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2022 Royalty

Coronation will be September 29

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Waseca Homecoming 2022 kicks off next week. Coronation is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29 at the high school gymnasium, when royalty will be crowned based on a vote of the student body grades 9-12. The new king and queen will reign over homecoming activities, including the parade scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Friday starting at the Waseca County Fairgrounds. The homecoming football game will be at 7 p.m. Friday against the Jordan Hubmen.

This year's candidates are Brenden Brown (son of Jeremy and Kim Brown); JD Delgado Jr. (son of JD Sr and Alberta Delgado); Payton Garza (son of Raul and Lacie Garza); Will King (son of Brad and Tina King); Oliver O'Brien (son of Ben and Ria O'Brien); Christian Rodriguez (son of Nathan and Debbie Rodriguez); Samantha Azure (daughter of Sam and Jamie Azure); Aubree Hansen (daughter of Steve and Barb Hansen); Charli Harguth (daughter of Jerry and April Harguth); CeCe Huttemier (daughter of John Huttemier and Kristi Hyink-Huttemier); Avery Madsen (daughter of Chris and Leslie Madsen) and Riley Ruedy (daughter of Wesley and Sara Ruedy). This year's junior escorts are Ella Marlin (daughter of Paul and Steph Marlin) and Emmett Byron (son of Ben and Jenna Byron).

Schedule

Sunday, September 25: 11 a.m. First Annual Community JAY WALK! Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Those attending are asked to park in the lot by the football field. Follow the walking trail past the softball fields to Loon Lake Park and back. This is approximately a 5k (3 mile) walk. Cost is \$5 per walker/\$20 per family (suggested donation). Proceeds will be used to support the projects and activities of the Waseca High School student council. Attendees will have a chance to meet homecoming royalty as well as members of this year's Bluejay football team.

Monday, September 26: 12:50 p.m. Pepfest for fall sports. Dress up day includes class colors (Seniors: camo/blaze orange; Juniors: silver/white; Sophomores: black; Freshmen: pink; 8th grade: red; 7th grade: green. Teachers will match their Connect group or the group they work with the most.)

Tuesday, September 27: Dress Up Day – Soccer Mom vs Grill Dad Day

Wednesday, September 28: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Bean bag tournament under the lights at the football field (weather permitting); Dress up day – Duo Day/Twin Day- twin with your friend(s) or dress as a DUO (ex. Salt and Pepper, Batman and Robin, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Dumb and Dumber).

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A word from The Word

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
Isaiah 55:8

Flying into Homecoming week



2022 Waseca Homecoming Court, from left: Aubree Hansen, Will King, CeCe Huttemier, JD Delgado, Avery Madsen, Oliver O'Brien, Riley Ruedy, Payton Garza, Charlotte Harguth, Brenden Brown, Samantha Azure, and Christian Rodriguez. More photos of the court are on Page 10. Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

Keen image

First National Bank is rebranding and effective September 24, 2022 will operate as Keen Bank. This change is to uniquely identify the organization and provide an opportunity to singularly own their name and eliminate confusion in the marketplace surrounding multiple banks named First National.

"We are so excited to introduce Keen Bank to our customers and community and make this change to better represent who we are today," said CEO and Director Bernie Gaytko. "Serving our community with local and engaged ownership is what has set us apart from the other financial institutions for over a hundred years, and this is at the core of who we are and what we do. Rest assured, this will not change. We are not being sold or acquired. Our board of directors and staff will remain the same. We are simply going to operate under a new name with a fresh, energetic look."

The rebrand will strengthen the investment of the bank's infrastructure, technology and people to bring customers and the market an optimal banking experience.

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KEEN - Effective Saturday September 24, 2022, First National Bank of Waseca will be known as Keen Bank. Above from left: Richard Sankovitz, Ann Gaytko, bank President Bernie Gaytko, and bank CFO Tom Sankovitz. Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

WASECA CITY COUNCIL

Moratorium passes 4-3

THC products will still be available at local shops and businesses

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Every seat was full Tuesday evening in Waseca City Hall as council members voted 4-3 to approve a controversial one-year moratorium on THC, the psychoactive chemical in marijuana. Under the moratorium, no new businesses will be allowed to sell THC infused products in the city of Waseca for up to a year: those which had already been doing so will be allowed to continue.

Council members also have the option of ending the moratorium at their discretion, noting that time will be needed to enact ordinances for THC licenses or permits similar to those which apply to tobacco and alcohol.

Despite this, city staff was specifically directed to delay beginning any work on such licensing:

"Council is indicating that we do not want to put this on the fast track," Mayor Roy Srp said. "I'm getting from the majority that we want to keep it where we're at... However, it's been made very clear that if the council decides—for discussion purposes—if the council decides after the first week in November that they either want to get rid of the moratorium and open things up [or not], then that's what they'll direct staff to do."

"With the way things are heading, we need to use all our study sessions for taxes... and set the general levy," Srp concluded.

Those supporting the moratorium were Srp and council members John Clemmons, Allen Rose, and John Mansfield.

"Tap the brakes," was how Clemmons, in his first official meeting, described the decision. "I have no problem with THC edibles or oils or anything like that. I have no problem at all. I just thought this moratorium would allow us to reset and come up with a plan."

"It's easier for a council to do it [a moratorium] before it [THC sales] explodes, if it's even going to," Clemmons explained. "If we don't do a moratorium then what? Are you going to have a plan, Mr. Conrath, to have licensing in place for the future? Or are we going to have

Moratorium continued on 3

Preliminary tax increase set at 11.2%

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Members of the Waseca City Council held their final budget study session prior to approving a preliminary tax increase of 11.2 percent during their regular meeting September 20, 2022.

What does this mean for Waseca residents?

It does not mean residents will be paying 11% more: The effective tax rate is 4.49%.

During a short city council study session prior to the evening's regular meeting, city manager Lee Mattson described a reduction the new Con-Agra building creates in the overall

tax burden borne by city residents. "It's once in a lifetime," he exclaimed. "At least once in my lifetime. They're expecting the building to be valued at \$20 million."

"It's a unique situation," Mattson concluded.

The decision to approve the preliminary tax levy and general fund budget of \$5.7 million dollars did not pass unanimously. Council members John Mansfield and John Clemmons both voted no, stating opposition to an increase as high as 11%.

Reasons given for the hike included anticipated cost of living and health insurance expenses likely to result from contract negotiations cur-

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rently underway with city employees. It was stated numerous times that determining a preliminary tax levy is a step required by the state; having named 11% as its maximum possible increase, the city cannot submit an official tax rate that is higher. It can submit one that is lower.

"The city manager, finance director, and their whole staff are commended for their work on this tax levy and budget," Waseca Mayor Roy Srp expressed. "There are a lot

of headaches and chores involved. This is excellent work. Kudos to the entire staff."

Efforts to reduce increases to the city budget, and thus to the tax levy, included combining two full-time city staff positions, the assistant city manager and economic development planner, into one and cutting one worker from the street maintenance department. Also coming off the budget this year were \$22,000 in maintenance no longer needed at the city's water park.

The final general budget and tax levy will be approved following a public meeting in December.



In My Humble Opinion

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Photographs are a form of time travel

Visiting a relative of mine who is in her 80s and in an assisted living setting, I was invited to look through some photo albums. One, from her college years in the mid-1950s, had pictures taken before I was even born. As I flipped through the pages, my aunt shared corresponding memories of hiking with her husband through the mountains of Montana and “finally” reaching a waterfall that, based on the photo, must have been at least 200 feet tall. Along with the description of the hike came the news that, when the photos were taken, she and her husband had no spare money to buy a photo album; she had assembled the one in my hands by decorating a piece of cardboard as a cover and lacing sheets of construction paper together using string.

Also on the shelf was a finely crafted album from a more prosperous time labeled “2000.” Inside were photos taken on various trips and at celebrations held during that long-awaited year of the new millennium. As I looked at pictures of those people who are, or were, fixtures in my life and realized either how changed they are or, in many cases, how long they’ve been gone, I couldn’t help reflecting on the nature of time—that minutes can seem so long and decades so short.

Those photographed mo-

ments, most forgotten and others, for example various family gatherings, remembered only as part of a string of similar events, were a form of time travel.

What those pictures, those memories, forced me to reflect upon is that, even though “now” demands the spotlight on the stage of our lives, the action is occurring everywhere: the choices and interactions of the past are still intermingling, persistently influencing not only the present, but also a future which is out of sight on the far side of the stage.

“Gone but not forgotten” is no mere figure of speech. The waves of energy science tells us are all around us include not only the spectrum of electro-magnetism, but the people and actions of the past rippling through the perceptions and decisions of the “now” and the “someday.”

It was a profound visit, reminding me that my now sedentary aunt has lived a very active life indeed. The realization and the recollections were profound.

All I can say is, I encourage you to spend a few minutes glancing at some photos from long ago. As it did for me, it will provide an opportunity to connect with what once was, reflect upon what is, and speculate about what will be.



Looking in the Mirror

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Longest writing project of my life

The Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton community welcomes Tori Day, a new elementary special education teacher who is preparing to start work in the district this fall.

Day grew up in Saint Peter and later earned her bachelor’s degree in special education from Mankato State University. She now lives in Nicollet with her husband and foster children.

Day’s family will soon be growing further, with her first biological child due in November.

Prior to being hired as a special education teacher at JWP, Day had worked as a paraprofessional for eight years in Saint Peter. She also student taught in Cleveland, Minnesota.

Day says her interest in special education was partially inspired by her mother, a longtime special education paraprofessional. Though she once planned on studying elementary education more generally, thanks to helping her mother in the classroom and her own experience as a para, she realized that special education was the right route for her.

In the lead up to starting this fall at JWP, Day spent the past few

months teaching summer school.

Day believes her past experience in education will prove to be an asset to her at JWP, as she has witnessed experienced paras and teachers with “different approaches,” allowing her to develop her own teaching style.

In particular, Day believes that persistence and a willingness to try new things will allow her to help her students maximize their learning potential.

“I personally have found that if something is not working, you gotta switch it up,” she says.

Day said that the most rewarding part of her job as an educator is “when I am able to help a student so it clicks for them.”

Some of Day’s first-year goals are building rapport with students and facilitating a classroom where students feel comfortable, safe, and free to be themselves.

Above all else, at the moment, Day is anticipating the day when she can open her door to a classroom of eager students and begin her work as a special education teacher at JWP.

“I am excited to get things rolling,” she said.

tion in PAC; 9 - 11 p.m. student dance in the commons. Dress up day theme: throwback Thursday - pick your decade.

Friday, September 30: 12:50 p.m. Pep rally; 2 p.m. Parade/fairgrounds; 7 p.m. Homecoming football game versus Jordan Hubman. Dress up day theme: blue and gold day.

This weekend was once again fantastic because of football. This time, it’s because my hometown Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Bulldogs defeated our cross-county rival New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva at our home opener.

And once again, we have the Golden Brick.

A regular annual contest since the 1970s, the “Battle of the Golden Brick” has been a great addition to the cross-county (and now in-conference) rivalry between JWP and NRHEG. From what I’ve seen printed on the original trophy, NRHEG won nine of fifteen battles between 1986 and 2001.

Sadly, we didn’t face NRHEG much in the 2010s. Every game we played against them was a playoff game, the most recent playoff battle in 2019 which was in favor of the Bulldogs who won 8-0. The Battle for the Golden Brick finally returned in 2021, with the Panthers hosting the Bulldogs and getting the biggest of victories 42-0.

That’s why this game on Friday was important.

Both teams have struggled this year. NRHEG had two tough losses, while JWP didn’t get a fair shake with their season opener being shut down early. (St. Clair-Loyola defeated the Bulldogs in the second



Music to my Ears

by Michael Roy
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game.) With the Bulldogs hosting NRHEG, it was a perfect chance to take back the brick and win the home opener.

And they did 25-14.

I’ve tried getting a little more involved with my sports coverage, mainly because the more I cover them, the more I regret not playing in them. I didn’t go to games much in high school, and the only year I took part in sports was football in sixth grade.

We went 4-2 and played three teams throughout the year: Maple River, Madelia, and St. Clair. We beat Maple River and St. Clair twice, but we couldn’t get past Madelia... at least until the championship against them on their field.

I’ll never forget it. I got the wind knocked out of me by one of their linebackers when we hosted them in Waldorf. But in that championship, I got revenge and pancaked that guy as he tried getting our running back,

Ryan Eustice. We ended up winning in a close matchup. I only wish I had stayed involved in football after that, and have especially wished I had gotten into hockey.

To make up for that lost time on the field, I act as a huge fan. I mean, once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog. I was a bit extra for the game against the Panthers. It was the home opener, the chance to get the golden brick was on the line...school pride overwhelmed me, I’ll admit it. I got a little feisty, and Leanne Kavitz (who also takes pictures of all the JWP teams) reminded me not to heckle the referees while on the sideline.

So, instead, I tried getting the fans as hyped up as possible. When one of the NRHEG players got ejected, I challenged the student section to cheer as loud as they possibly could while I got a picture of them. I’m keeping that picture until I retire.

I was ecstatic when JWP won. You all have no idea. Most of the time,

NRHEG beats us in every sport. They always have had great girls’ basketball teams, softball teams, and their wrestling and volleyball squads are at least good if not great every single season. This school year, we bested them head-to-head in football. We’ll see how we do against them in volleyball and cross country. It will be a tough battle in both sports.

You may have noticed a change in my column header from “Well, Like I Said...” to “Music to my Ears.” When coming up with the former title, I thought about how much I circled back during my ramblings. “Well, Like I Said...” became my catchphrase.

But it didn’t read right after a month, so I started to reconsider. I brainstormed other phrases, and I thought, “I end my columns with some music history. Why not title the column something music related? Something that is...music to the ears!”

And thus, the change of the column title.

This week in music

On September 18, 1983, the rock band Kiss made history. For the first time ever, the band took off their iconic makeup and made their first appearance without it to promote the release of their newest album Lick It Up.

Marching Classic is a big deal to everyone

The Waseca Marching Classic is a big deal. Not only for those who live and breathe it like the band members tend to, but for everyone involved and watching it unfold.

Speaking as a former Marching Jay who spent three years (Covid canceled my senior year) marching the Classic parade and field show, it is one of the highlights of the entire marching season. It is truly regenerating to have so many bands come to Waseca and see where we’ve put in so many hours of blood, sweat and tears.

This year I was fortunate enough to come back and help out, taking pictures for the paper and being a band host with my mother.

I’ve been told that not a lot of people wanted to be a band host because they thought that it meant hosting the band at their house or something similar. It’s not at all like that. Being a band host means that you are assigned to one band for the whole day—doing things like showing them where things are, helping their band director with any ques-



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler
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tions, and just being there for anything the band needs while in Waseca.

My mom and I were fortunate enough to get the band from Luverne, the same band we hosted last year. Their director is genuinely nice; it was a pleasure to be of help again, especially since he remembered us.

Our day started out helping their bus driver find the parade warm up spot, leading them to the parade start, and most importantly supporting them as they marched down State Street. After the parade was the award show (Luverne got second!) and then a lunch break.

As Burger King had run out of

meat that day, Dairy Queen was swamped. When the Luverne band director and some of the band went there to get lunch, they were on a time crunch hoping to get their food in time for their workshop with one of the judges. Even though it was not necessary as a band host, my mom and I wanted to help out and picked up the band director at Dairy Queen and drove him back to the school, dropping him off near the fields with his and some of his students’ food so that he could catch up with his band, whose members were heading off to the field for their workshop. It was quite impressive how those kids ate while holding their instruments and

walking to the field.

After the workshop we helped all the musicians back to their warm-up spots, then waited as they got ready for their time under the lights. When they performed, it was almost like watching our Jays. I was so proud of them.

But of course, nothing can compare to the Waseca Marching Jays. It was incredible to not only be able to see them perform but to be able to join them in rehearsals, taking pictures of the precious moments before they stepped out onto the field.

I was very happy to be home for the weekend and able to see some of the amazing performances by bands this weekend. I hope that some of you next year are willing to volunteer half a day and become a host for some of these amazing bands that visit Waseca for the Waseca Marching Classic.

My Determination: “Do I love you? My God, if your love were a grain of sand, mine would be a universe of beaches.”— William Goldman, The Princess Bride

Controversies can be sticky

Another busy week.

I lost track of the number of sincere compliments we at the paper received over the past several days. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each and every one who stopped me to say something. It reminds us here at the paper that our work is important. Or at least, it allows me/us/our staff to share the feelings readers have as they enjoy the paper.

The reason I’ve been in a position to hear so many comments is because this past weekend was the Marching Classic. Oh, and football games. And bank name changes. And Homecoming preparations. And city council meetings.

All these and more were part of a very eventful week in Waseca.

At my numerous appointments, along with the kind comments came inquiries about how the paper is doing. I appreciate the question: Things are going well. We are up over 725 subscribers. (I haven’t tallied up the new list yet, it is next among my to-do’s.)

I have been told numerous times, “It takes me a long time to read the paper.” That’s a good thing. One of my mentors likes to say, “The newspaper is supposed to be a news buffet. Something for everyone.”

I have been asked to share my opinion regarding the city’s recently approved tax levy and general fund budget, as well as moving ahead with a moratorium on THC products.

I tend to agree with the approach council members Mansfield and Clemmons take regarding tax levy



STAR GAZING

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increases. In a perfect world, no one should have to pay any more money than the previous year. I side with the idea that the government should be run more like a business. As a business owner myself, we cut back where we can and we charge the fairest price we can for our products. Government is not a business, but it can still be run smoothly and in a transparent way. In my brief experience with the Waseca city government, folks have been very good to work with.

That said, the city made a controversial decision to go ahead with the moratorium on THC. This decision protects the businesses in town by preventing any outside businesses wishing to sell THC products from opening shop here during the next year. I think the decision has more to do with people opposing THC in general than with allowing new businesses or even protecting those already here.

Generally, allowing more or new businesses in town benefits taxes and growth while also promoting competition which leads to lower prices for consumers. The moratorium prevents that from happening for up to a year—a year during which many new busi-

nesses selling THC products will open. The council’s decision has the potential to send likely shopkeepers and taxpayers elsewhere.

This first year is certain to see substantial growth in this new industry; if the majority of city council members determines they want to see this growth in places other than Waseca, that decision lies with the

city council. The mayor did say that, once the membership of next year’s council is determined by the November elections, that new group will be in a position to change the plan arrived at this week.

Anyway, I respect council members not wanting Waseca to be known as a hub for THC products. I also respect pro business council members who feel new THC-based businesses should be allowed. I’m glad I didn’t have to make the decision. I just get to write about the decisions which are made.

Until next time: “Gratitude turns what we have into enough.” – Anonymous

■ Royalty

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Thursday, September 29: Coronation practice (during Connect); 7:30 p.m. Coronation, \$2 admission; Court pictures after corona-



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World not ending

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS’ CLUB MEETING
What are you watching?
It’s a series about a man who decides to never clip his toenails again.
Thank goodness for reality TV.

DRIVING BY BRUCE’S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I traveled to where the clouds were on Rocky Mountain roads with run-away truck lanes and stayed at the Rabbit Ears Motel in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. I’d tossed a small toothpaste tube from my dentist into my possibles bag. My wife calls the messenger bag a man purse. In the days of the mountain man, a possibles bag carried everything they needed for the day: black powder, flint and steel, lead balls, a knife and Axe body spray. “Take a coat,” I heard my mother’s words echoing. I crumpled a wind-breaker and stuffed it inside my bag. That night, I discovered the toothpaste was for kids and tasted like bubblegum. It was lousy bubblegum. I couldn’t blow a single bubble with it.

I drove a long way home. My car needed gas. I filled up for \$3.29 per gallon. Back on the road, the next gas station I encountered was \$3.29, the following was \$3.24 and the third was \$3.14 a gallon. I entered the big convenience store. An employee said, “My name is Frank if you need anything.” I wondered what his name was if I didn’t need anything?

At Mahoney State Park in Nebraska, I climbed the 70-foot-tall Walter Scott Observation Tower, which gave me a bird’s-eye view of the Platte River. In 2017, teetering after surgeries, a lengthy hospital stay and buckets of chemotherapy, I’d climbed that tower. I needed to just because. I reckoned it was 170 steps. They were small steps and tall steps. It was easier to reach the top in 2022.

I visited the TS Jost Ranch in Hayden, Colorado. Terry and Sharon Jost met when they were bankers in Iowa. They moved to Colorado and raise dryland alfalfa. They use big round bales and big square bales (3’X 3’ X 8”); the round bales weigh about 1200 pounds and the square ones 750-800 pounds. Truckers prefer the square bales because they can haul more hay that way. The ranch’s square bales live in a gated community with a tall fence to keep elk from getting a square meal. Elk, deer and pronghorn devour the growing alfalfa after the second cutting. Terry said, “We don’t mind. They were here before us.”

The ranch gets two cuttings a year and doesn’t plan on changing. “Every time I’ve changed things, I’ve made them worse,” said Terry.

I’VE LEARNED
There is far more connecting us than separating us.
Never rent a car you can’t get into.
If you have nothing to say, say it on social media.
If a GPS does nothing else, it teaches us some things don’t want to be found.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
I threw a rock at potatoes I’d placed atop fence posts. I was trying to kill tubers with one stone.
Research finds the major cause of dry skin is a towel.
I don’t know what “apocalypse” means, but that’s not the end of the world.
Canary for sale. It’s not going cheep.
When I was a boy, the three-second rule for eating dropped food was extended to three days for cake.
What has five toes and isn’t your foot? My foot.

In the UK, Miley Cyrus is known as Kilometry Cyrus.

NATURE NOTES
I told stories at the Moonshell Storytelling Festival held at Mahoney State Park near Ashland, Nebraska, and helped travelers from Bellingham, Washington, look at daddy longlegs. The common, harmless, spiderlike harvestman is an omnivore with long, wiggly legs, a simple oval body, and lacks silk (builds no webs), fangs and venom glands, but emits an odd odor when disturbed. Harvestmen aren’t spiders or venomous.
The peak migration for Baltimore orioles is August and the first half of September. The majority reach their winter homes in Mexico, Central America or South America by the end of October.
How can you tell a bee from a wasp? Bees are fuzzy, chubby and cute. Wasps are smooth, skinny and look threatening. Yellow-jackets (a wasp) are the ones likely to hover around a picnic. They’re attracted to meat and soft drinks. Honey bees are vegetarians and aren’t drawn to soft drinks. Yellowjackets can be high-strung when searching for sweets and proteins.

MEETING ADJOURNED
“One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words.”—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

■ Moratorium

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the same discussion six months or a year from now? We’re good at discussing. So what is the plan if we don’t do a moratorium? And I really don’t care either way. I thought I would protect the local businesses by putting on a moratorium.”
Council members Mark Christiansen, Jeremy Conrath, and Daren Arndt voted against the moratorium, arguing that it restricted opportunities for new businesses.
“Let’s get this straight,” Chris-

tiansen addressed the council. “No new businesses are coming to town?”
“No, there’s going to be plenty of new businesses that can come into town anytime they want,” Srp answered. “They’re not going to be able to come in and sell THC gummies and that type of thing.”
“And you’re fine with that?” Christiansen asked.
“Yes,” responded Srp. “But all the other businesses in the world are welcome in Waseca.”
Srp concluded the public discussion portion of the meeting by thanking everyone who participated; nearly every council member commented at one point or another that the discussion had been beneficial.



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Favorite Sports Team: North Central Elite Archers

Favorite musical artists: John Denver

My favorite activities when I was growing up: Hanging out with friends and swimming

My biggest pet peeve: Repetitive noises

The best advice I’ve ever received: Live life to the fullest. You never know what tomorrow will bring.

If I could have lunch with any one person, living or dead: Amelia Earhart

Something about me that would surprise people: I like thrifting for unique treasures.

Occupation: CADA Interim Community Advocacy Program Manager and Waseca Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocate

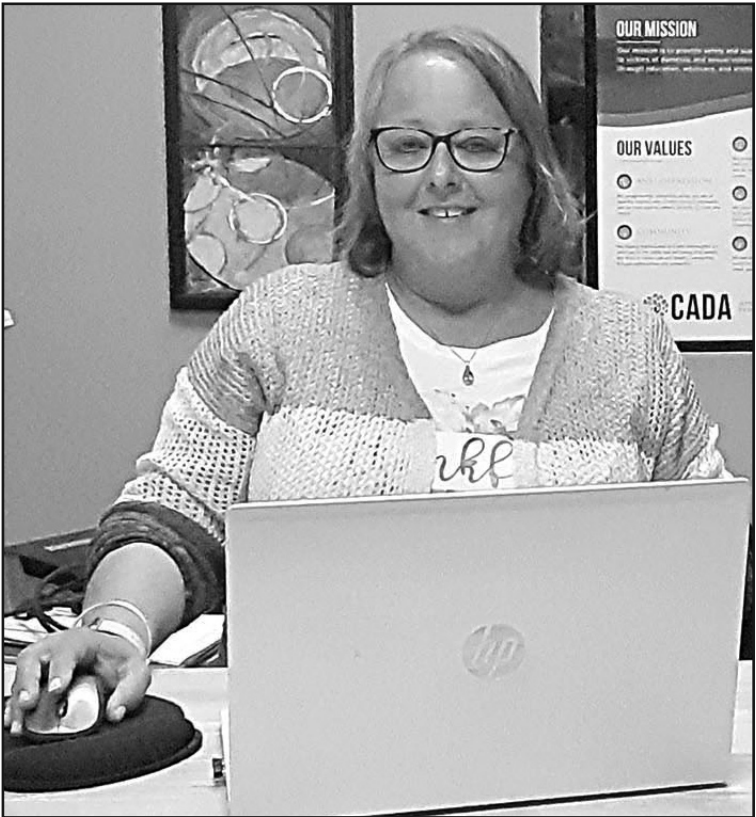
Hobbies: Watching Zoie in archery competitions, crocheting, and swimming

My dream vacation would be: Anywhere with a tropical beach

The best thing about small town living is: Everyone is supporting of one another

Last Good Book I Read: *Par-enting Champions* by Lanny Bassham

Favorite TV show: Chicago P.D., Chicago Med, and Chicago Fire



Stacy Thompson has loved swimming since she was a kid. She also likes thrift shopping.



Waseca’s marching band brought up the rear during the 35th annual Marching Classic. Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens

Marching Classic celebrates 35 years

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Large crowds lined the streets of downtown Waseca and later filled the stands at Waseca High School football field to watch the 35th Annual Waseca Marching Classic parade and field show on Saturday, Sept. 17.

“This community event benefits us all,” Classic Treasurer Mary Williams said after the conclusion of fireworks Saturday night. “This [the fireworks] is for the kids. And well, some of us big kids too.”

Saturday’s parade and evening field show featured more than a dozen bands and garnered about 5,000 spectators.

Waseca’s 95-member marching band, directed by Devon Lawrence, performed “Immortals” in the parade.

“It is always great playing for a crowd,” he shared. “The Waseca Classic adds so much energy for the kids, so it is a great experience overall.”

Their 2022 field show, “A Fine Line,” includes three pieces: “Creep” by Radiohead, a medley of selections from the movie A Beautiful Mind by James Horner, and “Starry Night” by Don McLean. The inspiration for the field show title is Aristotle’s observation that, “There is a fine line between genius and madness.”

“The judges gave us some great feedback,” Lawrence commented.

Critiques provide guidance about what to fine tune. “Students have rehearsals before school. They work every day on their music and visual responsibilities. We are constantly working on cleaning drills, adding visuals, and continuing to create musical impacts to get our production to another level.”

Feedback, hard work, and determination helped the Jays become Class Champions at the Minnesota State Fair Parade this year, a feat they most recently accomplished in 2012.

The NRHEG band took fourth place in its class in the parade. The

band, under the direction of Colin Zidlicky, performed “Party Rock Anthem” with 48 members participating, led by senior Drum Major Anton Domeier.

“The students did a great job rising up to new expectations,” Zidlicky shared. “It’s not easy to have a new director with an entirely different style, but they learned how to give a good performance with only five days of practice.”

“We will be even better next year,” he proclaims. “We hope people can come to our indoor marching band concert October 28 to see the new style of marching band we will be showcasing.”

Winning the parade portion of class A was Pipestone with a score of 65.2, followed by Luverne 64.2, Eagle Grove 56.6, and NRHEG 53.9.

In class AA, Stewartville won with a score of 69.5 followed by Adrian-Ellsworth 65.7.

Class AAA was won by Eastview with 79.1, followed by Lakeville South 78.7.

Other awards handed out Saturday afternoon at Waseca’s Trowbridge park included the Parade Sweepstakes award (Eastview); People’s Choice (Lakeville South); Drum Majors (Lakeville South); Percussion (Eastview); Horn (Lakeville South) and Guard (Lakeville South)

In the field show, Luverne won in Class A with a score of 58.5, followed by Pipestone at 57.2. Other results in the field show:

Class AA field show: Rochester Lourdes 71.8; Spirit Lake 71.2; Andover 68.8; Coon Rapids 66.4; Madison (SD) 63.6; Hutchinson 62.5.

Class AAA field show: Eastview 82.8; Eden Prairie 79.2; and Lakeville South 78.8.

Other awards distributed Saturday evening included: Field Sweepstakes (Eastview); Drum Majors (Rochester Lourdes); Percussion (Eden Prairie); Horn Line (Eastview); Guard (Eden Prairie); and two local awards, the Richard “Butch” Duffault Sweepstakes (Eastview) and the Herb Streitz Spirit award (Spirit Lake).

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OBITUARIES

Richard Perreault

Richard Henry Perreault, age 75, of Waseca, passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2022 with family by his side.

Born on May 26, 1947 in Crookston to David and Harriet (Pigeon) Perreault. He graduated from Pershing High School in 1965 and went on to further his education at Bemidji State University. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1969. He married the love of his life, Deborah Radniecki, on June 14, 1969 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee, MN. Following graduation, Richard taught history and social studies at Storden-Jeffers High School from 1969-1977. He then went on to work for Leef Brothers, as a branch manager, for 29 years, where he provided rental uniforms, towels, and linens to clients.

Richard was very active in his community. He was a dedicated member of Sacred Heart Church; being a former Sacred Heart school board member and president, member of the Sacred Heart Social Concerns Committee and Stewardship Committee. He was very active in the Knights of Columbus. He was Grand Knight of the 3rd degree and a member of the 4th degree. He earned several awards for local involvement. He was also a former member and president of Lakeside Golf Club. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, playing cards, visiting family and friends, and traveling.

Richard is survived by his wife of 53 years, Deborah; children, Chad (Laurie) Perreault of Lakeville, Dawn (Darin) Thuren of Rosemount, Nicole (Todd) of Apple Valley; grandchildren, Jamie (Zachary) Eichten, Kaitlyn Perreault, Allison Hering, Madison



Richard Perreault

Perreault, Zachariah Thuren, Emily Hering, Abigail Thuren; siblings, Lloyd Perreault of Coon Rapids, Marilyn Franklin of Bemidji, Robert (Lillian) Perreault of St. Michael, Karen (James) Otto of Branden, Marie Svir of Elk River, Dale (Bobbi) Perreault of Lake City, FL; and many other friends and family. Preceded in death by parents, David and Harriet Perreault; father-in-law, Virgil Radniecki; brothers-in-law, Willard Marcotte, Larry Svir, Charles Franklin, Bruce Radniecki; and sister-in-law, Sandra Perreault.

Visitation was from 4 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 with a rosary afterwards at 7:30 p.m. at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral & Cremation Service in Waseca. Visitation continued for one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Mass of Christian Burial was 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery at a later date.

Willard Steffan

Willard "Bill" Herman Henry Steffan, age 97 of Waseca, passed away September 4, 2022 at Pathstone Living in Mankato, Minnesota.

Born on October 19, 1924 in Theresa, Wisconsin, Bill was the youngest child of Heinrich Friedrich Johannes Steffan and Martha Theresa Caroline (Huettnier) Steffan. Growing up in a traditional German speaking home, Bill wasn't introduced to English until he started country school. He shared many stories about the hardships of growing up on the farm and working on his dad's milk route.

Bill was confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mayville, Wisconsin.

While attending Mayville High School he met his future wife, Dorothy "Dot" Thiel. At 142 pounds Bill played guard on the defense and tackle on the offense for Mayville's football team. After graduating in 1944, Bill attended Milwaukee State University during the summer, then enlisted in the Army late summer. He served in the Army until February 1945 when he was discharged to work on the family farm due to his father's illness.

In 1946 Bill enrolled in the State Teacher's College in Platteville, Wisconsin. He thought he might have a chance to play football if he went to a smaller college until he saw the size of the other players. Dot joined him at the college and they were

married on June 7, 1947 at Dot's family home. Bill graduated in 1949 with a major in Agriculture Education.

Bill's first job after graduation was with Case Implements in Moline, Illinois.

They moved to Algona, Iowa in 1952 where Bill was hired to be the assisted plant manager for Pioneer Hy-Bred Seed Corn. While living in Algona Bill was active in Lions Club, a member of First Lutheran Church, on the Church Council, Algona City Council and a flying club. Bill owned half interest in an airplane.

1964 found them on the move again to Waseca, Minnesota. Bill started the new agronomy department for Pioneer. Although he spent hours on the road covering several states, Bill was active in the community. He was on the Agricultural Industries to Services Committee for the University of Minnesota Technical College in Waseca, on the Waseca School Board, Rotary Club member and the founder of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in Waseca. Eventually he was on the state board of FCA. Bill was a long-time member of Grace Lutheran Church and on the Church Council.

In 1980 Bill and Dot started Viking Woodcrafts, Inc., a distributor of arts and crafts supplies. They started with a 12-page catalog. In 1986 Bill left Pioneer to concentrate on Viking Woodcrafts. In 1988 Viking Folk Art Publications was formed to publish

decorative painting books that were sold worldwide.

In 1990 the Waseca Chamber of Commerce honored Viking Woodcrafts as Business of the Year.

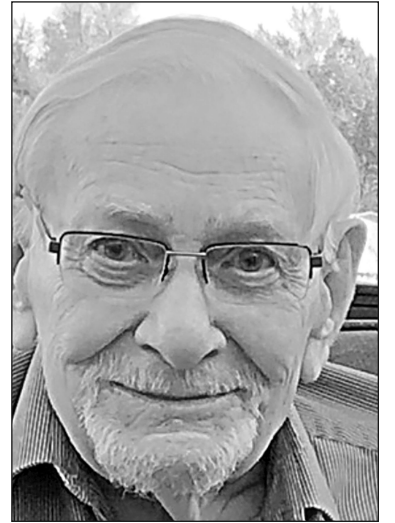
Because of the growth of both companies, Viking Woodcrafts was sold in 1992. At that time Viking had grown to 40 employees and a 400-page catalog.

In 2000 Bill was awarded the Priscilla Hauser Award for Business and Industry by the Decorative Painting Industry for his ethics in business.

Dot passed away in 1995. A few years later a decorative painter named Megumi Takada introduced Bill to her beautiful painting and Viking Folk Art Publications published a book for her. Soon the dating started. Bill and Megumi were married in Waseca on September 2, 2000.

Bill loved spending time with his family, camping, sports and politics. He had a passion for traveling and was always planning his next big adventure. He traveled to all 50 states, to Japan at least 19 times, most Canadian providences and 27 other countries from Argentina and Scotland to Okinawa and China.

Bill is survived by his wife, Megumi; children, Janet (Larry) Draheim, Mark (Becky) Steffan, Nancy (Brian) Corn and Chihiro Takada; 8 grandchildren: Scott (Dani) Draheim, Ellen (George) Aqua, Cami (Kevin) McCallum, John (Jaci) Steffan, Michael (Elizabeth) Steffan, Abigail (Brad) Gingles, Alyssa Ta-



Willard Steffan

kada and Reina Takada; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Dorothy; sister, Alice (Anthony) Stommel; brother, Sylvester (Evelyn) Steffan; and great-granddaughter, Kenna Steffan.

Visitation will be from 4 - 6 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022 at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral Homes in Waseca. Visitation will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Funeral Service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca with Rev. Jilene Gallatin officiating. Interment will follow at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca.

Lucille Dahle

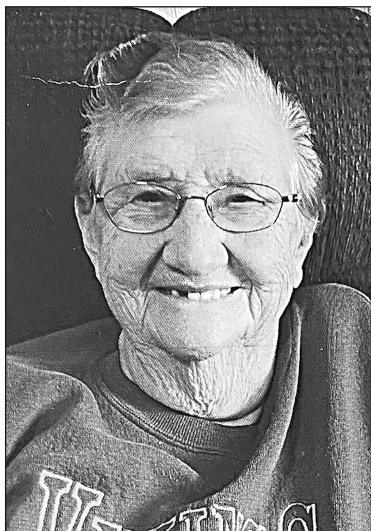
Lucille "Lucy" Emma Dahle, age 84, of Waseca, passed away September 19, 2022 at Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home in Waseca, MN.

Born on December 23, 1937 in Faribault, MN to Thomas and Bessie Ginter. Lucy graduated from Waterville High School. Following her education, she worked at EF Johnson and Brown Printing before spending 51 years working for Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home. She was united in marriage to James Dahle. Together, they raised 3 wonderful children before they divorced. Lucille enjoyed embroidering, cooking, and baking in her spare time. She was known for bringing her delicious treats for Wednesday bingo at the Waseca Senior Center and going to bingo at the American Legion in Morris-town. She spent her Sundays in the fall cheering on the Minnesota Vikings. She was a gentle and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved spending time with her family. She will be dearly missed.

Survived by sons, Scott Dahle (Lori Schneidewind), Dennis Dahle; granddaughter, Tarin Kuball; and great-grandson, Trent Kuball.

Preceded in death by parents, Thomas and Bessie Ginter; son, James Dahle; and father of her children, James Dahle.

Visitation was 4 - 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022



Lucille Dahle

with a prayer service beginning at 5:45 PM at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral & Cremation Service in Waseca.

A private graveside service will take place at Woodville Cemetery in Waseca.

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Eight percent levy increase approved

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher

Every seat in the Waldorf community center was full for the September 12 city council meeting, the last one at which retiring city clerk DeeAnn Britton would be providing input and support.

Mayor Rob Wilkening began the meeting by reminding all persons in attendance that they could comment any time, or stop him if he was going through any agenda items too quickly.

After explaining that he had spoken with the city administrator for every town in the surrounding area and learned that their communities’ proposed tax levy increases were all around 10%, Wilkening asked if the council would like to go ahead with a 6% or 8% preliminary budget increase. An 8% increase was quickly approved, a percentage which would see Waldorf residents paying, on average, roughly \$111 more than this year on their 2023 city property taxes.

An upset, but very respectful Waldorf resident raised concerns over the recent street repair project. This resident believed the engineers should have informed her that her drainage pipes were broken prior to completing repairs on city drains. Council members explained that the drainage pipes on the residential side are the resident’s responsibility, not the city’s. After about 45 minutes, and a lot of input, Wilkening said it was time to move on from the subject.

Approved during the meeting were a laundry list of regular items including the previous meeting’s minutes, the night’s agenda, a payment to Holtmeier construction, all of the night’s regular reports, and various account balances. Impactful for Waldorf residents was a decision to increase the rental fee for using the city’s community building, which went up \$25. A motion was also approved to increase the fee for city-provided mowing of unruly yards from \$50 to \$100.

Many other items were discussed throughout the meeting including Christmas light decoration, the success of the Burger Corn Feed which drew more than 300 people, and what can be done to make next year’s Waldorf Days All School re-

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union even better.

An insurance claim of \$3,500 was submitted to reimburse the city for the band which didn’t perform because of the rain during the All School reunion.

The annual city audit should be done and submitted by the end of September. Mayor Wilkening complimented Britton’s excellent book-keeping.

The community center’s roof appears to be fixed, and if there are no leaks, the ceiling tiles will go in next. Also at the community center, the cleaning lady resigned, so the city is looking to fill that position.

A resident voiced concerns over the four-way stop in town and the council agreed to look into posting reduced speed ahead signs on Highways 3 and 74.

In the Mayor’s minute report, Wilkening said the city plans to hold a special meeting in October to discuss special funding opportunities to increase housing in the city of Waldorf. “We want to capture this money before other, bigger cities find out about it,” he said.

A zoning issue regarding a council member’s business will require a public meeting to officially resolve via a conditional use permit next month. Property owners were notified by mail.

Under new business, a resident suggested the city purchase the school building in town and provided a long list of potential benefits if the city were to acquire ownership.

In ordinances, beginning January 1, 2023, rental property owners will have stricter guidelines. “You’re here to maintain your properties, not just to make money,” Wilkening stated. “I heard some horror stories out there I couldn’t believe.”

Regarding city addresses, the mayor shared a story of a helicopter landing to provide emergency medical attention, and emergency workers being unable to locate the property. The city is working on a plan to clarify and make new addresses within the city official.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Bruegger approved as new chief

Sewer rate prices increased to help restore its fund balance

By JESSICA LUTGENS
Staff Writer

The New Richland City Council approved the hiring of Tanyce Bruegger, who has been serving as interim police chief, as permanent chief of police for the NRPD during its first meeting of the month on Monday, Sept. 12. The decision came after Bruegger and another candidate were interviewed for the position, with the recommendation to hire Bruegger at Step 1, a wage of \$25.66/hour, with a six-month probation period, after which time she will be eligible for a step increase. The council also approved offering part-time officer Brandon Hermann, who has been filling the vacant full-time position in the police department, a permanent full-time position.

No members of the ambulance, fire, or police departments were present for the reading of reports for each department, and the council approved each report with little discussion.

The written ambulance report stated that as of Sept. 7, the department has had 138 runs for the year. Director Sarah Sundve wrote in the report that due to an accident, she will need an undetermined amount of recovery time before she is able to return to work. Necessary arrangements have been made for ambulance coverage throughout the month, and Sundve was completing work in the ambulance office to keep things up to date.

The fire department report stated that four total calls were responded to during the month of August, with one fire call having been canceled. Two controlled burns for training were conducted, and the department participated in New Richland’s Night to Unite, the NRPD golf tournament, and a Waldorf Days festival. The council approved one new member, Jordan Allen, to the fire department.

The police report stated that the NRPD responded to 97 calls for service during the month of August, bringing the total number of calls for the year to 935. City administrator Tony Martens noted that Bruegger has done a “phenomenal job” during her time as interim chief.

Present to discuss a grant for emergency sirens in town and at St. Olaf Lake was Edward Gilmore, and after a lengthy discussion, the council approved the grant agreement. Also present to provide a county update was Doug Christopherson. A recent meeting regarding railroad tracks in town was discussed, with Mayor Gail Schmidt noting that she had received several comments about the rough shape of the unused railroad tracks in town and roads in need of repair. Upcoming work on the tracks includes spraying for trees, saplings, etc. along the tracks throughout town, and railroad ties to be cut.

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At a recent work session of the council, sewer rates were discussed, and a recommendation was made during the council meeting to raise sewer rates to catch the sewer fund up. Resolution 22-11 modifying the rate structure for water and sewer usage in New Richland was approved, bringing the new base rate to \$17.87/month (\$7.87 for water, \$10 for wastewater) for each meter connection, volume rate to \$21.63 per 1,000 gallons of water usage (\$9.63 for water, \$12 for wastewater), flat sewer rate to \$66.40, and late fee of 5% of past due balance with \$3 minimum per month on all past due accounts and/or \$25 on any account receiving a disconnect notice.

Resolution 22-12 adopting the updated fee schedule for the city was approved, with updates to the water and sewer rates included along with the following adjustments to emergency charges: ambulance call base rate, \$725; ambulance call base rate non-primary service area, \$855; no transport city limits, \$143; no transport outside city limits, \$250; intercept, \$450; lift assist only, \$65. Financials for August were tabled to the next meeting.

A discussion regarding the preliminary budget and tax levy was held,

with copies of the preliminary budget provided to the council but not included in the agenda or council packets available to the public. Increased funds for maintenance and repair of equipment and vehicles was discussed, as that was an issue throughout 2022. The mayor and council noted that Martens “did a good job” with the preliminary budget and will continue to review it before its final approval at the next council meeting.

“I’d like to see us with a preliminary of no greater than 10 [percent increase],” Martens said, though no official figure was given regarding the tax levy increase for 2023. More information regarding the preliminary budget will be available at the Monday, Sept. 26 regular council meeting.

Submissions for the city logo contest were reviewed and discussed, though no action was taken. In the administrator’s report, it was stated that S&P bond rating call and submission was completed, track removal was discussed with the railroad, ongoing litigation was discussed with legal counsel, work continued on getting audits for the city and the care center, and wellness gifts were put together for city and care center staff. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Letter from Trevor

Hello, my name is Trevor Kanewischer and I'm running for the position of Waseca County Sheriff. I was born and raised in Waseca, including graduating from Waseca High School. One of the biggest blessings in my life is my amazing daughter, Lexi Ann. I have a supportive family which includes my parents, Ron and Mary Kanewischer, and one brother, Aaron, and his wife Dee Kanewischer, and their two daughters Megan and Mia. I also have a wide circle of wonderful family and friends who I truly enjoy socializing and spending time with.

I thoroughly enjoy being with my daughter, going boating with family and friends, cruising in my vintage car, operating my Waseca Sno-Biz Shave Ice Stand, spending time on my rural farm, and being involved in and attending Waseca area events.

I am passionate about Waseca and have felt privileged to serve on a number of boards for local organizations in the Waseca area and beyond for over 25 years. I've dedicated much of my adult life to serving Waseca area non-profit

agencies and working with the Sheriff's office for 26 years.

I've enjoyed working under three different sheriffs and have jumped at almost every opportunity available to me in the Sheriff's office and beyond. I have met and worked with many generous, dedicated people who want to change the world for the better: I am thankful for them, and for all they've taught me. I enjoy surrounding myself with positive, kind people, and look forward to meeting more.

As your next Sheriff, I'll continue to take on new challenges: With your vote on November 8, I hope to be given the opportunity to lead the Sheriff's office in a positive direction over the next years. We've done a lot of great things, and there are challenges ahead, but this also brings the excitement of overcoming them. We have a great future with some great people in our office. I look forward to creating a new management team and getting more staff engaged and involved. I would be honored to get your vote on November 8!

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Who is most qualified?

Chief Deputy Trevor Kanewischer

Opponent*

Licensed Law Enforcement	26 Years (December 1996)	23 Years
Education & Individual Growth	- College- Alexandria Tech AAS - MN BCA (6 course) Senior Management Graduate - Blandin Leadership Graduate 2000 (1st Waseca Group) - FEMA/HSEM and Emergency Management Trained - MN Chief Deputy Conference's & School 10 Years	College- Alexandria Tech AAS ICLD
Supervisory Experience	- Chief Deputy / 2nd in Command under the Sheriff Since 2010 - Supervise: Records, Investigations, Jail Administrator, & Sergeant - Sheriff Posse Liaison and Supervisor- Current	Fire Lt & Captain
Assignments, Roles, & Duties	- Former Correctional Officer, Dispatcher & Patrol Deputy - Former Investigator - Former Emergency Management Supervisor - Former Patrol Deputy Union Steward - Former Field Training Officer - Vehicle Forfeiture Coordinator 12 Years - Take it to the Box Program Manager and Founder ~ 2011 - Current - codeRED Emergency Notifications System Manager for County - In-Car Camera Systems Administrator ~ 12 Years - Sheriff's Fleet Manager & Purchasing - Federal Excess Property Manager - Property & Evidence Room Manager - Federal Extraditions Coordinator For Waseca County & FCI-Waseca - Founded and Currently Manage Sheriff Facebook Page ~ Since 2008 - Waseca County Primary Information Officer (PIO)	Crime Prevention Officer Union Steward Dispatcher & Correctional Officer
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Awards	- Waseca Police Reserves Scholarship Recipient 1995 - Donald D. Eustice Scholarship Recipient 1996 - Donald D. Eustice Community Service Award - Distinguished Service Award Under 40 -Waseca 2006 - Minnesota Sheriff's Assoc Supervisor of the Year 2017 - Emergency Management Advocate Award 2017 - Waseca County Free Fair Outstanding Achievement Award 2011 - Waseca Co Free Fair- Friend of the Fair 2018 - Service & Dedication Award- Waseca Co Free Fair 2010 - MN Attorney General's Office- Homicide Investigation Commendation- for Kruger Homicides 3-18-2009 - MN State FOP Member of the Year- Honorable Mention 2010	Employee of the year
Other Experience & Misc.	- Homicide Investigations & Many Serious Crimes Investigator - Disaster Response and Emergency Operations Experience - National Incident Management Training (Numerous) - Waseca County Flood & Disaster Response (Multiple Years) - St.Peter Tornado Responder 1998 - Waseca County CORE Building Group Committee Member - Waseca County Class Evaluation Systems Committee Member - Owner/Operator Waseca Sno-Biz Shave Ice 27 years - Rental Owner/Manager & Past Farmer	
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A walk in the park at TCU

Russell rolls for 255 all-purpose yards, 4 touchdowns in 49-7 rout

By **ELI LUTGENS**
Publisher/Editor

Waseca High School football coach Brad Wendland said after last week's difficult 8-7 loss to Marshall that he believed the Bluejays would respond well.

They did.

From the opening kickoff, which Damarius Russell returned 78 yards for a touchdown, the Jays dominated in every facet of the game in a 49-7 rout on the road against Tri-City United at Montgomery Friday Sept. 16.

Russell, a 5-foot-11, 155-pound sophomore, put on a show with 255 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns, including an interception return for 53 yards, and senior linebacker Kyle Ahlschlager returned from injury to spark a defense that stymied the Titans all night; he also had a pick six.

"I don't know if it's a surprise, but there was certainly a coming out party for Damarius Russell," said Coach Wendland. "His kick return was an incredible start to the game. He's an excellent defensive back who had a couple opportunities to make plays last Friday and we found some ways to get him involved offensively. He is a tremendous player with a bright future."

And having Ahlschlager back didn't hurt.

"It was a huge boost to get Kyle Ahlschlager back into things," said Wendland. "He us such an impact player. That interception was an incredible play."

According to Wendland, preparation and game experience were both factors.

"We practiced much better last week," he stated. "I believe we are maturing as a team. This is a fun team to coach because they want to get better."

Waseca wasted little time showing who was the better team at TCU.

After returning the kickoff, the Bluejays' defense forced a three-and-out. On their first offense play from scrimmage, following a false start penalty, Max Neaves nearly scored, running for 60 yards before being chased down at the Titans' 19-yard line.

Five plays later, including a fourth-down conversion from Russell, Oliver O'Brien scored an easy touchdown from two yards out.

After driving nearly 30 yards,

"There certainly was a coming out party for Damarius Russell."
— Coach Wendland

TCU fumbled inside the Bluejay 40-yard line. It set up a Christian Rodriguez 64-yard run, with Rodriguez brushing off the last Titan defender inside the 10-yard line.

The Titans turned the ball over on downs on their next possession, giving the ball back to Waseca to start the second quarter.

Again the Jays only needed one play to score, on a wide-open pass from O'Brien to Russell for 63 yards up the left sideline. Russell simply outran the defense, slowing down slightly to catch the pass in stride.

The next Titan drive ended in another turnover, a fumble, this time in the red zone. The drive included the first cheers of the night from Titan fans, but were met by "score-board" chants from the Waseca student section.

On their next drive, the Bluejays took their time, going 88 yards on nine plays, capped off on another O'Brien-to-Russell connection. O'Brien rolled right before hitting Russell on the first-and-goal play. Down 35-0 with two minutes to play in the first half, it didn't look like things could get worse for the Titans. But, on the second play, Russell intercepted a pass and took it 53 yards for a touchdown.

It was 42-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the Jays wasted no time scoring as Ahlschlager picked off a pass, catching the ball in stride, and returned it 33 yards for the final Bluejay score of the night.

The Titans' only score of the game came on their next possession, a 74-yard pass-and-run on a screen play. Waseca backups played most of the second half.

"The reserves played a lot," said Wendland. "It's always fun to get them on film. It results in great teaching and learning."

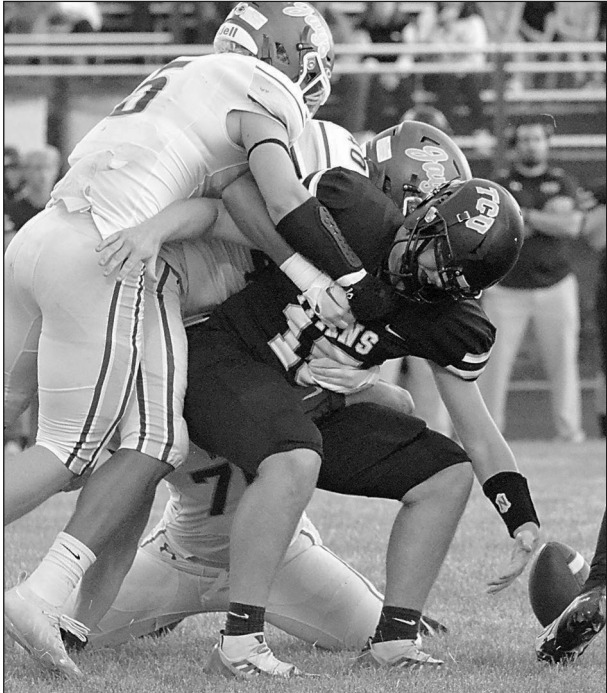
Defensively, Gavin George led Waseca in tackles with five.

"We can be really good," said Wendland. "Tonight we showed that. We have to continue this. We have to continue to work and get better."



RUNNING WILD — Waseca's Damarius Russell (3) shreds the TCU defense on his way to 255 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns in the Bluejays' 49-7 victory Friday, Sept. 16.

Pioneer photo by Eli Lutgens



BIG PLAYS — Kyle Ahlschlager (5), left, forces a fumble with a tackle while Max Neaves (4), right, splits the defense on his way to a 49-yard gain.

Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens

Next week, the Bluejays host Fairmont in battle of district co-leaders. In their second game of the season the Cardinals lost 10-0 to Marshall.

WAS 21 28 7 0 — 49
TCU 0 0 7 0 — 7

First Quarter

W — Russell 82 kickoff return (Neaves kick)
W — O'Brien 2 run (Neaves kick)
W — Rodriguez 64 run (Neaves kick)

Second Quarter

W — Russell 63 pass from O'Brien (Neaves kick)
W — Russell 11 pass from O'Brien (Neaves

kick)
W — Russell 53 yard interception return (Neaves kick)

Third Quarter

W — Ahlschlager 33 interception return (Neaves kick)
TCU — Nightingale 74 pass from Schendel (kick good)

Fourth Quarter

No scoring

	WAS	TCU
First downs	13	9
Rushing	30-275	22-69
Passing	8-10	9-48
Passing Yds.	114	144
Penalties	5-36	1-15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing - WAS: Rodriguez 8-123; Neaves 1-49; Mixteco 9-39; O'Brien 5-31; Russell 3-29; No. 87 1-7; Baldaras 2 —1; Roeker 1 —2; TCU: Franek 7-21; Schendel 3-13; O'Malley 3-12; Fink 2-6; Glende 1-6; Reyes 1-4

Passing - WAS: O'Brien 4-5, 95; Schendel 9-21, 144

Receiving - WAS: Russell 4-95; Harguth 2-20; No. 81 1-7; Rodriguez 1 —8; TCU: Nightingale 2-114; Franek 2-16; Flintrop 2-12; Hollom 1-11; Holicky 1-1

Bluejay netters reach double digits

Tennis girls top BEA, LSH

By **MICHAEL ROY**
Publisher

The Waseca High School girls' tennis team reached double digits in the win column as it defeated Blue Earth Area 4-3 Sept. 15 and Le-Sueur Henderson 4-3 Sept. 19.

Waseca 4, BEA 3

The match between was a nail-biter to the finish.

According to coach Kyle Collins, the two teams were tied at 3-3. The winning match came down to freshman Lauren Drexler's match against BEA's Addison Prescher. Drexler won two tiebreakers in her singles match to get the team the narrow win.

Singles: Robbins was defeated 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1, Haley lost 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, Schoenrock fell short 3-6, 6-3 and 6-3 at No. 3, and Drexler took a victory 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

Doubles: Hutmier and Breck succeeded 6-1, 7-5 at No. 1, Kanewischer and Pfeifer prevailed 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2, and Dufault and Benson were victorious 6-3, 6-2 at No. 3.

Waseca 4, LSH 3

The Lady Jays had another close matchup against Le Sueur-Henderson Monday, Sept. 21. After the two teams split the singles matches and two doubles, it came down to the final doubles match. Lauren Drexler helped the Bluejays get another victory by tiebreaker with the help of Paige Dufault.

Singles: Robbins lost a close match 6-4, 7-5 at No. 1, Hutmier won easily 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, Haley took victory 6-3, 6-3 at No. 3, and Schoenrock fell short 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles: Kanewischer and Pfeifer lost 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1, Breck and Benson prevailed 6-4, 6-3 at No. 2, and Dufault and Drexler were triumphant in a three-set match 6-2, 5-7, and 6-3 at No. 3.



EYES ON THE BALL — Lauren Drexler locks in for a powerful swing at the tennis ball.

Pioneer photo by Michael Roy

Waseca boys' soccer team drops three straight

After earning its first two wins, the Waseca High School boys' soccer team dropped games to Marshall, St. Peter and New Ulm.

The Bluejays lost 4-1 at St. Peter and 2-1 to New Ulm.

The Bluejays, whose record

went to 2-8 overall and 2-4 in the Big South Conference, traveled to Worthington Sept. 20 and hosted Kasson-Mantorville Thursday.

On Monday, Sept. 25, they travel to Red Wing for the first of three straight road games.

Waseca spikers win 3-2 in Plymouth

By **MICHAEL ROY**
Publisher

The Waseca High School volleyball team has found itself in many close matches this season. A 3-2 win against West Lutheran in Plymouth Thursday, Sept. 15 was no different.

The teams traded blows all night. There was very little room for error in the first two sets as the victories were decided by two points. Waseca forced West Lutheran to score more than 25 to beat them in the first set, and they did, 26-24. But the Bluejays bounced back in the second set 25-23.

West Lutheran bested Waseca 25-20 in the third set. In response, the Lady Jays let out some pent up frustrations in the fourth. Led by junior Aliyah Taylor, they took the victory 25-10.

By the final set, both teams were wearing each other out. But Waseca did the job with a 15-11 decision.

Individually: Siri Kuhns, 38 assists, 15 digs, 2 assists; Aliyah Taylor, 22 kills, 18 digs, 2 aces; Avery Madsen, 9 kills, 4 aces, 3 blocks, assist; Haylee Sommers, 15 digs; Erica Bowers, 4 aces; Kloe Wadd, 4 blocks.

With the big-time win, the Waseca volleyball team is now 4-6 (2-2 in-conference). The Bluejays end a five-game road trip in Fairmont Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Dufault, Feldkamp pace WHS CC teams

By **MICHAEL ROY**
Publisher

Waseca's cross country teams faced nine other schools at the Hutchinson Invitational Thursday, Sept. 15. The boys and girls fielded four runners each. Although they didn't have enough participants to score as a team, they had a couple of great times.

Senior Ella Dufault led the Bluejay girls' squad, placing third overall with a time of 20:30.2. Sophomore Callie Dufault took eighth place (21:33). Other finishers were Kya Hoof (33rd, 24:02.1) and Melanie Krueger (34th, 24:26).

The boys had a top-20 finisher in senior Joe Feldkamp. He took 12th with a time of 18:05.3 and was only a second away from 11th. Other finishers were Addison Sampson (41st, 20:23.6), Tyler Jellum (44th, 20:59.5), and Cade Kalbow (21:35.1).

BLUEJAY FOOTBALL

Player of the Week
Damarius Russell



Damarius Russell

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Defense: 3 solo tackles, 1 assist, and an interception returned for a TD.

Special teams: 78 yard kickoff return for TD.



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Bulldogs rally, top Panthers 25-14

NRHEG's record falls to 0-3, Gold Brick goes to Janesville

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

The usually very talkative NRHEG High School football coach Marc Kruger did not have much to say after last Friday's 25-14 nonconference defeat at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton.

There wasn't much he could say. "It was a hard-fought game," stated Kruger. "We could not overcome their ground game, and we kept getting in our own way. Ninety yards in penalties is tough to take."

The loss left the Panthers winless at 0-3 and sent the Gold Brick traveling trophy to Janesville for the first time in many years. It was the first win of the season for JWP.

The Panthers made the mistake all favored teams dread. After dominating early, they let the Bulldogs keep it close and JWP capitalized, turning around a 6-0 first-quarter deficit with 25 unanswered points. It was the first win of the season for JWP.

The game started as expected, with the Panthers matriculating the ball at will against a seemingly outmanned JWP defense. Andrew Phillips rumbled to runs of 10, 6, 7, 5 and 9 yards, with Ethan Thompson adding a 9-yarder, and Alden Dobberstein connecting on a 17-yard pass to Jaylin Raab. Phillips covered the final 3 yards for the touchdown. The drive covered 84 yards on 11 plays. The Panthers tried a little trickery on a two-point conversion try, lining up most of the players to the far left side of the field, and it ended in disaster with the snap from center sailing over the head of Dobberstein. The Panthers settled for a 6-0 lead about midway through the first period.

A 24-yard kickoff return by Nolan Morschling gave the Bulldogs good field position at their own 44-yard line, but JWP punted three plays later. A holding penalty tripped up the Panthers' next drive. Raab then set them up with a fumble recovery at their own 18.

The Panthers made it look easy on first down, with Phillips gashing the defense for 20 yards. Dobberstein found Sam Prigge for 7 yards on the next play, and Dobberstein added runs of 3 and 11 yards as NRHEG moved into JWP territory. A penalty left the Panthers facing 4th-and-10, a pass was dropped and JWP took over on its own 39. The Panthers punted again before JWP, seemingly sensing a momentum change, began to run the ball as NRHEG did in the early going. Ryder Thissen carried for 5, 15, 6, 7 and 6 yards while Jack Cahill took it for 5, 5 and 11 yards. Throw in a Panther penalty and JWP was at

the 3-yard line, where Karson Lindsay ran for a touchdown. The Panthers blocked the PAT kick.

The Bulldogs answered, forcing a three-and-out, and they partially blocked a slow-developing punt, which resulted in a seven-yard loss for NRHEG.

JWP needed only three plays to cover 31 yards, with Thissen breaking free for 19 yards on first down and scoring from 7 yards out. A two-point conversion failed and the Bulldogs led 12-6 at halftime.

To start the third quarter, a high snap over the punter's head put the Panthers at their own 46, but they punted after three plays. The punt was again partially blocked, leaving JWP on its own 49.

On second down Lindsay fired a 20-yard pass to Ryan Kronbach, and on the fifth play Lindsay found a wide-open Kronbach in the end zone from 11 yards out. A high snap on the PAT left JWP leading 18-6 with 6:53 left in the third quarter.

The Panthers were presented a golden opportunity on their next possession, starting on the JWP 36, and things looked good for the visitors as Dobberstein connected with Lucas Loverink for 14 yards on the final play of the third period. Another penalty set the Panthers back, and a fourth-and-goal pass from the 14 fell incomplete.

NRHEG quickly forced a punt, but was called for a holding penalty on the first play. On fourth down, Morschling intercepted a Dobberstein pass and returned it all the way to the NRHEG 16. Three plays later Thissen scored. Ethan Born kicked the PAT and it was 25-6 with about six minutes remaining.

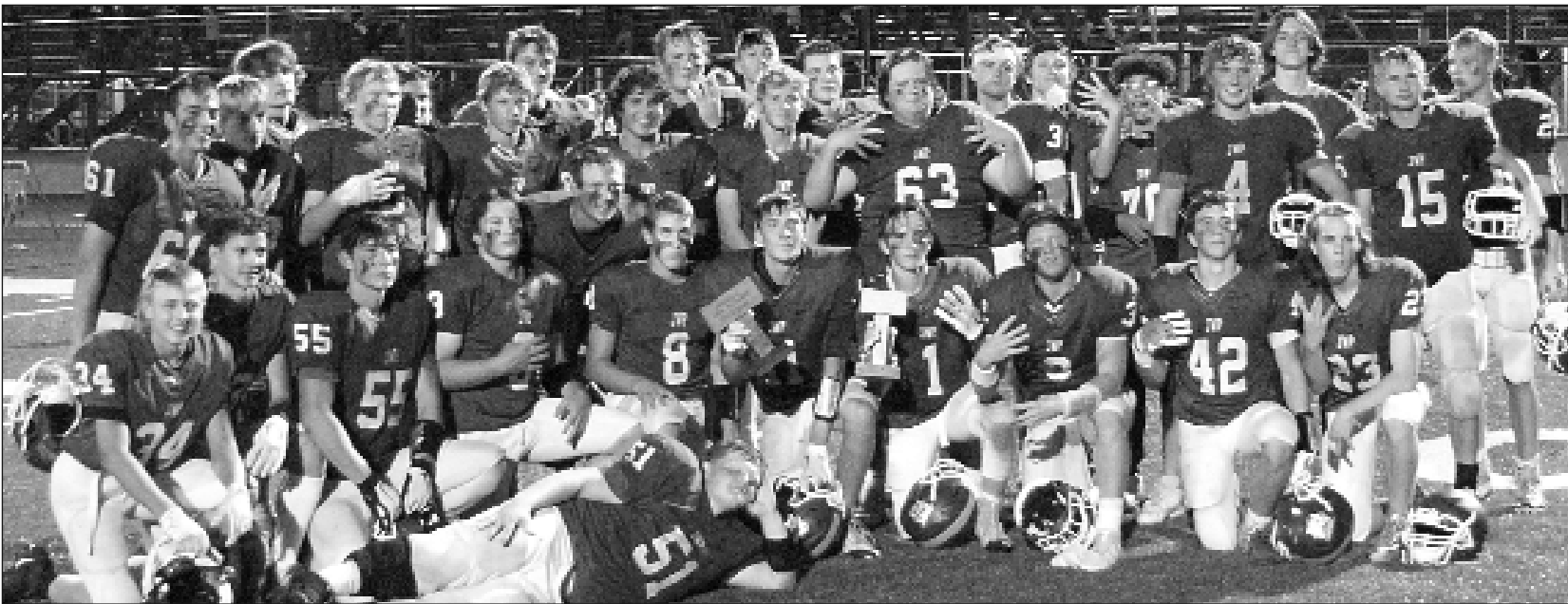
The Panthers rallied, taking the ensuing possession 65 yards in six plays for a touchdown, with Dobberstein throwing a perfect pass to a diving Prigge for the final 34 yards. Phillips ran for the conversion., cutting it to 25-14.

JWP ran for two first downs before running out the clock.

For the night, Phillips ran for 103 yards on 33 carries while Dobberstein completed 12 of 21 passes for 136 yards and one interception. Prigge caught three passes for 56 yards. Thompson again paced the defense with eight solo tackles, two for losses.

Thissen led the Bulldogs with 143 yards rushing on 21 carries. Lindsay was 4-for-11 passing for 41 yards and one interception.

The origins of the Gold Brick date back to 1962. In the inaugural game, Janesville defeated New Richland-



BIG WIN — Members of the JWP football team posed for a photo after Friday's 25-14 victory over NRHEG, which gave the Bulldogs the Gold Brick traveling trophy. Pioneer photos by Michael Roy

Hardland 7-6. The annual game continued until 2001, with NR-H holding a 25-15 advantage during that span. A new trophy constructed in 1986. The original Gold Brick trophy resides in the Star Eagle office.

JWP 25, NRHEG 14	
NRHEG	6 0 0 8—14
JWP	0 12 6 7—25

First Quarter
NR — Phillips 4 run (pass failed)
Second Quarter
JWP — No. Lindsay 2 run (PAT kick blocked)
JWP — Thissen 7 run (kick failed)
Third Quarter
JWP — Kronbach 15 pass from Lindsay (kick failed)
JWP — Lindsay 4 run (Born kick)
Fourth Quarter
NRHEG — Prigge 34 pass from Dobberstein (Phillips run)

	NRHEG	JWP
First downs	14	16
Total plays	61	52
Rushing	39-138	39-197
Passing	13-22-1	4-11-1
Passing Yds.	149	41
Total offense	287	238
Fumbles-lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties	10-90	3-28
Third down	5-13	5-9
Fourth down	0-6	0-2
Turnovers	0	1
Time of poss.	25:54	23:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing - NRHEG: Phillips 33-103; Dobberstein 2-14; Raab 1-12; Thompson 3-9; JWP: Thissen 21-143; Cahill 11-58; Lindsay 3-9; Born 1-0; L. Morschling 1 —5;
Passing - NRHEG: Dobberstein 12-21-1, 136; Prigge 1-1-0, 13; JWP: Lindsay 4-11-1, 41
Receiving - NRHEG: Prigge 3-50; Loverink 3-34; Thompson 2-24; Raab 1-18; Phillips 3-13; Knudson 1-4; JWP: Kronbach 4-41; N. Morschling 1-0;
Defense - NRHEG: Thompson 8 tackles; Misgen 5 tackles, 1 assist; Loverink 4 tackles; Phillips 3 tackles; Schlaak 3 tackles; Deyle 2 tackles, 1 assist; Raab 2 tackles; Prigge 2 tackles; Ihrke 2 tackles; Bartlett 2 tackles; Degen 1 tackle; Knudson 1 tackle; JWP: N. Morschling 7 tackles, 4 assists; Cahill 5 tackles, 6 assists; Schluter 5 tackles, 3 assists; Kronbach 3 tackles, 5 assists; Berndt 3 tackles, 1 assist; Lindsay 2 tackles, 1 assist; L. Morschling 1 tackle, 5 assists; Born 1 tackle, 1 assist; VanRavenhorst 1 tackle, 5 assists; Carlson 2 assists; O'Brien 1 assist; Krause 1 assist; Melchoir 1 assist; Davis 1 assist; Gartner 1 assist



CELEBRATE —JWP football fans were out in full force during the Bulldogs' big 25-14 win over NRHEG. Pioneer photo by Michael Roy



IN-GAME ACTION — Above left, NRHEG's Jaylin Raab (5) runs the ball while Ryan Kronbach (11) moves in for the tackle. Above right, the Panthers' Andrew Phillips (29) is tackled by Kelton Erler (6) and Cole Schluter (64). Below left, NRHEG quarterback Alden Dobberstein (6) is chased by Schluter. Below right, Sawyer Prigge (8) lays out for a pass reception while Lucas Morschling (42) defends. Pioneer photos by Chris Schlaak and Michael Roy



QUICK TURNAROUND — After having a tough time in a 3-0 loss to St. Peter, the Waseca High School girls' soccer team rebounded quickly Thursday, winning 4-3 in overtime. Above from left: Waseca's Samantha Azure (2), Sophie Chawra (14), Evelyn Nydegger (3) and Emily LeMieux (12). Pioneer photos by Michael Roy

WHS soccer girls rebound, nip New Ulm in overtime

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The Waseca High School girls' soccer team lost its first in-conference matchup to St. Peter Tuesday, Sept. 13.

It didn't get the Bluejays down for long. They rebounded with a win at New Ulm on

Thursday.

St. Peter 3, Waseca 0

When Waseca hosted St. Peter, a lot of firsts happened. Not only did the Saints hand the Waseca girls their first in-conference loss; they shut out the Bluejays.

Both teams struggled to get clean shots off

in the first half. St. Peter had a few opportunities that Jays goaltender Ella Bulfer denied

But the Saints eventually broke through the Waseca defense at the start of the second half, scoring two goals within 15 seconds.

Waseca 4, New Ulm 3 OT

A 48-hour turnaround wasn't much time

for the girls to figure out what went wrong against St. Peter. Instead, they had to figure it out on the road against New Ulm

After taking a 2-1 halftime lead, Waseca punched in another. But the Eagles returned the favor by tying it up 3-3. It only took a few minutes in overtime for the Jays to score and

escape with the 4-3 win.

The Bluejays, 8-2 overall and 8-1 in conference, host Red Wing on Monday, Sept. 22.



EXCITING ACTION — There was plenty of excitement in the gym as the NRHEG volleyball team defeated Triton 3-2. From left: the Panthers celebrate a point; coach Ashley Tolzman can't help but smile when she looks at the scoreboard; Erin Jacobson (5) tips; Sidney Schultz (21) passes the ball. Pioneer photos by Chris Schlaak and Eli Lutgens

Volleyball Panthers outlast Triton, Randolph

By ELI LUTGENS
Publisher/Editor

The NRHEG volleyball team hosted Triton Thursday Sept. 15, winning an exciting match 3-2. In five games, the Panthers simply outlasted Triton after losing game ones one and four.

“We made several mistakes, which cost us the first set,” NRHEG coach Ashley Tolzman said after the match. “The second set we played was very well rounded. Sidney, Faith, Erin, Tayler, and Hallie covered the back row very well in this match, but especially in set two. Our third set we started to make little mistakes again such as missed serves but finished strong. Set four we lost our communication which led to us losing this set. We came back fired up for set five.”

In their opening game, the Panthers were on their heels, only leading at one point, 1-0,

and trailing by as many as 11, eventually losing 25-17.

Game two saw the Panthers score the first five points, including an ace from Tayler Schmidt. The Panthers led by as many as 13 in a dominant second game, with several kills from Bree Ihrke, who, when she wasn't missing long on kill attempts, played very well in the Panthers' 25-12 win.

Game three proved to be the closest of the night. The Panthers scored the first two points before dropping four straight. It was the only point in the game they trailed. The Panthers jumped out to a 15-9 lead but the Titans kept it close. A kill past a diving Sidney Schultz made the score 19-17 in favor of the Panthers, and a lifting call, later tied the score at 23-23. A kill from Schmidt put the Panthers ahead, before a kill attempt from the Titans won long, securing a 25-23 win for

the locals.

It looked like the Panthers might escape in four games. The Panthers led until the score was tied at 10 and again at 12. The Titans scored five straight points, which included several errors from the Panthers. A long kill attempt from Jacobson and Bree Ihrke, as well as several long points, went in the Titans' favor. The Panthers were able to cut the lead to 20-18, but weren't able to make it any closer, falling 25-19.

The Panthers won the coin flip, giving them the serve going into the decisive fifth game. A kill attempt gone long from Erin Jacobson set the Panther behind the eight-ball, but Jacobson redeemed herself with a kill and subsequent ace several points later, putting the Panthers ahead 5-4.

After one more tie, with Schmidt serving the Panthers went on to score the final seven

points, which included a great save and kill by Bailey Ihrke, as well as several errors from the tiring Titans.

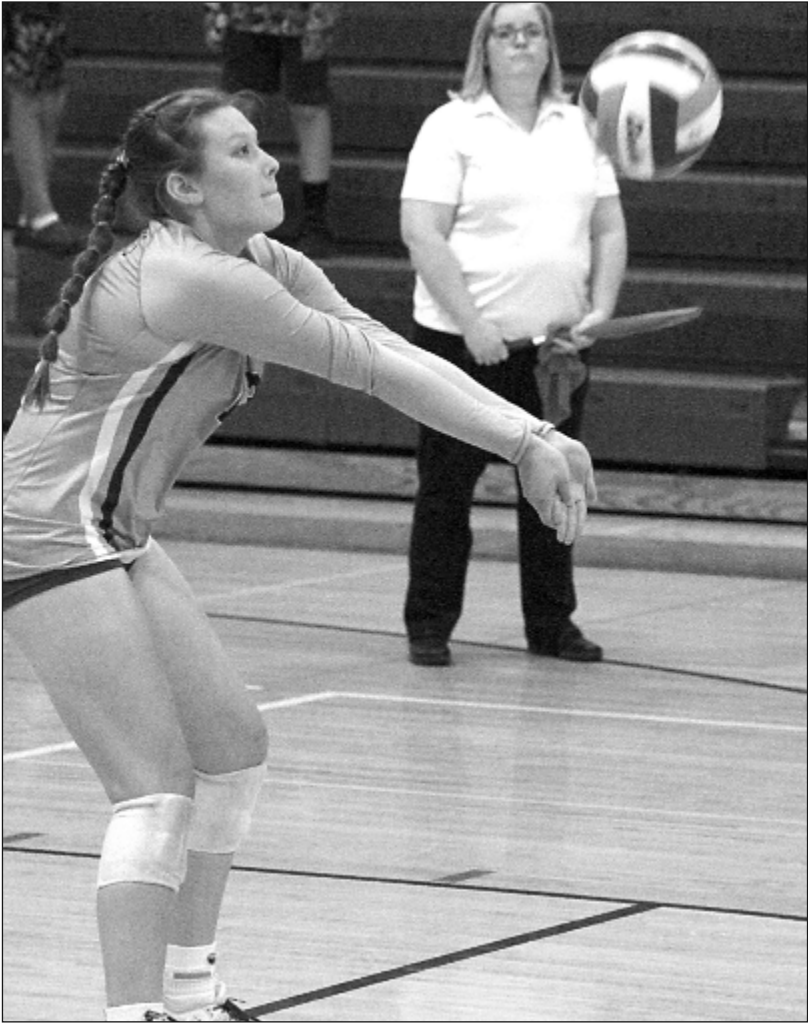
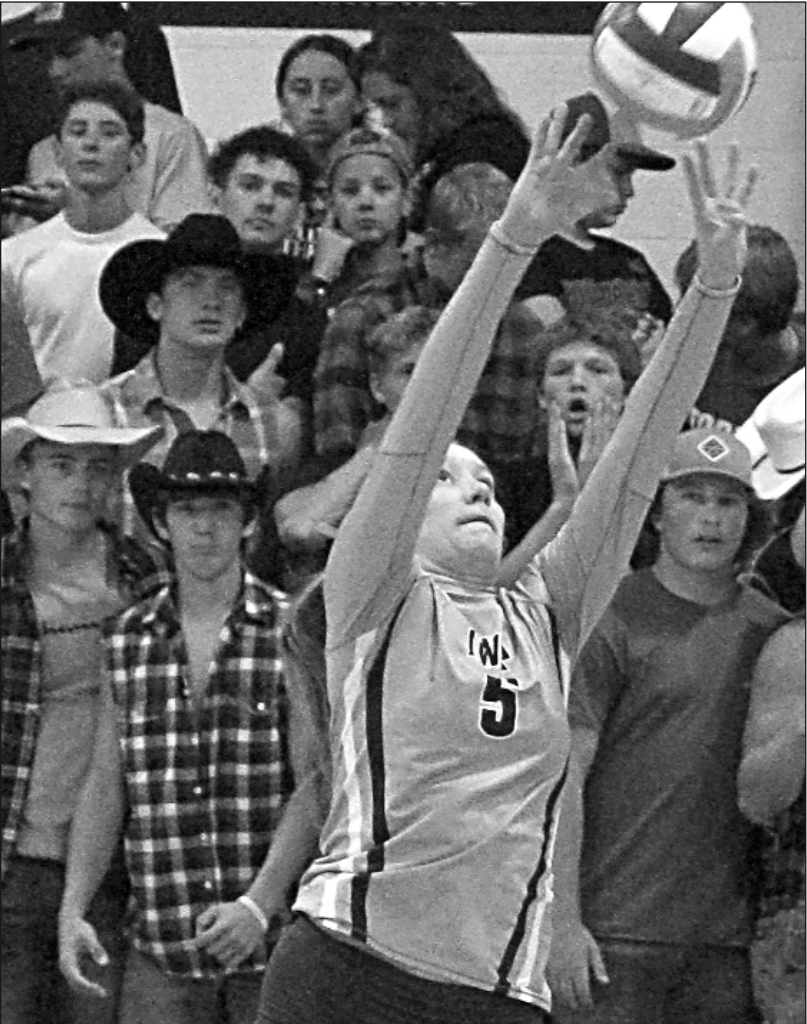
Individually for the Panthers: Hallie Schultz: 38 assists, 9 blocks 2 digs; Schmidt: 4 kills, 1 assist, 2 digs; Jacobson 14 kills; 4 blocks; 5 digs; Bree Ihrke 12 kills, 9 blocks, 1 dig; Faith Nielsen 5 digs; Sarah George 8 kills, 5 blocks; Bailey Ihrke 3 kills, 1 block; Sidney Schultz 7 digs.

Traveling to Randolph Tuesday, Sept. 13, the Panthers won another exciting match 3-2. The first two games went to the Panthers 25-15, 25-22. Losing 25-17, 25-18, forced game, which the Panthers won 15-12.

“Our first game we came out strong,” coach Tolzman explained. “We played a well rounded game both offensively and defensively. This led us to our first win. Our second game we won but started to make small

mistakes and this allowed Randolph to get closer to us than we would have liked. Our third and fourth game our defense was lacking. We were unable to get our passes to our setter to really control the court offensively. This allowed Randolph to get the next two wins. Our fifth game the girls found their momentum again and fought to finish the match with a win.”

Individually for the Panthers against Randolph: Hallie Schultz: 30 assist, 9 blocks, 8 digs; Schmidt: 1 block, 4 digs; Grace Wilkenson 1 dig; Jacobson 12 kills, 1 assist, 4 blocks, 3 digs; Bree Ihrke 14 kills, 1 assist, 15 bocks, 1 dig; Nielsen 5 digs; George 3 kills, 3 blocks, 1 dig; Bailey Ihrke 5 kills, 6 blocks, 4 digs; Sidney Schultz 3 assists, 16 digs.



UP AND OVER — The JWP volleyball team had to work for every point conference opponents Blooming Prairie and Hayfield last week. Left, Jessa Westphal lunges upward to get a volley over the net. Right, Lexie Dahlberg plants her feet for a clean dig. Pioneer photos by Michael Roy

Bulldogs drop a pair of shutouts

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

After winning its first road game against Nicollet, the JWP volleyball team took two more losses against Gopher Conference opponents throughout the week, leaving it still winless in conference.

Blooming Prairie 3, JWP 0

The next day marked another road trip to Gopher Conference rival Blooming Prairie. This was a tough loss to take.

JWP was in it for all three sets. However, mistakes set them back for the first two sets, leaving the Awesome Blossoms to take them 25-19 and 25-20. The Bulldogs forced an extra-long third set, but they just couldn't do enough to win it and extend the match. With a 29-27 win, the Blossoms swept the three sets.

Hayfield 3, JWP 0

A return to home Thursday, Sept. 15 may have been what JWP needed against yet another strong Gopher

Grizzlies show improvement at Maple River Invitational

By MICHAEL ROY
Publisher

The WEM-JWP cross country teams traveled to Daly Park in rural Mapleton Thursday, Sept. 15 and faced seven other teams in the race.

The meet was their best one yet, as both teams had multiple runners finish in the top 20, including a second-place finish by MaKenzie Westphal.

However, at the time of this writeup, official results were unavailable according to co-head coach Jonathan McDonough. He was able to provide unofficial times for both teams.

Girls: MaKenzie Westphal, 23:32; Kwynn Krause, 25:33; Maddy Kunst, 25:36; Ashlin Keyes, 27:40; Faith Olson, 28:02; Madalyn Miller, 29:49; Maddie Heuss, 30:10.

Boys: Luke Cahill, 21:06; Alex Kleve, 21:28; Wyatt Jans, 21:51; Derek Gustafson, 22:06; Gavin Marinenko, 22:15; David Lamp, 24:36; Carter Hoehn, 24:45; Carson James, 25:40.

The Grizzlies competed Sept. 20 in the NRHEG Panther Invitational at Riverview Golf Course near New Richland.



A GOOD MEET — It was one of WEM-JWP's better meets at Maple River Thursday, Sept. 15. Left, Luke Cahill uses the last of his energy to sprint toward the finish line. Middle, Ashlin Keyes turns the last corner of the 5k. Right, Luke Cahill keeps a steady pace with a Blue Earth Area runner behind. Pioneer photos by Michael Roy

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100 Years Ago (1922)

-The congregation of the Trinity German Lutheran church in Janesville held a Jubilee celebration on Sunday last in honor of their pastor and in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry. The celebration was attended not only by the local congregation but by hundreds of people from the surrounding country representing eight different congregations, together with their pastors. The affair had been planned for some time and in a certain sense was a secret because of the fact that the local members and friends of Mr. Winter designed presenting him with a gift in appreciation of his labors among them. If Mr. winter had knowledge of the gathering certainly he did not know about the gift.

-The Janesville pavilion erected a year or so ago by the Janesville Fire Company at a cost approximating twenty-four hundred dollars was sold by auction on Saturday by Auctioneer J. A. Gallagher, G. J. Fratzke being the successful bidder, the big being \$410. The venture which at the time seemed to hold out rosy profits turns out not to have been even in the remotest degree profitable. On the contrary it was a dead loss. It is understood Mr. Fratzke will let it stand and operate it as heretofore by giving public dances and other public functions. The piano which cost quite a mint of money was bid off by Mrs. Florence Cahill for \$27.50.

-The soy bean is rapidly taking a place as a major crop in the farming systems of the corn belt, replacing oats to a considerable extent and taking part of the corn acreage. Although primarily used for forage, pasture and ensilage, the growing of seed during the last few years has been a very profitable industry. The production of seed has now increased to the point where the supply greatly exceeds the demands for planting.

75 Years Ago (1947)

-Regulations for 1947 upland game, waterfowl, and big game were announced officially today by Frank Blair, Director, Division of Game & Fish, Minnesota Department of Conservation. The regulations call for a closed season on pheasant, an 18-day season on quall opening October 25 with a daily bag of 10 and possession limit of 15, and a 32-day season on ducks, opening October 7, with a daily bag of four and a possession limit of 8.

-The Smiths Mill Winners 4-H club met at the John Abraham home Monday evening, September 8. The following officers were elected: Robert Trahms, president; Charles Krause, vice president; Wallace Abraham, secretary; Harold born, treasurer; and Ray Trahms, reporter. The adult leaders, Mrs. Vern Born and Mrs. Blank were re-elected. This year the 4-H club has a quota of fifteen members.

50 Years Ago (1972)

-Henry Quade may be 77, but he still manages to walk into town almost every day. The retired farmer lives one and a half miles south of town. A bachelor, he farmed here for many years and still lives on the homestead where he was born. His 85-year-old sister, Amelia, lives with him and still manages the housekeeping, Henry says. Henry is the last surviving Quade brother. His two brothers, William and Charles, Jr. are both deceased. Quade rents out his farm to Vic Trahms.

-Total enrollment in Janesville’s Public School climbed to 661, an increase of 23 pupils over the opening 1971 enrollment, the District 830 School Board learned Tuesday night. Principal John Graff told the board that the increase from seventh through 12th grade amounts to 14 students over a year ago when the high school opened with 319 pupils. In 1968 JSH had 278 pupils. Since then it has grown steadily to 291, 305, 319, and now 333. “We will be somewhere in the 350s next year,” Graff said. “In three years we will be looking at over 400 students.”

-Janesville’s “B” squad gained a total of 219 yards as they walloped Waldorf 28-0 in their first game of the year here Monday evening. Dan Joyce broke the ice for the locals when he dashed 41 yards for their first TD. He gained 87 yards during the game. Then Cliff Keyes plowed into the end zone for the two point conversion. The Bears tallied again on a 42-yard pass play from Randy Hoversten to Rich Frank. Frank figured in the next touchdown also when he intercepted a Waldorf pass and ran it back 10 yards for a touchdown.

25 Years Ago (1997)

-Discussions were intense as 25 Janesville residents gathered at an assessment hearing for Grove Street improvements to the storm sewer improvement tax districts. What was stressed during the Monday, Sept. 8 assessment hearing is that the cost to residents living in Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 1 and Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 2 is an assessment against the value of the district rather than an individual parcel of land. This assessment is for a specific project which is storm sewer improvements. While street, sanitary and watermain improvements are assessed against individual property owners, the city assesses storm sewer through its storm districts.

-The Janesville Junior Service Club recently finished their project of a raffle to help the Janesville Fire Department purchase fire fighting gear. A total of \$166 was raised with their society’s home office providing matching funds. The raffle winner was Jan Meyer of Janesville, who won \$25 cash. Becky Monahan, junior director, said, “We had a great time. It was hard work, but our club children are enthusiastic about helping their community. We are one of nearly 800 youth service clubs doing these type of projects to benefit a need.”

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100 Years Ago – Waseca Herald

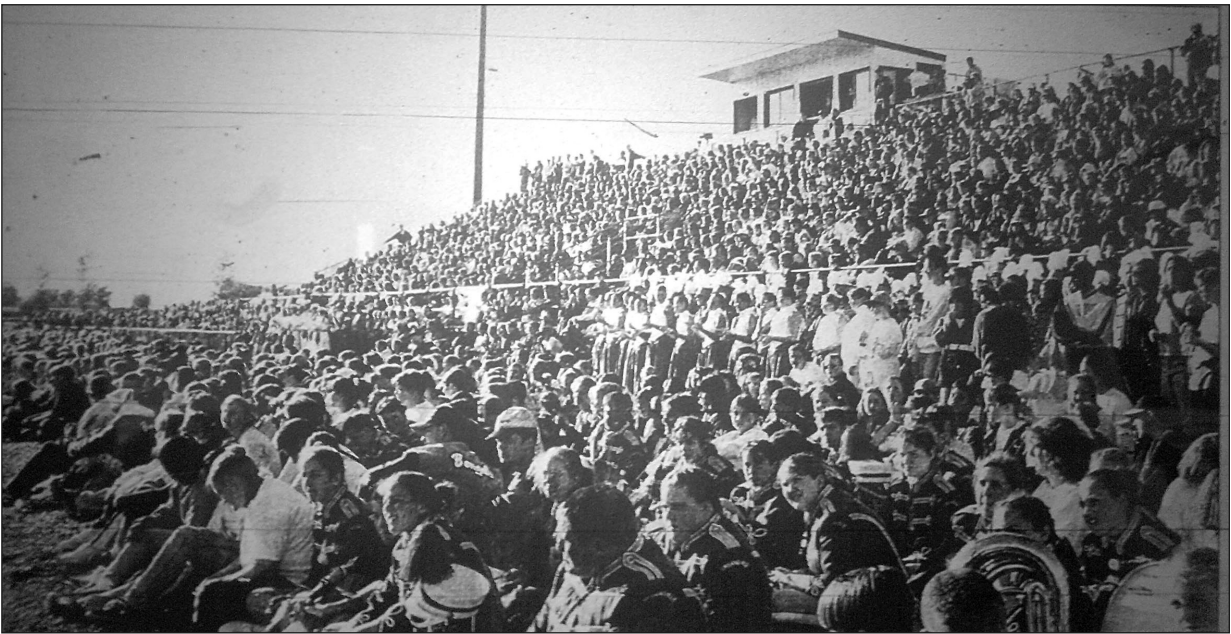
-H. C. Donaker of Owatonna has leased the Gatzman building occupied by M. C. Grant’s soft drink parlor and expects to open a self-serve grocery store there about October 10. Mr. Donaker is a successful grocery man of many years’ experience and is now conducting stores at Owatonna and Austin. The Grant boys will retire from business at the end of this month but have made no plans for the future. They have a nice trade during the spring and summer time but find the business unprofitable during the fall and winter.

-The city council spent most of its time Tuesday evening in discussing plans for the proposed sewer extensions. Engineer W. E. Buell gave an estimate cost of northwest route to Rice Lake at \$73,000. This estimate did not include a sewer to run further west than Wood and Division streets. He said it would require \$3,500 more to extend it to the west city limits. He estimated the cost of power for the electric lift on this route at \$45 a month, based on a 3-cent rate. When told that local printing plants were paying a 7-cent power rate, he said the power cost would be much higher. There would also be the expense for the man who must oversee the plant each day.

75 Years Ago – Waseca Herald

-Four-H Leaders’ Council elected officers for the coming year at their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, September 4. Heading the Council this next year will be Robert C. Olson, one of the leaders of the Woodville Hustlers in Woodville township. Mr. Olson has been a club leader for three years actively promoting 4-H work in his community. Donald Larson of the Palmer Sunbeams was elected vice-president; Wynne Prehn, Iscoso Livewires, secretary; and Ruth Mittelstadt, Community Winners, treasurer, all junior leaders in their local clubs.

-Waseca horses continued to give a good account of themselves on harness tracks last week. The Referee, owned by M. J. Spillane and driven by Jervis Musel, raced at Blue Earth last Sunday in the 2:16 place and was second in two heats and third in one. The time was 2:16, 2:17, and 2:15. Miss Crispin, a young trotter owned by Herman Isker, and driven by Phil Amberg, was third in all three heats of the 2:24 trot with the lowest time of 2:18 3/4. Tuesday of last week, M. J. Spillane raced at Redwood Falls and The Referee was first in all three



25 YEARS AGO - Various photos from the Waseca Marching Classic in 1997.

heats of the 2:16 pace with Mr. Spillane driving. Miss Crispin placed first in all three heats of the 2:28 trot with Phil Amberg driving.

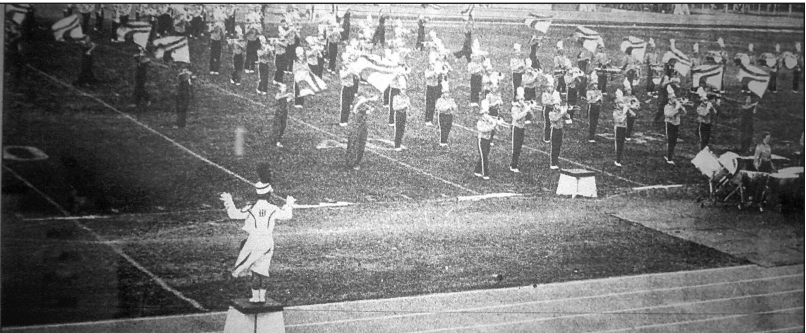
-Rev. Emil F. Wachholz, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church of Wilton, died Tuesday evening at Rochester. His death shocked his many friends and his congregation. Death was caused by encephalitis. He had been rather sick on Thursday and was taken to the Waseca Memorial hospital Friday. When his condition became worse, he was taken to Rochester, Saturday and he passed away Tuesday evening at 10:45. He was 62 years old.

-Waseca had two cases of infantile paralysis reported this week and both have been confirmed at the Sister Kenney Institute in Minneapolis. They are the first polio cases to be found in the county this year.

50 Years Ago – Waseca Journal

-The Waseca High School band has been named winner of the 1972 Minnesota State Fair concert competition. Eleven high school bands were competing for the award this year. The Waseca band performed at the fair on Aug. 31. The first place trophy will be presented to the band at a pep fest at the new high school this Friday afternoon at 2:45. Dr. Forrest Bear, Superintendent of the Minnesota State Fair Education Department, will be on hand to make the presentation. Orvin Anderson is the director of the high school band. Other bands participating in the State Fair competition were from Eveleth, Pine City, White Bear Lake, Humbolt, Adams, Irondale-Moundsview, Jasper, Menahga, Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Pedaltones of Blooming Prairie.

-“I was out to get this one, being it was in Minnesota,” said Duane Tolzmann, 46, as he talked about placing first in the National Plowing Competition, at Farmfest Wednesday Afternoon. Tolzmann, rural resident of



The Waseca Marching Jays took first place in both parade and show that night. Waseca missed the top place by a fraction of a point at the field show preliminary competitions in Sioux Falls, S.D. Director Kim said the group played its best show of the year

Minnesota Lake and Waseca County farmer, earned the right to compete in the World Plowing match next year that will be held in Southern Ireland, by winning the small plow division of the National Plowing match. He captured the precision plowing event with 179.4 of a possible 200 points.

25 Years Ago – Waseca County News

-Not only are the band students proud members of the Marching Jays, but also the adults who work behind the scenes on everything from band trip fund-raisers to keeping the students organized. Two longtime volunteers in this category are Jack and Mary Williams, this year’s Marching Classic grand marshals. Criteria considered by the committee in determining the grand marshals for the Classic include being active in the band boosters and/or Classic, such as: level of activity, number of years involved and exemplary services given to the band. Jack, an English teacher and play director for the high school and community theater, is also known as the “Voice of the Marching Jays” because, for more than 20 years, he has been announcing at the annual Indoor Marching Concert, football games, and emceeing the Classic.



Waseca High School senior Ann Staloch portrayed the Waseca Marching Classic mascot, Spatman in the parade Saturday.

Mary has served the Band Boosters since 1982 when she received her first board appointment. She has served as president, vice president, trustee and treasurer. No longer a band parent with the graduation of their youngest child this spring, she is currently serving the Marching Classic Committee, as she has for the past eight years.

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75 Years Ago (1947)

1. The Andrew Borgen Post American Legion Softball tournament which opened Monday evening has drawn heavily in spectator attendance and fans have seen some fine exhibitions in the games played so far. The first round games have been complete and in second round plays only one contest has been staged thus far. The heavy rain has forced the postponement of the remaining games until Friday evening when play is expected to be renewed. Finals are scheduled for Saturday evening. Opening night games found the Waseca Jaycees on the long end of a 12 to 2 score over the Albert Lea M. & St. L. team. In the other first round game Tuesday evening the New Richland Wildcats imported Starks of Owatonna to underhand for them and were able to win decisively, 10 to 1, from Hartland.

2. Chicken thieves have raided at least two roosts within the last week and unless someone “wings” one of the thieves the forage is likely to continue and perhaps grow worse. Mrs. Ludwig Schlaak of Wilton was the loser last Saturday night to the extent of 150 of her best chickens. The culls were left and the lady thinks the thief should come and get them.

3. Waseca county has its first case of polio this season. The victim is Richard, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Poeschel, 405 Second Ave. N.E. He was taken sick Tuesday of last week when he suffered recurring fever attacks. He spent most of his time in bed and although ordinarily a very active boy, he did not seem to want to get up to play even during the time he felt better. This prompted a more thorough examination and it was discov-

ered that his thigh bothered him and the fear of infantile paralysis immediately arose. That was on Saturday and the parents immediately arranged to take the boy to the Sister Kenney Institute in Minneapolis on Sunday. A spinal examination Sunday showed that the boy had polio and treatments were immediately started.

50 Years Ago (1972)

1. Wheat yields for the 1973 wheat program have been set at 34.5 bushels per acre for Waseca county. This is an increase of 1.3 bushel over the 33.2 bushel used last year. This increase will be reflected in the certificate payments under the Wheat Program for next year according to Ralph Roesler, chairman of the Waseca ASC County committee.

2. Tillage methods used in top-level corn production will be discussed on Corn and Soybean Day, Tuesday, September 19 at the Southern Experiment Station. Research plots, consisting of eleven tillage methods, will be shown to provide visitors with an opportunity to evaluate these treatments.

3. Two Freeborn county youths received minor injuries in a single car mishap Sunday noon. Steven Mithun, 18, of rural New Richland and his passenger Larry Nelson, 17, of rural Hartland were treated and released at Naeve hospital, Albert Lea. According to the Freeborn County Sheriff’s Office, Mithum lost control of his vehicle on a curve on a gravel road near Hartland.

4. New Richland-Hartland-Cross Country team took second to Waseca in the annual New Richland Invitational Cross Country Meet, Saturday at St. Olaf Lake. Sixteen teams were entered with Faribault finishing third



The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Panther Band returned to the Waseca Marching Classic parade competition this year, taking sescond.

and Mapleton, fourth. The winning Waseca team finished just 51 seconds ahead of the Cardinals.

25 Years Ago (1997)

1. Just a few days after completing the 1996-97 school term John Meyers, a senior this fall at New Richland-Ellendale-Hartland-Geneva High School left New Richland for Orlando, Florida. He is the son of Ken and Marlene Meyers of New Richland. In Orlando on June 7, John joined a team organized by Team Missions International to attend the Lord’s Boot Camp training at Merrit Island for two weeks. At the camp the young men and women, 23 teens and five leaders from throughout the United States were trained to go to Bangladesh. John said, “Florida’s weather was a lot like it is in Bangladesh. It was a good training.” John and his team trained for an assignment of building a school in Kogligram, Bangladesh. Little did the team know that their assignment to build the school had already been completed. One of the two men that met them at the airport had been instructed to take them to a hotel and make arrangements for their return to the United States. George Tupper, the other fellow, had an agriculture train-

ing center and invited the group to his farm. “For about three days we didn’t have a project,” John noted. It was learned by the team leader through the Southern Baptist Mission a high school was needed to be built, which was only about a ten minute walk from the Tupper farm. The young men and women began working on the project as soon as the permission was granted.

2. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has initiated a cooperative effort with other states to assist farmers who would be impacted by the proposed Alliance natural gas pipeline.

Alliance is proposing to build a 1900-mile, 36-inch diameter, high-pressure natural gas pipeline transmission system that will extend from British Columbia to Chicago, crossing through 13 Minnesota counties. Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois have begun discussions aimed at cooperatively solving common issues relating to the pipeline and its impact on agricultural landowners, while still allowing the necessary movement of natural gas.

The
Pastor's Column

Why do we work so hard to relax?

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

More than once this week I have talked with people that are just exhausted. We have spent a summer chasing relaxation, adventure, and entertainment. We have sought to fill our time with fun before the hard work of the harvest and preparing for winter overwhelms our free time.

So often we will fill our times with good things that challenge us to relax, but then become chores. We seek the entertainment value of activity, and it leaves us lacking and wanting more. Some of the most affluent people in the world allow their time to be consumed with activity, but they realize that it means nothing.

Throughout the book of Ecclesiastes we see the Teacher, Solomon, instructing the people of Israel about the purpose and meaning of life. In chapter 2:20-26 Solomon shares these truths from his own experience,

20 So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. 21 For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. 22 What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? 23 All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

24 A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I

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— Pastor Ken Andrs

see, is from the hand of God, 25 for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? 26 To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

What is the purpose of our daily work, actions, and life? To what end do we live and work? If it is all meaningless, why do we work so hard to find time to relax and enjoy our time off? Why do we fill our days with schedules and activities?

God has granted us life to live, to make choices and pursue goals. He seeks to make Himself known to us, to reveal truths about His plans and purposes, so that we may chose to follow Him. Throughout the whole of the book of Ecclesiastes we see Solomon's experience with affluence, power, and influence on the world scene and how little satisfaction he found in that lifestyle.

At the end of the book Solomon tells us the purpose of life. He says in chapter 12:13,

“13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter:

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man.”

In all that we do in this life we have been given let us remember to fear God by pursuing Him in all things, keeping His commands. In this action of obedience we will find fulfillment in the work of this life.



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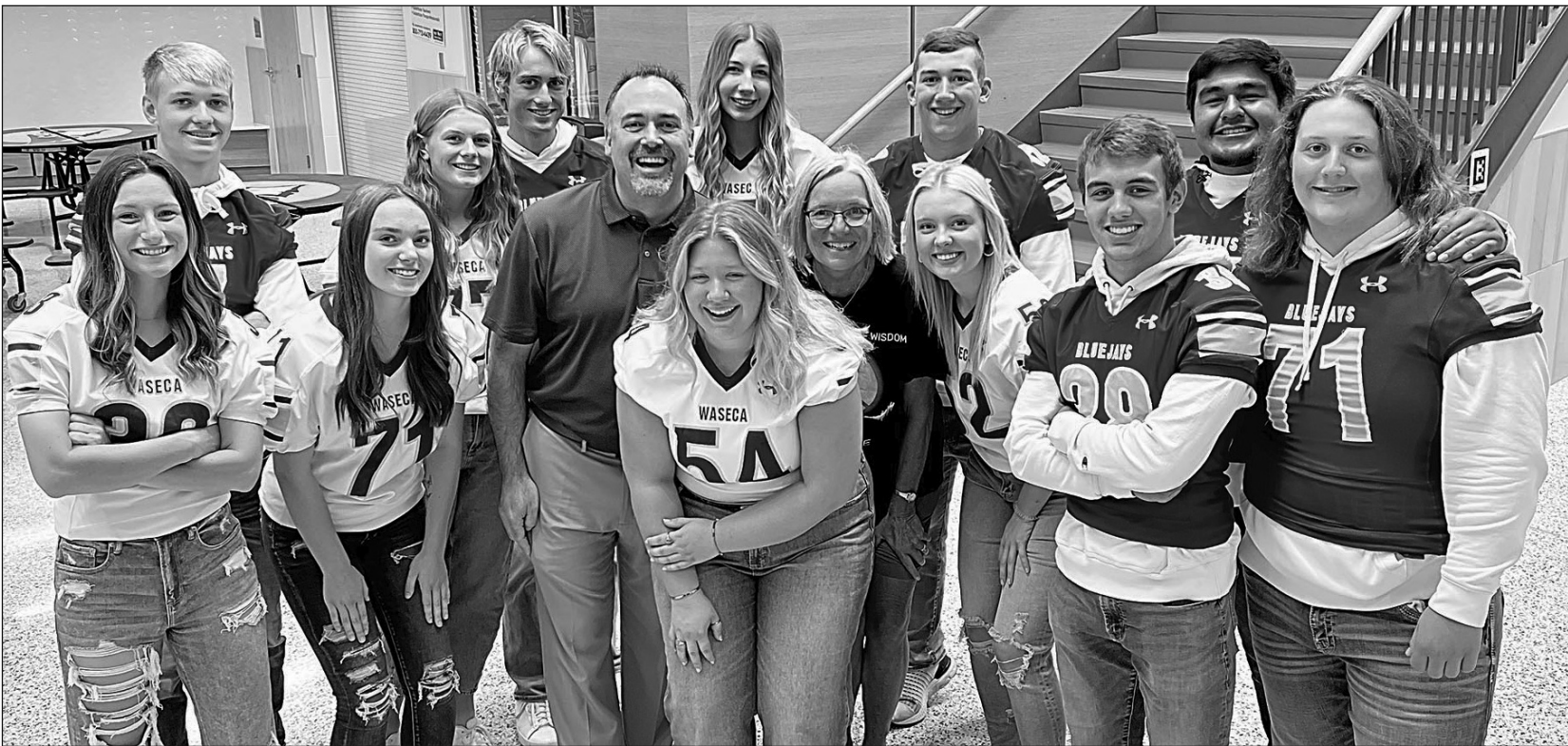
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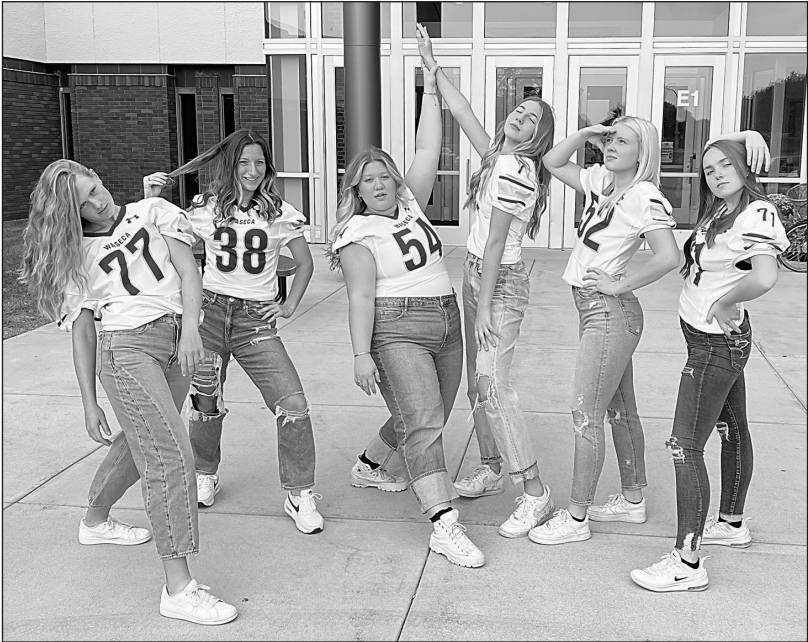


Court



TRADITION - For 38 years Jeanne Swanson has been photographing homecoming court royalty at Waseca High School. It was only fitting she make an appearance. From left: Samantha Azure, Oliver O'Brien, Charlotte Harguth, CeCe Huttemier, Will King, Waseca Senior High Principal, #54 Aubree Hansen, behind her Avery Madsen, Jeanne Swanson, Payton Garza, Riley Ruedy, Christian Rodriguez, JD Delgado, Brenden Brown.

Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens



FASHION - From left: CeCe Huttemier, Samantha Azure, Aubree Hansen, Avery Madsen, Riley Ruedy, and Charli Harguth.



WALKING - CeCe Huttemier, Samantha Azure, Avery Madsen, Aubree Hansen, Riley Ruedy, and Charlotte Harguth



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SERIOUS BOYS - From left Christian Rodriguez, JD Delgado, Payton Garza, Brenden Brown, and Will King.

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