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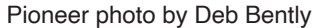
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Isaiah 43:18-19



Waseca County History Center and the Waseca Art Center planned this year's Lakefest. The event was made possible by a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The Waseca Area Foundation also assisted with funding.



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small Northern Iowa town, Scholbrock is famously known, and likely to be recognized by anyone attending a local fair, as the “kids’ tractor pull guy.” He and his team travel across four states hosting dozens of tractor pull events for competitors ages 4 through 12 each year from April through October. Local events readers may recognize include Ellendale Days, New Richland’s Farm and City Days, and next Thursday,



"Much like a state representative represents a district, a Waseca council member represents a part of the city which are called wards," he elaborated. "To represent a ward, you must live in that part of the city. For whatever reason, Conrath no longer lives in the ward he represents. So, that triggers a resignation."

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Well, like I said...

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Conclusion: Height doesn't really matter

As a 5'8", maybe 5'9" guy, I've always been conscious about my height (or lack thereof). Throughout high school, the thought of being short always added to my anxiety and lack of confidence.

This confidence issue reached a climax when I started getting into relationships. One girl I dated in high school was slightly taller than me, maybe an inch at most. It was a subject brought up occasionally, and it made me more conscious about how short I was. It further reinforced the stereotype that "women like taller guys" in my mind.

But in reality, the preference about height is mixed in the current dating pool. Roughly half the women in the world believe height matters and prefer their date to be taller than them. The other half claim that, at the end of the day, only personality is important.

Here's the thing, I come from a short family. My biological dad is about 5'6" while my mom is 5'7". She's a few inches taller than the average woman, but her side of the family is quite short; my aunt is about 5' while my grandma is about 5'2". So as you can see, I had my genes working against me.

It was such a source of concern for me as a high-schooler that I started looking up solutions to get taller: Stretching, hanging on the monkey bars every day, sleeping in weird positions, taking supplements like ashwagandha....It became something of an obsession. I kept thinking, "I'm only 5'8" now. How can I get that extra inch so that I could claim to be taller than my girlfriend?" Could I beat my genes and make it to six feet? Was there a chance of growing taller?

Long story short (no pun intended), I grew maybe another inch, just a bit short of 5'10". Since then, I feel like I have lost that inch of height due to my posture and the gravity of all my body fat holding me down. After all, I'm not a small man in the weight department.

When I stayed around the 5'9" height throughout my college years, I was bummed. Though I

cared less and less about it as time went on, it still shrouded me in a veil of skepticism regarding my appearance.

There were cute girls I'd see in my college's cafeteria or the café, and I'd wonder if I should talk to them. But if they were taller than me, I'd feel inferior. If they were shorter than me, I'd still feel like what I offered wasn't enough. My insecurities caused me to miss out on quite a few opportunities and often left me wondering what could have been.

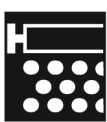
These days, though, I have confirmed one thing: Height doesn't really matter. A study says that according to the American Psychological Association, a man standing at 6'0" makes \$166,000 more in a 30-year career than someone at 5'5". So, maybe it's true that being taller gives you an advantage in life. But it's not the end-all-be-all.

Exhibit A: I get mistaken for our other publisher, Eli, all the time. I have been ever since I started working at the Janesville Journal in 2019. Eli is at least 6'2", if not 6'3". He's about half a foot taller than I am. Yet people mistake me for him quite a bit. Maybe it's the shaggy hairstyle we share?

It used to bother me some, because I never thought I looked that much like him, especially because of the height difference. But it's become more of a compliment: Eli is a super-hard worker. If there's one guy I don't mind being mistaken for, it's him.

Exhibit B: Lots of celebrities are short. Tom Cruise comes to mind. If that 5'7" man can pull someone like Nicole Kidman at 5'11", then we short kings have a chance. Other more extreme examples include Peter Dinklage of Game of Thrones or Warwick Davis from the Harry Potter movies.

So, does height really matter? Maybe to some people, especially when it comes to dating. But you know what? I'm not doing too bad for myself as a short guy. I made it this far.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send your letters of comment to
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or email us at steagle@hickorytech.net.

Dear Editor,

Finally! A local newspaper I won't be wrapping fish in or lining our bird cage with!

Jurgen Peters, Waseca

Dear Eli and Michael,

The minute I got my sample paper, I was hooked. In my opinion, it's well written and humble and proud at the same time! Good job.

-Patricia J. Skov,
New Richland

Dear Eli,

Three weeks ago, I called to ask you where I could buy the Star in Waseca. You then asked if I would like to subscribe to the paper. I was planning on ordering it this month.

But now with this great paper I will gladly get this one [instead].

I figured if Waseca was able to get a good local paper again, it would be your family that would do it. Thank you.

Richard Hagen
Waseca

Dear Editor

Thanks for taking the chance on this great idea for a local paper.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this edition of the paper. All the stories were great and well done and it was so refreshing to read local news about local people. I also subscribe to the Star Eagle and will continue to do that.

I gladly give you my check for a subscription to the Waseca County Pioneer. Thanks to both of you and all your staff!

Caryn Kendt, Waseca resident and a graduate of New Richland High School

Dear Editor,

Many Wasecans are excited to have a true local newspaper – best of luck.

Don Zwach
Waseca

Ask a candidate your question

The *Waseca County Pioneer* is asking for reader submitted questions they would like to see the two candidates running for Waseca County Sheriff to answer. Press releases for both candidates are found on Page 14. The Pioneer is working on inter-

view questions for the two candidates and questions can be submitted to the Pioneer via email or mail.

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Trying to find a happy medium

Like basically every other young adult in the world, at 19-nearly-20 years old, I have begun to take control of my life and future. For me, there is a stark contrast between how I've become accustomed to living my life and where I see myself say 10 years from now. It was incredibly easy to coast through my childhood and teen years and let life happen to me: there was always gonna be another band concert, another piano recital, another track meet, one last marching band parade etc. until one day...there wasn't. Last June, I walked across the stage at my high school graduation. It wasn't as emotional for me as it was for others, but it almost felt out of body how fast it had all ended. And that feeling of lacking closure was definitely amplified by the way Covid-19 uprooted our lives in 2020. As a junior in high school, I wasn't particularly devastated at the loss of any part of school life because I was already mentally checked out, on autopilot, with my eyes on the future—but I was still robbed of the opportunity to rise to the occasion and finally excel publicly at something. My saving grace ended up being able to write for the school newspaper, the Panther Press. Those stories remain the crown accomplishment of my high school experience, but I didn't even start writing seriously until Covid was in full swing.

In terms of my participation with the high school band, I was kinda



Looking in the Mirror

by Jonah Stafford
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"phoning things in," in terms of effort for basically all of high school until Covid. I didn't care a whole ton about practicing or striving towards excellence, but being in band offered a setting to meet and talk to other students. Especially with marching band, I honestly dreaded the effort and dedication it required, but once I got up and moving, I would have a lot of fun. I slowly but surely made progress in my three summers with the drumline, but we'll never know if I could've gone any further than a middling bass drum player because Covid took away my senior season. I am enjoying my time as a percussionist in my college's band, but as a musician, I am very much a work in progress. There is probably no Grammy award in my future, but I can always be heard whispering and laughing in the percussion section when I should be paying attention!

FFA isn't something I got to pursue seriously in high school. I joined in the 2019-20 school year a.k.a. "when everything fell apart." Lucky me! But I did participate in the Small Animal and Veterinary Science

contest team that made it to the state level. Finally, all of the animal knowledge I accumulated over the years was going towards something and I was part of a successful team anchored by a couple of incredibly dedicated seniors. Too bad the whole contest (and the entire state convention) ended up getting canceled. So again, we'll just never know how far we could've gone. The team made state again the following year, though both the regional and state competitions ended up being online. Anticlimactic, yes, but I won a silver ribbon to commemorate my success. It was presented at a small ceremony about a month after graduation; at least I finally got one individual award in my high school career.

In general, I don't seem to respond very enthusiastically to recognition and attention: if I'm showered in praises, it feels meaningless. However, so does accomplishing something without any fanfare. I feel like writing has given me an outlet where the recognition I receive is at a happy medium. By the time I get published, what I wrote has usually been out of

my system for several days and I'm ready for feedback. Ideally, of course, I would like to consistently produce work that deserves a positive reception and helps me build a favorable reputation for what I do. This is the field I want to be in long term after all! But I also recognize that I may need some rigid guidance and negative feedback before I can elevate what I'm doing to the highest possible level.

I want to succeed for myself: I am passionate about sharing the talents and interests of people in this community and the events that interest them, but I wouldn't be doing this if I didn't see it as a gateway to a higher plain of existence. Though I've often given only half effort to many of my past endeavors, I want to put only my best foot forward as a writer. As frustrating as it can be, I only want to write when I'm feeling creatively activated. I can't really force a story or a column out just because it needs to be done, but in the right headspace, the words flow smoothly. Perhaps the difference between writing and anything else I've done in my life is that I actually have passion for this and care. So for all the other kids that got told off for "not applying yourself," just open a Google Doc or a notebook or something and get creative! Make your thoughts come alive. Maybe things will fall into place and you'll discover that writing is right for you.

It's important to take a moment and pause

It's July. We have stepped into the second half of the year and entered "real summer,"—that time we dreamt of during those cold, dark, below-zero days. That "something better" that kept us going when we could barely move through the cold, ice and snow.

That's something to remind ourselves of: We longed for this, and now we have it. We should take a moment to celebrate that.

Something else we celebrate at this time is freedom.

This, though, is July of the year 2022. Yet another July like no other. And so perhaps we should feel inspired to examine how we define "freedom." We think of it as independence, self reliance, choice.

As a school counselor who has seen the stresses and difficulties the young people in our communities face, I wish to offer an alternate perspective on the concept of "freedom."

While many seem to view it as the



THOUGHTFUL TIDBITS

by Shane Roessler
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right to do as we please, let me suggest we see it instead as the opportunity to do what is right. After all, we may all be riding on the same stormy, confusing currents, but we are not all riding in the same boat.

Based on what I have observed over the past 20 years as a counselor, there definitely are some things that have remained the same for our students. The stresses and confusions of finding ourselves while preparing to leave home and set out on our own—those are much the same as they've always been.

On the other hand, some of us remember sitting up all night writing a

confidential note and trying to determine where to hide it so the recipient (and only the recipient) would find it. We could never have conceived the instant and anonymous means people now have to share their feelings—no sleepless night required. We would have scoffed at the possibility that school could be offered virtually. We would never have pictured the roller coaster ups and downs experienced by businesses and the workforce over the past few years.

For those of us sailing the stormy sea of life, past experience is no longer a reliable predictor of what might be waiting for us up ahead.

From pandemic news to mass shootings, we are confronted with information on a level that bombards the senses.

As we enter into this second half of 2022, it is important to take a moment and pause. Take a deep breath and step away from the bombardments. It is easy to get lost in the turbulence without realizing how close we are to going under. Are we truly free when we are constantly reacting to the world around us?

Our greatest freedom is the freedom to choose. It is key to remember that, when faced with something unexpected or unpleasant, we choose how to respond. We are not limited to anger when something we do not like happens to us or when we experience a loss or hardship. We get to take what is thrown at us and make whatever we want from it.

And, just as we are free to choose

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So many thanks, but let's end with Matt



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens
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went through hundreds photos for various stories. Taking those photos and conducting the necessary interviews was a genuine privilege. I was made privy to some incredible tales. What readers don't know is there are a lot of details I get to hear that often are not printed. I call those the perks of the job.

Sometimes we find a way to hint at the details which interviewees don't want shared, but most of the time we writers simply join the select group which is in on the secret.

For next week's paper I interviewed Rick Morris of Waseca Floral. It was a lot of fun.

The last couple times I chatted with him, one while shopping for Mother's Day and the other business related, I heard some good stories. I wasn't "interviewing" him at the time, just shooting the breeze. However, those earlier conversations helped this actual interview go well.

When I speak or write about a "community" newspaper, that's what I mean. If I hadn't had those previous conversations, my recent exchange would not have been as rich.

My first introduction to Rick and company came in 2014 and 2016 when I purchased prom corsages for myself and my date. Remembering

this led me to ask Rick about his first time in a floral shop. He, too, had his first experience with a florist while shopping for a prom corsage. He recounted that purchase in detail, much of which will be included in next week's feature article.

For an article appearing in this week's paper, I was able to speak with Rick Scholbrock, owner of Kid Power Pedal Pulls, which runs the little kid tractor pulls for ages 4-11 at the Waseca County Fair. Interviewing Rick, I was able to ask questions I wouldn't have known to ask if I had not attended so many area celebrations where his programs were featured.

At the paper

Last week's publication has left me with a whirlwind of emotions.

Wednesday, press day, began with an anonymous tip about an incident at the New Richland Care Center. Following up on that call led to hours of scrambling to collect information and corroborate the facts. Had it not been for that sudden flurry of activity, the paper would have been print ready by the middle of the afternoon.

As things turned out, the final version of the paper was sent to the printer just 10 minutes before it was scheduled to print. Talk about a

"deadline"...

The pressure and intensity of that sudden turn of events, however, led to some of my fondest memories of that edition. Those of us still in the office by 8:45 p.m. made many last-minute corrections and share many "inside" laughs, including the last-minute discovery that we had nearly put the wrong day of the week on several pages. In the end, we had to accept our finished product as "satisfactory" rather than "ideal" and submit the paper to the printer.

That is an inside joke here at the Pioneer. When my father would put together newspaper pages, he wouldn't check the electronic pages prior to sending them to the printer. He would simply trust that the work he had already done to correct everything was good enough. So I liked to joke that he was "throwing darts," because every time I look at the "finished" electronic versions I catch mistakes. Boy do I envy my father.

And that's what we plan to do here at the paper. We throw darts.

In other news

Last week I left off several people who are deserving of thanks. Matt Petsinger and family.

Matt has opened his office and was our first supporter, not only in words, but action. Speaking with Jim Boerboom the other day about Tink Larson Field, and the work put into the rebuild, Jim said the first big step, after a plan of course, is getting that first big contributor. And that first big person was Matt. I, and the *Pioneer*, owe him a debt of gratitude.

Thank you.



Secretary Theresa Riecke is pictured with rider Dale Riecke, whose family has been in the group since 1864.



Amy Roemhildt, Diane Roeker, and Scott Roemhildt catch up with each other before eating lunch.

■ Detectives

from Page 1

From that day forward, local “detectives” vowed “not to let history repeat itself.”

The group formed officially on February 16, 1864. Members helped put an end to horse stealing not only in Waseca County, but also some nearby communities.

Members have met regularly ever since. In the past, they met monthly. After a few years, the members determined that they only needed to meet quarterly since the horse theft problems in the county had dwindled.

“In 1880, they switched to yearly meetings,” Roemhildt states. “We’ve met annually ever since.”

Some members have had family within the organization since its inception.

The Horse Thief Detectives hold their meetings according to Robert’s Rules of Order. They take care of old business from the past year, talk about new business for this year, and—most importantly—make sure none of the members’ horses were stolen.

Among this year’s new business was selecting parades the group would appear in, determining the amount of money to be donated to Minnesota’s Law Enforcement Memorial Association, accepting a

member’s donation to match that contribution, and electing officers. Nine riders act as the posse which investigates any horse thefts reported to the group. Jack Howell was elected as the captain of the riders for this year.

After the meeting, the group took part in some fun activities including a pie-eating contest, a bubble gum bubble-blowing contest, and the sack toss.

Many of Waseca County’s Horse Thief Detectives members have been in it for years. Some memberships span generations, with a few families that have been part of it since its inception.

“What’s nice is that members of the Horse Thief Detectives have family ties,” says Dale Riecke, one of the group’s riders. “Our family has been here since 1864. We weren’t part of the original group, but we’ve been involved since near the beginning.”

“I’ve been part of this since 1988,” says organization president Roemhildt. “Former County Sheriff Mert Schwarz recruited me. I was involved with his posse and with the horses, so it made sense for me to join.”

While horse thefts may be less common than ever, the members of the Waseca County Horse Thief Detectives remain vigilant and are always looking for members. “It only costs \$3 to be a lifetime member,” says Secretary Theresa Riecke. “We welcome everyone that is interested in joining...except for horse thieves.”

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Meet your neighbor, Matt

Name: Matt Petsinger

Town: Waseca

Age: 44

Family: Wife Becky, Children Michael (7), Mitchell (5), Matilyn (2)

Occupation: American Family Insurance Agent

Hobbies: Wrestling, camping, helping people

My dream vacation would be: Sweden

The best thing about small town living is: Being able to build personal connections with people.

Last Good Book I Read: It's Your Ship by D. Michael Abrashoff

Favorite TV show: NCIS and MASH

Favorite Food: Steak

All Time Favorite Movie: Men

of Honor

Favorite Sports Team: MSU Mavericks

Favorite musical artists: Garth Brooks, older country music

My favorite activities when I was growing up: Baling hay, wrestling, raising animals with my family

My biggest pet peeve: No hot water or lukewarm water for shower

The best advice I've ever received: "You can choose to be happy or you can choose to be right."

If I could have lunch with any one person, living or dead: Dale Carnegie, Author

Something about me that would surprise people: I have taken ballroom dancing lessons.



Neighbor Matt is a member of the MSU Mankato Hall of Fame and the NCAA Division II wrestling Hall of Fame.

Koza-Meyers play final library concert

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

“Welcome to our last concert of the summer,” librarian Afton Finley said as she greeted an audience of community members June 28. After four consecutive Tuesday nights of live music presented by the Waseca Public Library, the annual summer concert series has come to an end.

But when the music played for the final time this summer at Trowbridge Park, it touched the hearts of those in attendance, as they were delighted by the indie pop sensibilities of Chris Koza and Jourdain Meyers. The pair are Twin Cities-based musicians who have performed together for about 4 years.

After a period of harsh weather recently, Koza declared that evening’s atmosphere to be “a little bit perfect.”

Indeed, it was coily breezy and the sun was shining bright. Save for a few insects which Koza called “little critters around here,” the conditions were ideal for an outdoor concert.

In addition to singing lead, Koza is a multi-instrumentalist, and proved it by playing guitar and harmonica during the concert. He also performs both as a solo artist and a member of the band Rogue Valley. Meyers, who also performs as a soloist under the name JØur, accompanied Koza with her singing and keyboard playing.

“If you get the wrong harmonica, it’s as dramatic as if the surgeon grabs the wrong implement,” joked Koza as he prepared for one song.

Koza and Meyers said they are friends with We The Willows, who performed at last week’s summer concert, calling the group a “wonder-

ful band.”

Koza’s third song of the night, “Anagram,” was one he described as an “ode to harmless mischief and cheap thrills.” It’s words detailed the ways the meaning of a relationship can change as its boundaries are redefined.

As Koza introduced “Radio Wave,” a song inspired by his experiences with online dating, audience members seemed to be in agreement that the local dating scene is “not so great,” when prompted regarding it. The lyrics described a situation of growing space between online dating partners who are drifting apart, but seek to ride the same wave.

Meyers then took center stage as the sole performer of the song “Cut,” which describes how emotional wounds can become more painful the deeper a relationship becomes.

Koza’s solo songs “Hush” and “A Marble In A Wooden Maze,” were featured in the soundtracks of General Hospital and Virgin River respectively.

One late-show highlight was the Rogue Valley song “The Wolves and The Ravens,” featured in the Ben Stiller movie The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. The finale was “Wishing Well,” a song describing the feelings of processing a breakup and not wanting to believe that it’s truly over.

One audience member declared a desire to hear “one more song,” but the concert had already extended slightly past the intended 1-hour timeframe.

The crowd was able to bring the beauty of music home with them, however, as CDs, vinyls, shirts, and more were on sale after the show.



Jourdain Meyers takes the stage playing the keyboard and serving as a backup singer for Chris Koza.



Chris Koza performs with a harmonica around his neck as he strums his guitar and sings. Pioneer photos by Jonah Stafford

LeBlanc, a career folk singer-songwriter

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

Singer/songwriter Luke LeBlanc gave the audience some easy-listening folk music to tap their feet to at Lakefest this past 4th of July.

Born and raised in Minneapolis, LeBlanc got into music early and knew that he wanted to make it a career. “When my grandpa died, he left behind a beat-up guitar,” he says. “I asked my grandma if I could have it. When she said yes, I decided to start getting into music.”

From there, at age 11, he dedicated time to teaching himself how to play the guitar. While he admits that he isn’t a virtuoso on the instrument, he definitely mastered the art of folk early, sporting a harmonica and developing his gravelly vocals.

LeBlanc says his songwriting process is simply letting the words fall out of the sky. “I don’t dedicate time to sitting down and writing the songs,” he says. “I like them to come to me naturally.”

Those instincts helped him become the youngest winner of the

Zimmy’s national Dylan influenced singer-songwriter competition (an event named after Bob Dylan) in Hibbing at age 13.

LeBlanc also auditioned for “The Voice” in 2016, but according to his dad, Duke LeBlanc, they decided that he could make it on his own without industry help.

“We were unsure of the contract agreement,” LeBlanc’s father said. “I talked to a lawyer about it, and we decided that he could be successful without making the industry more money.”

Now, at age 26, LeBlanc has shown that he can carve his own path to success. He released the EP Time on My Hands in 2018 and his debut album Only Human in 2021. He’s also played beside many bluegrass, folk, and country rock acts such as Charlie Parr, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and the Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

He considers his playing area mostly within the five-state region that includes Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, and Iowa. However,



SAME BLUES – Luke LeBlanc performed all original songs at Waseca’s Lakefest this past 4th of July. Photo by Michael Roy

he states that he will play “wherever he is wanted.” One such opportunity was when he played in Austin, TX for the South by Southwest Music Festival in 2017.

Although LeBlanc has spent his whole life in the Twin Cities, he does have ties to Waseca. Father Luke LeBlanc graduated from Waseca High School before moving to northern Minneapolis. Before he and his band made their stop in Clear Lake Park

for Lakefest, his bandmate and Minneapolis musician Nick Salisbury drove around Waseca to check things out.

“I see why so many people from the Twin Cities move down here,” he says. “There are so many beautiful views..”

LeBlanc shared that he will be releasing a new album soon. He is hopeful that it will come out this year.

OBITUARIES

Deborah Tesch

Deborah Kaye Tesch, age 68 of Le Sueur, passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at Ridgeview Hospital in Waconia.

Born in Waseca on November 17, 1953, Deb was the daughter of Stewart and Lila (Brooks) Fell. She attended school in Waseca before beginning her working years. In 1972 Deb married Jerry Tesch in Waseca. She liked crafting and used her abilities in sewing, crocheting, and quilting to create clothing, dolls, stuffed animals, and quilts for those she loved. She also enjoyed playing bingo, watching gameshows and Cash Cab, playing cards, collecting animal keepsakes, and spending time with her friends and family. Years ago she was also very gifted in mathematics and guitar. For the last fifteen years Deb worked in quality control at Truth Hardware in Owatonna where she made many lasting friends.

Deb is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Jerry Tesch of Le Sueur; son, Jeremy (Cynthia Gaylor) Tesch of Mankato; grand-



Deborah Tesch

daughters, Montana (Robbie) Bigness of Mankato and Taylor Christiansen of Janesville; son-in-law, Todd Christiansen of Janesville, and six siblings. She was preceded in death by both of her parents; a daughter, Amie Christiansen; a son Jason Tesch; and four siblings.

Deborah's family will hold a celebration of her life at a future date to be later announced.

Daniel Timlin

Daniel Robert Timlin, age 60 of Mankato, earned his heavenly wings when his ALS journey came to an end on Sunday, June 26, 2022 in the comforts of his home surrounded by his wife and children.

Born on March 27, 1962 in Waseca. Dan was the son of James and Margaret "Peggy" (Murphy) Timlin. Dan attended several schools growing up, but the Mapleton "Scots" were his high school home. Football and wrestling were his passion until a knee injury prevented him from finishing playing his senior year. Dan graduated in 1980 with some extraordinary classmates who later played a very powerful role in his life and to his family.

Dan went on to attend Mankato State University to study law enforcement, a career he had known he wanted to pursue since he was a very small boy. He was offered his first law enforcement position in Winnebago. Dan married Barb Rath from Easton and they moved to Waseca where they raised their two children but later divorced. Dan was with the Waseca Police Department where he

served over 20 years. He had the privilege of knowing and working with some highly respected and exceptional officers, dispatchers, jailers, county workers, judges, and those in the Sheriff's department.

He enjoyed drives with his sons to find old abandoned bridges, metal detecting, fishing, gun range, collecting old items most people would toss, strolling museums, and backyard bean bags with his family and friends. Dan was a numbers and dates guy, ask him any random year current or previous century and he could tell you something that happened. He would have made a great historian or history teacher as a secondary career.

Dan was fortunate to find love again and married Renee (Recknor) Sass in 2017. Little did he know the significant "rock" Renee would be. For better or worse, in sickness and in health was true to life.

After a major knee replacement surgery, Dan was able to walk and work again and went on to be General Manager of a non-emergency medical transportation company, Kato Cab. He oversaw the office manager, dispatchers, mechanics,

bookkeeping and all day-to-day operations.

An ALS diagnosis was stricken not only to Dan, but also the family. Together they traveled his journey side by side. Every set back was now the "new norm." Dan was a true inspiration to many as he met every ALS challenge with such grace and determination. His motto was "I am not afraid to die, just in no hurry." With his Christian belief, Dan knew he was going to a glorious place one day. He now embraces all those who have passed and all ailments have been abolished. He is walking and pacing with our Heavenly Father. Dan's memory will live on in our hearts, conversations, and wonderful memories.

Dan is survived by his wife, Renee Timlin; two sons, Zach Timlin and Carter Timlin; and two stepchildren, Lawrence Sass and Amanda Sass. He is also survived by five siblings, Steve (Bev) Timlin of WI, Terry (Elke) Timlin of AZ, Kari Ann Timlin of Faribault, Jay Timlin of Wells, and Gina (Joel) Ard of OR; mother-in-law, Marilyn Recknor of Waseca and brother-in-law, Jeff Recknor of Albert Lea. He was preceded in



Daniel Timlin

death by his parents, Jim Timlin and Peggy Thompson; brother, Rick Timlin; brother-in-law, Dan Joel; and stepson, Andrew Sass.

A visitation was held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at the State Street Chapel of Dennis Funeral & Cremation Services in Waseca followed by a prayer service. Interment took place at Calvary Cemetery in Waseca.

Janice Zimmerman

Janice Mae Zimmerman, age 79, of Waseca died on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at Mayo Clinic Health System in Waseca.

Born on December 22, 1942, in Sleepy Eye to Clarence and Mildred (Jensen) Kuelbs. She grew up on a farm near Sleepy Eye and attended Sleepy Eye Public School, graduating with the class of 1960. Following her education, she worked for the United States Postal Service in Redwood Falls where she met her future husband, Raymond Zimmermann. They were united in marriage on June 26, 1964, at St. John Lutheran Church in Sleepy Eye. Janice and Raymond began their married life in the cities before making their home in Waseca where they raised two children. Together they shared 49 years of marriage before Raymond passed away on June 29, 2013. Although Janice never worked outside of the home, she spent many hours volunteering at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waseca and taught Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed the outdoors, nature, and animals. Janice cherished her children and grandchildren, always staying on top of their activities. She was always willing to help others and will be dearly missed.

Janice is survived by her children: Scott (Tracy) Zimmermann of Owatonna, and Kelly Zimmer-



Janice Zimmerman

mann of Waseca; grandchildren: Danielle (Andrew) Helms, Jeremy (Abby) Zimmermann, and Courtney Zimmermann; great grandchildren: Levi and Jacob Helms and Easton and Indie Zimmermann; sister, Joyce (Roger) Berkner of Homestead, AR; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brother in infancy.

Funeral Service was at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis Funeral & Cremation Services. Interment followed at Woodville Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel on Wednesday.

Janice Kaupa

Janice Marie Kaupa, age 79 of Waseca, passed away on the morning of Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Homestead Hospice House in Owatonna.

Born on December 30, 1942 in Waterville, Janice was the daughter of Norman and Ruth (Waugh) Klatt. As a young woman she attended school in Waterville before beginning her life with her husband, John W. Kaupa, whom she married at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa on June 6, 1959. Janice spent her working years with Wally's Cleaners, Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home, Red Owl Grocery Store, and Shady Oaks Nursery, all in Waseca. In recent years she was a board member for the Waseca Senior Citizen's Center and volunteered with

the "Some Time Away" program and enjoyed her involvement in the Waseca American Legion Auxiliary. She was a long-time member of Faith United Methodist Church in Waseca where she participated in Faith United Methodist Women. Janice enjoyed cooking and baking, sewing, reading, crocheting, flower gardening, fishing, and was an award-winning trap shooter.

Janice is survived by three children, Penny Flitsch of Rosemount, John (Julie Hodap) Kaupa of New Richland, and Todd (Stephanie) Kaupa of Waterville; nine grandchildren, Melissa Flitsch, Cory Kaupa, Jared Kaupa, Nicole Kaupa, Earl Flitsch, Jennie Kaupa, Jessica Schroeder, Mollie Kaupa, and Jordan Kunze; three great-grandchildren Wyatt, Blake, and Norah; one more

great-grandchild on the way, Mazi-keen; two nephews, Robert (Paula) Kaupa of Waseca and Nathan (Melissa) Kaupa of Waseca; two great-nieces; two great-nephews; one great-great-niece; and one great-great-nephew. She was preceded in death by both of her parents; her husband; her parents-in-law, John and Dorothy Kaupa; a sister-in-law, Marguerite Kaupa; and a brother-in-law, Richard Kaupa.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022 at Faith United Methodist Church in Waseca, with Rev. Carolyn Doering officiating. Visitation was held for one hour before the service at the church. Interment followed at Sakatah Cemetery in Waterville.



Janice Kaupa

David Marzinske

David Erman Marzinske, age 76, of rural Waldorf died on July 2, 2022, at the New Richland Care Center.

Born on February 25, 1946, in Waseca to Robert and Marie (Klampe) Marzinske. David was baptized as an infant on March 17, 1946 and confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 15, 1960 all at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Alma City. He attended Waldorf-Pemberton Public School, graduating with the class of 1964. David furthered his education at Mankato State University. It was while attending Mankato State where David met Valley Henderson, through mutual friends and they were united in marriage on June 28, 1969, in Northfield. In 1970, David was drafted into the United States Army, and was stationed in Germany until his honor-

able discharge in 1972. Following his time with the military, David and Valley moved to rural Waldorf where they raised their four daughters. David was a salesman for Watkins Feed starting in 1972 and continued this career throughout his life until his health no longer allowed, as he loved his visits with local farmers. In his free time, David enjoyed hunting and hiking in the mountains. He served his community as a member of the Waldorf-Pemberton and J-W-P School Boards. Above all else David's life revolved around serving the Lord and passing on his faith to his children and grandchildren. He was an active, lifelong member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Alma City where he served as an elder and on the church council for many years.

David is survived by his wife of 53 years, Valley; daughters: Amy (Jer-

emy) Doerhoefer, Tammy (Kevin) Foss, Kim (Steve) Manning, and Mindy (Nate) Scharlemann; grandchildren: Jeff (Sara), Cody (Elaina), Ryan, and Evan Doerhoefer; Acacia, John, Maddie, and Ben Foss; Kyle and Valerie Manning; Tristan (Kayla), Lexi, Ellie, and Brody Scharlemann; great grandchildren: Jacob Doerhoefer, and Olivia and Taylor Scharlemann; siblings: Marlys Roemhildt of Pemberton, and Bob (LeAnn) Marzinske of rural Janesville; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents; brother, Louis (Norma) Marzinske; and brother-in-law, Vernon Roemhildt.

Funeral service was at noon on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Alma City. Interment was at Alma City Cemetery. Visitation began at 10



David Marzinske

a.m. and continued until the time of the service on Tuesday at church.

William Ewert

William Hugo Ewert age 95, of Janesville, died on July 4, 2022 at Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center in Mankato.

Born on August 12, 1926, in Vivian Township, Waseca County, to Hugo and Myrtice (Beyer) Ewert. Bill was baptized as an infant and confirmed in his youth both at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville. He received his education first at Trinity Lutheran School and graduated from Janesville High School in 1944. Following his education, he was drafted into the United States Army where he served overseas in the Philippines and Japan during WWII. Bill was honorably discharged in 1946. On November 5, 1947, Bill was united in marriage to Shirley Rollins at

Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville. Together they made their home in Janesville while raising two children. Bill and Shirley shared 59 years of marriage before Shirley passed away on February 1, 2007.

Bill was a hard worker throughout his life, in his early years he owned and operated Ewert Dairy until 1964. He drove truck for Webb Scott and Bud Schmidt in Waseca as well as for Del Goebel-Jensen before retiring from truck driving in 1987. Bill also had a 29 1/2 year career with Crystal Valley Coop. Bill enjoyed going to cabin with his family on the weekends where he taught his kids to fish and waterski. Later in life he enjoyed motorcycling. In 2022, Bill received a certificate for his 75 years of dedicated membership to the Janesville American Legion.

Bill is survived by his children: Lynn Wheelock (Barney Lawson) of Janesville and Ted (Esther) Ewert of Smiths Mill; grandchildren: Tricia (Aaron) Kallunki, Jamie Wheelock, Beckie Wheelock, Mark Ewert (Sarah Petrich), and Sara (Corey) Ashmore; great grandchildren: Mryhia, Alyssa, Ava, Stella, Abraham, and Theodore; other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Roger; and great granddaughter, Harper.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville. Interment with military honors will be in Janesville Cemetery. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.



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Members of the colorguard pose for a picture. Top photo, the brass and woodwinds get into block formation to practice marching.
Pioneer photos by Amelia Roessler

‘22 Marching Jays’ “Get in Step” week

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Staff Writer

The famed Waseca Marching Jays have kicked off another marching season with a bang. Last week brought New Marcher’s Training, or “Get In Step Week,” with three days spent teaching new marchers or members of the band how to keep in step while also playing their instruments. The first day only the new members were brought in for the first hour or so, but then the rest of the band was brought in as examples and guides for the new marchers. Immediately after three days of training came the test: the Lake Crystal Parade.

This important start of the season event took place the evening of Friday, June 17, and brought a real-life experience for the new marchers. Dressed in their “unders,” or matching shirts and outfits, the Waseca Marching band took to the streets of Lake Crystal with their parade tune, “Immortals.” Although it was a hot day to march, “The kids pushed through and I thought there was a lot for them to be proud of,” says band director Devon Lawrence. “It still blows my mind that we get all that done in just 12 hours of rehearsal!”

July is when the real fun begins,

and the field show starts to take shape. “A Fine Line” is the theme for this year’s field show. The show will be about French artist Vincent Van Gogh and the “fine line” between madness and genius. It features an accordion solo and a tango movement. “I’m excited and I think it’s going to be really good and really fun,” says junior Addie Bombsta. Drum Majors senior Lindsey Kopetzki and junior Hannah LaCroix are the leaders for this season’s excitement. Says Kopetzki, “I know this season is going to be probably one of the best shows we’ve had in a really long time; it’s so different from everything else.”

Band director Devon Lawrence feels much the same. His goals for the band this season include finding ways to involve the band in the community “through performance and volunteerism, to create a positive, healthy culture within our ensemble to help it grow, and to put on a great show for our audiences that the students feel proud of,” Lawrence says.

With a lot of freshmen stepping up in the 96-member band, the 2022 season for the Waseca Marching Jays will be one for the books.



More than two dozen kids and parents attend an “Oceans of Possibilities” event at the Waseca Public Library last month. Some of those kids are shown above working on decorating their heart of Te Fiti.
Pioneer photo by Amelia Roessler

Oceans of possibilities

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Staff Writer

“Oceans of Possibilities” is the motto and theme for this summer at the public libraries this year, and the Waseca Le Sueur Public Library is embracing it. As this theme is a nationwide one, each branch can plan its own range of activities, with some branches sometimes sharing events, and other times coming up with their own.

With oceans of possibilities of ideas for parties and activities for the kids, one of the first chosen by the Waseca branch was Moana, the Disney movie about an island girl finding a demigod and saving her people while discovering who she really is as she travels the ocean.

The Moana themed party happened June 13 at 10 a.m. and featured five different stations of activities for the 34 parents and

kids. Among their options were finding a gem (the heart of Te Fiti as a reference to the movie), decorating the gem, making their own leis out of tissue paper, bowling, and paper boat making. Brianna Bleeker, children’s librarian at the Waseca Le Sueur branch and head children’s librarian for the whole system, was the person in charge of putting together the Moana party. “I try and provide programming for all of the branches, keep everyone on track,” she says. Of the June 13 party she said, “We try to celebrate Hawaiian and Polynesian culture.” There will be other activities later in the summer, including a mermaid party, and later, “How To Train Your Dragon,” which, although not quite fitting the “oceans of possibility” theme, has been on the docket for the library since Covid started, so look out for upcoming fun!

Wishing you nothing but happiness



FAREWELL – Hundreds attended a recognition celebration for Tim and Becky Dennis Friday, July 1. From left, new owners Sam Steffel, Aaron Omtvedt and the Dennises.
Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

Electric time at library

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

From the sound of funky keytars to the boom of thunderous drums, the New Richland Public Library was filled with the sound of electronic music Wednesday, June 29.

Several kids got to try out the variety of electronic instruments set out for the event. One of the most popular was the Otamatone, a synthesizer shaped like a musical note. The rounded part at the bottom has a stylized face with a mouth that opens and closes when squeezed. To play it, kids placed a hand on the note stem on the Otamatone and pressed down on it to pick a note to play, much like a guitar. As the face was squeezed, music which sounded like something between a squeak and a hum was produced.

Another neat electronic instrument was a Drawdio pencil which played notes as soon as it hit the paper. The notes varied in frequency based on the resistance between two points. Other popular instruments included Q-Chord keytars, a plastic floor piano, and piano gloves which



LEARNING TO PLAY – Friends of the Library volunteer Nancy Rudau shows Braylyn Olson and Devlin McWilliams how the keytar works.
Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

allowed budding musicians to play notes in different octaves like a real piano.

The library holds events like these to give kids something to learn about while having fun. “The Waseca-Le Sueur Library System works to plan different events for kids to try out,” says New Richland librarian Kathy Kronebusch. “This event provides a perfect opportunity for kids to learn about music.”

The libraries have planned various activities not just for children but for adults as well, from authors speaking about their books to concerts like the Innocent reggae band putting on a performance in a genre many may not know about. But the Waseca-Le Sueur Library System has been putting a lot of emphasis on the subject of music recently. In June, the system sponsored its summer concert series in Waseca. The June 29 event

at the New Richland Library allowed kids to gain hands-on knowledge while making music of their own.

“The events we’ve had so far this season have been successful,” Kronebusch states. “We had one called ‘Dig It’ where the kids sifted through sand and panned for gems to learn more about geology. We are very happy that the kids have received these events so well.”

Child’s History of Waseca

Preface

“Why don’t you write a history of Waseca County?” asked Rev. G.C. Tanner, one day in the year 1890.

And as that question often came to me in leisure moments for several weeks, I finally concluded to invest a dime in cheap paper, and note down in odd hours, such facts concerning the early settlement of this country as I could recall as might be of interest to its residents, present and future; and, in connection therewith, to gather together all the historic facts that I might be able to obtain both from persons and from official sources.

In this undertaking, I have made no attempt at rhetorical display and effect, but in the plainest language possible, have described the events, which make up the history of the county. It may not be possible for one who has been intimately connected with the public and political life of the county to be entirely impartial to the an unbiased, as its historian, but I have spared no effort to be fair and accurate as regards persons, parties, interests, and localities.

I have found many difficulties in this undertaking, for individual tastes and interest differ so widely that what might be of great interest to one would have no attractions for another. I therefore determined, at the commencement, to “spread out a whole bill of fare” and allow my

readers to select for themselves. No doubt there are many facts and incident of note omitted in this work, although I have made every possible effort to include everything of public interest. The fact is, dear “Old Settler,” you who are left out of the record have not always responded to the invitation to furnish facts within your own recollection for this work, and you should remember this in your criticisms.

I cannot close this preface without expressing my sincere thanks to those who have so materially aided me in this work by furnishing facts and data within their own knowledge.

One object of this word, to be frank about it, was to get enough money out of it to pay the printers and paper dealers, and another object, of much greater importance, was to furnish to every person in the county a faithful record of township and county events from the earliest settlement by white men. How well I have succeeded I must leave others to judge. I can only hope that this record may be received by the public with the same liberal and charitable spirit in which it has been written.

Chapter I, 1854-5.

No longer ago than 1854, the present county of Waseca was a portion of that extensive region of country known as Blue Earth County. Not a

single white man then had a habitation within its borders. The solitude of nature was broken only occasionally by some hunter and trapper, and by wandering bands of Sioux Indians.

The buffalo, the elk, and the deer had, for ages, roamed its wild prairies and woodlands; fishes had basked undisturbed in its lakes and rippling streams; the muskrat, the otter, and the mink hand gambled upon the ice in winter with no white man to molest them. Ducks, geese, and other aquatic fowls, in countless numbers, covered the lakes and streams in summer, and chattered and squawked and frolicked in all their native glory and happiness. The prairie wolf howled upon little hillock, and, coward-like, was always ready to attack and destroy the weak and defenseless. Pocket gophers went on with their interminable underground operations, all unconscious of the inroads soon to be made upon their dominions by the husbandman. Grouse and prairie chickens cackled, crowed, and strutted in all their pride. Blizzards and cyclones swept unheeded across its vast domains.

The autumnal prairie fires, in all their terrible grandeur and weird beauty, lighted the heavens by night and clouded the sun by day. Age after age had added alluvial richness to the soil and prepared it to be one of the

most productive fields of the world for the abode of the husbandman and for the uses of civilized man.

The enquiring and philosophical mind, at times, finds food for reflection in the fact that an overruling Providence sent the Pilgrim Fathers first to the rock-bound coast of New England to clear the forests and to settle that country, but reserved the rich and productive prairie-lands of the West, ready prepared for the plow and mower for descendants and followers.

Editorial note: In the 1970s, the Waseca County Horse Thieves Detective association wrote a letter to President Jimmy Carter, asking if he’d like to join the longest-running such organization in the United States.

Carter, or more than likely, Carter’s people, politely declined.

When the Waseca Journal — very much a Republican newspaper — got ahold of the story, they made a big deal about it, putting it on the front page. Two pictures accompanied the article. One was of Carter, the other, a horse.

I (Jim Lutgens) vividly remember that edition of the Waseca Daily Journal because I was a paper boy at the time and read the paper from front to back.

NEW RICHLAND FARM & CITY DAYS

JULY 8, 9 & 10, 2022

FRIDAY

4:30-Gone Potato Bake & Root Beer Floats @ City Hall. Sponsored by Lions Club
6:00pm RAD ZOO @ City Park FREE Event
6:30pm Commercial Club BINGO Street Dance Area, \$10 for 10 Games
7:00pm Bean Bag Tourney @ NR Liquor Co.
Dusk Fire Works @ NRHEG behind the school on the SW side. Sponsored by local businesses. FREE Event

SATURDAY

7am-10am NR Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast @ NR Fire Hall, Sponsored by NR Fire Dept. \$5 with Button \$8 With Out.
Entertainment by Jim Kozan sponsored by the State Bank of NR
7am-10am St. Peter Lutheran Church Bake Sale @ the Pancake Breakfast
8am NR Ambulance Cow Fun Run start at NRHEG High School main parking lot. \$25, registration on NR Ambulance
Facebook Page or contact Sara Jo @ 507-327-5837
9am Announcement of Grand Marshall @ Pancake Breakfast
9am-1pm Top 25 Antique Car Show on Broadway by City Hall. Registration 8:00-10:00am Awards 1:00pm
9am-1pm Antique Tractor Show 1st Street NW Register Day of. Sponsored by L&D Ag
9am-2pm Friends of the Library Book Sale @ Library. Sponsored by Friends of the NR Library
9am-2pm Craft Mall Open on Broadway
9am 3 Person Golf Tourney @ Riverview Golf Course. Must REGISTER by Tuesday July 5th to enter
9am-3pm Display of Area Church Histories & Quilt Show @ Trinity Lutheran Church FREE Event
10am-1pm Ruth Klossner Cow Collector Moo-seum Guinness World Record Collection
30 min programs at 10:30am & 12pm @ Historical Society FREE Event
10am-4pm NR Area Historical Society Display @ Washburn Hotel (N.R.Area Food Shelf) “Dairy Days” FREE Event
10am-1pm Scavenger Hunts 2 Divisions: Family with kids ages 0-8 and Pre-Teen for ages 9-17. Register & get form at Panther
Power Nutrition, come anytime between 10-1 to participate. FREE Event
11am Kiddie Parade on Wheels. Kids of All Ages-starts at City Hall to City Park for pizza lunch (provided for kids by Casey’s)
FREE Event
11am-2pm Roll Over & Crash Test Simulators & Drunk Goggles near City Park. Sponsored by NR Ambulance
11:30am-3:30pm Caricatures by Casey On Broadway FREE Event
12pm Greg the Great Mystifying Magic Show @ City Park FREE Event
12pm NRHEG Alumni Association Bocce Tournament @ City Park
1pm-2pm NRHEG Cheerleaders Face Painting @ City Park
1pm Band Boosters Games @ City Park
1pm Cow-Pie BINGO Co-Sponsored by Neighbor’s Meats and Northside Marine and Storage. Place Bids starting
July 1st til 12:30pm July 9th at Neighbor’s Meats.
1pm-? St. Olaf Brewing Company Tasting (samples only)
1:30-3:30pm Melissa Schulz Music @ City Park FREE Event
2-4:30pm Horse Drawn Wagon Rides Sponsored by Neal Scott @ Park FREE 16 & under must be accompanied by adult
2:30pm Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull on Broadway near Street Dance Area for **Ages 4-11** Register day of.
Parents **MUST** accompany children. Sponsored by L & D Ag, Morgan’s Meat Market, Thompson Auto Body, Midwest Repairables,
Wagner Foods, Neighbor’s Meats and NR Auto Repair. FREE Event
****5pm Farm & City Days Parade****
8:00pm-11:00pm Street Dance—Powerhouse— on Broadway
Sponsored by NR Fire Department 21 & Older Only FREE with Button or \$8 without No Pets

SUNDAY

10:00am Community Worship Service @ City Park. Sponsored by NR Area Ministerial Bring your own lawn chairs.
Drawing for Winning Button Numbers at City Park after Worship Service
11am Red Leaf Café Lunch at City Park. Shredded Beef Sandwich, Calico beans, Coleslaw, Chips & Cookie
11am-2pm NR Area Historical Society Display @ Washburn Hotel
11:30am Garrett Steinberg Concert in the Park sponsored by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council FREE Event
12pm N.R. Fire Dept Water Wars @ 7th Street NW.

FARM & CITY DAYS BUTTONS are \$5 & can be purchased at many New Richland Businesses. The Button will allow you discounted breakfast on Saturday, free admission to the Street Dance & a chance to win cash prizes. Buttons will not be sold at the Pancake Breakfast or Dance, so get your buttons early! All Events Scheduled to Change.



Waseca County Free Fair

July 13-17, 2021

**2022 WASECA COUNTY FREE FAIR
EVENTS SCHEDULE**
(This schedule is subject to change)

Saturday, July 9

1 am 4-H Dog Showmanship, Obedience, Rally

Show

9 am-12 pm Creative Arts Entry

Sunday, July 10

5 pm 4-H Dog Agility Show

5-5 pm Creative Arts Entry -*Note: All textiles are due in by Sunday at 8 pm

Monday, July 11

5 am 4-H Horse Show

Tuesday, July 12

7 am-5 pm Creative Arts Entry

5 pm Creative Arts Entries/Building Closed - Judging Begins

Wednesday, July 13

- Day Antique Tractor Display

8 30 am 4-H Rabbit Show

9 0 am 4-H Building Opens

10 am Scavenger Hunt (Meet @ Free Stage)

10:30 am Books and Barns (Free Stage)

11 am Food Vendors Open

11am Indoor Booths Open

11 am Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

12 pm 4-H Poultry Show

12 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

* 2-9 pm Family Quiet Zone-located on the north side of Bldg. #8

1 30 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

3 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

12 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

4:30 pm Local Veterans Official Fair Opening, Ceremony-Century Farm Awards & Fair Recognition Awards to follow. (Place to be determined)

5 pm Advance Ride Ticket Sales End

om Carnival Rides Begin

5 pm Becky Borneke & Kids in the County (Food Court)

5 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

5 pm Baby Races (Free Stage)

5 30 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

5 pm 4-H Sheep Show

6:15 pm Kiddie Coin Find (Near Free Stage)

6:30 pm MN Minn-e-Rods Tractor Pull -8th Ave NE

6:30 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

7-9 pm Praise Band (Free Stage)

8:30 pm The Johnny Holm Band-Beer Garden

Thursday, July 14

All Day Antique Tractor Display

10 am 4-H Meat Goat Show

11 am Indoor Booths Open

11 am Food Vendors Open

11 am Books and Barns (Free Stage)

11 am Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

11-8:45 pm Laser Tag

12 pm Rotary Meets at the Fair (Bldg. 4)

12 pm 4-H Dairy Goat Show

12-9 pm Family Quiet Zone-located on the

12:30 pm north side of Bldg. #8

1 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

2 pm Carnival Rides Begin

2:15 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

3 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

3 pm Kiddie Coin Find (Near Free Stage)

3:30 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

5 pm Freddie Justice-The Planet's Funniest Hypnotist (Free Stage)

5:30-8:30 pm Melissa Schulz-Musician (Food Court)

6 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

6 pm Kid Power Pedal Pull (In front of Creative Arts Building)

6 pm 4-H Beef Show

6-8 pm Mariachi Band (Begin at Free Stage & then strolling the grounds)

7 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

7:30 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

7:30 pm Great Frontier Bull Riding "Dirt Kickin' Wicked Good!" -Grandstand

8:30 pm The Blue Ringers-Beer Garden

Friday, July 15

All Day Antique Tractor Display

8 am 4-H Swine Show

10 am Let's Smile (Free Stage)

11 am Indoor Booths Open

11 am Food Vendors Open

11 am Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

11 am Books and Barns (Free Stage)

11-8:45 pm Laser Tag

11:30 am Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

12 pm Kiddie Coin Find (Near Free Stage)

12-3 pm Miller Denn & Ditch Creek Dixies (Food Court)

12-9 pm Family Quiet Zone-located on the north side of Bldg. #8

12:30 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

1 pm Carnival Rides Begin

1 pm 4-H Dairy Show

1:30 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

2 pm Freddie Justice-The Planet's Funniest Hypnotist (Free Stage)

3:30 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

4:30 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

4:45 pm Freddie Justice-The Planet's Funniest Hypnotist (Free Stage)

5:30-8:30 pm Los T (Food Court)

6 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

6-8 pm Waseca Jazz Band (Free Stage)

7 pm Demolition Derby (Grandstand)

7:45 pm Kiddie Coin Find (Near Free Stage)

8:30 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

8:30 pm Lady Luck (Beer Garden)

Saturday, July 16

All Day Antique Tractor Display

8:30 am Market Livestock Auction (Judging Arena)

11 am Food Vendors Open

11 am Indoor Booths Open

11 am Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

11-8:45 pm Laser Tag

11 am-9 pm Family Quiet Zone-located on the north side of Bldg. #8

11:30 am Kiddie Coin Find (Near Free Stage)

11:30 am Open Class Dairy Show

12 pm Carnival Rides Begin

12 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

12:45 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

1 pm Farmers of the Fair Contest (Place TBD)

1 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

2-4 pm Craft Beer Expo (Beer Garden)

2 pm Harmonica Lessons with Everett Smithson (Free Stage)

3 pm Waseca County Sings!! (Free Stage)

4 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

4-7 pm Everett Smithson (Beer Garden)

4:30 pm Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

5:30 pm Just Friends (Free Stage)

6 pm Enduro Auto & Compact Car Race -Grandstand

6 pm Family Scavenger Hunt (Meet at Free Stage)

6:30 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

7 pm River Rats Dueling Pianos (Free Stage)

7 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

8:30 pm Triple Dog Dare-Beer Garden

Sunday, July 17

All Day Antique Tractor Show

10-11 am Non-Denominational Church Service- Hosted by Faith United Methodist Church

11 am Food Vendors Open

11 am Indoor Booths Open

11 am-4 pm Laser Tag

11 am Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage;

11:15 am Family Scavenger Hunt (Near Free Stage)

11:30 am Magical Katrina (Free Stage)

12 pm Carnival Rides Begin

12-3 pm Donner Party (Food Court Entertainment)

12-4 pm Auto & Cycle Show-n-Shine-8th Ave NE

12-1 pm Registration

12-6 pm Family Quiet Zone-located on the north side of Bldg. #8

12:30 pm Looney Lutherans (Free Stage)

1 pm Beanbag Tournament (Beer Garden)

1:30 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

2-4 pm In a Bind (Free Stage)

2:30 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

2:30 pm Sweet Treats on Sunday (Near Fair Office)

2:45 pm Kiddie Coin Find (Near Free Stage)

3:30 pm Agri-Puppets Strolling the Fairgrounds

4 pm 4-H Parade of Champions

4:30 pm Looney Lutherans (Free Stage)

5 pm Agri-Puppets Puppet Show (Near Free Stage)

5:30 pm Livestock Barns Close

6-8 pm Open Class Entries Released

7 pm Buildings Close

7 pm Carnival Rides Close

***Schedule Subject to Change**
***A complete schedule of 4-H Livestock Shows and Events can be found at <https://z.umn.edu/4HFairSchedule22>**

Janesville 8, Maple River 8

Settles for a tie

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

Baseball can be one fickle game. What may look like an easy win three innings into the game can go awry with a hit, an error, or a pitch.

That's what happened when the Janesville American Legion team faced Maple River in the final game of their season Thursday, June 30. After trading blows, Janesville figured out the visiting pitcher and plated two on a Kelton Erler's line drive double, knocking in an additional run before the end of the second inning.

The defense did just as well. Austin Carda pitched a great four innings. With a 4-1 score halfway into the game, it seemed that Janesville could do no wrong.

However, sudden errors in the latter half of the game prevented the home team from sealing the deal. Maple River found their rhythm in the top of the fifth with four consecutive runs, narrowing the lead to 6-5.

Ryan Hanson relieved Carda on the mound in the fifth for Janesville who got it together defensively, but couldn't muster much from the plate leading to a 6-6 tie forcing extra innings.

After a scoreless eighth, Maple River gained the advantage with two more runs. However, Carda's double tied the game. With him and Lucas Morsching threatening, it was the perfect scenario for the Janesville Legion team to win their last game of the season, at home.

Sadly, Erler couldn't rework his magic from earlier in the game. His hit took a bad bounce and allowed for an easy final out at first base. Both teams had to settle for a tie. Pitcher Blake Cowdin closed the last two innings of the game.

Janesville notched 12 hits in the game; unfortunately the eight errors they accumulated proved too much.

With the conclusion of the regular season Legion playoffs will be scheduled soon.



SAFE – Ethan Born just makes it home to score one of Janesville's eight runs of the night. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

Chamber Golf



On Friday, June 18, the Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual golf tournament at Waseca Lakeside Club. The iWealth Team consisting of Matt and Amy Potter and Aaron and Tina Wirtz won with a score of 52.

Waseca Farmer's Market, Saturday July 2



Every Saturday, the Waseca County Fairgrounds hosts a farmers market. Pictured here are some of the many attractions. Top left is Jennifer Rohl of "Sweet Rohls Bakery." Above is Angelique Millner of "Peace in Time Candles" with Barbara Cihak of "Barbie's Boutique." To the left, Judy Jewison of "Sandollar Designs."



FAMILY AND FRIENDS – Above, from left, is Cindy Gilmore, her brother Victor, and mother Betty. The pair were selling canned goods while Victor showed off his art. To the left is Lea Eldred of One-of-a-Kind Creations trying a sample of Hannah's Honey from Jane Neigebauer.



TINK – Chris Glynn and Erik Simmons talk to coach Tink Larson during a mound visit. Photo by Michael Roy

Braves bite the dust against Bears

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

Members of the Waseca Braves baseball team were unable to find their groove against Cannon Falls' Bears, falling 11-0, Wednesday, June 29 at Tink Larson Field. Things didn't go their way offensively, and the defense couldn't keep the Bears in check for long.

For the first two innings, the Braves did a great job getting the Bears off the field. However, the offense couldn't string any plays together. Cannon Falls broke it open in the top of the fifth by getting three consecutive runs.

After settling down in the fourth inning, the Bears applied more pressure in the fifth, stringing together six more runs to make it a 9-0 game. Waseca couldn't respond.

With two more runs in the last innings, Cannon Falls left Tink Larson Field with an 11-0 victory, the biggest finishing lead the Braves have allowed this season. This was also the second consecutive game where they got shut out at home.

Waseca was only able to notch one successful hit during the game, provided by pitcher and first baseman Kevin Nelson. Cannon Falls scored their 11 runs off of seven hits, including one double by Cooper Peterson.

Carter McQuery, recent graduate of Waseca High School, got the start and pitched five innings, allowing nine runs, committing seven errors, and striking out seven. Kevin Nelson relieved him and pitched the last two innings, allowing two additional runs, striking out two and committing one error.

With this loss, the Braves now have a 5-8 record. They played Cleveland Wednesday, July 6 and will face Stewartville-Racine July 9, the Janesville Jays July 10, Owatonna July 15, and Austin July 17.

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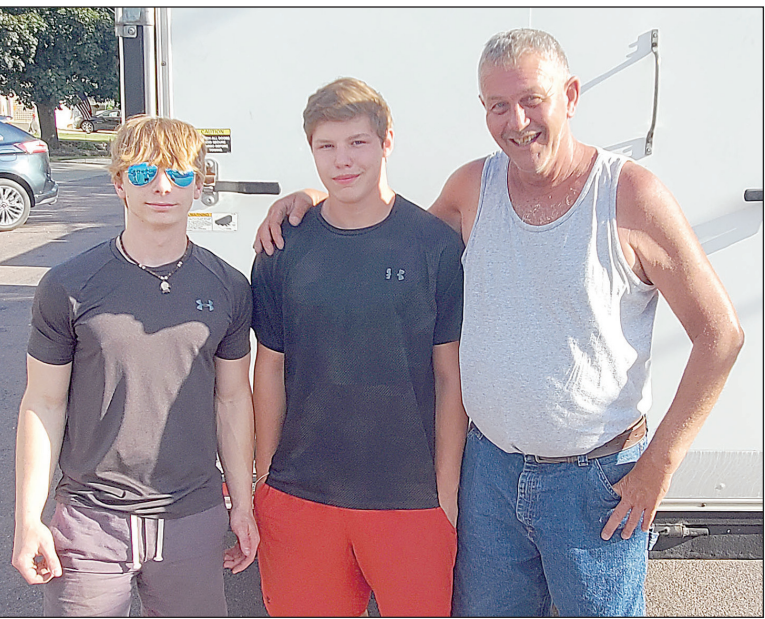


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Gavin Vesper, Kaden Oliver and Rick Scholbrock of Kid Power Pedal Pulls. The group will be putting on an event at the Waseca County Free Fair Thursday, July 14 at 6 p.m.

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says with a wide grin as he gestures to a rack of trophies. “Bill Gates has nothing on me except maybe his billions of dollars. Money can’t buy you this level of happiness.”

Scholbrock spoke for a long time about great memories he’s had along the way. His company trailer is neatly kept and includes a small billboard with pictures and drawings, some of which come from fans.

“There’s one girl, whenever we come to her hometown, she comes and yells, ‘Grandpa, Grandpa,’ and gives me a hug,” Scholbrock explains. “Parents thank me all the time for providing this experience for their young kids. This girl came to her first event at the age of four and has been back every year since.”

That same girl gave Scholbrock a drawing which hangs on that billboard today.

Scholbrock is from Hanlontown, IA, about an hour south of Waseca, where he has been mayor for more than 30 years. He first learned of pedal pulling at a local fair he was attending with his family. At the time, his daughter, now 26 and the operator of her own pedal pull business, was only 4 and participated in her first kid power event. From there she went on to win 28 national titles and

multiple international championships. Scholbrock said there are no longer any international events, but the national competition spans 22 states.

The cost to get Scholbrock and crew to a local event isn’t so high, and oftentimes is paid for through local sponsors, or in the case of Ellendale, through the local fire department. “Now people can see where their fish fry money goes,” Ellendale fire fighter Shawn Larson joked.

Larson’s daughter performed well in her leg of the race, taking first in her age category. Scholbrock can confirm something happened for the first time ever at this year’s Ellendale Days, held mid-June. “I don’t get to say this often, but you got smoked by a girl,” Scholbrock joked. “I think today was a record for us, five times a girl won today.”

“And don’t forget to have Mom or Dad fill out your slip,” Scholbrock reminds participants. “Even if you don’t go, that can qualify you for the state competition.”

The next two stops for Scholbrock and crew will include New Richland’s Farm and City Days Saturday and the Waseca County Fair next Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. August 19, Scholbrock will also be at the Steele County Free Fair.

Scholbrock can be reached via his company’s Facebook page Kid Power Pedal Pulls, by phone (641) 425-6211, or by email: htwnmayor@wctatel.net.

■ Moment

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how we react, we must recognize that others must be granted the same freedom: our choices and reactions are not allowed to limit the freedom of others.

One of the greatest things about being human is the ability to think critically. We can separate ourselves from the moment and examine how we are feeling. We can use that objectivity to review our options and assess the possible outcome of each. Research shows that this separation and assessment can take as few as 8 seconds.

At this time of year we celebrate choice. We have the “choice” to respond rationally even in irrational circumstances. We have the ability

to think of and care for one another even when we do not necessarily agree with each other.

As I mentioned earlier, we are not all riding out these stormy times in the same boat. Some of us have a leaky inflatable raft. Others are on a 60-foot yacht. Yet we are all experiencing hardship, holding on and dreaming of a time when things will be “better.”

But why does it need to be a dream? Because we have the freedom to choose, we have the ability to make these days better for ourselves and for others.

So as we continue with 2022, may we pause and allow ourselves a moment. Take eight seconds to sift through the information, through the feelings, through the options. Eight seconds to see the possibilities and make a decision that helps calm the seas we are all riding on.

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TOGETHERNESS - Left to right: Beth Stankiewicz, Larry Johnson, Jess Stuckmayer bring the community together at the Waseca Art Center to support Waseca Area Caregiver Services (in what is hoped to be a yearly event).



Among numerous paintings donated by artists and members of Waseca County, Beth Stankiewicz admires a painting she brought back with her from a medical trip to Haiti.
Pioneer photos by Melanie Piltingsrud

Art show benefits caregiver services

Silent auction benefit to help build wheelchair ramp at WACGS

By MELANIE PILTINGSRUD
Staff Writer

Beth Stankiewicz, program director and accounts manager for Waseca Area Caregiver Services (WACGS) and Jess Stuckmayer, director of the Waseca Art Center have organized a Hometown Art Show and Silent Auction at the Waseca Art Center, to raise money to help individuals in need.

When executive director Kelly Beddger of WACGS reached out to Stuckmayer with the idea of a hometown art show and fundraiser, Stuckmayer said, “Yes, let’s do it!” The fundraiser involves art, and it involves the community, so it fit right in with the Waseca Art Center. The idea was conceived in April, and, taking advantage of a last-minute cancellation of one artist’s exhibit, information was distributed in May to allow for an exhibit that began on June 8 and runs through July 29.

Organizing the event took the combined efforts of a community. Both galleries in the Art Center are filled to capacity with donated art, about 30% of which is original work donated by the artist, Stuckmayer estimates. Stankiewicz said, “A big thing for us is just getting the community together and getting everyone in the same space and talking. All the money that is raised is going toward caregiver services, and that goes to support our programs [...] so it goes to a really great cause, to a nonprofit.”

WACGS only recently started up

again after state funding for the program was cut due to other budget priorities during the Covid 19 pandemic. Observes Larry Johnson, board chair for WACGS, “Coming back out of Covid, it was really hard to get going because it relies almost a hundred percent on grant funding.”

Which is why WACGS holds monthly fundraisers in order to maintain these essential programs. Recent events were a Flag Day fundraiser at the American Legio, and a St Patrick’s Day fundraiser at the Ward House Brewery.

Stankiewicz and WACGS were delighted to make the acquaintance of Stuckmayer, who took up the mantle of Art Center director in Aug. 2021; both organizations hope to make the Hometown Art Show and Silent Auction fundraiser an annual event.

Stankiewicz explains that one priority for WACGS is to support older community members. “Our main goal is to help our aging adults live well at home and age in place,” said Stankiewicz, who explained that many adults don’t want to leave their homes or move into assisted living. The organization has a support group for caregivers, making provision for a couple of hours of at-home care per week, so that care receivers’ usual caregivers can get a break.

Another branch of WACGS, called Journeys, provides services for high risk youth. Some of the life obstacles faced by young people whom

WACGS encounters are homelessness, hunger, and drug and alcohol abuse. “We have lots of referral sources that we can send their way,” said Stankiewicz.

Although it isn’t as visible as in larger communities, homelessness is a problem in our area. Young people especially may not have a legitimate place of residence, resorting to “couch hopping.” According to Johnson, WACGS often tries to find work and a more permanent living situation for people enduring homelessness. A younger individual might be placed with foster care. The Bethlehem Inn, another non-profit organization in Waseca, is a homeless shelter for women and children which acts as a referral service for WACGS. Although no homeless shelter for men is currently available in Waseca County, WACGS maintains connections with homeless shelters in Steele, Rice, and Le Sueur Counties in order to help these individuals.

WACGS serves all of Waseca County. Although many people know about the Waseca Art Center, WACGS is not as well known, and the Hometown art Show and Silent Auction at the Waseca Art Center is helping to get the word out that there is help for people who need it. “It begins the conversation about what they do, and how they’re able to service the community, and how they really do kind of fill in a gap either county or state services,” said

Johnson, who explained that an individual must be homeless or out of work for a certain amount of time before the county or state is permitted to step in.

“We get calls from the county a lot for people who the county can’t necessarily help, so they send them our way,” said Stankiewicz. Sometimes, too, calls for help come from friends or family members who are looking out for each other.

Johnson calls WACGS one of Waseca County’s “best-kept secrets.” “But we don’t want it to be a secret,” he said. “We want folks to know that the service is there, and that it’s available to them.”

During the Hometown Art Show and Silent Auction, visitors to the Waseca Art Center can visit the galleries and bid on artwork during gallery hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from noon - 5 p.m. At the close of the auction on July 29, visitors will have the opportunity to bid until 6:30 p.m., at which point winning bids will be announced. At the closing celebration, the Mill Event Center will cater beverages, Morgan’s Meat Market will provide meat and cheese trays, and Lush Cakes will offer desserts. Bob Stephan will provide entertainment with live music.

“We’re really excited,” said Stankiewicz. “It was really fun to get all the artwork together.”

Argus archives

- Janesville Argus 1922 (100 years ago)**
 - Yesterday was Independence Day. According to custom and in harmony with the patriotic spirit this office closed for the day, giving the employees an opportunity to spend the day according to their own individual tastes and desires and according to their best judgment. Naturally and inevitably such a day lasts until the morning of the following day. Hence it is expedient to subserve the individual and collective interests by making that day as light as possible. The aftermath of a Fourth does not conserve individual and collective energy. To make the day becomingly easy we publish this issue on Monday evening. Despite the early hour of going to press a large amount of local and general matter is published.
 - Out of respect to Albert Williston whose tragic death is noted elsewhere in these columns, no concert was given Saturday evening. Albert had been a member of the band up to the time he left a few days ago.
 - With so many radio outfits spring up around town, funny things are happening. Some sensitive persons are having an awful time to sleep because of the bedtime story catching on the springs of their beds. A row of iron dish rags at Hanson's Five and Dime frightened the lady clerks out of a week's appetite by giving a lecture on careless husbands by Lary Louise Coupler of Pittsburgh. Another lady whose boy is installing a radio outfit, was talking to a neighbor with a potato masher in her hand, when all of a sudden the masher joined in on the conversation; both ladies fainted and the potato masher quit after giving the weather report and singing a song. If these things aren't true we're a liar.- Ex.
 - One of the largest congregations that ever assembled in the St. An's church greeted the young priest, Rev. Michael Glynn, when on Friday morning at nine thirty o'clock he said his first mass in his home church and conducted the services. A large number of priests were present as well as many sisters from various localities. The service was very impressive and produced a profound impression. The very large number of friends and acquaintances of Father Glynn in this vicinity were delighted to honor him in his first appearance as a priest.
 - The Odd Fellows had a meeting Monday evening at the rooms in the Odd Fellows block that was well attended considering the extremely hot weather. Installation of officers was followed by a banquet.

- Janesville Argus 1947 (75 years ago)**
 - Brattleboro, Vermont- Ray Schroeder of Janesville is one of 45 Minnesota Holstein breeders recently admitted to membership in the Holstein-Fresidan Association of America by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Applications from 943 were approved. This national Holstein association is the largest dairy cattle recording organization in the world. Its total members now number more than 37,000 cattle breeders.
 - For the first time in its 73 years, The Fairmont Sentinel has a full-blooded Indian on its healthy subscription list. Samuel Heritage, a Cherokee living in Blue Earth.
 - The Elysian baseball team defeated Greenfield in seven innings by a score of 16 to 6.
 - Few Notes on the Fourth of July- There was very little disturbance of any kind. In fact not an intoxicated man was seen on the street during the day so far as we are aware.
 - M. H. Eibs of Marshall, Minnesota will be ordained to the Christian ministry and installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran church at Smiths Mill during a special service on Sunday, July 30 at 8:00 p.m. The ceremony of ordaining will be performed by Rev. M. J. Lenz of Alma City with assistance of visiting pastors.
 - Saturday seems to be replacing Sunday as the most dangerous day of the week, according to the Highway Department's report of motor vehicle traffic fatalities in Minnesota in June. Fifteen were killed in Saturday accidents, ten on Sunday, and 17 in the other five days of the week.

- Janesville Argus 1972 (50 years ago)**
 - Representative Rod Searle, rural Waseca, filed for re-election this week with the Office of the Secretary of State. He is seeking to represent new House District 30B which encompasses all of Waseca County, townships of Deerfield, Meriden, Lemond, Berlin, Summit and Blooming Prairie in Steele County, and the townships of Bath, Bancroft, Geneva, Riceland, Newry and Moscow in Freeborn County. Searle, who is filing for his ninth term, is considered one of the strongest rural voices in the Legislature.
 - The Argus office will be closed from Friday, July 7 through Saturday, July 15 so the paper staff can have a 9-day vacation. The July 12 paper has already been printed and will be distributed next Wednesday. If the news in that issue seems more stale than usual, please keep in mind that the paper was printed Thursday, July 6th!
 - Welcome newcomers! Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Baker moved to Janesville from Mankato where Mr. Baker works for Paper Service Co. He and his wife, Diana and their three children, Kim 7, Lorie 5 ½, and Tara 7 months, are now residing at 201 E. 1st St.
 - The Janesville Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the people that donated money to the Hay Daze.
 - Drive down to the Dairy Queen now for the most tempting bargain around. America's favorite taste treat, a variety of toppings. Pure delight for the whole family. Don't Miss it!!!- Janesville Dairy Queen
 - The Famous Blackwood Singers: Gospel Music Saturday July 22 8:00 p.m. at the Waseca County Free Fair

- Janesville Argus 1997 (25 years ago)**
 - Summer is here and there is no better time to get hooked on a good book. Area libraries are helping to promote children's reading with their summer reading programs. This year, the libraries in the Waseca/Le Sueur Regional Library System planned a summer reading program with an amazing park theme. "Thrills and Chills at the Library" is in full swing at both the Jeanesville and Waldorf public libraries.
 - Information about Janesville and surrounding cities is now at the fingertips of tourists. Janesville, Waterville, Elysian, Morristown, and Madison Lake have joined together for a regional tourism promotion called "The Trail of Lakes: Southern MN's Playground."
 - A district talent search has begun and plans are in works for the second annual Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Fest.
 - Completing his law enforcement degree at Mankato State University was made \$500 easier for rural Janesville resident Todd Robinson. He received a scholarship from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Educational Foundation to help him pay for costs associated with the law enforcement program.
 - Four Bulldogs make 1997 Gopher All-Conference Baseball team: Josh Berndt, Justin Stankey, CLint Westphal, and Ben Wheelock.
 - Minnesota's Agricultural Interpretive Center, Farmamerica will celebrate its summer festival with a tour along a timeline visiting eight very interest sites.

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- Waseca Journal 1922 (100 years ago)**
 - Local band wins second- Director D. E. Perrin and the members of the band were keenly disappointed but evidently no more so than the residents in Springfield and others who heard them in the band tournament held there last Thursday evening, for many expressed themselves as surprised and disappointed when they learned the judges decision, awarding the Waseca band second place. It was evident that the Waseca band was the popular band with all but the judges. The Waseca band was competing with three bands in the A class, supposed to be the best part of the bands in the state.
 - Between 30 and 35 blacksmiths and machinists and their helpers, employed in the Northwestern railway shops in this city, joined the nationwide walk-outs on Saturday last. The walk-out was due to a reduction in wages and some drastic changes in working rules, ordered by the United States Railroad Labor Board. The wages of boiler makers and machinists' wages were cut from 77 to 70 cents an hour and the helpers from 54 to 47 cents an hour, a reduction of 7 cents an hour for all.
 - Janesville Boy Killed- Albert Williston, the twenty-one year old son of Charles Wilston of Janesville, was killed by a railroad train near Auburn, California early Saturday morning. The young man left home two months ago hoping to make his fortune in the west.
 - Fell On A Pitch Fork- Elmo Nyquist met with a painful accident last week when he fell from a load of hay, accidentally. In falling, he struck the end of a pitch fork handle which penetrated his body several inches. He was taken immediately to the Immanuel Hospital, Mankato, where he is now recovering.
 - Waseca Loses Again- The Waseca baseball team was prevented from crawling out of the celebrar last Sunday in the game with New Richland when the latter team had their lucky seventh and ninth innings. Up to the seventh it was a very interesting game with New Richland leading 3 to 2.
- Waseca Journal 1946 (75 years ago)**
 - Eugene Byron, manager of the Waseca Canning Co., was seriously burned by hot water at the factory Wednesday evening or last week and had been confined to the Waseca Memorial Hospital suffering with first degree burns.
 - Marvin Skinner, 18, came near losing his life at Clear Lake Park bathing beach Friday afternoon at 2:30. The young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Skinner of Waldorf had driven to Waseca to get a prescription filled for his father and decided to take a swim. While in the water he suffered a cramp, and holtered for help, but his father says that those near him thought that he was fooling. When he went down again John Fogai, also of Waldorf, rushed

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100 YEARS AGO - Headline - Waseca people to build at lake - Waseca people are at last beginning to take advantage of the ideal location for summer cottages on the west shore of Clear Lake. This beautiful piece of wooded shoreland overlooking the lake has been platted by the Farmers National Loan and Investment Co., and lots are now available to purchase. A number of Waseca people have already taken the opportunity to get a lake shore lot and cottages are already being erected. It looks now as if there will be quite a viking of summer residents in the Heights before the end of the present season.

- to him.
- Building permit requests continue to come before the city council as Waseca experiences growing pains and housing shortages. Among the permits acted upon Tuesday evening were two for new houses to be built by Nathan Bourgassa and Robert Kugath, veterans of World War II.
- Robert J. Sherman, former Wasecan and now of Mankato, was one of the nominees for state representative in the primary election of Blue Earth County.
- Three blossoms on a single stem of dahlias presents an unusual appearance as the blooms crowd each other in a triangular position around the stem. Originally there were three stems and they grew together resulting in the freak. The same thing happened except that there were two blossoms when two stems joined. They were brought in The Journal office by Mrs. Julia Eagebretson.
- Dana L. Wobschall, secretary, who attended the national Red Cross convention at Philadelphia as a delegate from the local chapter has returned and his report will be published next week.
- Waseca Daily Journal 1972 (50 years ago)
 - The Dodge-Steele-Waseca Citizens Action Council held it's regular monthly meeting at the Neighborhood Service Center in Waseca last night. The Neighborhood Youth Corps program in the three counties was discussed last night. The program finds jobs for youngsters who are on the verge of dropping out of school to give them something to strive for. The wages of the youths are paid by the government. There are 106 youths involved with the project in the counties with 59 young men and 46 young women. There are 34 work sites.
 - Congressman Ancher Nelsen and District 31 State Senator Paul

- Overgaard have filed for re-election. Nelsen, 68, filed Tuesday for his eighth term in Congress. Nelsen served in the state Senate from 1935 through 1948 and was elected lieutenant governor in 1952 and served as national administrator for the Rural Electrification Administration REA under President Dwight Eisenhower. Overgaard 42, from Albert Lea, filed for his second term as State Senator. Overgaard won election in 1970, defeating Elroy (Al) Schulz, a Waseca high school teacher.
- Marie Eustice, Welcome Wagon representative, explained a new program to the Waseca Retail Promotion Committee at a meeting Tuesday afternoon. New. Eustice said the program is designed to welcome new students at the University of a Minnesota Technical College-Waseca. The material consists of a folder in which there will be a letter of welcome from the Mayor of Waseca, the Chamber of Commerce, a brochure of the churches and discount coupons from all stores interested in participating.
- About 14 Civil Defense spotters were out in the country last night watching storm clouds moving in. Civil Defense Director Bob Deer said that he was alerted a little after midnight last night that there was a tornado watch in effect in Waseca County.
- The Waseca American Legion Post 228 baseball team took a 1-0 lead against a powerful Kenyon team, but Kenyon came up four runs in the third inning enroute to a 5-1 victory for their twelfth win in fourteen games. Waseca's record now stands at 10-4 on the year.
- The Waseca County Farm Bureau will host a Rural Urban Seminar Picnic at the Johnson Pavilion at Clear Lake Park in Waseca July 31 at 8 p.m.

- 1997 (25 years ago)**
 - A trial has been tentatively set

- for a former New Richland man accused of stomping a 3-year-old boy so hard it almost ruptured his intestine. Benito Vela Jr. is charged with first-degree adult for the March 29 incident. The trial will begin August 19 on the condition that all the witnesses are available.
- Waseca's half-hour display of bright, resounding fireworks lit up the sky with a bit more flair this year than in the past, due to a lower per-cracker cost. Ron Anderly, in charge of firing the shells and mortars said his crew "had a busier firing campaign" during the show and a bigger finale with 1,200 Roman candles, 40 simultaneously fused 3-inch fireworks and new "finale boxes" including 200 2-ingu shells simultaneously fused.
- The 105th annual North Morris-town Fourth of July picnic went off without rain dampening the festivities Friday. The food stands and old fashioned rides and games opened at 8 a.m. And the hour-long parade followed with 70 entries, though some entries had multiple units.
- Two beanfield joyriders apparently helped themselves to a farmer's tractors Saturday night when the vehicle got stuck. At least that's the way it looked to a Waseca County Sheriff Deputy who investigated the incident in Section 30 of the Freedom Township.
- The Waseca School Board has changed its meeting schedule. The school board meeting dates for next school year will be the third Thursday of each month and first Thursday of the even numbered months. Superintendent Jim Schmidt said that the new schedule will be easier for the public to remember.
- Jerilyn Karis of Waldorf was recently chosen as the National Secretary/Treasurer for the Business Professionals of America organization.

Star archives, New Richland

- 100 Years**
 - The proposition of combining the Dairy Calf Show this fall with a Harvest festival seems to be receiving the favorable comment of a number of New Richland boosters. Quite a number favor the week previous to the county fair, which will give local exhibitors an opportunity to get their displays ready for the county event, which also applies to the members of the Dairy Calf club who are preparing for the country elimination contest. Provided definite action is taken, we are positive that New Richland can and does know how to put it over right.
 - New Richland people were shocked Saturday of last week to hear of the sudden death of one of its former prominent citizens, Charles August Wagner, whose death occurred Friday, July 7, at the home of his daughter, Amanda, at Russel Gulch, Colorado. Death was due to acute endo-carditis. Mr. Wagner was well known in New Richland, having lived here for thirty-eight years during which time he at first farmed southwest of town later moving to the city to engage in the lumber, mer-

- cantile and banking business with a brother, Hon. Christopher Wagner, as the firm of Wagner Bros. This took place in 1885.
- 75 Years**
 - Better than 4,000 persons attended the three-day celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the Founding of Vista Community held July 4, 5, 6, at the Eddie Swenson farm located four miles north of New Richland on Highway 13. The opening program was scheduled to start at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning, July 4, but due to the wind storm that morning the main tent nearly blew down. However, the storm let up, people began to arrive for their picnic dinners, aad by the time the afternoon program was ready to start, the tent was in order and the morning program was held after the afternoon program.
 - The American Legion team Borgen Post 75 knocked the props out from under the Midway Merchant of Albert Lea, who are the leaders of Albert Lea's Softball league. "Red" Crumb turned in a 3-hitter to rout the Merchants 6 to 1. The Legionnaires scored five times

- in the second inning. Finseth teed off with a double advancing to third when Abraham and Tyrholm walked. With bases loaded, Albert Lea twirler Nash walked in a run with another 4-counter. Smashing Bud Johnson slammed out a double to drive all base runners home. Nelson singled to score Johnson, who then completed the finish.
- 50 Years**
 - Waseca County was reapportioned at a public hearing in the probate court room at the Waseca County Courthouse, Thursday evening. When no suggestions were made from the floor, Herb Hokanson, county commissioner from this district introduced a plan for redistricting of the county to the commissioners. Herluff Offerson, chairman of the board of county commissioners called for comments or proposals from the interested citizens present. After a very short discussion and explanation, the plan was adopted by the commissioners with a 4-1 vote.
 - The Waseca County Sheriff's office is investigating the shooting of the mailbox at the Dale Winegar

- farm near New Richland. Sometime Sunday night, someone took a "pot shot" at the mailbox with a shotgun.
- Representative Rod Searle, rural Waseca, filed for reelection this week with the office of the Secretary of State. He is seeking to represent new House District 30B which encompasses all of Waseca County, townships of Deerfield, Meriden, Lemond, Berlin, Summit and Blooming Prairie in Steele County, and the township of Bath, Bancroft, Geneva, Riceland, Newry and Moscow in Freeborn County. Searle, who is filing for his ninth term, is considered one of the strongest rural voices in the Legislature.
- 25 Years**
 - Minnesota legislators on both sides of the aisle are claiming victory after passing a \$6.7 billion bill to finance the state's K-12 education system. That is the first time in six years that Minnesota's public schools have received an increase in foundation aid. For the 1997-98 school year, the increase is 2.2% and for the 1998-99 year 2.3%.

Writer of Lafayette speaks at library

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

In a continuation of their series “Real People Real History,” Waseca Public Library hosted a meet and greet Zoom meeting on June 27 at 6 p.m. with author Sarah Vowell, who talked about her novel Lafayette in the Somewhat United States. With 20 participants in the virtual call, Vowell went over her history, how she became an author, and answered questions.

Living in Oklahoma until she was 11, Vowell moved to and continues to live in Montana. She studied journalism at Montana State University while working for the college’s radio show. Vowell’s first book, written when she was 24, was a diary of her time listening to the radio because she felt strongly about what the people on air were saying. That’s one of the reasons why she switched to history. “I just kind of prefer dead people,” Vowell explained, laughing and expressing that she was sure the people on the Zoom were very nice, despite still being alive.

As she answered a variety of questions, Vowell went into detail, explaining and providing a lot of good information to the fans listening. One questioner asked how similar the real Lafayette was to the Lafayette character in the famous musical Hamilton. The answer was that he wasn’t.

In response to another question, Vowell explained that the French didn’t really care about Lafayette



Sarah Vowell

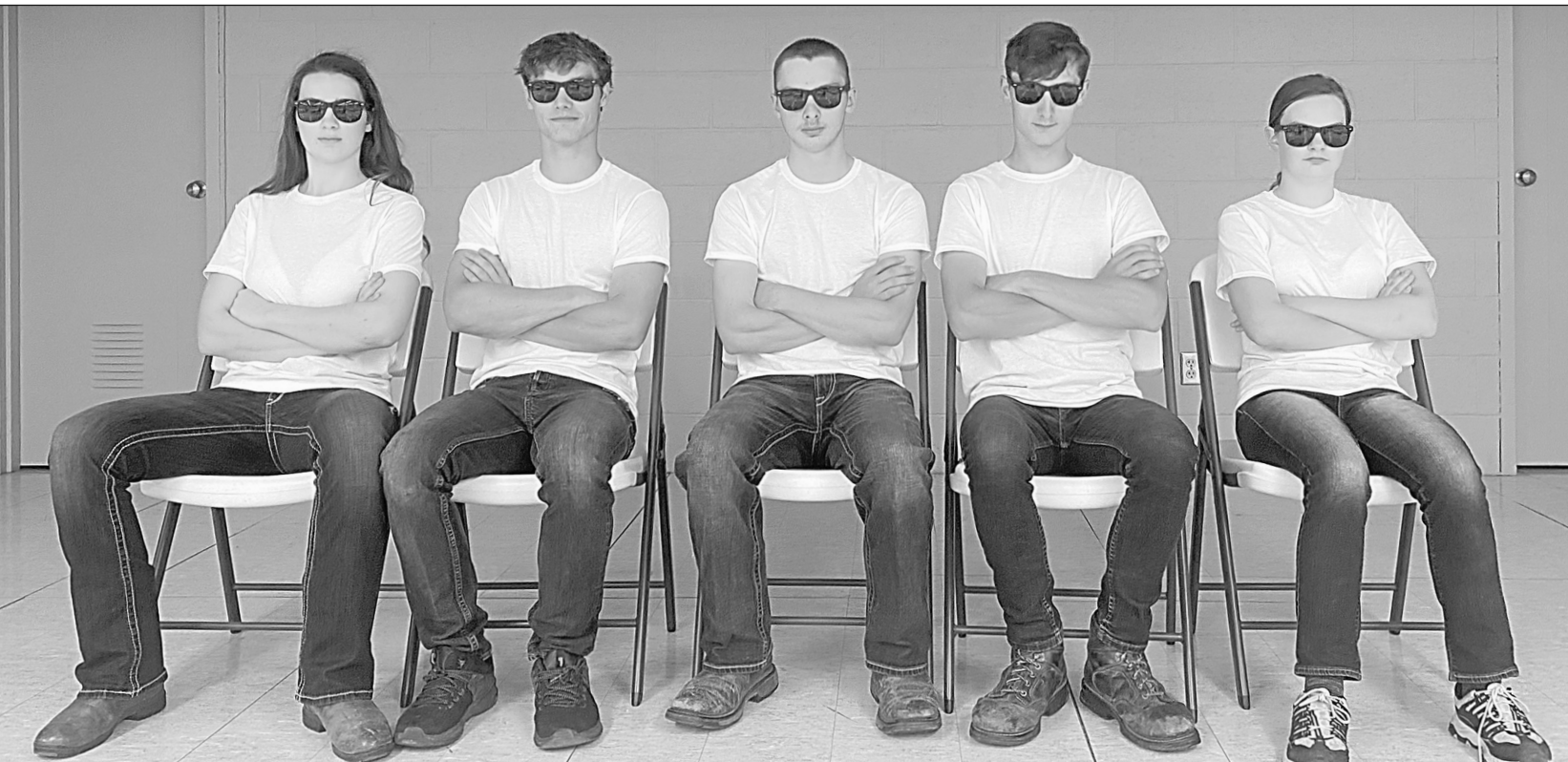
being involved with the American Revolution, calling him a weirdo for some of the things that he did in his lifetime such as being a “glory hound” and being put in prison at one point. Then again, Vowell claimed that “most people who make history are weirdos.”

Responding to questions of a more personal nature, Vowell revealed why she chose to write about Lafayette (she likes to poke at the myths of history) and when she will have a new book (doesn’t know, doesn’t like to say because some things never get done).

Vowell gave advice as well, saying that the best way to research history is to just keep going deeper into the stories, stop and read or watch everything related. She says to start with a wide angle and keep zooming in. When asked what she has found to help unite the United States, Vowell says she believes family history is important. We all have or share a family history and those shared foundations can help groups weather controversies.

At the end of the hour-long Zoom session, the librarians and audience thanked Vowell for taking part and Vowell thanked them for listening. Upcoming in the series will be two events in August: one on August 2 will be another virtual event; one on August 15 will be in person.

Waseca County 4-H



Top photo, holding 4-H Program signs from left: Avary Hopper, Angel Myers, Julia Alvarado, Alexis Myers. Shown directly above are 4-Her’s from left to right: Angel, Mark, Hunter, Quinton, & Alexis Myers.

Whose got talent? Waseca County 4-H

PRESS RELEASE
Waseca County 4-H’s “4-Her’s Got Talent” Contest was held Thursday June 30 at Christ the King Lutheran in Waseca. 4-H youth from across Waseca County participated in the evening of entertainment. The category of Expressive Arts gives 4-H members the opportunity to experience performing in a group, and helps them develop poise, self-confidence, and discipline. It also expands interest, knowledge, and skill in the performing arts.
Angel Myers of the Riverside Ramblers 4-H Club was awarded Grand Champion Performing Arts with her solo song “More Hearts Than Mine.” Reserve Champion Performing Arts was awarded to Angel, Alexis, Hunter, Mark, and Quinton Myers of the Riverside Ramblers 4-H Club with a hand clap performance. Matthew Feldkamp of the Clover Clan 4-H Club was awarded Grand Champion Virtual Performing Arts with his fiddle solo, “Bolero.” Reserve Champion Virtual Performing Arts was awarded to Sam Feldkamp with his trio fiddle performance with Isaac and Matthew Feldkamp.
Also winning purple ribbons in the performing arts category were Angel & Alexis Myers.
(Riverside Ramblers) who performed a vocal duet and Matthew Feldkamp (Clover Clan) with a second fiddle solo piece. Winning blue ribbons were Isaac Feldkamp with his fiddle duet, Joe Feldkamp with a fiddle solo, and Luke Feldkamp with a fiddle solo.
In the “Just for Fun” category, Jaxon Alverado performed a vocal piece titled “I Gotta Pea” and Alexis Feldkamp performed a fiddle solo. In the club skit category, the Riverside Ramblers 4-H Club won first place with their skit called “4-H Villagers.” The club will have the chance to represent Waseca County at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair.
Anyone interested in learning more about the performing arts categories in 4-H can contact Jazlyn Meyer, Waseca County 4-H Summer Intern at meye3084@umn.edu.



Winning purple ribbons in the Performing Arts category were 4-Her’s Angel Myers (left) and Alexis Myers. Angel was also earned a Grand Champion Performing Arts award.



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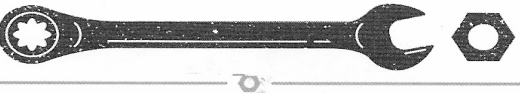


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The Pastor's Column

My desire

By SANTIAGO RAMIREZ

In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes to a community that has heard through the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ (Acts 18:24-28), the anointed of God.

It seems necessary to remember that the word Christ (in Latin and taken from the Greek) means “anointed”; anointing was a practice of the Israelite people in which oil was poured on someone's head as a sign of God's choice of that person for something, either as a priest of the congregation (Exodus 28: 41) or as king of Israel (1 Samuel 10:1; 1 Samuel 16:13), therefore, pouring oil on someone's head, the very act of anointing someone in the mind of an Israelite meant a lot, it played a specific role. Hence Jesus called the Christ of God takes on a capital relevance; Jesus the Christ is the anointed of God.

Returning to Paul, he was in Ephesus for more than two years, teaching the Ephesians about the kingdom of God (Acts 19:8, 10). In chapter one of this letter, he keeps reminding them of the place that corresponds to Jesus: that of Christ, God's chosen one.

Paul tells the Ephesians that because they have heard and believed in the Messiah (Hebrew word for anointed), they have been sealed with the Holy Spirit! Having said this, Paul asks God to give the Ephesians a spirit of wisdom, of the revelation of the full knowledge of Him (God), to enlighten the eyes of their hearts to know what is the hope of their calling and how immeasurable are the riches of the glory of God and His power to those who believe, through the sovereign power at work in the Messiah! (Ephesians 1:15-23).

That is my prayer today for each of you who have recognized Jesus the Christ as Lord and Savior: that God will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him, that each of you will place your life, your gifts, your calling in the service of God and, that the power of God (which was at work in the life of Jesus) will be at work in your life. Amen.

En la carta a los Efesios, Pablo

le escribe a una comunidad que ha oído por medio de las escrituras que Jesús era el Cristo (Hechos 18:24-28), el ungido de Dios.

Me parece necesario recordar que la palabra Cristo (en latín y tomada del griego) significa ungido; la unción era una practica del pueblo israelita en la que se derramaba aceite sobre la cabeza de alguien en señal de escogencia por parte de Dios a esa persona en razón de algo, bien como sacerdote de la congregación (Exodo 28:41), o bien como rey de Israel (1 Samuel 10:1; 1 Samuel 16:13), por lo tanto, derramar aceite sobre la cabeza de alguien, el acto mismo de ungir a alguien en la mente de un Israelita significaba mucho, jugaba un papel específico, de ahí que Jesús fuera llamado el Cristo de Dios cobra una relevancia mayúscula, Jesús el Cristo es el ungido de Dios.

Volviendo a Pablo, él mismo estuvo en Efesios por más de dos años enseñándoles acerca del reino de Dios (Hechos 19:8;10), y en el capítulo uno de esta carta no para de recordar el lugar que le corresponde a Jesús: el de Cristo, el escogido de Dios.

Pablo le dice a los efesios que por ellos haber oído y creído en el Mesías (palabra en hebreo para ungido), han sido sellados con el Espíritu Santo! Dicho esto, Pablo le pide a Dios que le de a los efesios un espíritu de sabiduría, de revelación del conocimiento pleno de Él (Dios), que les ilumine los ojos del corazón para que sepan cuál es la esperanza de su llamamiento y cuál inmensurable es la riqueza de la gloria de Dios y su poder para con los que creen, por medio de la soberana fuerza que actuó en el Mesías! Efesios 1:15-23.

Esa es mi oración hoy por cada uno de ustedes que ha reconocido a Jesús el Cristo, como Señor y Salvador: que Dios les de un espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación en el conocimiento pleno de Él, que cada uno de ustedes ponga su vida, sus dones, su llamado al servicio de Dios y, que el poder de Dios (que actuó en la vida de Jesús) actúe en sus vidas. Amén.

Dios los bendiga.

Santiago Ramírez Ocampo
Servidor de Dios

A popular Father at Sacred Heart

By AMELIA ROESSLER
Editorial Assistant

“We’ve been priests for four years. Nothing has burned down— it’s a good day,” laughs Father Thè Hoàng of Waseca’s Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Hoàng celebrated his anniversary on June 8. Having been with the Sacred Heart parish for two years, the religious leader reflects on what has gotten him to this point, and what it means to be in Waseca.

Born and raised in nearby Owatonna, Hoàng participated in an array of sports during school, but always remembered that faith was a central value in his family. His parents had immigrated from Vietnam in the early 1970s.

“My parents have seen a lot,” he says. His mother was a nurse: His father did pretty much everything as the eldest child of a very large family.

Working to get money to support his family, Hoàng’s father landed a job with the South Vietnamese Navy. That got him connected with a U.S. program which allows priests to sponsor families to come live in the United States. So Hoàng’s parents found themselves in Owatonna, sponsored by a local priest.

“Mental health is not talked about much,” Hoàng said in relation to his Vietnamese community. “So [my parents] found ways to recover and recoup from those traumatic experiences.” Hoàng says his parents did that through faith, and went on to teach their two sons that life is short, so matters of spirit should be given priority.

Growing up, Hoàng loved studying English, art, music, language, and all of the “right brain” activities. When he considered future career options, he declared he wanted to be a priest—but mostly because his brother had said the same.

Hoàng laughs at the way things eventually turned out. He is a priest; his brother is happily married and works at crunching numbers.

Other circumstances also led Hoàng into the priesthood. He attended a Catholic school throughout his elementary and middle school years. In sixth grade, he and his classmates began taking part in “adoration,” a time of silent prayer and meditation.

One of his teachers saw a potential in him that he did not yet see in himself. “She asked me the haunting question- ‘What do you want to do

for the rest of your life?’”

In a tone that implies he remembers the moment vividly, Hoàng’s soft voice claims, “I don’t know, I’m a fourth grader.”

But the question got Hoàng thinking. He remembers speculating, “If I were to do this job, how happy would I be?” Prior to the life-changing question, Hoàng had pictured himself becoming a teacher, with priesthood as a second choice. Hoàng had kept his desire to teach “hush hush” as he put it, because it was unheard of for a young guy to want to be a teacher. At least in Owatonna at the time, teaching was mainly for the ladies.

But Hoàng’s elementary teacher was supportive. He remembers her saying that there would come a day when family life would be different—different from what he had grown up with and from what his younger self thought of as “typical.” Hoàng remembers her telling him that boys of the future would need a father figure.

In sixth grade, Hoàng’s hopes of becoming a teacher were strengthened when he encountered his first male teacher. Having acquired proof that his dream was possible, he held on to it, his philosophy becoming, “It can be done; I’ll do it.”

In high school, Hoàng’s desire to teach grew. He saw what he regarded as a problem: teachers were more accepting and supportive of students who were smart and seemed academically inclined. They were less open to “hands-on, blue collar, technical college” students. “They really looked down on those kids,” he remembers. To help make up for that perceived gap, Hoàng found himself gravitating towards those kids, supporting and mentoring them through school. He remembers telling them, “You go do your work. I’ll mentor you so you can have enough grace to pass.” Hoàng was acting on his belief that a good teacher should be impartial and, regardless of what background students came from, the playing field should be even. Good teaching, he believed, comes from the heart.

“I wanted to teach because I wanted to make a dang difference,” Hoàng said.

Two tragic deaths of friends brought difficulties, reducing the central position that faith had always held for him. He wrestled with the age-old question of why bad things happen to good people. When his



ORDINATION – Fr. Thè Hoàng poses with Bishop John Quinn after being ordained as a priest in June of 2018.

“Do I know what (being a priest) entails? Can I live a life of not being married?”

— Father Thè Hoàng
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

classmates confronted him, asking how he could believe in a god who allows tragedies, he had no answer.

During that time of crisis, the priest of his own church was a supportive role model to him, so he started going back to his faith. His priest encouraged him to try the seminary, so he did.

Hoàng remembers being excited to fill out the application, but pausing when it came to signing his name.

“Do I know what this entails?”

“Can I live a life of not being married?”

All of these questions chipped away at his confidence. “It took forever to sign my name,” he said. But Hoàng’s priest encouraged him to give the seminary at least one year, and so he did.

Even though he had decided to go, he was still bothered by the idea of losing out on someday becoming a parent. However, soon after he arrived it was explained to him that a good priest shows what it means to be a father.

Hoàng found it a great comfort to know that—in a very important way—every seminary student and priest was destined to become a father. It’s “sacrificing fatherhood to live a supernatural, spiritual fatherhood,” he explained.

So Hoàng started his seminary career with the desire to teach and become the best father that he could be. One year turned to seven, and he

graduated, first, from St. Mary’s University after four years with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and Spanish and, later, from the Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit with a degree in theology. He became a deacon, then was later ordained as a priest.

Every year, Hoàng says he asks God the same question: “God, will you still take me?” And every year, God answers back, “Yes.”

After finishing his education, Hoàng was placed in Pax Christi in Rochester, where he served two parishes for two years, moving briskly from one event to the next. Here in Waseca, “I don’t have to run as much,” he says, chuckling. Small town Waseca has taught him that he doesn’t have to go fast anymore. Thè says that this allows him to focus on tasks more tightly, leading to higher quality. For example, Hoàng and his friend, colleague, and fellow graduate, Father Brian Mulligan in Janesville, have been running their podcast “The Practical Rambling Fathers” to talk about and teach what they themselves learned in the seminary.

Hoàng summarizes where he stands, now, on some of the questions which were once a source of conflict for him. “I really care for the community. I take my priesthood seriously and I love all my spiritual children.”

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Waseca Blood Drive



A blood drive, hosted by the American Red Cross, was Monday, June 13 at The Mill in Waseca. With tables set up, and free T-shirts and snacks to give out, welcoming workers Courtney and Megan of the blood drive greeted the steady flow of people who signed up to donate blood for the afternoon.

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Compostings

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Doris Krause, pretty spry for a grandma

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

Good morning.
Oh, my goodness!
What?

I was going to say the same thing.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. When we owned a cow park, a herd of cows grazed in it. I wish I had a few of those grass munchers to mow my lawn. I pushed a lawn mower named Sisyphus around. It hadn't wanted to start. "Too hot," it whined.

I don't watch horror movies. Why would I? I have bloodthirsty stable flies in my yard. My ankles are prime rib to the ankle biters. Their bites remind me it must be the season of the itch.

Heywood Banks sang, "I'm looking at the world through fly's eyes. Looking at the world through fly's eyes and you can just buzz off."

I told the stable flies to buzz off. It didn't help. There are 160,000 species of flies. Mr. Miyagi, in "The Karate Kid," told us "Man who catch fly with chopstick, accomplish anything." I'm sticking with my fly swatter.

THE REUNION HAD CLASS

We were relieved the school hadn't announced a recall of any graduates. It was implausibly implausible that we talked about the potholes of adulthood when we should have still been hoping to get a driver's license. We were mystified by the ease of achieving a state of pleasant exhaustion.

Dale Berg of Arlington Heights, Illinois, was part of an article in the May 2022 issue of VFW Magazine detailing the "Ambush at Renegade Woods" in Vietnam in 1970. The article can be found at <http://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=742383&p=1&view=issueViewer&pp=1>

Dennis Prescher of New Richland recalled Mrs. Hinrichs dropping a large marble into a metal pail every time a speaker said a filler word like "uh" or "um" in speech class. Mr. Feder told him the best way to run a cross country meet was to start as fast as possible and then increase your speed as you go.

Kenny Laplount of Amarillo, Texas, said a football coach called him Red Shoes because of the bloody shoes he'd been left with after an opposing player had run over him.

Doris (Ebnat) Krause of Waseca said a grandchild told her she was pretty spry for a grandma.

Marlene (Peterson) Bregar of Pueblo, Colorado, said her husband Bill sent anniversary flowers to the school where she taught. Another teacher said, "What did he

do?"
Mary Ann Shurson of Platteville, Wisconsin, retired from teaching after hearing a student grumble, "You're not my mother." She wanted to avoid hearing, "You're not my grandmother."

Nancy Babcock Busse of Mankato, after one of her students had called her an uncomplimentary name, responded with, "Shhh! I'm trying to keep that a secret."

Bernie Anderson of Minneapolis heard a grandchild say it was easy to tell Bernie was old because of his neck. The dreaded turkey neck.

Our teachers said things like, "If I saw you getting beat up, I'd walk over and break up the fight, but I'd walk very slowly."

School offered less praise in those bygone days, fearing it might lead to excessive pride, but it was a welcome pace, which might have existed only in our collective memories.

Thanks to Mike & Becky Minske of Fairview Park, Ohio, Jane (Byron) Scheidnes of Roseville, Cheryl (Engesser) Kortuem of Northfield and Diane (Jacobson) Norvell of Owatonna for their organizational efforts.

I wanted to hold a jar of SKIPPY peanut butter in my class photo. Product placement is important. A classmate asked if I ever dreamed that one day, people would pay me to talk. My father had paid me not to talk. His prayer was, "Lord, please keep one hand on Allen's shoulder and the other over his mouth."

A MAJOR HICCUP

After my hiccups had eluded effective treatment for three weeks and caused wearisome insomnia, I became intrigued with Charles Osborne of Anthon, Iowa, who hiccuped for 68 years. He was hanging a hog for butchering when the involuntary diaphragm spasms began, 20-40 per minute. Osborne became a livestock auctioneer. His hiccups stopped suddenly and he died a year later at 97.

THE SIGN READ

At TNT Body Shop in Hartland, "We do three kinds of work: Good, fast and cheap. You may choose two."

NATURE NOTES

I did a Breeding Bird Survey for the U.S. Geological Survey in Freeborn, Mower and Steele Counties, and found no ticks. Ticks don't fall from trees, bug zappers aren't effective against mosquitoes, deer whistles don't rid roads of deer, electronic devices don't repel mice and hedge apples don't discourage spiders.

I'm honored to have my chickadee photo gracing a sign at the Audubon Preserve in the southwestern part of Albert Lea at the end of Oregon Street. There are 2 miles of nature trails.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A duck hunt to remember

By JONAH STAFFORD
Staff Writer

Lifelong Hartland resident and NRHEG alum Noah Nielsen recently shared the story of his favorite duck hunt of all time in a Facebook post that garnered hundreds of likes. But it is the meaning behind this hunt and the gift Nielsen gave to Waseca Police Officer Arik Matson that has touched the hearts of so many.

Matson, who had been an avid duck hunter from age nine, made his grand return to the sport last fall after missing the 2020 season while recovering from a traumatic brain injury sustained from being shot while in the line of duty.

Arik's wife, Megan, recalled that it was "heartbreaking mentally" for

him to have to miss the season opener in October 2020, and that "a lot of prep work" had to be done to ensure that the next season would be more successful.

Per Megan, Arik's doctors were concerned about his return to hunting because he was experiencing double vision, but this was later treated surgically.

"They never took it away from him; they just added precautions," said Megan, who added that their friend, Jeremy Hencke, kept a close eye on her husband as he operated his gun. Other members of the hunting party were Noah Nielsen, Albert Lea Police Officer Nathan Idstein, and cameramen Jeff Frowley and Dale Mord.

Nielsen recalled that, on the day of the hunt, Arik "made a great shot," downing a blue-winged teal duck, leading to a special moment Nielsen decided to memorialize.

In secret, Nielsen, who owns a taxidermy shop in Hartland, worked on a special mount for Matson's first duck, which put it in a flight position against a backing board of the flag for police solidarity, with the phrase "Matson Strong" on the thin blue stripe.

"Without the Matson Strong drive, that hunt wouldn't have been possible," said Nielsen.

To Arik, being Matson Strong means "to persevere and never give up."

Ultimately, to the Matson family,



Arik Matson

Nielsen's gift "was more than the duck was" and serves as a reminder that through Arik's recovery, he is able to regain both everyday skills and participate in hobbies he enjoyed before the injury.

Meyer family reunion July 3



Pictured here is 28 of the many members of the Meyer family who met for a reunion at Northeast Park in Waseca Sunday, July 3. At noon, they had a barbecue-style potluck and enjoyed catching up with each other. The Meyer family is spread throughout the United States. Most of the clan comes from Colorado. However, a few of them have local ties with Janesville and Pemberton.

IN BRIEF

FCA junior sports camp Aug 2-4

The Waseca FCA Junior Sports camp for grades 3-8 will be held Aug. 2-4 at Waseca High School. The deadline for submissions is July 28. Athletes will pick one sport each day for three days from the following sports to participate in: football, baseball, wrestling, volleyball, soccer, tennis, track, golf, hockey, softball, basketball, gymnastics. Essentially, if it's a sport, it's an option, for both boys, girls, and some coed events.

A little info: The Waseca FCA Junior Sports Camp is a day camp for young athletes who want to develop their skills in sport and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. The coaching staff will include some of the best high school coaches around.

Register online at: minnesotafca.org/waseca-jsc

For more information, please contact camp directors:

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Barry & Stacey Dufault:
SRDUFALT@GMAIL.COM

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Hertzog named to Hamline's Dean's List

Erika Hertzog, of Waseca, was named to the Hamline University Dean's List for the Spring 2022 term.

Hertzog was among 471 students to make the College of Liberal Arts Dean's List this semester.

To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of 16 credit hours. In the Spring 2021 term, students were required to have completed a minimum of 12 credits graded on the standard letter-grade scale for the term.

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Dustin Osweiler graduates Carthage College

Carthage College in Kenosha, WI has announced its list of 650 graduates recently. Dustin Osweiler of Waseca was one of those graduates. Osweiler earned his a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science .

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Short session

In an unusually short meeting which included no new action items, the Waseca County Board of Commissioners took care of some routine matters at its July 5 meeting and then discussed upcoming and on-going issues which they have been working on.

Among the routine business were some temporary street closures in the vicinity of the Waseca County Fairgrounds. With the fair scheduled from July 13 to 17, the closures will take place on Eighth Ave Northeast on July 13 for the sake of the Minn-E-Rods Tractor Pull competition and on July 17 for the Auto and Cycle show.

Also part of the consent agenda was an annual agreement between the county and the Minnesota Department of Resources which stipulates that the DNR will reimburse the county for any time and resources used by the Sheriff's Department in assisting with DNR projects, rescues or investigations having to do with bodies of water in the county.

When discussing staff changes at the county, commissioners were informed that new county assessor Brock Nelson will be taking office on July 11. The assessor office has been vacant since the departure of Joe Udermann in March. It was also mentioned that Peyton Harguth of the County Public Health office will be departing. One of the Public Health Office's 18 employees, Har-

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guth has been on staff for about a year, and has helped with the coordination of senior care services and immunizations.

Water management, including drainage and water quality, was among the items of discussion. Included were repairs and cleanings on various ditches throughout the county, including at least two culverts which have failed and require replacement.

Also discussed was the "One Watershed, One Plan" agreement, under which counties that have acreage located within the area drained by specific rivers work together to help assure the watershed can function as smoothly and safely as possible, while protecting the interests of property owners, the public, and various special interest groups. Roughly 70% of Waseca County is in the LeSueur River watershed: the LeSueur eventually delivers its water to the Blue Earth River, thus making the county part of the "Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance" (GBERBA).

Board members mentioned that an appreciation dinner for fair board members is coming up next week, and that meetings and presentations regarding GBERBA will take place at Farmamerica on July 15.

Dulas announces his campaign for sheriff

WASECA - I am excited to announce my candidacy to be your next Waseca County Sheriff.

My 25-year career in law enforcement has been motivated by my desire to help and serve others. I have proudly served the last 23 years with the Waseca County Sheriff's Office. I started my career as a Corrections Officer, Dispatcher, and am currently serving as a Deputy Sheriff. I have been the Crime Prevention Officer within the department for the last 22 years and have assisted in training new officers that have joined the department. With my focus on public service, I pledge to continue to make Waseca County a safe place to visit and call home.

I grew up on a farm outside of

Medford, Minnesota where I learned the meaning of hard work and was raised with an understanding of how to treat people fairly, honestly, and with integrity. In my career, I have always taken the time to go above and beyond and get to know those that I serve. I strongly believe in building relationships and being involved in the community where I live and work. For the last 15 years, I have been with the Waseca Fire Department serving as a volunteer firefighter, a training officer, a Lieutenant, and currently as a Captain. My commitment to the citizens of Waseca County remains a priority.

My wife, Robin, grew up in Waseca and graduated from Waseca High School. We decided Waseca

was where we wanted to put down roots and raise our family. All three of our daughters have also graduated from Waseca High School.

When I am not working for the Sheriff's Department, I enjoy spending time with my wife and our family, farming, and enjoying the outdoors.

As your Sheriff, I promise to continue upholding the high standards that have been set in the Waseca County Sheriff's Office and I am committed to building and enhancing our relationships with other emergency agencies. I have the training, knowledge, and experience needed to be your next Waseca County Sheriff!

I am tremendously appreciative



Jay Dulas

and extremely thankful for the outpouring of support, encouragement, financial donations, calls, texts, and messages. Be sure to watch for more information coming out in the weeks and months leading up to the election.

I invite you to contact me at 507-833-8164 or e-mail me at JayDulas-forSheriff@gmail.com

Chief deputy vying for county sheriff position

WASECA - It is with great excitement that I announce that I will be running in the 2022 election for the Office of Waseca County Sheriff. Many of you that know me realize that I have been heavily involved in the Waseca area and I have a commitment to trying to make our county a better place. I have proven this through all of the organizations I have been involved with over my lifetime.

After Sheriff Milbrath announced he no longer planned to run for office in 2022 and retire, I felt it was the time for new challenges and a new opportunity to serve Waseca County.

Out of respect for Sheriff Milbrath, I wanted to allow time for his well-deserved recognition, so I am announcing tonight. I have had the honor and privilege of serving under three Sheriffs for Waseca County totaling 26 years, and I have currently been appointed under the Sheriff for over 11 years as his Chief Deputy.

I enjoy working hard and being part of the Sheriff's Management Team. Many times, my duties entail behind the scenes work and I plan to continue to build on Sheriff Milbrath's fine tradition of Public Service to Waseca County Residents. I will continue to build partnerships and relationships locally, throughout

southern Minnesota, and around the State.

I believe my supervisory experience, my leadership ability, my 26 years of service to Waseca County, and my ability to organize and collaborate with the organizations I have had the privilege to serve, make me the best qualified and perfect choice for your next Sheriff.

I would appreciate your support and I would be honored to service as your next Sheriff!

A Big Thank You to those who've called, texted, and messaged me with encouragement.

More information will be coming out over the next several weeks and



Trevor Kanewischer

months leading up to the election.

If you have any questions or if you would like more information, my cell phone number is (507) 461-2604 or email me at Kanewischer.4.Sheriff@gmail.com

■ Council

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Conrath represented Ward I, which covers northwest Waseca.

In other business, City Engineer Nathan Willey requested authorization to engage a Fixed Based Operator service at the airport. The facility currently relies on volunteers, and having more consistent service will be helpful, he states. The council granted authorization and will accept bids for a new FBO until August 4 at 4 p.m.

Willey and the council will evaluate the airport board's report before moving forward with selecting an FBO with the expectation of them arriving in September or October. In the interim, the city will be covering fuel costs.

Willey added that the Airport Board is also looking to install a new card system to accept debit and credit cards from people buying fuel or a new fuel tank. They additionally discussed adding a fuel flowage fee of \$0.10 a gallon to generate revenue for system improvements. Among the members of the airport board, votes regarding all proposed changes at the airport barely passed, with a final vote of 3-2.

When council member John Mansfield inquired about why the split happened, Willey replied, "One felt that the fuel flowage fee wasn't needed. But my feelings are we need new hangars and to pay for upkeep. As costs continue to increase, this is a way to offset those costs."

Public Forum

Robert Tackett talked to the council about developing a program for schools to get students prepared for hostile situations.

"In light of recent events with shootings and horrible things we've experienced, I asked the local school board if they plan to develop a program for the schools," Tackett said. "I've gotten a 'no' every time."

Tackett added that if the council was interested in having a comprehensive security plan at the schools beyond having a security officer on hand, "I'm ready to develop a plan. I wanted to make aware that if we want to do something, we absolutely can make it happen in a small town like Waseca."

Other Items

The council discussed bids for the I&I manhole restoration project. Construction includes sanitary sewer pipe lining and manhole repairs in the SE quadrant of town along the 5th St SE sewer shed.

City Manager Lee Mattson recommended that the city approve the \$54,702 bid from Stantec Consulting. Council member Mark Christiansen expressed concern about how low the bid was. "It's a lot lower compared to the other

"As costs continue to increase, this is a way to offset those costs."

— City Engineer
Nathan Willey

bids," he said. "Coming from a construction background, that low of a bid for that much work is giving off red flags."

Mattson explained that they looked at potential durability. "This bid uses cheaper material that's still of quality while the other bids don't justify the expenses expected. We also have a ten-year warranty with this option."

After further discussion, the council approved the bid with a 5-0 vote.

The council then talked about a proposal for a Hybrid-Telework policy. If formalized, it will officially allow city employees flexibility to work from home when they can. Mattson stated the draft for this policy is based on one used in New Ulm.

Council member Jeremy Conrath expressed concern. "Many city employees do not have the option to do this," he said. "Something like this is great, but I think of areas like the Fire Department and the Wastewater treatment plan - they don't have this option at all. If they have a medical call and that person is Covid positive, they're told to deal with it."

He speculated that those who have no choice but to report personally to work should receive additional pay similar to the Frontline Workers' Pay. Council member Mark Christiansen pushed back, saying, "They have unions and contracts. I'm not sure that they should get more."

"We need to find good ways to offer opportunities to people so that way we get staff," he added. "I personally have no desire to work at home. I want to be with people and to communicate. But we've got to have different things to offer people to attract them. Otherwise, we'll have whatever's left, and I don't think we'd be happy with it."

With a 4-1 vote, the council approved the Hybrid-Telework Policy. Mansfield opposed.

The council approved a change order for the city pavilion with total costs not to exceed \$31,720, with up to an additional \$5,000 for soil sampling.

Members also accepted a contract from Adam Harguth, who was the high bidder to cut hay on the city property known as the "Lewer Farm." Under the terms of Harguth's bid, the city estimates it will receive about \$895.05 for each future cutting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Interim director in place at care center

By JESSICA LUTGENS
Staff Writer

Security cameras approved by the New Richland City Council and already purchased and installed have been put to good use, according to a statement made by City Administrator Tony Martens during the council's second meeting of the month on Monday, June 27. The cameras captured photos, videos, and identifying characteristics of five suspects involved in recent vandalism to the women's restroom at St. Olaf Lake, and the information has been sent to the Waseca County Attorney for possible filing of criminal charges.

Due to the absence of Dave Dunn, whose last day at the New Richland Care Center will be July 8, the council reviewed the Care Center report briefly, receiving updates from council member Loren Skelton. Skelton stated that the census and therefore finances for May were down slightly, and that the Center continues to have difficulty staffing RNs, though one part-time RN has been hired.

"Otherwise, things are going well there," Skelton said.

An interim administrator has been chosen and will be ready to begin by July 7, though the high cost of em-

ploying an interim administrator, housing him in a hotel for the duration of his employment at the Center, mileage, and travel time make the matter of finding a permanent replacement for Dunn an even higher priority.

Before the report was approved, the council had kind words to say about Dunn's time with the Center.

"I think we all appreciate the job he did for the Care Center," said Mayor Gail Schmidt. "I'm sad to see him go."

Skelton added, "He's left the Care Center in a better position than when he arrived."

Shelli Johnson presented the PeopleService report, stating that her portion of the city-wide map discussed two months ago is finished; Johnson hopes the full map will be completed soon. She also recently took part in a free online class on salting, which she recommended the council and administrator might also find value in, along with an OSHA/operations refresher course. The only current issue reported involves a sewer main on Balsam Avenue, which will require the services of Jetter Clean to resolve. Martens will officially notify the homeowner near the sewer line of the issue. The

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report was approved.

In Streets and Water, it was stated that 23 blue cards for late payment were sent out in May, resulting in three shutoffs due to nonpayment. Weekly maintenance continues at city parks, the water plant, and St. Olaf Lake. Cleanup following the vandalism at St. Olaf Lake has been completed, and the women's restroom there was reopened June 21. Two concrete patches were approved, to be paid for with capital funds: one at the west entrance of NRHEG School, and another on the north side of Neighbor's Meats. The purchase of 30 hydrant markers for \$792.22 was approved.

Martens stated that he has spoken to the county about a fix for a portion of road on South Broadway, and it is hoped that the repair will take place this week before Farm and City Days begins. Mayor Schmidt noted that she has received comments regarding the stalls in the women's restroom at Legion Field and suggested making the stalls larger, which the council agreed would be beneficial. The report was approved.

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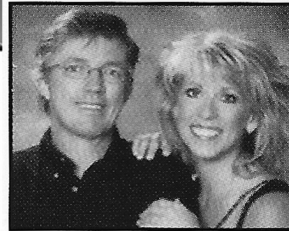
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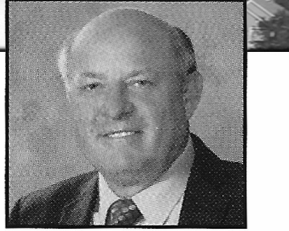


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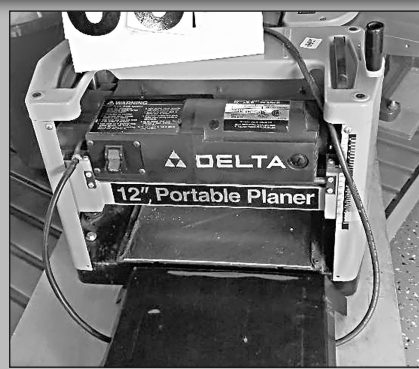
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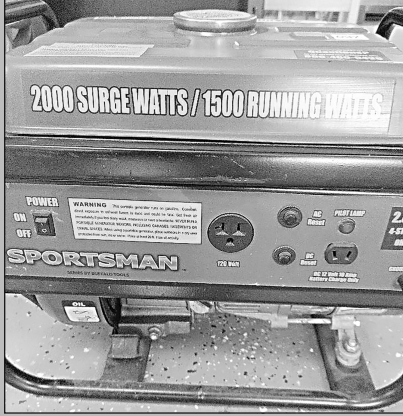
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