed by an exciting win by the football team.

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"John served his community very well. He was not a politician, he was a public servant," Srp remembers regarding incidents large and small.

Srp says the large baskets of summer flowers along State Street were initiated by Clemons. When city staff questioned whether it was appropriate for maintenance workers to take care of watering the plants, Clemons proposed that he and Srp could take on the task.

"We did that a few times," Srp remembers, "Then some of the staff members decided it wasn't

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The Pastor's Column

Time for cold toes and blankets

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

My kids love sweaters, today started fall for them. They went looking for sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters and flannels. It was barely cool enough to put on another layer, but it was enough for them. My son was up the same time I was, I got to watch him take his backpack to the car, come back inside, change sweatshirts and pants to get a better “fit” for the day while enjoying the first sip of hot coffee on the porch.

The coaches last night at 9th grade football commented on how much we were all missing cool practices and Friday nights where you can see your breath. I am also looking forward to the deer moving more and the snow to see rabbits in the woods. I am done with the heat and sweating; it is time to have cold toes and wrap up in a blanket.

Yes, I am complaining about the weather, I am a Minnesotan, we tend to do that. It has either been too cold for too long, too hot for too long, or raining too much or too little. We want consistent variety in our weather, it makes no sense, but total sense to a Minnesotan.

This past week I was reminded of Ecclesiastes 3 this past weekend. Verse 1 reminds us, “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—” A specific time for everything, not in our timing, but in God’s. He has made plans to draw as many people as possible to Himself and uses these times to build our faith.

Each line of Ecclesiastes 3:2-8 has a breaking down and then

building up or building up and then breaking down. It creates a poetic reflection that would make a great song... The reminder is that in the seasons of life God’s plan is great than our own. We may want things in our own time, but it is in His timing that all things are made clear, it only takes faith to see it through.

When we get past these poetic words, Solomon clarifies for us why God does this in verses 11-14

11 He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one’s lifetime; 13 moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the gift of God. 14 I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him.

God has brought us to the point of trusting Him and in His timing, He gives seasons to life and living. Enjoy the days you have, they are gifts from God; whether they are good or bad days, they are a gift. God has worked it out so that we would trust Him, not for one situation but for all days. No matter the season you face in life, trust God’s plan and give thanks for the day you have been given even if it is too hot or cold.

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Beckett Budach and Leni Routh were the nights prince and princess.

King and Queen

Harbor Cromwell is the son of Nikki Cromwell and Michael Pederson. He has one sister, Winter. He likes to spend time fishing, golfing, bingo, and eating food. Harbor is involved in Football, wrestling, Track & field, student council, DECA, FCA. His favorite memory from high school so far is joining football Freshman year. One fun fact about Harbor is that he can do a backflip. If he had a time machine, he would travel back in time to meet Jesus. His hero is Christian McCaffrey because he has great work ethic and he’s his favorite running back. After high school, Harbor plans to go to college and own a bar house.

Mallory Schliner is the daughter of Matt and Tanya Schlinger. She has 2 older sisters; Aubrey and Sydney Schlinger. Mallory is involved in Volleyball, FCA and Luther League at her church. She enjoys hanging out with friends and family and doing new things outside and lots of new activities. Her favorite memory from high school so far is when Dylan Fleming got beat up by two different girls, two years in a row. One fun fact about Mallory is that she is scared of the dark and Chloe SQUARED. If she had a time machine, she would go back to the day that she was born because she always wanted to know what its like when a legend is born. Mallory’s hero is her Grandma Kris and says “She is the strongest person I know and no matter what she may be going through, she always manages to put us grandchildren

first and she would do anything for us.” After graduation, Mallory plans to attend a 4 year college and get a bachelor degree but she is undecided on where to go or what degree.

Prince and Princess

Princess Leni Routh is the daughter of Adam and Missy Routh. She has three sisters, Lila, Lucy and Leia. Leni is involved in dance and gymnastics. She enjoys listening to Taylor Swift, art, dogs, playing minecraft, and watching Paw Patrol. Her favorite memory from school so far is getting slushies from Lerberg’s in PreK. One fun fact about Leni is that one time on vacation, a dolphin gifted her a rock. If she had a time machine, she would go back to the past and play all day again. Leni’s hero is Mrs. Jensen her kindergarten teacher, because she is really nice. In her future, Leni wants to become a veterinarian.

Prince Beckett Budach is the son of Nick and Erin Budach. He has 2 siblings: Finly Budach and Reed Budach. Beckett is involved in wrestling, t-ball, Sunday School and football. His hobbies include swimming, farming, building blocks, riding bike and snowmobiling. Beckett’s favorite memory from kindergarten so far is eating cinnamon rolls in the cafeteria. One fun fact about Beckett is that he won the Ellendale Days tractor pull. If he had a time machine, he would travel to heaven to meet his sister Finly and see his dog Renna again. Beckett’s hero is his sister Finly. As for his future plans, Beckett plans to farm with his dad.

The princess and prince each received token gifts being part of the Homecoming royalty. The princess received a volleyball signed by the 2024 Panther Volleyball team. The prince received a football signed by the 2024 Panther football team.



Immanuel Lutheran Church of Freedom Township is holding the fourth of four special services marking year 150 since the church drafted its constitution in 1874. Visitors are invited to join the congregation at a 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 6. The church is located south of Janesville along county highway 3.

■ Council

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wants to learn where those students went and what could be done to encourage them to stay local. She described activities undertaken during the 2023-24 school year, including a Mobile Health Lab and Big Ideas Trailer. She also mentioned tours taken by various groups to visit local businesses and perhaps consider them as future employers.

After a performance evaluation on Sept. 19, Administrator Martens and Mayor Ferguson recommended New Richland Police Chief Tanycee Bruegger should receive a pay increase to Grade 7, Step 1, at a rate of

\$34.23 an hour effective Oct. 4. The two administrators also recommended maintenance worker Braeden Thompson be moved to Grade 2, Step 5, at a rate of \$22.56 an hour effective Oct. 4.

The New Richland Care Center reported its current census is 38, somewhat lower than its average of about 41. The facility reported college-age workers are returning to college, leaving fewer staff members to care for residents. Post secondary high school students are working when they can and that is appreciated. A new beautician started at the Care Center in September and works there a few days each week.

The People Service water maintenance report included that the department has new chloride variance authorizations and a permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Area church celebrating 150-year anniversary Sunday October, 6

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Freedom Township was founded in 1874, and has been celebrating its 150th year with special services held quarterly since last October. The final observance is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at the church, located about eight miles south of Janesville along County Highway 3. All who would like to attend are welcome.

The guest pastor at the upcoming service will be Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford, president of the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

According to church history, the congregation has been meeting in the same building since 1874: The structure is much changed, however, having nearly

doubled in size thanks to additions built over time, including the 1949 project of raising the building and constructing a basement, which serves as the church social hall, underneath.

The church operated its own parochial school from 1884 to 1945, gradually growing from simply having the pastor teach classes in the church building to constructing its own school and hiring a teacher.

Immanuel is now part of a four-church parish. Rev. Larry Sipe serves Immanuel, along with three additional area Missouri Synod churches: First Lutheran Church in Waldorf, St. John’s Lutheran Church of Danville Township, and Trinity Lutheran Church of Wilton.

■ iWealth

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brings the total number of iWealth team members to 16.

In addition to operating the busi-

ness, Connors is frequently engaged as a speaker for finance-focused events. Having created some specialized financial planning software used not only in the industry, but by both Minnesota State, Mankato and Creighton universities, he speaks there and at professional organizations.

Connors and his wife Trudi are

lifelong area residents. Their adult children are Kendra, 24; and Corbin, 19.

The iWealth Foundation performs numerous public service events, the largest of which is in cooperation with the Waseca Area Food Shelf. iWealth partners with clients and others to raise money and acquire groceries to supply Christmas meals

to area families by distributing boxes of food at a “drive-through” distribution in December. Meals for about 500 people are typically supplied; Connors reports that, over time, the iWealth Foundation has given more than \$100,000 to fund the annual event.

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Janesville

1924

- The thrill of having seen a wild deer in action in the forest primeval came as a suggestive contrast and a welcome relief to the monotony of the seemingly never-ending forest on either side of the road. It is a wild and wonderfully impressive scene. The more one mingles in its solitudes the more is one impressed with its solemn grandeur and its stately magnificence. Its calm repose, its vastness, its overwhelming silence ushers in an experience that marks an epoch in life and brings to the heart and soul and mind a realization of how varied and manifold are the works of nature as fashioned and moulded by an infinite hand. In a sense one become awe-stricken in its presence and in this attitude and condition of mind he is at subject, after a time, to welcome a change.

- Floyd B. Olson, FarmerLabor candidate for governor, spoke to a fair-sized audience in Janesville, at the Town Hall on Thursday at ten-thirty in the forenoon. The meeting had been scheduled to begin at ten o'clock, but it was delayed in opening to admit the people getting here who had signified their intention of being present. Considering the time of day and that farmers are very busy at this period, the attendance was considered very satisfactory. The Janesville band played several selections on the street preceding the address.

1949

- October has more farm tractor accidents on the highways than any other month, according to Minnesota Highway Department records. September has the next highest number of this type of accident. One reason for the high number of accidents involving tractors and other farm machinery this season of the year is their extensive use in corn picking, plowing and other harvest and fall work. Another reason is that with the short hours of daylight, farmers often work until after sundown, get tired when moving across or along highway while homeward bound in the dark.

- The Annual State Convention of Moms of America was held in the parlors of St. Ann's Catholic church on Saturday, September 24, beginning with a luncheon at 12:30 which was served by members of St. Ann's Altar Society. After the luncheon a short program was presented, including baton twirling by little Carol Jean O'Brien and a humorous reading by Mrs. E. Schorn, which were greatly enjoyed. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. R. Nyquist, president of the local unit, who welcomed the visitors and presented the gavel to the state President, Mrs. Erwin Brown, or Sherbern. Mrs. Brown was reelected to serve as State President for another year.

1974

- The eighth graders are hoping to "Bum the Tigers." Five senior girls are hoping to be crowned Homecoming Queen and Laura Mulvany is hoping the band will show up for the big dance Friday night. These are just a few of the details that are taking shape as Janesville High School prepares for its annual homecoming week. Monday evening, high schoolers invaded garages all over town begin work on floats for Friday's Homecoming Parade. The eighth graders chose "Bum the Tigers" for their float theme and sophomores are working around the theme of "Here, Kitty Kitty."



- Dorothy Trahms (right) visited Japan in 1974. Pictured with her is Trahms's host family, Mrs. Hida (center) and her daughter Akemi (left).

- Dorothy Trahms, a senior at JHS, says Japan is a nice place to visit, but one time in the crowded country is enough for a small town girl. Before Dorothy left for Japan this summer, we asked her to write about her experiences and she obliged. One thing Dorothy says she'll never forget are the crowded Japanese trains. "The people were all very nice except on the trains," she said. "I never once saw anyone give up a seat for someone else on the train. You can't believe how it is. People are just packed in. It is awful. You can't talk or even move."

1999

- "It felt like we were on Gilligan's Island." That is how Janesville newlyweds Melissa and Darren Boeck described what their honeymoon was like on the island of Eleuthers in the Bahamas as hurricane Floyd bared down on the region last week. The Boecks were married Sept. 11 in Janesville, and left for their hurricane-shortened honeymoon on Sept. 12. They were scheduled to return Sept. 18. The two met each other in November 1997 at Victory Bowl in Mankato. After that they chatted on the Internet for a few months. Their first official date was on April 14, 1998. They announced their engagement on Sept. 8, 1998. The couple mutually chose their honeymoon destination in February after searching the internet. "I have her three choices: Hawaii, the Bahamas, or Tahiti," Darren said. The couple chose the Bahamas.

- Janesville's farmers' market features many items from fresh produce to homemade jams. Among the treasures to be found at market is Maas Farms' locally grown beef. Ivan and Janice Maas of Janesville started offering beef halves and quarters at farmers' markets last year. Now in their second year of attending the markets, Ivan and Janice have tailored their products to their customers' needs offering smaller packages and quantities of beef. "We are pleased with how we are doing," Janice said. "We've heard good reports and people are coming back." "This year has been a real confidence builder for us," Ivan said.

Waseca

25 Years Ago

-Minnesota's bonding bill and a unicameral legislation will be on Gov. Jesse Ventura's mind when it comes to the state's legislative session next February. Ventura's top goal is to keep the bonding bill small, Tim Penny told an audience who gathered recently for the Steele County Association of Townships meeting

-The question of whether or not an overpass or underpass is needed in Waseca to assure safety when the Dakota, Minnesota, and Eastern Railroad traffic increases was on the mind of Waseca resident, Ron Purcell, at last week's city council meeting.

-Everybody needs an occupational break now and then from the workaday world, and people with disabilities are no exception to the rule. In Waseca, individuals who direct Jobs Plus Inc., a government supported agency that provides a variety of work experience for physically and mentally challenged, but employable people, decided it was time to sponsor a conference for their workers.

50 Years Ago: September 27



-Excitement and secrets – HOLLY DENDRICKS, Janesville's 1974 Homecoming queen, shared a secret with little Julie Jorgenson, flower girl for the festivities Thursday night. Miss Hendricks was one of the three homecoming queens crowned in the area Thursday night.



-400 miles from home – ANDY HORUJKO was completing the last seven miles of his 400 mile hike this morning to meet Worldwalker David Kunst when he arrives in Waseca Oct. 5. He was near Meriden this morning at a fast pace waving to passing traffic and grinning from ear to ear as his journey was coming to an end. The picture at left shows Horujko hiking down the road and the picture at the right is Horujko taking a brief moment to rest.



-New president – SARAH HAWKER and advisor Richard Lundberg exchange smiles over their new district positions. Miss Hawker is Waseca's first DECA president.

75 Years Ago

-Frank W. Moudry, 54, former Waseca druggist, was elected president of the National Association of Retail Druggists at their meeting last week in New York. He succeeds Edgar S. Bellis, Bronxville, N.Y. Mr. Moudry, chairman of the N.A.R.D. executive committee since 1942, was born in Le Center. A linesman on the "Golden Gophers" football team at the University of Minnesota, he graduated from the school of Pharmacy in 1913.

100 Years Ago

-Because western ewes are hardier and freer from parasites than native ewes, they are recommended as foundation stock for the beginner in sheep husbandry by Phil A. Anderson of the division of animal husbandry, University Farm. Mr. Anderson explains that sheep that come to the market may be divided into two general classes – natives, or sheep of medium or long wool breeding, raised on small farms and westerns, or sheep of fine wool or Merino breeding, raised under western range conditions.

-In parts of the state frost has been severe enough to kill all vegetation – even the weeds have been in part or wholly destroyed. In still other parts of Minnesota Frost will be delayed and plants will continue to grow.

-Thos. D. Schall, the blind congressman, republican candidate for United States Senator, will speak at the court house tonight at 8 'o clock. He is one of the foremost orators in public life today and the people of this community should not miss this opportunity of hearing him.

New Richland

25 Years back

●Cole Brody Thompson, son of Jena and David Thompson, was brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism on Sunday September 19th at the Community Lutheran Church. Brody Richards and Stacey Kubiatiowicz proudly served as sponsors for little Cole.

●The Women's Resource Center of Steele County (WRC) will hold the 4th annual Walk For Peace on Thursday, September 30, 1999, from noon to 7 p.m. at Owatonna Central Park. The Walk For Peace is a community awareness event sponsored by the WRC to kick off October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Walk is designed to provide an opportunity for people of all ages from Steele County to show their support for a non-violent community.

50 Years Back

●The Ellendale-Geneva Raiders girls worked themselves into a late holiday present by winning the first Ellendale Holiday Tournament Saturday night January 3rd. In their opening game with Emmons the girls got off to a sluggish start and trailed Emmons, 7-12, at the end of the first quarter. They started to pick up the Tempo in the second quarter and managed a 26-26 tie by the half. Then early in the third quarter, the Raiders defense took over while at the same time the offense ignited and the girls scored 22 points while holding Emmons to just 6 thus, led by 12 at the end of the quarter, 48-36. Each team scored well in the fourth quarter, but Emmons Couldn't overcome the lead and fell to the raiders, 67-57.

●Quilting came from the East long, long ago. Nobody knows who began it, where it began, nor when. Quilting is also an American craft, born out of Womens need to stretch their scarce dollars by using scraps of fabric to make bedspreads and at the same time to tell their families story and socialize with other women.

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Aspyn Acres Halloween Trick or Treat Trail 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25 & 26

A Halloween Trail through the Haunted Forest will begin at 6 p.m. on Oct. 25 and 26 at Aspyn Acres Wildlife Rehabilitation and Farm Sanctuary. Suggested entry payment is \$5 per child. Facepainting and specialty treats also available. Aspyn Acres is at 41251 135th Street north of Waseca.

In a Bind at Indian Island Winery 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25

The Indian Island Winery will host band In a Bind from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. This all lady trio plays a variety of hit music and has been seen all over southern Minnesota.

Halloween Bash at The Mill Event Center 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25

Celebrate a Halloween Bash at The Mill Event Center at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Spooky drink specials, costume contest with cash prize and musical guest Johnny Holm Band. Tickets are \$10. Band starts at 9 p.m.

Great Fall Get-Together from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26

The Waseca Art Center will have its biggest event of the year, the Great Fall Get-Together from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. This year will be, Midnight in the French Quarter. There will be appetizers, a full bar, silent auction, games and door prizes, photo booth and music by Waseca High School Jazz Band, costumes encouraged. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Contact the Waseca Art Center for tickets.

Waseca Area Food Shelf "Cornhole for a Cause" 10 a.m. Nov. 2

A cornhole tournament, silent auction and live performance by the Blue Ringers will benefit the Waseca Area Food Shelf during an all-day event at The Mill in Waseca on Nov. 2. Up to 64 teams will compete for cash prizes; entry registration is a \$50 donation to the food shelf.

Waseca State of the City address 7 p.m. Nov. 12

The Waseca "State of the City" address will be 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the high school performing arts center. Those present will hear from Mayor Randy Zimmerman and city manager Carl Sonneberg.

State of Waseca County address 7 p.m. Nov. 19

The Waseca "State of the County" address will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19 in the high school performing arts center. Speakers will be county board of commissioners chair Brian Harguth and county administrator Michael Johnson.

Farm America Presidential Turkey Trot Friday, Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. till noon

Run off those Thanksgiving calories with the pardoned presidential turkeys 5k. Join Farm America for a Turkey Trot around our historic grounds starting at 10 AM and meet the newest members of our farm family straight off the truck from Washington D.C. Cost is \$20 per walker or runner, under 4 is free. A t-shirt

"State of Education" address 7 p.m. Dec. 10

The Waseca "State of Education" address will begin 7 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the high school performing arts center. The introduction will be by board president Dave Dunn with superintendent Eric Hudspith doing the address.

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A Complicated Journey

Estate sale to benefit county historical society

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

“I dislike the process of selling things,” comments Wasecan Lori Pommerenke. “But this is more like storytelling.”

Pommerenke is speaking of an upcoming estate sale scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 and 12, at which she will be clearing out her parents’ possessions so that their home can be placed on the market. A special feature of this sale is that all proceeds will benefit the Waseca County Historical Society (WCHS) where her mother had a life membership. The WCHS has also taken an interest in the range of locally-acquired vintage items that have come to light at the estate.

On day one, Oct. 11, shoppers will have the chance to buy items on a “no reasonable offer refused” basis. On day two, beginning at 9 a.m., they may take whatever items they wish, giving only the donation of their choice in payment.

“It’s time for this to come to an end,” Lori says of the seven years and more she has spent sorting through, assessing, cleaning and re-distributing the massive collection of possessions her parents had acquired.

The sale will be at 600 Eighth Street Southeast, at a house and alleyway outbuilding filled with items which belonged to her parents, Gloria and Ray Pommerenke, who lived in their Waseca home from just before their marriage in 1951 until Gloria’s death in 2017. The couple raised two daughters who graduated high school in the 1970s: Brenda, who has lived in the Washington D.C. area for nearly four decades, and Lori, who, after earning advanced degrees and working for the Peace Corps for more than two decades, moved back to Waseca in 2004 to raise her then-infant daughter, Rose.

Asked to supply one word to describe each of her parents, Lori begins with her father: “He was brilliant. He could fix anything.” She points to his basement work area, indicating the spaces where an array of power tools once allowed him to carry out his projects.

“My mother was...busy,” says Pommerenke, choosing her word carefully. “She was an excellent, dedicated cook, I think partly because she loved the social aspect of sharing what she had made.

“For much of her life, the rest of the house might be in chaos, but the kitchen would be neatly organized.”

The heartbreaking story of losing her father began with the onset of dementia in 1999 which eventually led to a stay in an assisted living facility until his death in 2013.

Her mother’s passing at age 90 in 2019, was a shocking surprise: She experienced sudden cardiac failure while she was home alone packing for an out-of-state trip. Though she had been plagued by heart health problems, she was still a licensed driver and was preparing for a flight to Washington D.C. to attend a grandson’s wedding. Lori found her collapsed and cold at the bottom of the basement stairs, still holding some of the clothing she apparently intended to pack.

The story has stretched itself across an additional seven years because...well...because things were left in a state of...disarray. “My mother threw out nothing,” Lori declares, suggesting the foundation for that came from both her mother and father being born in the 1920s and raised in the 1930s. “That generation lived with the memory of struggle, and having to ‘do without.’ She probably didn’t want to see it happen again.” The results, however, were disastrous.

“You could barely move through the house,” Lori recalls. She gestures into rooms where items once stood in bags, baskets and boxes nearly ceiling high. “There was no rhyme or reason to it,” she continues, explaining that hairbrushes, office equipment, dishes, linens and even food items such as canned goods would be mixed together in the various locations.

Of course Lori had known about the impassable nature of many rooms during her mother’s lifetime, but Gloria had rejected all assistance, even complaining she “couldn’t find things” if Lori did some cleaning while her mother was away.

While the easiest course for emptying out the household might have been “simply to haul it all to the dump,” Lori says that course went against her “sense of responsibility as a citizen of the world.”

As a trained conservation biologist, she can’t help commenting, “Humanity does not benefit from piles of rubble. Useful items should keep being used, and re-used, then recycled, repurposed or composted when possible.”

Her work proceeded with those principles in mind.

When items no longer had any practical value, her objective was to see them recycled rather than buried in a landfill. When they were useful but not terribly valuable, she would find a person or organization in need of them. An example is a several boxes of sewing notions, fabric, tape measures, pin cushions, sewing needles, and the like which she boxed up and mailed to a charity. More than three tons of scrap metals were hauled to recycling from Ray’s collections.

A fairly large collection of song sheets, music books and related papers was given to the Waseca



The Waseca County Historical Society will benefit from the final estate sale being held October 11 and 12 to find "good homes" for the belongings of Gloria and Ray Pommerenke. Their daughter Lori has spent more than seven years gradually sorting through their lifelong accumulations.

Music Store—the place most of it was originally purchased from, Lori recalls. Many carloads of books were driven to the Twin Cities and given to a company called “Better World Books,” which markets used publications online.

“My friends and I have done everything we can to disperse the items to places where they will be used,” she says of the past seven years. “I could not have gotten this far without help. A small crew of friends volunteered many hours helping me. A handful of them will again be helping at the sale.

Countless people offered referrals for disposing of specific items. Customers and repeat customers provided the motivational boost for continuing to use the slow clean-out

Journey continued on 9



Gloria and Ray Pommerenke as they looked shortly after their marriage in 1951.

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Tami Sens

Tami Sens is a 1983 graduate of Janesville High School. She is a 10-letter winner, with six in track and two each in volleyball and basketball. Tami was All Area and All-Conference in volleyball her senior year. In basketball she earned those honors both Junior and Senior years and served as captain of both volleyball and basketball teams her Senior year. Tami was a valuable member of conference championship teams in volleyball in ‘82, basketball in ‘82 and ‘83 and track in ‘81 and ‘82. She was also a starter on the 1983 girls’ basketball team that won the district and region and went on to place third at the state tournament. Tami continued her education at Minnesota State University, Mankato, where she played volleyball and graduated in 1987. She has coached over 20 years in Janesville, River Falls, WI, Lakeville, MN and at NRHEG in volleyball, basketball and softball. She also served as administrator at JWP and NRHEG where she supported the athletics programs. Tami is retired from education and has a daughter and son.

Paul Roth

A 1967 graduate of Janesville High School. He earned an amazing 14 letters, 4 each in football, basketball and baseball and 2 more in track. He earned All-Conference honors in football, basketball and baseball and provided leadership as team captain in each sport as well. His Senior year

he batted .432 and was Sub-District Champ in the low and high hurdles. After high school Paul went on the Concordia College St. Paul where he played football and baseball. There he went from lineman to running back and earned 2nd team All American honors. He also played semi-pro baseball during his Concordia years. He graduated in 1975 and was inducted into Concordia’s Hall of Fame in 2012. He has coached at high school and collegiate levels from 1972 to 2011. During that time coaching 10 All Americans and 12 All-State football players, helping to guide 15 players to the NFL and 4 to MLB. Paul is married to wife Denise and has a daughter and son, all of whom are accomplished athletes and coaches as well!

Vicki (Rauchman) Davis

A 1988 graduate of Janesville High School. She is a 10 letter winner, 3 in volleyball and softball, 4 letters in basketball. She was named to All-Area teams 8 times. Vicki earned All-Conference honors 4 times, once in volleyball and softball. In her Senior year she led the conference in hits and tips with 149. In basketball she was All-Conference both her Junior and Senior years and was one of the leaders in scoring, not only on the team, but in the Gopher Conference. Vicki went on to Mankato State University graduating in 1997. She works for the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services and is married with 2 daughters.

Sara (Mittelstadt) Blixt

A 1991 JWP graduate. A 12-time letter winner, 3 letters each in volleyball, basketball, softball and track. Sara earned All-Conference honors 9 times, 3 times each in volleyball, bas-

ketball and track. Her Sophomore year she led the conference in ace tips and hits in volleyball. In Basketball she was one of leading scorers in the conference, leading the scoring her Sophomore and Senior years and second in scoring her Junior year. Sara was nominated for Minnesota Miss Basketball. She attended college at University of Wisconsin-Stout graduating in 1996. She currently works in business development. Sara is married with 3 children.

Jerry Kapaun

A 1963 graduate of Janesville High School and 7-time letter winner playing football and basketball. He earned All-Conference honors his Senior year in basketball, but football was really his game, as he started on the defensive line beginning his Freshman year. He is especially happy to be a member of the Golden Bear Football team that went undefeated in the fall of 1960. Jerry earned All-Conference in football his Senior year as a 195 lb. lineman. His wife Marie is deceased. Jerry and Marie have 4 children and numerous grandchildren. Jerry has been a long-time and enthusiastic supporter of Janesville and JWP school and athletics. He is retired from farming.

Ted Jewison

A 1987 graduate of Janesville High School and five-time letter winner and 5-year varsity starter in wrestling. He earned All-Conference honors 2 years, once at 105 lbs. and again at 119 lbs. and had 18 individual tournament championships! He was a member of the 1986 team that earned 4th place at the State Tournament. Ted qualified for State 4 times and earned runner up honors individually his senior year. Ted continued his

education and his wrestling career at University of Minnesota – Waseca where he also excelled, missing All-American by one match. Ted is married to Julie and they have 4 children. He works for Novel Energy Solutions.

Scott Hendricks

A 1982 graduate from Janesville High lettered 8 times in football, basketball and track. He was MVP and All Conference his Senior year in basketball. He earned All-Conference honors in track in his last 3 years of high school. As a Junior he placed 7th at the State track meet clearing 6’-0” in the high jump. Scott was All Conference in high jump clearing 6’2” and in triple jump going 40’3.5”! He competed in 4 events, 110 hurdles, pole vault, high jump, and triple jump at Sections as a Senior, clearing 6’4” in high jump as a personal best. He took 4th place in the triple jump and 5th place in the high jump that year at State! Scott went on to compete at Mankato State in track for 1 year. He completed his education at Mankato Technical College in 1987. He is married to DeAnna. They have 3 children. Scott works as an IT Administrator and lives in Colorado.

John Donahue

A six-time letter winner, graduated from Janesville High in 1982. He participated in football, but really made his mark in track and field. John set long standing records in both the 110m and 300m high hurdles. He was All-Conference in the 110m hurdles

his Senior year, placed 1st in both long jump and hurdles in the District, 1st in the long jump at Regions before going on to compete at the State meet in both triple jump and long jump. He was 6th place finisher in the long jump at State his Senior year. John continued his education at Mankato State. He is married to wife Debora and is retired.

Christal Armendariz

A 1985 graduate of Janesville High School and participated in girls’ basketball, but she specialized in track. A seven-time letter winner, she first earned All-Conference honors as an 8th grader running the 3200m race. She owned the 1600 and 800m runs during her high school career topping the district all 4 years and taking first place in the region her as a Junior and Senior, taking 3rd in State her Senior year. She went on to run at Mankato State University and had a personal record of 2:12:23 in the 800m. Christal especially enjoyed the camaraderie that sports provided and credits athletics in helping develop her leadership skills.

1996 JWP Boys Basketball Team

1996 was obviously a very good year! The JWP Boys Basketball Team had an overall record of 25-5 for the year earned the guys 5th place at the State Tournament!

Team members: Josh Berndt, Andy Dimmel, Dustin Dimmel, Brent Fury, Travis Hinze, David Jewison, Dan Kapaun, Bryan Kelling, Tanner Schultdt, Tim Sheeren, Justin Stankey,

Clint Westphal, Jared Ziemke, Josh Ziemke, Jake Zimmerman.

Coaches Dave Tonolli and George Tuvey, Ritchie Johnson.

Managers: Dan Jorgeson, John Schultz.

Stats: Laura (Burmeister) Francis, Amy (Gessner) Hanson, Amy Schweim.

Cheer Team: Jessica (Attenberger) Rinehart, Heidi (Bartelt) Johnson, Katie (Kruse) Engel, Tennelle Pongratz, Jill (Schmidt) Moreland, Becky (St. John) White, Missy (Struck) Stafford, Jessie (Witts) Courtney.

1996 JWP Wrestling Team

The 1996 JWP Wrestling Team who took 5th at the State Wrestling Tournament!

Team members: Bill Adams, Jeff Adams, Bob Beelow, Chris Bjornson, Ben Blegen, Dave Carleton, Aaron Duenes, Mike Fasnacht, Dana Gos-tomczik, Trent Gunsolus, Ben Ise-brand, Joe Johnson, Jake Kaiser, Jay Kopischke, Quentin McCarthy, Adam Roesler, James Sack.

Coaches: Mike Niemczyk, Gary von Holtum, Bruce Manthe, Tim Oelke.

Statistics: Chrissy (Adams) Karth, Mandi (Barbknecht) Kopischke, Kelly Schwichtenberg, Tannis Steinberg

Cheer team: Jessica (Attenberger) Rinehart, Heidi (Bartelt) Johnson, Katie (Kruse) Engel, Tennelle Pongratz, Jill (Schmidt) Moreland, Becky (St. John) White, Missy (Struck) Stafford, Jessie (Witts) Courtney.

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John and Edita Mansfield celebrating Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 at Ward House Brewery.

Ward House Oktoberfest enjoys early start

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Ward House Brewery at 308 South State Street in Waseca was getting a head start on Waseca's October 3 community-wide "beers and brats" by starting on Saturday, Sept. 28. Tables were set up outside and German music was playing, Oktoberfest seemed well underway.

For every other tavern or saloon in Waseca, Beers and Brat Night will be Thursday, Oct. 3. But Ward House was getting an early start. Owners John and Edita Mansfield were making sure they got their beers and brats available ahead of time. Said Mansfield, "Why not? It's the end of summer, the beginning of harvest." Along with food and drinks were games like Hammer Stump, derived from the German word Hammerschlagen. Nails are pounded into a stump; each player has to drink beer and try to hammer the nails in. There's nothing more fun than giving people who have been drinking beer a hammer and watching them use it.

Mansfield himself was dressed in very dapper, light brown lederhosen. His German hat had a feather fresh from the German Black Forest and his shirt was an authentic, blue and white checkered button up. His wife dressed like a German maiden would fit right in if she were in the movie "The Sound of Music." John and Edita moved to Waseca from West St. Paul. As of September 28, they have been married for 28 years. They didn't have any family in the area, but have blossomed as a



Brian Wright and Muray Gustafson

Lunchtime Solutions to serve at JWP

JANESVILLE JOURNAL - JWP has received its food service through Taher Foods in the past few years. However, with several complaints about meal choices, food quality, and, at times, running out of food, the district decided to bring in a different provider. Lunchtime Solutions is a food service company based in South Dakota and serving districts in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota. They are smaller than Taher, and focus specifically on K-12 schools while other providers may also provide colleges, universities, and nursing homes.

Representing them is area director Brian Wright, whose area includes JWP, Zumbrota-Mazeppa and Lake City. In his thirteenth year with Lunchtime Solutions, Wright has worked his way up in the food service industry; his first job in the field was as a dishwasher. "I'm very fortunate to be where I am," he said.

Muray Gustafson will run the

family themselves. John said some of his children are working at Ward House which makes them a thriving family business.

Mansfield, a brewmaster with 16 different beers on tap has been a Waseca resident for 9 years. He's had his brewery for 7 years and it's been in its current location, the former train depot along South State Street, for the past 2 years. Besides dressing up like a German, Mansfield is also hosting a Best Dressed Contest, a Stein Holding contest and of course Hammer Stump. Prizes range from a new stein to three-packs of beer.

John claimed he and Edita had planned their move to Waseca to be a quiet one, but, he said, "When you show up to church with six kids it's hard to keep quiet about it." The whole family attends Sacred Heart Church. No stranger to charity, Mansfield said, "We donate a portion of everything we make back to the community." Amon the causes he supports, he says, are the Waseca Art Center, numerous cancer funds, and the local food shelf.

There are five part-time people employed in the pizzeria and five part-time employees in the brewery. Mansfield says he has no plans to leave, "As long as we enjoy the support of our local community, we're happy to be here." Beside beers and brats in autumn, Ward House Brewery is also home to Pepito's Pizzeria year-round, great pizza with great atmosphere. For dine in or take out go to <https://wardhousebrewery-waseca.com/>, or you can call them at 507-571-0718.

Waseca American Legion Avenue of Flags Fundraiser

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

In honor of Memorial Day, volunteers from the Waseca American Legion and the Waseca VFW work together to raise a long line of flags at both Woodville and Calvary cemeteries; the annual display is known as the "Avenue of the Flags." Kevin Dickie, a member of "Sons of the American Legion" and of the Memorial Day program planning committee, remembers the unpleasant surprise he encountered in May. He and others had placed well over 100 flags in their mounts at Calvary. He went to check on the flags after an overnight storm: Quite a few had been damaged.

"There were 18 flags on the ground. We were able to save most of them, but a few had to be retired. Fifteen flags were blown over but not quite touching the ground. Some had bent pipes and other damages." Dickie made some calls. He and

some fellow volunteers were able to return the display to its intended appearance. The storm caused more than \$3,800 in damage. Said Dickie, "We already had replacements for everything, but that still leaves us vulnerable if it happens again."

A fundraiser breakfast the morning of Sunday, Sept. 29, at the American Legion raised money to purchase replacement supplies for the Avenue of the Flags. The event was co-sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary. Mary Jo Knudsen and Mike Anderson were the ticket sellers at the door. Said Knudsen, "It's been steady all morning, so far we've had 200 people come through the door." As she said this, Sacred Heart Church was finishing its 10 a.m. mass and the Legion was planning on getting another rush. On the menu were unlimited pancakes, eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage, milk, orange juice and coffee.

The Avenue of Flags was initially



Mary Jo Knudsen sells tickets during the Sept. 29 breakfast which raised money for the annual May and June "Avenue of the Flags" displays at Woodville and Calvary cemeteries.

established as part of the celebration of the United States' Bicentennial in 1976 at the request of a visitor. The 56 flags placed at each cemetery represent the 50 states, one district, three territories, and two commonwealths of the United States of America. "All of the damaged flags are disposed of with honor and respect," said Dickie of the storm. Legion representatives also retire flags for anyone who has faded or damaged colors. Cindy Dickie, wife to Kevin for the past 47 years, said about retiring the flags, "We get a hundred or so every year to take care of."

The VFW also helps with the Ave-

Pioneer photo by Ben Revermann

nue of Flags, and also receives flags in need of honorable retirement: the two organizations work together; all the labor is donated by members of the Legion or VFW. Despite the excessive damage at Woodville Cemetery, only one flag was damaged at Calvary Cemetery.

The Avenue of the Flags has been a veteran organization tradition in Waseca County for decades. Flags are put in place prior to Memorial Day and kept flying until after July 4. On every pole is a small plaque with the name of a service member or of the person who donated the flag.

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process. It takes a village to slowly dismantle what two people collected."

When items were soiled, she cleaned them, taking "hundreds of loads" of fabrics home to be washed, since the dryer in her mother's house had not been functioning for some time. The good news? "I will still be using the cleaning supplies and laundry detergent I collected from among her things for some time to come," comments Lori with a laugh.

Ten times or more over the past few years, she has set out an "Estate Sale" sign and brought the public in to consider taking some of "Gloria's Vintage and Ray's Leftovers" home for their own use. The sales have been successful and helpful. Lori tells the story of one shopper who

was interested in a vintage toy box. Lori offered it to her for free, but declined to let the box leave unless—also at no cost—the customer took the toys inside it.

"I can say without exaggeration that most of my customers got more than they bargained for," jokes Lori.

The process of sorting, cleaning, and then seeking "homes" for her parents' belongings has been a genuine journey, Lori points out. One moment of heartwarming nostalgia came when she found a jacket she remembered wearing as a child. "It just washed over me, how much I used to like that jacket, and how I felt when I would wear it," she recalls. In her parents' bedroom she came across a small figurine of a bullfighter; she recognized it immediately because her father had shared the story often of how, at age 6, he had traveled with his parents to the western United States and even into Mexico—where his parents had bought him the bullfighter as a souvenir.

Also among the items were boxes and boxes of cards and letters, many of them with surprising return addresses. "My parents' generation came of age, and then they went off to war," she points out. "Mother must have written to her friends and classmates prolifically, because they wrote back to her." Though Lori says she is still making her way through the letters, she has found some to be profound for their observations about traveling halfway across the world to fight in a war.

There were moments of sheer surprise. In one attic storage space Lori came across a bag which had clearly been given to visitors at the 1948 Minnesota State Fair. Inside were pamphlets, pencils, and all the other sorts of gifts frequently given away by vendors. "It had been there all that time, unused, undisturbed," comments Lori.

In her mothers' closet were "nylon stockings" from the 1950s—the sort which had a seam up the back,

reached to the wearers' thighs, and had to be held in place with a garter.

The heartwarming moments and surprises have continued at the sales Lori has held so far. "I truly enjoy hearing people's reactions to the items," she comments. "They share their memories of similar items, explain why they want to buy things, and tell me how they're going to use them."

That last part—"use them"—is music to Lori's ears, since that's what the journey has been about.

"It's going to be a busy, hectic pair of days," Lori says of Oct. 11 and 12. "But there are three things that will make it worth it. First, the money will go to benefit the Historical Society. Second, the items will be going to people who will appreciate them and use them as they're intended."

"And third, this long journey—taken on out of my love and respect for my parents, and my desire to see their legacy handled in a responsible way—will be over."

■ Debate from Page 5

million in funding from the federal government for needed infrastructure. "We need to bring as much tax money back into our community," he said.

Question 3 - As mayor, what specific strategies and plans will you implement to mitigate the city's issues with flooding and improve our sewer management systems? Furthermore, what immediate and long-term actions will you take to address the environmental concerns related to sewage discharge into Clear Lake, ensuring that our community's waterways are safe for both residents and wildlife?

Zimmerman said the city needs to seek resources from the state and federal government by creating partnerships with the county and state legislators. He claimed processes to do that are already underway.

Madson said these are year long problems and he "would have to see everything to know where it all stands."

Question 4 - What qualities and life experiences most qualify you for the position of mayor?

Madson said he has had to learn to walk three times. This taught him how to work through adversity, he said.

Zimmerman cited his education, a bachelor's degree in construction management and a minor in business administration; along with his time on the school board, time as mayor, service to church and community as well as his time as a coach of youth athletics.

Question 5 - This question was unique for both candidates.

Zimmerman - If you are convicted of felony perjury or a lesser crime, should you remain in office? Why or why not?

"According to my attorney, it doesn't disqualify me from running for office," Zimmerman answered. "That decision would be left to the voters."

"Those voters know where I'm at, where my heart is; what my inten-

tions are," he continued. "I have a \$300,000 house sitting in town. That's all I have to say about that."

Madson - With current Councilor Jeremy Conrath being your cousin and Ward 2 candidate Gary Conrath being your uncle; can you please speak to how, in the event that all of you are on council together, you will keep yourselves from violating open meeting or serial meeting laws?

"When we get together family wise, we try to be family and not talk about work or politics," Madson answered. "A lot of the family doesn't agree."

Question 6 - What strategies do you propose to foster economic growth that benefits residents specifically when it comes to job creation and supporting local business?

Madson said he would like to talk to and cooperate with businesses in order to help.

Zimmerman cited numerous missed opportunities. "One employer offering 300 jobs was not able to come here because we didn't have the infrastructure in place," he said. "If we had done the work eight to ten years ago, we would have had a different discussion."

Zimmerman said providing needed infrastructure is the first and foremost need.

Following an intermission, the following questions were submitted from the audience.

Question 7 - In past years discussion has been brought about of bringing a joint Waseca sheriff and Waseca police department. How do you feel about it? Is it worth pursuing?

Both candidates said the departments would need to be in agreement for the city to consider pursuing something like this. As well, both said public safety was a priority and that they were both interested in listening to a proposal, if one were to come forward.

Question 8 - How do you propose to deal with absentee landlords who leave buildings vacant? In general, how does the city deal with vacant storefronts and buildings? How should the city approach this?

Madson said the city should work

with them and be open to ideas to help make business districts more presentable.

Zimmerman said stricter and more consistent code enforcements could be used to hold people accountable.

Question 9 - Clear and Loon Lakes: Are there any plans to deal with pollution in the city's two lakes?

Zimmerman again cited the need for further infrastructure and infrastructure funding. He said the Gaiter Lake project opens up an option for a large retention pond to divert storm water and alleviate a lot of water problems in town.

Madson agreed but said the city couldn't raise taxes to do so.

Zimmerman also referenced, afterwards, that the county weed harvester on Clear Lake has made a dent in pollution problems. The county recently spoke to the council and requested the city consider helping fund the weed harvesting program going forward. To date, the city has not indicated whether it is in favor of or against sharing funding.

Question 10 - The city of Waseca has most recently devoted time and energy discussion to the Gaiter Lake circumstance. Where do you stand and see the best possible solutions to the Gaiter Lake situation?

"There's no certainty that it (the lots) will sell," Madson answered. "I'm not saying it wouldn't be good later on. Without bringing anything here other than an empty lot, there's no real reason [to pursue the project]."

"We take away farm and land and income from farmers with no certain income," Madson continued.

"I am absolutely in favor of developing Gaiter Lake," Zimmerman stated. "And everywhere else we can make something happen."

Zimmerman said the current city-owned property is valued at \$600,000. Once developed, he said it will be worth \$24 million.

"What will that do for our tax base?" Zimmerman asked. "Investment by the city will be about \$1 million and be paid for in less than 10 years...You can say you want growth, but do you, if you don't support growth?"

Madson said he likes growth, but other places in Waseca are already

developed.

"It's simple math," Zimmerman retorted. "No one gets a return on their investment before their investment. There is always a risk involved."

Question 11 - Speed limits in and around the city of Waseca. This one is about the area beyond Walmart on Highway 13. How best do you think a mayor should facilitate this kind of decision? What would you do as a mayor to go about making a decision to change something like that - traffic, speed or something else? How should the mayor lead in that decision process?

Zimmerman referenced the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) report shared with the city council last year which pointed to no need to change the speed limit sign. The report included a presentation more than 30 minutes long from MnDot, one which no Waseca council members present disagreed with at the time.

Both Zimmerman and Madson agreed it would be safer to change the speed limit at the intersection.

The decision ultimately, lies with MnDot, which has already stated its intention to leave it as is.

Closing statements

Madson referenced his youth and stated he would be a middleman between younger and older generations on the council. "I am running for the office to be a spokesperson, to grow the community."

Zimmerman thanked everyone present, again. He said he is serious about alleviating the high tax rate, sharing that the tax rate has dropped from 92% 3-4 years ago to 78%.

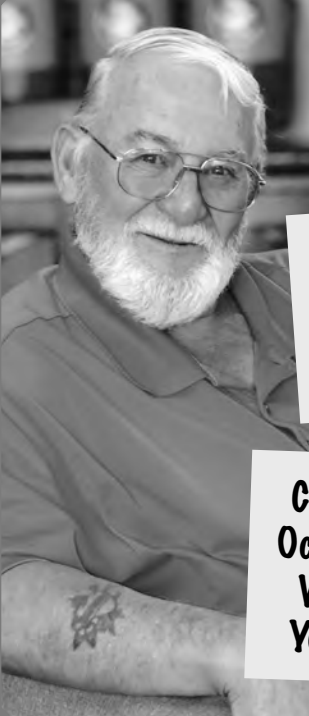
He said creating good relationships and partnerships with state legislators is crucial to Waseca's growth.

"Those that know me, know where I'm at," Zimmerman concluded. "Growth and continue the work we've done. If you don't want growth, I'm not your guy."

The evening's debate is viewable at the chamber's website, youtube page along with the Waseca High School's website.

The next Waseca Debate will be between candidates for 19B, set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 8.

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Aerial assault: Quast sets school record in JWP win

By JIM LUTGENS Sports Editor

When prolific wide receiver Ryan Kronnbach set the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton football school record for most receiving yards in a game last fall, most people figured it would stand for a while.

It didn't.

Caleb Quast totaled 183 receiving yards on four catches as the Bulldogs pulled away from St. Clair/Mankato Loyola 53-34 in Saturday afternoon's game in Janesville. Kronnbach had 181 yards in a game last year.

For the Bulldogs, it was a much-welcomed victory after starting the

season 0-4.

"I've been impressed with how the players stuck with it, especially after starting 0-4," said second-year JWP head coach Ryan Luedtke. "They have remained focused at practice, and willing to put in the work to continue to get better. I'm excited to see how they finish the rest of the season!"

The game was close in the first half, with SC/ML holding a 7-6 edge after one period. The Bulldogs exploded for 20 second-quarter points, highlighted by a 65-yard scoring run by Lucas Morsching and a 50-yard pass to Quast from Daulton Bauer. The duo hooked up

in the third quarter for 35 yards and in the fourth for 84.

Morsching finished with 171 yards rushing on 22 carries, while Bauer went 9-for-13 for 255 yards and no interceptions.

The Bulldogs outgained the visitors 469-362 in total yards.

The Bulldogs will look for win No. 2 this Friday as they host United South Central at 7 p.m. They play at NRHEG Oct. 10 and conclude the regular season Oct. 16 at winless Medford.

JWP 53, St. Clair/Loyola 34					
SCL	7	13	8	6	34
JWP	6	20	13	14	53

First Quarter	
JWP	— Lucas Morsching 15 run (Kick blocked)
SCL	— Austin Ward 35 pass from Preston Grams (Max Wilson kick)
Second Quarter	
SCL	— Ward 16 pass from Grams (Wilson kick)
JWP	— Chase Gerdt 5 run (Pass failed)
JWP	— Morsching 65 run (Run failed)
SCL	— Winkler 19 run (Kick blocked)
JWP	— Caleb Quast 50 pass from Daulton Bauer (Landon Johnson pass from D.Bauer)
Third Quarter	
JWP	— Quast 35 pass from D.Bauer (Pass failed)
JWP	— Morsching 7 run (Ethan Born kick)
SCL	— Huntly Lentz 3 run (Ward pass from Grams)
Fourth Quarter	

JWP	— Quast 84 pass from D.Bauer (Born kick)
SCL	— Grams 25 run (Run failed)
JWP	— D.Bauer 4 run (Born kick)
Individual Statistics	
Total plays	54
First downs	4
Rushing Yds.	31-173
Passing	11-22-0
Passing Yds.	189
Total Yds.	362
Third Down	5-11
Fourth Down	0-0
Fumbles lost	1-0
Turnovers	1
Penalties	10-86
Punts-Avg.	5-19.0
Time of poss.	17:37

Rushing — JWP: Morsching 22-171; Gerdt 7-32; D.Bauer 2-14; Others 1 —3; **SCL:** Lentz 22-47; Chase Bade 7-45; Avery Anderson 1-30; Grams 8-25; Ward 1-9; Charles Rother 2-6; Jon Pierce 1 —3

Passing — JWP: D.Bauer 9-13-0, 255; **SCL:** Grams 11-22-0, 189

Receiving — JWP: Quast 4-183; Johnson 4-43; Gavin Bauer 1-29; Gerdt 1-0 2-42; **SCL:** Ward 5-115; Hunter Winkler 4-40; Lentz 3-29; Brody McClinton 1-5

JWP Defense — Quast 2 assists; Rocco Scholl 1 tackle, 2A; Davien Weis 1T, 2A, 1/2 sack; Gavin Marinco 1T, 1A; Michael Walker 1T, 2A; Parker Gearity 1T; Tyson Johnson 1T; G.Bauer 1A; Johnson 1A; Isaiah Berndt 1T; Born 1T, 8A; Jaxon Wolff 1T; Gerdt 4T; Morsching 3T, 10A; Peyton O'Brien 1T, 2A; Jaxon Miller 2T, 4A, 1/2 sack; Luke Cahill 1T; Aidan Rider 3T; Zach Blasing 1A; Yale Johnson 1A; Max Davis 1T, 1A; Jason Wheelock 1T

Panthers put it all together for Homecoming

By JIM LUTGENS Sports Editor

On their first offensive possession last Friday, the NRHEG High School football team went three-and-out, then allowed a touchdown and two-point conversion to visiting Medford.

It was not a sign of things to come.

The Panthers shut out the Tigers the rest of the way on their way to a 43-8 Homecoming victory, their third consecutive triumph after starting the season 0-2.

"It was a slow start," said Panthers coach Marc Kruger. "Once we settled down and got into a groove, we did very well. Our offense moved the ball very well and our defense shut down Medford after the first drive. I'm very proud of this team and how well we are playing."

After spotting the young Tigers a touchdown, the Panthers scored twice in the second quarter, on a 20-yard pass from Alden Dobberstein to Owen Bartlett and a 24-yard run by Dobberstein. Harbor Cromwell ran for the two-point conversion after the touchdown pass.

The Panthers piled it on in the second quarter, scoring on a two-yard run by Cromwell, a 59-yard scamper by Ryan Schlaak and a 15-

yard run by Cromwell.

It was 43-8 at halftime.

NRHEG ran for 190 yards and Dobberstein threw for 90, going 4-for-5 with no interceptions. They had 11 first downs.

The Tigers, meanwhile, were held to 24 yards rushing and 18 passing, totaling four first downs.

Schlaak was the Panthers' rushing leader with 77 yards on three carries. Cromwell fan for 51, Dobberstein for 38.

Four players caught one pass apiece.

Schlaak led the defense with three tackles. Wyatt Larson recovered a fumble.

The Panthers play Friday at WEM, Oct. 10 at home against JWP and conclude the regular season Oct. 16 at USC. The section tournament starts Oct. 22.

NRHEG 43, Medford 8					
MED	8	0	0	0	8
NRHEG	14	29	0	0	43
First Quarter					
MED — 2 run (two-point conversion successful)					
NRHEG — Owen Bartlett 20 pass from Alden Dobberstein (Harbor Cromwell run)					
NRHEG — Alden Dobberstein 24 run (Kick failed)					
Second Quarter					
NRHEG — Cromwell 2 run (Bartlett run)					
NRHEG — Ryan Schlaak 59 run (two-					



BIG WIN — After a slow start, the NRHEG football team dominated Medford 43-8 in last Friday's Homecoming game. At left, Jordan Brouwers (54) and Jase Knudson (80) pressure the quarterback. At right, Alden Dobberstein (6) runs behind the blocking of Carter Martens (51). In the background is Jace Ihrke (57).

point conversion successful)	MED	NRHEG
NRHEG	— Cromwell 15 run (Kick failed)	15 24
NRHEG	— Dobberstein 30 run (Conversion failed)	4 11
Third Quarter		
No scoring		
Fourth Quarter		
No scoring		

Total plays	15	24
First downs	4	11
Rushing Yds.	24	190
Passing	3-16-0	4-5-0
Passing Yds.	18	90
Total Yds.	42	280
Third Down	1-3	1-2
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Fumbles lost	1-1	0-0



Turnovers	1	0
Penalties	0-0	3-15
Individual Statistics		
Rushing — NRHEG: R.Schlaak 3-77; Cromwell 7-51; Dobberstein 6-38; Rest of team 1-24; MED: No. 88 2-4; C.Hayes 1-3; Rest of team 31-70		
Passing — NRHEG: Dobberstein 4-5-0, 90; MED: 3-16-0, 18		

Receiving — NRHEG: Bartlett 1-20; R.Schlaak 1-16; Cromwell 1-0; Rest of team 1-54; **MED:** 3-18

NRHEG Defense — R.Schlaak 3 tackles; Bartlett 2 tackles, 1 TFL; Cole Hutchens 2 tackles; J.Brouwers 1 tackle; C.Martens 1 tackle; Wyatt Larson 1 fumble rec.; Rest of team 4 tackles

WHS tennis girls improve to 12-4 with two wins

The Waseca High School girls' tennis team defeated the Rochester Lourdes Eagles 6-1 in Waseca on Tuesday. The JV won 4-0.

Singles winners were Takya Schoenrock, Vivian Mader and Maddy Benson, with doubles victories by Mia Kanewischer and Addie Pfeifer, Paige Dufault and

Ava Miller, and Layla Keith and Kennedy Lynch.

The previous day, the Bluejays topped Cannon Falls 5-2 while the JV tied 3-3.

Waseca (12-4) closed the regular season at Winona Cotter Tuesday.

Winding down regular season, WHS volleyball team sweeps St. James

First-year head coach Krissy Plonske and the Waseca High School volleyball team have surprised a lot of people this season.

The St. James Saints are the latest.

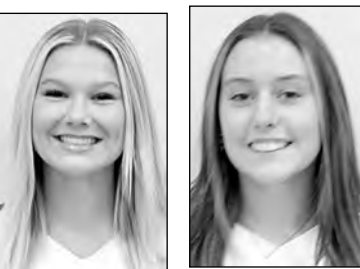
The Bluejays hosted the Saints last Tuesday and won 3-0 at Waseca. Game scores were 25-11, 25-11, 25-23.

"It was a very slow moving game," said Plonske. "But we just went point by point."

Siri Kuhns led the Bluejays with 21 set assists. Ellie Hoehn had nine kills and 12 digs, Kendall Bowers 15 digs and Aliyah Taylor four blocks.

The win improved the Bluejays to 5-1 in the Big South East and 13-6 overall.

The Bluejays play tonight at 7:15 at Blue Earth Area and Oct. 8 at Belle Plaine at 7:15. They host LCWM Oct. 10 and open the section tournament Oct. 21.



Bowers

Kuhns

Grizzly girls finish first in annual Pie Invitational

The WEM/JWP girls' cross country team finished first among six schools in last week's Grizzly Pie Invitational.

WEM/JWP places and times: MaKenzie Westphal, third, 22:06.9; Onikia Herme, eighth, 23:36.6; Madeline Hoehn, 18th, 25:38; Kwynn Krause, 20th, 25:48.4; Madalyn Miller, 22nd, 26:04.9;

Emma Huelsnitz, 23rd, 26:25.6; Abby Crosby, 27th, 28:05.1. The race was won by Sophie Stencel of Maple River in 19:48.9.

The Grizzly boys were six among six schools. Places and times: Teagan Mulder, fifth, 19:36.1; Alexander Kleve, seventh, 19:57.6; Auston Holicky, 32nd, 24:19.2; Jaxon Hilley, 38th, 24:51.9;

Maddox Moreno, 44th, 26:32.2. The winner was Caisen Hollerich of Maple River in 18:23.2.

United South Central/Alden-Conger won the boys' meet.

The Grizzlies run today at Waseca and Oct. 8 at Oak View Golf Course near Freeborn.

Panthers take home baked goods

By JIM LUTGENS Sports Editor

The NRHEG High School cross country runners were at Janesville's Prairie Ridge Golf Course last Thursday for the annual Grizzly Pie Invitational.

Jacob Karl, the lone NRHEG boy to compete, finished second overall with a time of 18:23 for 5,000 meters. Caisen Hollerich, a sophomore from Maple River, won it in 18:23.2.

United South Central/Alden-Conger finished first as a team with 60 points, followed by Randolph, Blooming Prairie, Blue Earth Area, Medford and host WEM/JWP.

"Jacob ran a strong race," said NRHEG coach Larry Nydegger. "He and Hollerich pulled away from the pack early and battled the entire distance."

Julieann Wobbrock, an eighth-grader, continued to lead the Panther girls, taking fourth in 22:11.2. Following for NRHEG were Ella Jeno, 13th, 24:04.8; Sierra Misgen, 2th, 28:10.9; Amelia Duryee, 40th, 29:32; and Holly Bartness, 43rd, 31:11. Maple River freshman Sophia Stencel finished first, clocking 19:48.9.

"Julieann wound up in fourth place behind a strong group of runners from the area, Stencel, Gloria Hernandez (Blooming Prairie 2nd : 21.50), and MaKenzie Westphal (WEM/JWP 3rd: 22.06).

As a team, the girls finished fourth out of six teams with 87 points. WEM/JWP won with 43, Blue Earth Area totaled 74, Randolph 80, Medford 105 and USC/Alden-Conger 116.

"Jacob and Julieann continue to perform at a high level," said Nydegger. "Homecoming queen candidate Sierra Misgen met her goal for this meet by improving on her personal-best time this season."

The top five finishers received their choice of a pie. A cookie went to all sixth to 15th-place runners.

The Panthers will return to Prairie Ridge for the Gopher Conference meet Oct. 15.

"I am excited to see how our runners' times improve as the temperatures start to cool down," said Nydegger.

The Panthers' next race is today at 4 p.m. at the Waseca Invitational. They run Tuesday at 4:30 at Oak View Golf Course near Freeborn.

BLUEJAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER of the WEEK

Kellen Klinger

As Quarterback, Kellen led the Bluejay offense which delivered a whopping 489 offensive yards in their win over Jordan.

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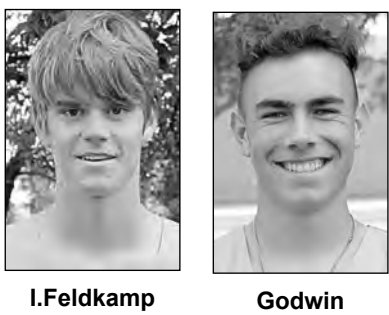
Feldkamp first, WHS CC teams 3rd at Zumbrota

Usually, when you peruse the results for the Waseca High School cross country teams, you have to go down the list a bit to locate the top Bluejay placewinner. Not this time. He is a Bluejay. Waseca senior Isaac Feldkamp captured first place for the boys in last Thursday's Zumbrota-Mazeppa/Kenyon Wanamingo Invitational.

It led the boys to third place out of 10 teams with 101 points, behind Rochester Century's 51 and Faribault's 64. Also competing were Rochester Lourdes, Byron, Austin Pacelli, Pine Island, Goodhue, ZMKW and Wabasha Kellogg. Feldkamp won the 5,000-meter race with a time of 17:07.8. Following for Waseca were Tristan Godwin, fifth, 17:53.4; Tyler Jellum, 23rd, 18:56.6; Tanner

Hanson, 31st, 19:23.3; Wyatt Hager, 32nd, 19:27.7; and seventh-grader Luke Feldkamp, 43rd, 20:08.6. The Waseca girls also finished in third with the same score as the boys, 101. Rochester Century was first with 51, Faribault second at 64. Ten teams scored. Waseca places and times for 5,000 meters: Callie Dufault, fifth, 20:11.3; Ellie Kopischke, 10th, 20:44.2; Maren Schimmings, 16th,

21:06.3; Jenna Yoder, 32nd, 22:18.4; Taylor Markeson, 39th, 22:45.2; Quinn Yoder, 41st, 22:56.4. Finishing first was Anna Peikert of Rochester Lourdes in 19:26.6. Waseca's Megan Tegmeier won the girls' junior varsity 5,000-meter race. Camilla Staloch was second in the girls' two-mile, Leah Wilson third.



I.Feldkamp

Godwin

SCOREBOARD

Football		
South Central - White		
	Conf.	Ov.
Waseca	2-0	4-1-0
Albert Lea	1-1	1-4-0
Jordan	1-1	1-4-0
Tri-City United	0-1	1-4-0
Belle Plaine	0-1	1-4-0

South Central - Red		
	Conf.	Ov.
Fairmont	2-0	5-0-0
Marshall	1-0	4-1-0
Worthington	1-1	1-4-0
St. Peter	0-1	3-2-0
New Ulm	0-2	3-2-0

Mid Southeast - West		
Norwood Young America	5-0	
Lester Prairie	4-1	
Randolph	4-1	
WEM	4-1	
Cleveland	3-2	
NRHEG	3-2	
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	2-3	
United South Central	2-3	
JWP	1-4	
Mayer Lutheran	1-4	
St. Clair/Loyola	1-4	
Medford	0-5	

Class 3A Minnesota Football Ratings		
Compiled by Star Tribune As of Sept. 30, 2024		
1. Stewartville	5-0	
2. Dassel-Cokato	5-0	
3. Fairmont	5-0	
4. Pequot Lakes	5-0	
5. Albany	5-0	
6. Waseca	4-1	
7. Fergus Falls	5-0	
8. Morris Area/CA	5-0	
9. Holy Family	4-2	
10. Pine Island	4-1	

Volleyball		
Big South East		
	Conf.	Ov.
Belle Plaine	4-0	9-4-0
Waseca	5-1	13-6-0
St. Peter	2-1	14-6-0
Tri-City United	2-2	8-5-0
Triton	2-1	11-5-0
Blue Earth Area	1-3	3-10-1
Fairmont	1-3	3-10-0
New Ulm	1-4	2-16-0
St. James Area	0-2	2-8-0

Big South West		
	Conf.	Ov.
Marshall	6-0	16-4-0
Redwood Valley	3-1	15-5-0
Jackson Co. Cen.	3-2	5-8-0
Windom	3-2	11-3-0
Worthington	1-3	10-10-0
Luverne	0-4	5-13-0
Pipestone	0-4	3-14-0

Gopher Conference		
	Conf.	Ov.
Kenyon-Wan.	5-1	9-5-0
Bethlehem Ac.	4-1	6-6-0
WEM	4-2	12-7-0
NRHEG	3-2	8-7-0
Triton	2-1	11-5-0
JWP	2-2	9-7-1
Medford	2-1	7-8-0
United So. Central	2-2	10-5-1
Hayfield	2-3	2-9-0
Randolph	0-3	4-5-0
Blooming Prairie	0-6	3-13-2

Boys' Soccer		
Big South Black Division		
	Conf.	Ov.
New Ulm	6-0-0	11-2-0
Tri-City United	2-2-1	9-4-2
St. Peter	2-3-12	6-6-2
Waseca	0-5-0	2-10-1

Big South Gold Division		
	Conf.	Ov.
Marshall	5-1-0	10-2-2
Worthington	5-1-1	9-4-4
Fairmont	1-4-1	3-7-3
Wings United	0-5-1	3-10-1

Girls' Soccer		
Big South Black Division		
	Conf.	Ov.
St. Peter	5-0-1	9-2-3
Waseca	3-1-1	8-2-2
New Ulm	2-4-0	6-8-1
Tri-City United	0-5-0	2-12-1

Big South Gold Division		
	Conf.	Ov.
Fairmont	6-0-0	12-2-1
Marshall	4-2-0	6-7-1
Worthington	1-5-0	2-12-0
Wings United	1-5-0	1-12-1

Girls' Tennis		
Big South Conference East		
	W-L	
St. Peter	6-0	
Blue Earth	5-1	
Waseca	3-3	
Fairmont	3-3	
Belle Plaine	3-3	
Tri-City United	1-5	
New Ulm	0-6	

WHS soccer girls sitting in second place

Section tourney starts Oct. 8

Sitting in second. That's what the Waseca High School girls' soccer team is doing. The Bluejays ran their overall record to 8-2-2, 3-1-1 in the Big South Cnference Black Division, after falling 5-0 at Byron, defeating Wings United 4-1 at Madelia, beating New Ulm 5-2 and tying Black Division leader St. Peter 2-2 on the WHS field. St. Peter is 5-0-1 in the conference, 9-2-3 overall. The WHS boys, meanwhile, found the victory colum for the second time this season with a 2-1 victory at Red Wing. The Bluejays lost 4-1 at St. Peter and 2-1 to Red Wing. Their record stands at 2-10-1 for the season and 0-5-0 in conference play. The section tournament starts Oct. 8 for both squads.



HERE COME THE BLUEJAYS — Members of the Waseca High School girls' soccer team are introduced prior to a recent game. Among those pictured are Rylee Schaeffer (17), Reese Rodriguez (10), Gabby Lopez (13), Hope Nelson (4). Photos by Debbie Rodriguez



BIG SAVE — At left, Waseca goaltender Ella Bulfer makes a diving save against TCU earlier this season. At right, Camila Marquez (8) works against defenders.



NRHEG spikers prevail at Blooming

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

It was a jam-packed Homecoming week for the NRHEG High School volleyball team, and it was a boisterous environment as the Panthers traveled to Blooming Prairie last Thursday for a rare matinee match. The Panthers were obviously not distracted, winning 3-1, with game scores of 25-22, 18-25, 25-15 and 25-18. "It was a great and loud environment as Blooming Prairie had their student body in attendance, as well as some from NRHEG," said Panthers coach Bethany Tennis. "The girls played well, executing the skills they needed in order to get the win." Individual statistics for NRHEG: Gabby Schlaak 14 kills, 5 digs, 1 set assist, 1 ace 1 block; Camryn VanMaldeghem 9K, 11D, 1SA, 2B; Anika Ladlie 2K, 2B; Mallory Schlinger 5D, 1A; Izley Boerner 7D, 2A; Nora Flatness 1D, 1B; Addy Stadheim 2K, 6D, 33SA, 4A, 2B; Chloe Riewer 6D, 1SA; Chloe Stork 3K, 5B; Meela Budach 6K, 1D, 2B. "We are always looking to improve our consistency throughout the sets and maintain both the energy and skill level that we know we



CONTROLLING THE ACTION — At left, the Panthers' Gabby Schlaak (1) smacks a spike during a Gopher Conference match at Blooming Prairie last week. At right, Adalyn Stadheim executes a bump. The Panthers won 3-1.

Photos by Johnnie Phillips, Steele County Times



are capable of," said Coach Tennis. "In the huddle today, the girls knew that we had a tough battle with communication ahead of us, but we had leaders that stepped up to that challenge. Our win over Blooming Prairie will hopefully carry into this weekend as we take on multiple schools in a tournament at TCU." There, the Panthers tied Glencoe-

Silver Lake 1-1, defeated Fairmont 2-0 and lost 2-1 to LCWM. Last Monday, the Panthers hosted Jordan in a non-conference match and lost 3-0 in New Richland. The Hubmen won 25-13, 25-12, 25-21. "I give credit to Jordan as they have a strong program and execute their skills well," said Tennis. "Overall, the girls played well, but

just made unforced errors that allowed Jordan to pull ahead. We had many moments of greatness throughout all three sets. Moving forward, we need to control the controllables on our side of the net and play with more cohesiveness." Individually: Schlaak 8K, 5D, 1SA, 1B; VanMaldeghem 6K 7D, 1A, 5B; Ladlie 4K, 3D, 5B;

Schlinger 4D, 2 SA; Boerner 1D, 1SA, 2A; Stadheim 5K, 7D, 19SA, 1A, 3B; Riewer 5D, 1SA; Stork 4B; Budach 2K, 2D. The Panthers, 3-2 in the conference and 7-8 overall, play tonight at 7:15 at JWP and Tuesday at home against Kenyon-Wanamingo at 7:15.

Bluejays blow past Jordan in 2nd half
Klinger, Russell set school records

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The Jordan Hubmen showed they can move the football effectively and put points on the scoreboard. The Waseca Bluejays showed they can do it a little better.

After yielding a touchdown on the final play of the first half, the Jays were tied 21-21 at halftime of last Friday's Homecoming game.

For the Hubmen, that was all she wrote.

The Bluejays pulled away in the second half and came away with a 38-21 victory, their fourth consecutive win.

"The crowd was great and the atmosphere was dynamic," said Bluejays head coach Brad Wendland. "What a fun high school game. The best part about Homecoming is how it brings the community together."

It turned into a record-setting night for the Bluejays as freshman quarterback Kellen Klinger started his first varsity game and the Russell brothers, Damarius and Deron, showed they may be the best wide receiving tandem in the state.

In the second half, the Waseca defense was stellar, shutting down Jordan.

School records set:

- Klinger, 365 yards passing, breaking John Hoffman's previous mark of 360 vs. South St. Paul in 1994.
- Klinger, 28 pass completions, eclipsing the record of 19 set by Hoffman in 1994 against South St. Paul and Cody Schmidt in 1995 vs. Fairmont.
- Damarius Russell, pass receptions in a game, 16, beating the old record of 12 by Joe Glynn in 1971.
- Damarius Russell, 45 pass receptions in one season (after only five games), surpassing the previous mark of 43 by Malik Willingham in 2018.

Klinger, who made his first varsity start because Carson Ohnstad was inelible for the game, finished 28-for-35 passing with no interceptions. He was also the Bluejays' leading rusher with 72 yards on 20 carries.

"Kellen came into a tough position for his first start and he handled it unbelievably well," said Wendland. "He is a very poised young man with a calm demeanor who processes information at a very high rate. He also has a great arm and is a very tough young man. We are excited to have Carson back this week. He is such a huge part of our team and a great player. We'll figure out how the parts fit together as we go through the week."

Damarius Russell finished with 211 receiving yards and a touchdown. Deron caught eight passes for 96 yards and two touchdowns.

"Darius and Deron are very special players, undoubtedly among the

best of the state," said Wendland.

After spotting the Hubmen seven points on a 61-yard run in the opening period, the Bluejays appeared to take control in the second on touchdowns by Micah Allen-Haas, Ethan Hiuller and Damarius Russell, but Jordan somehow scored on a 39-yard pass as the first half clock expired.

It was all Bluejays in the second half, with Owen Rupe kicking a field goal in the third quarter and Klinger tossing two short touchdown passes to Deron Russell in the fourth.

The Bluejays outgained the Hubmen 366-137 in total yards, with most of Jordan's coming in the first half.

The Bluejays travel to Montgomery this Friday to face Tri-City United. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Waseca 38, Jordan 21					
JOR	7	14	0	0	— 21
WAS	0	21	3	14	— 38

First Quarter
JOR — Mason Adamek 61 run (Braxton Roberts kick)

Second Quarter
WAS — Micah Allen-Haas 2 run (Owen Rupe kick)

JOR — Noah Salzwedel 49 pass from Graham Helgerson (Roberts kick)

WAS — Ethan Hiller 21 pass from Kellen Klinger (Rupe kick)

WAS — Damarius Russell 16 pass from Klinger (Rupe kick)

JOR — Owen Halvorson 39 pass from Helgerson (Roberts kick)

Third Quarter
WAS — Rupe field goal

Fourth Quarter
WAS — Deron Russell 7 pass from Klinger (Rupe kick)

WAS — De-Russell 8 pass from Klinger (Rupe kick)

	JOR	WAS
First downs	11	22
Rushing	27-141	37-113
Passing	8-17-0	28-35-0
Passing Yds.	137	366
Total Yds.	278	479
Turnovers	0	0
Penalties	4-45	8-55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — WAS: Klinger 20-72; Bennett Ludwig 11-22; Allen-Haas 5-20; Jett Rohl 1 —1; JOR: Adamek 10-119; Lane Schmitt 9-19; Owen Maloney 1-3; Helgerson 7-0
Passing — WAS: Klinger 28-35-0, 366; JOR: Helgerson 8-17, 137
Receiving — WAS: Da-Russell 16-211; Deron Russell 8-96; Hiller 2-29; William Mansfield 1-16; Ludwig 1-14; JOR: Salzwedel 3-61; Halvorson 1-39; Mitchell Schmidt 2-19; Hunter Sherette 1-11; Adamek 1-7
Waseca Defense — Cyrett Long 2 tackles, 1 assist; Da-Russell 1A; Hiller 2A; Kolyten Quillen 2T, 3A; De-Russell 2T; Max Wirtz 1T; Mansfield 2T; Allen-Haas 6T, 1 sack; Kyle McGuire 1T, 1A; Tauston Rupe 6T, 7A, 1 fumble rec.; Brady McKenna 2T, 1A, 1S; Lucas Selthun 2A; Brandyn Jascha 1A; Julius Oviedo 1A; Max Howard 1T, 2A; Malachi Noble rec. on-side kick



Da.Russell



RECORD-SETTING NIGHT — It was a record-setting night for the Bluejays' Damarius Russell (3), above making a one-handed catch, and freshman quarterback Kellen Klinger (15), below right. Below left, Micah Allen-Haas scores a first-half touchdown. Pioneer photos by Jim Lutgens



BIG PLAYS — Above, Deron Russell (7) turns it up field after on eof his eight catches. Below, William Mansfield gains extra yards after hauling in a pass against Jordan last Friday.



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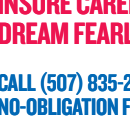
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