



Compostings

by Al Batt

The results speak for themselves

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
Did you notice the notice?
I noticed the notice.
Did you notice it wasn't worth noticing?
I noticed.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Spring brings high school baseball and softball with fans wearing the wrong coats. On the farm, we had cattle, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, goats, guinea fowl, pigeons, dogs, cats, a parakeet, goldfish, peafowl and hamsters. The sense of smell is closely related to memory. A whiff of something can trigger a memory. Using a ballfield's porta-potty, I remembered we had an outhouse.

LAWRENCE WRECK
A few years back, I did an on-air pledge drive for KSMQ-TV during "The Lawrence Welk Show." Many viewers considered the champagne music style with its bubble machine releasing bubbles across the bandstand as the theme song "Bubbles in the Wine" played, to be a match for Welk's famous tagline, "Wunnerful, wunnerful!" My parents favored the Champagne Lady Norma Zimmer, Myron Floren (The Happy Norwegian) and his accordion, Larry Hooper's basso profundo voice rendition of "This Old House," and Big Tiny Little who played a tiny, big piano or a big, tiny piano. I forget which. I paid little attention to the show, unless Lawrence introduced the lovely Lennon sisters. That was Mr. Welk's secret signal for me to pay attention. And I did.

TRANSISTOR RADIO
I was 12 and saved up enough money from walking bean rows and baling hay to buy a small GE transistor radio. It was AM only, but it worked in the PM too. I listened to it constantly, blowing through 9-volt batteries. In the 1960s, carbon-zinc was the dominant, standard battery technology. Those batteries struggled with high-drain devices (like portable radios), lasting only a blink of an eye before needing replacement. They were the printer ink cartridges of the time. I listened to WDGY, WLS, KOMA, WBZ, KDKA and KAAJ. I enjoyed two kinds of music—both rock and roll.

I'VE LEARNED
Mr. Potato Head never stifles a sneeze.
Veget is one of the world's greatest ables.
Too many politicians would rather see the country fail than their opponents succeed.
Iowa created its first major state

tax in 1921 when the General Assembly passed a 2-cent-per-pack-age tax on cigarettes. Iowa was the first state to pass a cigarette tax.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT
Scientists grew human vocal cords in a test tube. The results speak for themselves.

When my wife saw me standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in my stomach, she said, "That won't help!" I replied, "It helps. It's the only way I can see the numbers."

There are two types of people in this world. People who finish what they start.

NATURE NOTES
A bumblebee buzzed by my ear. The popular myth that bumblebees shouldn't be able to fly began in 1934, when a French entomologist noted that a bee's flight should be impossible. Bees should be able to fly because they do fly. Their wings twist and rotate, creating enough lift to make it possible for bees to become and remain airborne.

Goldfinches are picky eaters and want fresh seeds. Nyjer has a high oil content, thin shells and provides protein and energy. When Nyjer gets wet, it clumps like cat litter and can spoil or become moldy. If Nyjer gets moldy, remove it and clean the feeder with a 10% bleach-water solution. Oily seeds can go rancid, emitting a foul odor. Sniff them and you'll know. Nyjer seed can also dry out. Crush the seeds onto a white paper towel and look for oil blotches. If oil stains are present, the seed is fresh. If the seeds look dull and aren't shiny, replace them with a fresh batch. Nyjer seed isn't derived from thistles, but from an African yellow daisy. I think the seeds are best served in an open tray (metal or plastic) to reduce the chances of conjunctivitis.

A robin fights with my bedroom window. A pair claims a territory and defends it from other robins. When one male spots another, a chasing fight ensues. The dominant male gets the desired territory. The window acts as a mirror. A robin is so territorial that he makes an enemy of his image. The reflection refuses to flee. Being persistent and stubborn, the robin refuses to negotiate peace with itself. I could soap the outside of the window or cover it with cardboard, black nylon screen, painter's cloth, or plastic cling to block the assailant's image. Covering the inside of the window enhances reflections. Plastic owls and fake snakes don't help.

MEETING ADJOURNED
Offer a kind word to another. It's not taxable.

Plants are like books, an excessive fixation

I have discovered that plants are a lot like books.
It's a strange line of thought, I agree, but stay with me.

Let me start with an explanation. I love reading, and consequently, I love books. I read whatever takes my fancy or satisfies my curiosity. For some reason, I like reading about harsh times in history—the holocaust, the bubonic plague, treatment of indigenous Americans as the western hemisphere was colonized. I also enjoy interesting facts and information. I've read 10 or more books on quantum physics—the "for dummies" kind, that don't entail a lot of mathematics. And whenever I learn of another book about a near death experience, I have to get hold of it; that's one of my most lasting fascinations. I read Raymond Moody's fundamental "Life After Life" as a high-schooler not all that long after it was first published, and haven't stopped since.

I went to a meeting at the Waseca Library the other day, walked past their shelves of \$1 "released" books, and ended up taking two home. They were meant as gifts—one for my nephew and one that seemed to align with my granddaughter's interests. One of them, however, "Chomp" by Charles Hiaason, seemed like too



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

much fun to pass along unread, so I read it—now I can give it to my nephew with confidence it is a quality gift.

I tell you all this to demonstrate my point. Honestly, this is headed somewhere.

Knowing I have a problem resisting books, and knowing I should seek out ways to read books without having to (first) pay for them and (second) find shelves to keep them on, I honestly try to avoid bookstores and especially bargain books—for example at thrift stores and garage sales, where I am protected from the first consequence of my fascination, but not the second. When taking my one-year-old grandson to the delightful indoor play area in the River Hills Mall in Mankato, the shortest path is through Barnes and Noble. I try to walk straight through, looking almost exclusively at my grandson

while keeping my gaze from wandering. I've made it through unscathed every time, although I admit there have been some close calls.

A walk through Hilltop Greenhouse this past weekend, along with every walk I have taken through Ed's Greenhouse, the Waseca Greenhouse and Country Blooms south of Janesville, prove I am no safer when it comes to flowers and other plants than I am with books.

I would never classify myself as a gardener because I know some genuine practitioners of the art, and my lack of qualifications is glaringly obvious. I have only a vague understanding of the many steps real gardeners follow, and would be distracted from those steps by my other responsibilities if I tried to learn and use them.

I have allowed too many plants in my care to suffer from neglect and

ignorance to ever be considered one who cultivates plants.

That does not change the allure of a bright yellow pansy, a mystically patterned petunia or a burly, thriving tomato plant already complete with blossoms. I picture the plants in mid-summer, festooned with armfuls of flowers or fruit brightening up my two flowerbeds or hanging at eye level in a basket.

I stand transfixed in the greenhouse aisle, compare the available colors, consider whether the plant is hardy enough to overcome being in my care, and picture bees, butterflies and hummingbirds coming and going among its blooms.

I caution myself against paying for a plant which may not survive whatever choices I make for its care—but inwardly I already know I'm not going home without a small armload. Furthermore, I know I'll be back at that mythical time, "when all danger of frost is past," to get even more.

As I load my new purchases in the car, I can at least reassure myself that flowers and books are not the worst excessive fixations a person might have. After all, come midsummer, I will be in an ideal state—skimming through one of my books working to identify some of those birds and butterflies fluttering among my flowers.

Gladly choosing to finally be like others

I finally did it—I bought a purse. I have never been a purse girlie. Purses were always too big, too bulky,—a burden, if you will. I have been gifted many beautiful and cute purses throughout the years, but I never felt comfortable using them. If I had anything to bring, I would leave it in the car, convince my mother or sister to carry it, or make sure to wear pants with pockets.

For college (or before, I can't remember) I bought one of those Lululemon fanny packs that became extremely popular. That was perfect; it was everything I needed. It fit everything I needed and yet was small enough not to be noticeable to me when I wore it. I could use my arms freely, walk, run, move, and never have to worry about it. I didn't ever have to clutch it to me.

For a long time, I was satisfied with just that. It went everywhere with me, from trips to different states, college, studying abroad, and now Colorado.

But as I go out and look around, I see girls my age have forgone the fanny pack, and have instead turned to cute, small, shoulder purses. For a while, I didn't care. But then as it be-



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

came noticeable that I was the only fanny pack girl, that the pack doesn't fit cute outfits like the shoulder purses do—that I was different—I felt a desire to get a purse. Granted, it's only a small, black shoulder purse, but it's not my Lululemon fanny pack, and that is all that matters.

I also find myself wanting to conform to the Kindle fad. I had a Kindle when I was young, but since I have always preferred having a physical book in my hands, the electronic device collected dust on my shelf before my sister took it. And it didn't even cross my mind until I joined a book club.

My first night at book club, the group worked on a craft-making a charm to attach to Kindle covers. I, not owning a kindle, made a charm

for fun that currently sits on my desk by my monitor. When we took pictures with our charms, everyone whipped out their Kindle and held it into a circle, while I hesitantly just held mine in the circle with my hand.

But I didn't buy a Kindle because of social pressure. I bought one (seconds before writing this column) because I'm tired of reading books on my phone. For book club, it doesn't make sense to buy every book every time, so I have been using the Libby app, which is connected to my library card and allows me to check out library books electronically and read them on my electronics.

While the convenience of having my book on my phone was nice (leading me to read in the car, at the bar, walking to my car), I hate staring

at the screen. I stare at a bright screen all day every day for work, and the thought of staring at a screen even longer for my hobby leaves my eyes tired. That's why I never wanted a Kindle to begin with.

But you see, now they make fancy new Kindles called paperwhites, where instead of having the shine and glare of a screen, the light is dulled and has a warmer, less harsh, color.

So I caved. I plan to be in this book club for a long while, and the library books can connect right to my Kindle. Now it's just time for me to find a cute little case to put on it and I've completed the picture of a cute, put-together young woman with my purse and my Kindle.

So while I find myself "conforming" to what is popular in society despite what I've always thought, I am having fun. It all comes back to adding a touch of whimsy to life, right?

My Determination: "Stuff" your eyes with wonder, he said, live as if you'd drop dead in ten seconds. See the world. It's more fantastic than any dream made or paid for in factories."

— Ray Bradbury, Fahrenheit 451



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

Watching the prom season come and go

Another prom season has come and gone. The pleasure in covering this staple of the spring season is the energy and joy the teens show as they dress to the nines and take part in a formal event.

I had the responsibility to photographize this year's NRHEG prom. The teens were a pleasure to work with because their event was well organized and they were respectful and attentive.

When it came time to prepare the newspaper pages that included my photos, though, I encountered a frustration. As I put together the pages, I was referring to the printed program to get the identities of the people in each of my pictures. It usually works very well because I take a photo of every pair coming down the walkway, so all I have to do is match the list of names in the program to my sequence of pictures. This time, for some reason, it wasn't falling into place. I went back and forth, back and forth, back and forth between my photos and the list, and I could tell something was wrong.

Eventually, the answer came clear: two couples who appeared on the program had withdrawn, so the correspondence I was relying on was not accurate. I found this out after spending a long, long, time cross referencing the newspaper pages against the list. Three emails to teachers were unsuccessful in identifying the mistakes. Eventually with the help of Facebook, personal knowledge and, going through every single couple and name again and again, I was able to, hopefully, fingers crossed, correctly identify all of the couples in the photos.

If there are mistakes, please don't do anything other than send an email or phone call asking for us to run the photo again, correctly. I did everything short of printing the pages off and going up to the school. However, I am writing this column 10 minutes before I have to leave for an appointment.

Naturally, I would be very happy if we could always produce a newspaper that has no errors in it—but perhaps my story about the effort it sometimes takes to acquire



accurate information shows you why we do our best, but can't guarantee—or even hope for—one-hundred-percent success. Detail work takes time: Newspaper work is a series of deadlines.

The conflict between the two is obvious.

Let me just say we continue to do our best, and hope you will be patient if you are inconvenienced by an error.

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The Pastor's Column

Paris syndrome of the heart

By PASTOR MIKE COGLAN

My wife Laura and I had a wonderful vacation in France a few years ago. The trip was so much more than I hoped for. Paris was cleaner than I expected. Parisians were nicer than I expected. Even the food was better than I expected. Everything about this trip exceeded my expectations. It was the kind of vacation we all hope for.

One of the keys to a satisfying vacation is to have realistic expectations. I learned that tourist expectations for Paris are among the highest for any destination on earth. The disappointment that some people feel over their trip to Paris can be devastating. There is even a medical condition called Paris syndrome. I'm not making this up. Paris syndrome is a collection of physical and psychological symptoms that result from extreme disappointment with Paris. People actually get clinically depressed, nauseous, and even experience hallucinations. Some of them have to be hospitalized. Most victims are Japanese. In Japanese culture, coming to Paris is expected to be a supernatural experience.

The reason I loved Paris was because I expected Paris to be a city with great food and art and history. But at the end of the day, Paris is just a city. Paris is not supernatural. Paris cannot give me what only God can give me. If I put anything above God in my life, I will always be disappointed.

The French have a syndrome of their own. I call it marriage syndrome. According to my friend Christine who lives in France, Parisian marriages last an average of two years. Parisians are very good at falling in love but not so good at staying in love. Commonly, they become disappointed with their spouse and move on.

I think that this means that Parisians, and certainly Americans as well, have unrealistic expectations of marriage. We come to marriage thinking that our spouse is going to meet all our needs and wants and fantasies. But that is not possible for any human being. That is a job for God alone. I don't expect my wife to satisfy my soul like God, and she doesn't expect that of me. Reasonable expectations give us each the freedom to be flawed human beings. This results in joy and freedom. If I put a person above God in my life, I will always be disappointed.

The early church leader Augustine of Hippo wrote of a time when he was constantly disappointed. His problem wasn't that he loved bad things, but he loved good things outside of their proper order. He found that he needed to pay attention to God-

given priorities. His writings have been helpful to me to examine my priorities and perspectives. I try to put God first, then my spouse, then my children. My career follows these, then my hobbies and pastimes.

Along the way I've discovered a few of my own "disappointment syndromes." Most of my disappointments have been due to unrealistic expectations, and even idolatry. If I'm feeling disappointed in any aspect of my life, I need to ask, "What was I expecting, and why?"

God created the world with a certain order. Material things were created to be on a lower order than people. People were created to be on a lower order than God. Augustine realized that his sins were related to loving things above their created order.

So, if we value things like beauty, money, or possessions more than people, then we have a problem. Those things will never satisfy us the way human relationships can. And if we put people above God, —if we love them more than we love God —that's also a disordered love. People, including your own spouse and family, cannot satisfy you the way God can. Disordered love will become an addictive pattern because you "can't get no satisfaction." Mick Jagger was singing about disordered love.

If your loves are properly ordered, then the first and highest priority will be God. As Proverbs 3 reminds us, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." And Jesus echoes this in Matthew 6: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

When God is first, everything else begins to fall into its proper place. Our expectations become grounded. Our relationships become freer. Our disappointments, though still real, no longer define us.

But when anything else takes that first place—whether a city, a spouse, a dream, or even our own expectations—we set ourselves up for inevitable disappointment. No created thing can fill the space of what only God was meant to fill.

So, when you feel disappointed, don't just ask what went wrong. Ask what was placed too high. Disappointment is often a signal—not that something is worthless—but that something has been asked to be God.

Put Him first. Let everything else follow. And you may find that the life you once thought was disappointing becomes, by His grace, more than you ever expected.

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Girl Scouts Clean for Earth Day



SCOUT CLEAN - The New Richland Girl Scouts, assisted by one scout from Waseca, cleaned the New Richland city park and surrounding waterway in celebration of Earth Day. Pictured standing in the back row are Hazel and Violette Botten, seated in front are Alexis Olson and Jocelyn Guildner. Photo submitted by troop leader Kimberly Olson.

Ask a Trooper: tire safety

Question: I know you talk about the importance of tires when it comes to the winter months but I think it's just as important to talk about it in the spring with rain and wet roads. Thank you.

Answer: It is always a good time to talk about tire safety. Tires must support your vehicle's weight and grip the road properly. Inspect tires regularly for cuts, cracks, uneven wear, bald spots, bulges and punctures. Always carry a good spare tire and check its pressure often. Tires have less traction on gravel or dirt roads than on concrete or asphalt.

Tires can lose up to 1 PSI of pressure every month. Check your tire pressure often and never drive with under-inflated tires.

- Find your vehicle's recommended tire pressure on a sticker inside the driver's door or in the owner's manual.
- Check tire pressure before driving or at least three hours after driving.

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- Insert a pressure gauge into the valve stem on your tire. The gauge will show the measured PSI.
- Compare the measured PSI to the PSI on the sticker inside the driver's door or in the owner's manual, not the PSI on the tire's sidewall.
- If the measured PSI is above the recommended number, let air out until it matches. If below, add air until it reaches the proper number.
- Check your tires often for wear and damage. A tire is illegal if the tread is less than one-sixteenth inch deep.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848 (You can follow him on "X" @MSPPIO_SOUTH or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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Blood, hazards and American History for children

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Since there was no school, there was an adventurous event for children at the Waseca Public Library on Friday, May 1. Hazardous Histories with Nathan Hale is a series of activities exploring the wild and weird sides of American history.

Through storytelling, games, crafts and challenges, the fairly large group of children was offered some cleverly disguised learning opportunities. In the corner, sisters Aubrey and Clara were playing a cutthroat game titled, "One Dead Spy." Said Aubrey, "It's just like the game Battleship, we have to try to guess which spot the other person's spies are standing on and try to eliminate them." Not long after she said that, her sister Clara said, "B-I," to which Aubrey replied, "Hit" with a disappointed look on her face as she removed her spy.

Children's Librarian Brianna Bleeker, who was in charge for the day, was playing "Big Bad Ironclad" with a young man named Michael. Michael explained, "Each player gets an empty plastic egg to float on the tote of water provided. You have to play Rock, Paper, Scissors and if you beat the

other player, they have to add a marble to their egg. The more marbles added to the egg, the more the egg will sink." When the other player had at least 5 marbles in their egg, or if the egg sank, the player with their plastic egg still floating was the winner." Said Bleeker, "Yes, today's activity was low key and chill. This "Big Bad Ironclad" game was an example of how wooden ships from yesterday were made stronger when they were plated with metal on the outside."

Another game available was "Cold War Correspondent," the object of which was to send a "coded" message to a friend using Morse Code ciphers on paper. The friend would take a flashlight and try to send the message by putting their hand in front of the light. There were decoders available.

After that was another game titled, "Treaties, Trenches, Mud and Blood." This game was very similar to the old game Marbles or Ring Toss. Children would put 5 marbles into a circle and using heavier marbles, they would knock the other marbles out of the circle. The child who knocked the most marbles out of the circle was the winner.



TAKING A HAND - Michael and Librarian Brianna Bleeker were taking part (playing Rock, Paper, Scissors) in the Hazardous Histories event at the Waseca Public Library on Friday, May 1, 2026.



HAZARDOUS BATTLES - Aubrey and Clara were playing the game "One Dead Spy," which is just like Battleship at the Waseca Public Library's Hazardous Histories. Pioneer photos by Ben Revermann



HELPING FAMILIES - Members of the Waseca County DFL party pooled together their donations to help the Waseca Library purchase backpack take-home kits for families with adults experiencing dementia. Pictured here are (from left) DFL Board of Directors member Ary Blom, Jen McCabe, Steve Welander, Diana Welander, Karen Tiougan, Waseca County DFL Chair Deb Hogenson, Les Tiougan and Hans Junkers. Pioneer photo by Deb Bently

DFL donates toward library dementia resources

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

Members of the Waseca County DFL party recently pooled together their donations to help the Waseca Library purchase backpack take-home kits for families and caregivers interacting with adults experiencing dementia.

County DFL chair Deb Hogenson explained that, after considering a number of potential causes to donate money toward, party members decided to support families dealing with dementia because a number of

their members have been touched by the issue.

Hogenson's husband of nearly 50 years, Doug Bauman, suffered from dementia prior to his death in 2023.

Party member Diana Welander, of Waseca, has become a caregiver to Steve, her husband of 55 years, now 74.

"You just have no idea what it's like until you have Alzheimer's in your own family," Diana observed. As the individual loses memories and abilities, she describes, it becomes more and more difficult to find common ground.

"Packets like these will really help with that," she commented.

Each backpack kit contains different resources, the idea being that

each one will be useful in different ways. Included in most of them are simple jigsaw puzzles that feature pictures appealing to adults, but have no more than 60 pieces. Packets of cards with photos or questions for discussion to encourage recall are in some of the backpacks. Reusable activities such as fade-away "paint with water" pictures are also in some of the packets.

"The whole idea is to provide some options," said Hogenson. "As the symptoms of dementia continue, one of the biggest losses is that victims and families lose their sense of connection."

"These activities can help with preserving some of those connections and so it will improve every-

one's quality of life."

Anyone wishing to use the resource backpacks can check them out from the Waseca Library. Materials for kits currently available for use were made possible by donations both from the Waseca County DFL party and the Waseca Caregivers organization.

National statistics on the issue of dementia reveal that any individual's risk of developing the condition is only about 4 percent at age 65, but increases dramatically with each 5 years of age, until an average 85-year-old has a risk of somewhere between 20 and 30 percent, with the condition being more common in females.

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Miller named WHS girls' soccer coach

By JOE HEDERVARE
WHS Activities Director

Waseca High School is excited to announce the hiring of Dustin Miller as the next head coach of the Waseca High School girls' soccer program.

Coach Miller brings a wealth of experience and a strong passion for developing student-athletes both on and off the field. With more than 20 years of coaching experience spanning youth soccer, high school athletics, and competitive team leadership, Miller has built a reputation for fostering player growth, implementing strong tactical systems, and creating a positive team culture cen-

tered on hard work, accountability, and teamwork.

Miller's coaching background includes leadership experience coaching competitive teams, serving as a volunteer goal-keeper coach at the high school level, and working extensively in youth soccer development programs in southern Minnesota. Throughout his coaching career, he has empha-



Miller

"My goal is to create a culture of commitment, teamwork, and pride in representing Waseca." — Dustin Miller

sized skill development, character building, and creating meaningful relationships with student-athletes.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dustin Miller to the Bluejay family," said Waseca Activities Director Joe Hedervare. "Dustin brings extensive knowledge of the game, a passion for teaching and mentoring

young athletes, and a vision for building a strong program culture. We are excited for the future of Waseca girls' soccer under his leadership."

Miller shared his excitement about joining the Waseca community and leading the Bluejay girls soccer program.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead Waseca girls' soccer," Miller said. "I look forward to working with our student-athletes, building strong relationships within the program, and helping our players grow both as competitors and as young adults. My goal is to create a culture of commitment, teamwork, and pride in representing Waseca. I am also eager to start working with the team."

Waseca High School is excited for Coach Miller to begin working with student-athletes and continue building a strong future for Bluejay girls' soccer.

Schmitz picked to lead girls' hockey

Coach brings 15 years' experience

By JOE HEDERVARE
WHS Activities Director

The South Central Flyers girls' hockey team has announced the hiring of Alex Schmitz as its next head coach, bringing aboard a coach with deep Minnesota hockey roots, extensive leadership experience, and a passion for developing student-athletes both on and off the ice.

Schmitz brings 15 years of coaching experience to the South Central Jays bench, including time at the youth and high school levels. Most recently, he served as a U12 girls' coach with the Waseca Hockey Association, helping guide a talented group through a historic season that culminated in the program's first Regional Tournament appearance in girls' hockey history.



Schmitz

That experience, Schmitz said, immediately showed him what makes hockey in Waseca special.

"Working with the girls program in Waseca last year was one of the most rewarding and enjoyable seasons of my coaching career," Schmitz said. "The talent and work ethic these girls showed to a new face in their program was second to none. The success they found in each other and as a team speaks to the culture that is being built within girls' hockey in Waseca."

Prior to joining the Waseca program, Schmitz spent three seasons as head boys' hockey coach at Faribault High School after serving one season as an assistant coach in the Falcons program. He also built a strong foundation in youth hockey, coaching for eight years with the Faribault Hockey Association and in Bemidji, where he earned a reputation for player development, skill instruction, and building strong team culture.

A former player in the Faribault Hockey Association system and at Faribault High School, Schmitz's playing career was cut short by injury during high school, but his passion for the game quickly transitioned behind the bench. He brings that same energy and perspective to a South Central program he believes is positioned for continued growth.

Schmitz holds both NCAA and MSHSL Head Coaching certifications, and is a Level 4 USA Hockey coach, with Level 5 certification pending.

Outside of hockey, Schmitz serves as Director of Golf at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Waseca tracksters shine at St. Charles

WHS boys take 2nd, girls 6th

By JOE HEDERVARE
WHS Activities Director

The Waseca Bluejay track and field teams delivered a strong overall performance at the St. Charles Varsity Invitational on April 28, highlighted by a second-place finish from the boys' team and a 6th-place finish by the girls.

Waseca athletes combined for multiple event wins, relay victories, and a deep list of top-eight finishes across both track and field competitions.

The Waseca boys' team placed second overall with 143.5 points, finishing behind only St. Charles in the team standings. The Bluejays were powered by several individual champions and dominant relay performances throughout the meet.

Tovin Grannis led the way with a pair of individual titles, winning both the 110-meter hurdles in 16.48 seconds and the 300-meter hurdles in 41.14.

William Mansfield had a standout day in the field events, capturing first place in both the pole vault (14 feet) and triple jump (40-4).

Waseca also swept multiple relay events, including wins in the 4x100 (44.74), 4x200 (1:34.95), and 4x800 (9:08.88).

The 4x100 relay team featured Jonah Worke, Jett Rohl, Aydan Kath, and Jordan Johnston, while the 4x200 title came from Rohl, Kath, Malachi Noble, and Johnston.

The distance relay squad of Sunny Mei, Landon Rutt, Brady Tlougan, and Ryan Yoder secured the 4x800 victory.

Additional strong finishes included



STRONG SHOWING — The Waseca High School track and field teams had a strong showing in last week's St. Charles Invitational, with the boys taking second and the girls sixth. Above, the Bluejays' Maren Schimming clears the pole-vault bar. Below, Tovin Grannis clears a hurdle.

Photos by Cassie Rupe

ed Malachi Noble taking second in the 400 meters (52.85), Landon Rutt placing fourth in the 3200 meters (10:43.66), and Samuel Selthun finishing third in the long jump (18-6.75). Toby Jeske added scoring depth with seventh in shot put (40-1.25) and fourth in discus (142-4).

The Waseca girls finished sixth overall with 61 points, highlighted by several top-five individual and relay performances across the meet.

Taylor Markeson led the distance group with a runner-up finish in the 3200 meters (12:38.88), while Stella Omtvedt added a strong fifth-place finish in the 1600 meters (5:58.01). Quinn Yoder also contributed with a fourth-place finish in the 3200 meters (13:20.17).

In the field events, Savanna Vagts

tied for third in the high jump (4-8), and Reese Rodriguez delivered a strong all-around day, finishing fourth in the 200 meters (28.79) and fourth in the triple jump (30-3.5). Addie Zimmerman added a sixth-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles (18.83).

Waseca also picked up key relay points with a third-place finish in the 4x200 (2:01.93), third in the 4x800 (11:00.35), fourth in the 4x100 (56.07), and fifth in the 4x400 (4:42.20).

With multiple event champions on the boys side, consistent scoring across both programs, and several relay podium finishes, the Bluejays left St. Charles with one of their most complete performances of the season.



New Ulm hands Bluejays 10-0 loss

WHS nine swept at Marshall

The New Ulm Eagles normally field one of the strongest high school baseball teams in Southern Minnesota.

They looked like it last Thursday, handing the Bluejays a 10-0 loss at New Ulm.

Waseca totaled three hits, two by Kamerin Schaefer and one by Owen Honstad. Hayden Stencel drew two walks.

The Bluejays committed one field error and stranded six baserunners.

New Ulm totaled 13 hits, played errorless defense, and left seven men on base.

Avery Wetzel started on the mound for Waseca and pitched four innings to take the loss. He had two strikeouts and two walks while allowing eight earned runs.

"New Ulm has a pretty decent team and they hit the ball real well," said Bluejays assistant coach Tink Larson. "We played O.K., but we didn't hit real well."

The Bluejays were home last

Tuesday and were shut out 6-0 by Belle Plaine at Tink Larson Field.

Honstad and Cash Lynch had the lone Bluejay hits. Schaefer and Kellen Glynn walked.

Reger started and took the pitching loss, giving up four unearned runs in the second inning. Lynch pitched very well in four innings of relief, giving up one run on just one hit, while walking three and striking out four.

The Bluejays had two errors, the Tigers none.

"We didn't do much offensively," said Larson. "We had only two baserunners until the final inning."

The Bluejays had a doubleheader at Marshall Saturday and lost 10-0 and 9-0.

"Marshall has a very good team and we only had two hits in each game," said Larson. "Hopefully, we can get back into the win column this week."

Reger, Wetzel, Honstad and Troy Ryan had Waseca's hits.



CLOSE PLAY — Waseca first baseman Kaden Garza (6) steps on the base just as his Belle Plaine opponent slides during the Bluejays' 6-0 loss at Tink Larson Field last week.

Photo by Jim Lutgens

Bulldogs edge Triton, 13-12

The JWP softball team edged Triton 13-12 last week, improving its season record to 8-4.

Kayle Langford continued to hammer the ball, going 4-for-4 with three doubles, four RBIs and two runs scored. Hudson Miller singled three times. Sophie Okins was 2-for-2 with a home run, a double, two walks, two RBIs and a stolen base. Ryleigh Donner went 2-for-2 with two doubles, two walks, three RBIs and three runs. Adding one hit apiece were Haylee Appel, Brielle James, Lilly Ewert, Lyla Simonson and Mya Wheelock.

Simonson scattered 10 hits through seven innings in the pitcher's circle.

Janesville

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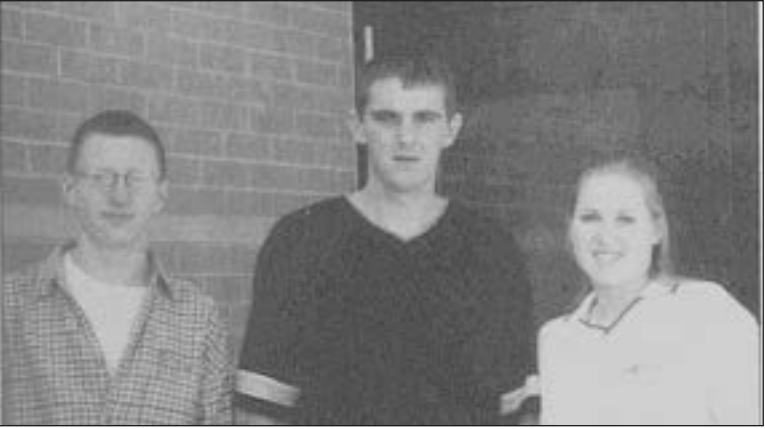
- The Janesville City Council voted unanimously to provide the city with its own police force. A target date of Sept. 1 has been set to implement the new police department. The Monday night vote came after months of debate between Janesville and Waseca County over law enforcement protection for that city. The proposed force will consist of one police chief and two patrolmen. Currently, Janesville pays a fixed monthly amount for 120 hours of weekly patrol service, plus any cost overrun at the end of the year. That will be over \$66,000 this year. The Janesville council feels that the city can get better protection for about the same price by having its own department.

- To the Editor: Merci, danke, gracias, mange, tak or, in English, thank you for the news item you printed for the Medo Lutheran Church concerning the pantry/green shower for Rev. Jeff Laeger-Hagemeister. The shower was very successful due to the caring and compassionate members of the congregation, the community, the Aid Association for Lutherans and the Lutheran Brotherhood. Progress is being made on the restoration of the family home in Owatonna. I appreciate hometown newspapers. Thank you again to the Janesville Argus.--Sonja Swanson

- Carissa Guse, was a third place winner at the Waseca County Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 31 at the Waseca County Historical Society. Guse, the daughter of Eldo and LuAnn Guse of Janesville, is a fourth-grade student at Trinity Lutheran School in Janesville. Her teacher is Mrs. Lund.



- These NRHEG returning golf veterans are anxious for some warm weather to get out and hit the little white bail. Front row (from left) are: Chris Matthies and Tyler Moe. (Back row): Sally Johnson, Melissa Shaunce and Sheri Miller. Moe is the defending Gopher Conference champion. The Panthers are scheduled to open their season at Hayfield Friday.



-FFA students Dave Lau, Casey Roeker and Jena Yentsch are heading to the state crop competition at the end of the month.

50 years ago

- The Jovial Jills Club met April 5 with Mrs. Arnold Becker. Mrs. Emma Becker was a guest. The lesson on “Greek Cooking” was presented by Mrs. Joe Fox and Mrs. Martin Meyer. Other members present were Mrs. August Braun, Mrs. Alvin Dumdei, Mrs. Florence Holmes, Mrs. Arnold Krause, Mrs. Erwin Kriencke, Mrs. Fred Zander, Mrs. Malena Mueller and Miss Esther Krause of Mankato. The May meeting will be with Mrs. August Braun.

- Members of the Tuesday Study Club met at the Heritage House April 6 for a dessert luncheon and social afternoon with Mrs. Charles Nyquist as hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Joe Schramsky May 4.

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiste, Janesville announce the engagement of their daughter, Roberta to William Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson. Roberta is a 1973 graduate of Janesville High School and Bill is a 1972 graduate of Janesville High School. He is presently attending Mankato State University. A June wedding is planned.

75 years ago

- Births: At Waseca Memorial Hospital: Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Rosenthal, Janesville, a girl, April 10. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lutgens, Waseca, a boy, April 10.

- Those who argue over the suitability of popcorn at the movies may consider the case of the Nebraska theater owner who ran a free show all day. Film rental cost him \$17.50, but he sold \$32 worth of popcorn. Perhaps there is something to the idea that the way to get into the movie business is first to find a good place for a popcorn stand and then build a theater around it.

- Ideas used by Mrs. Earl Koester, Janesville, in making space count in her kitchen, are featured in the May issue of Capper’s Farmer. Two photographs of the Koester kitchen accompany the article in the nationally-circulated magazine. One shows a sink cover which Mrs. Koester had made to provide a continuous work surface when doing quality cooking. The linoleum-topped cover matches the counters. A second sink in a far corner of the kitchen, a wash-up center for the men, pinch hits when the large sink is covered and in use. A second picture shows cupboard under a built-in bench in the dining area of the Koester kitchen. This storage space takes care of vases, galoshes and items often overlooked in planning storage.

100 years ago

- A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Miss Mary Eustice at the home of her sister, Mrs. Syril Gilday, on Tuesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served at midnight.

- Dr. E.S. Bugbee, the well known eye specialist of Minneapolis, will be at the Hotel in Janesville on Tuesday, April 20. Eyes careful examined and glasses made that will fit. Special attention to relief of headache and other nervous troubles by proper fitting of glasses. Cross eyes straightened.

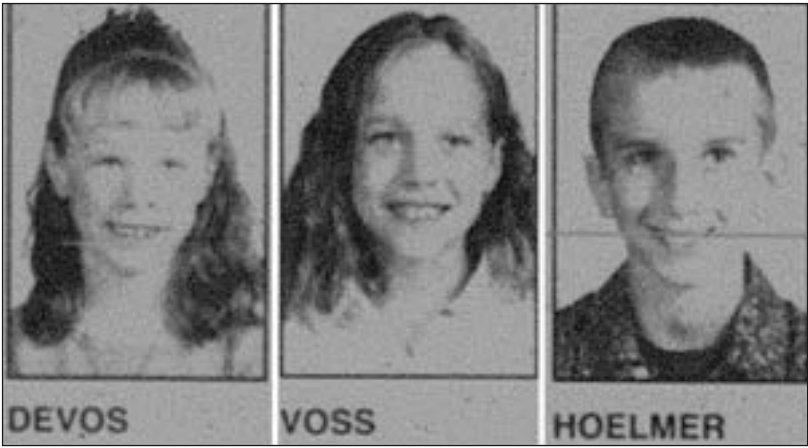
- “Red Klinger,” linotype operator and 50 per cent of the Argus force is laid up 100 per cent with the prevailing flu. The editor, the other half of the force, is full of the gripe, but is plugging along getting the paper out along. Whether we make the mails or not is a matter only the end of another long grind can tell. About three quarters of all the people in this section of the country are suffering more or less from the malady, so the Argus claims no distinction in that regard.

Waseca

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- Tuckered out newborns, Abby Rose (left) and Emma Lou Christensen, were born to Tim and Chris Christensen Tuesday morning at 8:04 and 8:05 a.m. at the Waseca Medical Center.



- Casie DeVos: A perfect day is nice and warm. It is sunny and bright. It feels very, very hot. I would go play games outside. The temperature would be about 80 degrees. I would eat cool food and go swimming.

- Amy Voss: A perfect day would be sunny and warm. I would play on the trampoline with my neighbors. It would be grassy and I would pick flowers. At lunch I would eat macaroni and cheese with juice.

- Nicholas Hoelmer: A perfect day would be if I woke up and played on the computer. Then I would watch cartoons. Then I would have pancakes for breakfast. Then I would go outside and build a snowfort. Then I would have a friend over and have a snowball fight and go in and have supper. Then I would have a sleepover.

- One or more burglars pilfered an undetermined amount of narcotics from McIntire’s Drug Store on North State Street late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. The burglars passed up nearly \$200 in two cash registers which were left with the drawers wide open. Homer McIntire, owner of the store, discovered the theft when he came to work Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The burglars smashed the outer door of the new back entrance to the store, and then broke a hole through the lower partition of glass in an inside door to get into the store. The narcotics, among which were codeine and morphine, were taken from a safe in a storage room behind the prescription department. Cigarettes and some loose change were also taken. The burglars departed through a freight door in the rear of the building, leaving the door open.

50 years ago

- Baklava and Phillo are common words to a Greek, do you know what they mean? Jane Mussman, exchange person to Greece, will acquaint us with the Greek culture on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Waseca’s First National Bank basement. Slides and artifacts from Greece will be part of the evening’s program. This session is open to everyone. Contact Sheryl Nefstead, Waseca County Extension Agent for further details.

- Minor damage and no injuries was the result of a two car accident reported to the Waseca Police Department at 11 a.m. Saturday. The accident, which involved cars driven by Vicky J. Sutlief, 517 10th Ave. SE and Barry C. Hagey, 704 11th Ave. SE, occurred as the Sutlief vehicle attempted to turn onto North State St. from 4th Ave. and collided with the other vehicle which was heading south on State.

- A malfunctioning fireplace was determined the cause of a fire at the Wayne Brown residents on the north shore of Clear Lake Saturday night. Waseca Firemen were called to the Brown home at 7:30 p.m when the house began filling with smoke, apparently caused by burning material in the fireplace’s ash pit. No structural damage was done but there was possible smoke damage, according to Fire Chief Slim Cunningham. Firemen were on the scene for over 30 minutes.

75 years ago

- Reserved seat tickets for Waseca Braves home baseball games will be put on sale next Wednesday, April 18 at the office of the Western States Utilities Co. in Waseca. The advance sale was announced Wednesday by officials of the baseball association. The reserved ducats will be sold in this manner, according to officials from April 18, through April 21, holders of reserved seats last year can get a renewal of the same seat. Last year’s holders will be taken care of first. After April 21, fans who did not have reserved seats last season but who want them this year will be taken care of on a first come—first served basis.

- Mrs. Eva Quiram, Waseca county nurse attended a Public Health Nurse orientation, a three day session which was held at the Minnesota State Board of Health on the University campus April 4 through 6. Topics of the meeting included everything that the State Health department can offer regarding public health services to the community.

- DeForrest Koontz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Koontz of Waseca and a student at Gustavus Adolphus college in St. Peter, is a member of Jerry Winch’s orchestra which presented a program last Saturday over radio station KTOE Mankato. The program was aired from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Unless flood conditions prevent it, the group will present another program Saturday afternoon, April 14. KTOE is at 1420 on the dial.

100 years ago

- For City Clerk: I wish to inform the voters of Waseca that I am a candidate for city clerk and will very much appreciate their support at the city election on April 5.-H. Kuehnel

- For Alderman: I am a candidate for alderman of the Third ward, city of Waseca, and your vote will be appreciated on election day. My motto is lower taxes and some industry to give work to the unemployed of Waseca.--Chas. Laudert

- For Municipal Judge: To the voters of the city of Waseca: I respectfully ask your vote and support for the office of Municipal Judge of the City of Waseca. I have been a resident and taxpayer in the city for thirty years. I have acted as Court Commissioner of Waseca for the past eighteen years and feel that I have satisfactorily handled the matters that came before me. If elected, I pledge myself to dispose of all matters that come before me and Municipal Judge in accordance with the law. I will be strictly impartial as a judge should be, fair to all parties and be governed solely by the law and the evidence and not by prejudice. I respectfully solicit your support.-B.J. Lily.

New Richland

25 years ago

- For more than 50 years, Rodney Searle has generously donated his time and the future of its people. In recognition of his generosity, Winona State University will confer him an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree at both of the university Spring Commencement ceremonies, Friday, May 4, at WSU’s McCown gymnasium, 9:30 am and 2:00 pm.

- Amy Martinka and Aaron Fogal announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding planned for May 12. Amy graduated from Loyola High School in 1994 and Minnesota State University in 2000. Aaron is a 1992 graduate of Loyola High School and is a window foreman for Schmidt Siding and Window, Mankato.

- Columbia University has announced the fall 2000 honorees for Dean's List at its two undergraduate schools Columbia College and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. Among those named was Nicole Dankert of Waseca.



- Enjoying the pancake feed with friends and customers at Budach Implement's annual open house Thursday were Mildred and Gene Budach. Here, Gene visits with Harlon Beyer.

50 years ago



- These two New Richland-Hartland High School girls entered the State Declam competition recently. They are Nelda Sandretzky and Kris Hagen. Previously they won at the district and regional levels.

- Belinda Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Meyer of New Richland, was a member of the confirmation class confirmed at the St. Peters Lutheran Church in New Richland at the worship service Sunday, May 2.

75 years ago

- Anton O. Martinson, New Richland's oldest business man, still takes an active interest in his grandsons and was particularly well pleased to see in the Minneapolis daily newspaper the following items regarding a son of Lawrence Martinson. “Richard (Marty) Martinson has been named Honor Athlete at Augsburg college.”

- Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Smidt announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Ann to Dennis W. Crumb. The wedding will take place June 26.





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Baseball Panthers 10-run Blooming Prairie, Medford

Pitchers, bats shine as NRHEG nine outscores opponents 31-2

Some people might say it was offense that carried the NRHEG baseball team last week. Others may point at pitching. Either would be correct. The Panthers outscored two opponents 31-2 last week, getting strong pitching performances both times. It started with a 13-1, six-inning romp at Blooming Prairie Tuesday, when NRHEG freshman Mack Gilliland put on a pitching clinic with a complete-game two-hitter. He struck out three, walked one and picked off a baserunner while throwing 62 pitches. "His pitches were working, he had great location on his pitches, and he had total command," said NRHEG coach Marcus Fischer. The Panthers bats were hot again. Especially Gilliland's. He hit a bases-clearing double and a solo home run. A.J. Deen doubled twice, walked twice and scored twice. Adding one hit each were Brooks

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— NRHEG coach
Marcus Fischer

Gilliland, Brock Holland, Calvin Nissen, Dakota Schlaak and Owen Wayne, who doubled. "We continued to battle and focus on winning each inning," said Fischer. "It took us a couple of innings to win our first inning of the game, but once we did, we did not give up another run. The boys are determined to face the challenges of playing with other solid baseball teams. It was a good spark for our team when we beat Blooming Prairie the first time a few weeks back, but this win really set the stage for us going forward. We are proving to ourselves that hard work,



DOING IT ALL – At left, the Panthers' Mack Gilliland dives to first for the out during the Panthers' victory at Blooming Prairie last week. At right, Gilliland is greeted at home plate by A.J. Deen and others after hitting a home run.

Photos by Jodi Wayne



focus, effort, and determination is paying off. We are showing grit and not giving up when we have fallen early on in games, we find opportunities that we can control and attack." On Thursday, it was Wayne's turn to shine on the mound, and he did

not disappoint, striking out 10 in a five-inning two-hitter as the Panthers rolled 18-1. The Panthers got on the board in the top of the first inning after August Zacharias induced Sean Lassahn to hit into a fielder's choice, but two runs scored. Schlaak tripled,

scoring two runs, and Brooks Gilliland hit a sacrifice fly. The Panthers plated nine runs on five hits in the top of the second, when Dakota Schlaak singled and Mack Gilliland doubled. NRHEG amassed 15 hits in the game, three each by Dakota Schlaak

and Mack Gilliland. Wayne was 2-for-4 with a triple and two runs, Lassahn 3-for-3 with four runs, Ryan Schlaak 2-for-3 with four RBIs. Deen, Holland and Nissen added one hit apiece. Nissen stole two bases.

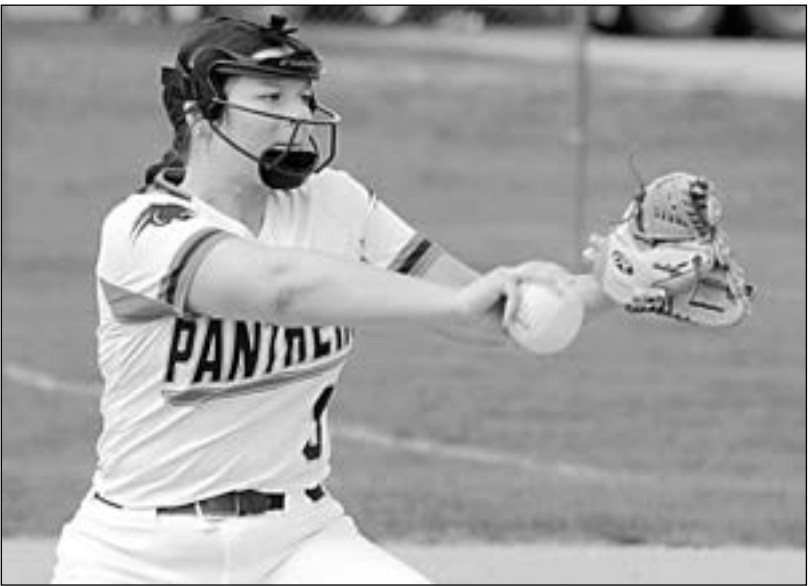
Softball Panthers top Tigers, Blossoms

It was cold and windy last Thursday as the NRHEG High School softball team hosted Medford. So the Panthers send the Tigers home a little early. The NRHEG girls needed only six innings to dispatch Medford 10-0 by the 10-run rule at New Richland's Legion Field, improving their record to 5-2 in the Gopher Conference and 7-4 for the season. Kyera Eustice delivered the big blow for the Panthers, with a solid hit to the outfield that led to three NRHEG runs. Chloe Stork was 2-for-3 with two runs, Quinn VanMaldeghem 2-for-4 with two runs. Adding one hit apiece were Izley Boerner, Olivia Berg and Brooklyn Summer. Eustice and Sommer both drove in three runs, Boerner two. Addie Stadheim scored twice. The Panthers, who struck out three times and drew five walks, committed three fielding errors, as did Medford. Boerner allowed only three hits while going the distance in the circle, fanning three and walking none. "We had some nice sacrifice bunts to advance runners into scoring position," said NRHEG coach Wendy Schultz. "The battery of Izley and Addy continue to work well together. Addy made some



SWEEP FOR THE WEEK – Above, Quinn VanMaldeghem dives safely into second with a stolen base during the Panthers' victory over Medford last week. Below left, Izley Boerner fires a pitch. Below right, NRHEG catcher Addie Stadheim fields a pop out in foul territory.

Photos by Jim Lutgens



great defensive plays." The Panthers needed only five innings to 10-run Blooming Prairie 11-1 last Tuesday. Boerner was 2-for-3 with three RBIs. Berg doubled, drove in two

runs and scored twice. Boerner, Stadheim, Faith Phillips, Eustice, Sommer and VanMaldeghem contributed one hit apiece. Boerner pitched a two-hitter, finishing with four strikeouts and three

walks. The Panthers, who fanned once and walked five times, had two errors to the Blossoms' five. "As a whole, the girls hit the ball well with a team batting average of

.429," said Schultz. "We strung together five hits and two walks in the second inning to score seven runs. Defensively, our outfielders made some clutch catches tonight. It was a good team win."

Riewer, Karl pace Panthers in NRHEG Invitational

In what co-head coach Larry Nydegger called a good lead-up to the bigger meets to come, the NRHEG track and field teams hosted their own Panther Invitational last Thursday. The girls scored 84 points, good for second behind Loyola/Cleveland/Martin Luther's 128. Four teams competed. The NRHEG girls took six firsts: Gabby Schlaak, 100 hurdles, 16.7; Chloe Riewer, 100, 14.2 and long jump, 15-10; Julieann Wobbrock, 1600, 5:45.1; 4x100 relay (Riewer, Schlaak, Peyton Frye, Clara Buendorf). Other places for the girls: Schlaak, 2nd, 100, 14.8; Scarlett Chance, 2nd, shot put, 31-10; Anika Ladlie, 2nd, high jump, 4-10; Riewer, 2nd, pole vault, 7-6; Buendorf, 2nd, triple jump, 29-8; 4x200, 2nd (Lauren Johnson, Gia Cazaras, Vivian Schlaak, Ellie Clark); 4x400, 2nd (Frye, Ellen Jenö, Cazaras, Wobbrock). The NRHEG boys finished fourth with 39.75 points. Albert Lea was first with 136.2.

Jacob Karl captured the boys' only first, winning the 1600 in 4:56.9. Placing second: Gavin Lewison, long jump, 18-10; Lavon Jewison, high jump, 5-10; Brendan Schmidt, pole vault, 11-0; 4x200 relay (Lewison, Wyatt Tuttle, Quen Meyering, Nathan Hager). "It was a nice evening to celebrate the seniors and their commitment to the track team," said Nydegger. "We had some personal and season-best performances."



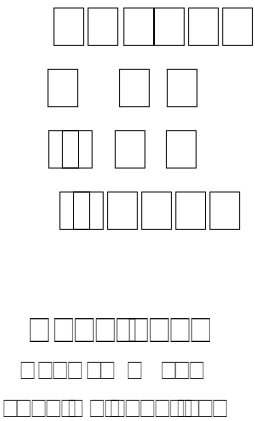
FOURTH – The Panthers' Scarlett Chance throws the discus en route to fourth place in last week's JWP/WEM Invitational.

Photo Larry Nydegger

Panther track teams face tough foes at Janesville

The competition was tough. But so were some of the NRHEG Panthers. Several of NRHEG's track and field athletes finished at or near the top in an invitational at Janesville last Tuesday. The girls wound up third with 82 points, behind 210 for Fairmont and 168.3 for second-place JWP/WEM. Eight girls' teams competed. Gabby Schlaak, a senior, finished first in the 100-meter high hurdles, clocking 17.24 seconds. Julieann Wobbrock was second in the 1600. Holly Bartness, Ella Jenö, Gia Cazaras and Wobbrock combined for third in the 4x800 relay. Scarlett Chance was fourth in the discus at 78-9 and fourth in the shot put at 28-10.75. Other NRHEG places: Chloe Riewer, sixth, 100 and sixth, long jump; Jenö, fifth, 1600; Ellie Clark, fifth, 300 hurdles and sixth, 100 hurdles; 4x100 relay, fourth (Peyton Frye, Clara Buendorf, Schlaak, Lauren

Johnson); 4x200, fourth (Riewer, Clark, Buendorf, Schlaak); Alexandria Barnes, fifth, discus and sixth, shot put; Anika Ladlie, sixth, high jump. "The weather allowed for a nice night for competition," said Panthers co-head coach Larry Nydegger. "Gabby, Julieann and Scarlett continue to finish near the top of their events." The NRHEG boys totaled 41 points for sixth among six squads. Fairmont was first with 225. Lavon Jewison continued his strong spring, winning the high jump at 6-2. Brendan Schmidt cleared 11 feet for second in the pole vault. Noah Weller was third in the discus at 122-0 while Jacob Karl was fourth in the 1600 in 5:04.43. Other Panther places: Karl, sixth, 800; Kasey Jewison, sixth, 1600; "The boys were shorthanded tonight, but we did get some solid performances," said Nydegger.



WEM/JWP track teams second, third at TCU

A couple things haven't changed a whole lot this spring.

The weather, for the most part, has remained chilly. And the JWP/WEM track and field teams continue to face stiff competition.

The Bulldogs traveled to Montgomery for the Tri-City United Invitational last Thursday, with the boys finishing second and the girls third among six schools.

"Our athletes showed up strong," said Bulldogs coach Sam Schruin. "We continue to see incredible progress, with PRs being broken across the board."

Most noteworthy for the Bulldogs, senior Grady Grohman - who earlier this season surpassed the JWP shot put school record - broke the WEM school record while winning the event with a toss of 56 feet, 7.25 inches.

"It's an outstanding achievement," said Schruin.

Grohman was second in the discus.

Gavin Atherton was a double winner, taking the 200-meter dash in 22.63 seconds and the 400 with a time of 50.2. He took third in the

100.

Also placing first were Cole Bartz, high jump, 6-2; and Gavin Weedman, long jump, 19-5.5.

Other JWP/WEM places: Weedman, 2nd, triple jump; Wyatt Jans, 3rd, 100; Aiden Gruber, 3rd, 300 hurdles; Trey Richards, 3rd, pole vault; Christian Reyes, 4th, 110 hurdles; 4x400 relay, 4th, (Charlie Denis, Parker Smith, Wesley Heinz, Auston Holicky); Tyson Kronbach, 4th, triple jump; Cash Wenker, 5th, 800; Teagan Mulder, 5th, 3200; 4x800, 5th (Denis, Smith, Heinz, Wenker); Bartz, 5th discus.

Maple River's boys won with 160.5 points, followed by the Bulldogs with 153, Providence Academy 144, TCU 123.6, LeSueur-Henderson 53 and Central of Norwood-Young America 42.

Addison Condon won two events on the girls' side, going 17-8 in the long jump and 34-11.5 in the triple jump.

Other places; Rachel Mielke, 2nd, 300 hurdles and 4th, long jump; 4x200, 2nd (Jacelynn Mulder, Nevaeh Weimert, Rachel Mielke, Ashlynn Wolff); Magdalen

Rauenhorst, 3rd, 3200; Aubrey Adams, 3rd, shot put; Wolff, 3rd, high jump; Sarah Bulman, third, pole vault; 4x200, 3rd (Condon, Katelyn Olson, Wolff, Weimert); Mulder, 4th, 300 hurdles; 4x800, 4th (Jaelyn Wilmes, Rauenhorst, Alenka Jans, Kwynn Krause); Adams, 5th, discus.

Providence Academy's girls won with 205.5 points. Following: TCU 185, JWP/WEM 94, Maple River 93.5, LeSueur-Henderson 60, Central 40.

"The growth we're seeing is a testament to the team's dedication and hard work," said Schruin.

The Bulldogs hosted their second meet of the season last Tuesday and placed second behind Fairmont for both boys and girls.

Wolff had a big day, breaking her own school record in the 400 while winning with a time of 1:00.84.

Other places for the girls: Condon, 1st, 100, 1st, long jump and 5th, 200; Weimert, 2nd, 100, 4th, 200 and 3rd, 400; Mielke, 3rd, 100 and 2nd, 400; Wolff, 1st, 200; Mielke, 2nd, 200; Norah Welvaert, 1st, 3200; Mulder, 1st, 300 hurdles;



MEMORABLE MARKS — Among the JWP/WEM track and field athletes breaking school records this season are Ashlynn Wolff, left, and Grady Grohman, right.

4x100, 2nd (Condon, Kyla Schlingmann, Olson, Alese Wolf); 4x200, 2ns (Schlingman, Kayleigh Donner, Alese Wolf, MaKaela Westphal); 4x400, 2nd (Krause, Mulder, Westphal, Ashlynn Wolff); 4x800, 5th (Anne Adams, Wilmes, Adelaide Splett, Rauenhorst); Olson, 2nd, long jump; Alese Wolff, 4th, high jump; Bulman, 3rd, pole vault; Adams, 3rd, shot put.

For the boys: Atherton, 1st, 200; Daulton Bauer, 4th, 200; Jans, 3rd, 800 and 4th, 400; Kronbach, 4th,

3rd, pole vault; Grohman, 1st, shot put and discus.

"It truly took a team effort to make our second home meet a success, and we're grateful for all the support from parents, staff and athletes," said Schruin. "To our seniors: thank you for your leadership, dedication, and the example you've set for the younger athletes. Your work ethic continues to inspire, and we're excited to see how you finish out your track and field careers this season. We're not finished yet!"



RETURN TO SENDER — Waseca's Korbin Collins, left, and Allen Kopetzki, right, registered singles victories as the Bluejays defeated Fairmont 5-2 at home last week.

Photos by Jim Lutgens

WHS netmen nipped by Schaefer Academy

The deciding match for the Waseca High School boys' tennis team came down to No. 3 doubles.

Nick Nelson and Jacob Harguth were up to the challenge. They teamed for a three-set victory, buoying the Bluejays to a 4-3 triumph over Schaeffer Academy of Rochester last Saturday on the WHS courts.

Waseca took a 3-2 lead on straight-set wins at No. 1, 3 and 4 singles by Henry Huttemier, Keenan Collins and Korbin Collins.

Most of the squad watched as Nelson and Harguth battled to prevail 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

Brighton Rugger and Carson True com-

bined for a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 victory at No. 2 doubles.

The Bluejays' No. 1 doubles team of Allen Kopetzki and Nolan McQuery was edged 6-7 (2), 7-5, 14-12.

The Bluejays remained undefeated at home, improving to 4-0.

The Waseca junior varsity won 2-1.

The Bluejays traveled to four-team Mora Invitational on Friday, when they fell 6-1 to the host team and defeated Cloquet 5-2.

Korbin Collins got the lone win against Mora, 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 singles, remaining undefeated on the year.

Keenan Collins lost for the second time this season, but it was doesn't get much closer than it did at No. 3 singles, the final tally: 6-3, 6-7 (7), 10-8.

The other matches were decided in straight sets.

Keenan Collins, Korbin Collins and Kopetzki won singles matches against Cloquet. Doubles wins were by Huttemier and McQuery at No. 1, and Harguth and Nelson at No. 3.

The Bluejays played at Rochester Thursday and Lost 6-1 to No. 5 ranked Rochester Lourdes.

The Waseca win went to Korbin Collins at No. 4 singles. Keenan Collins lost another close one, 2-6, 6-3, 12-10.

The JV lost 3-1.

Earlier in the week, the Bluejays bested Fairmont 5-2 on the WHS courts.

Singles wins were by Huttemier, Armaan Bhatti, Korbin Collins and Kopetzki. Keenan Collins and McQuery won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles.

The JV won 4-2. Jacob was a triple winner for the JV team. Jesse Wobschall and Nelson won both of their JV matches.

WHS golf teams continue to gather momentum

By JOE HEDERVARE
WHS Activities Director

The Waseca High School golf teams have made steady progress throughout the spring season, with both the boys' and girls' squads showing growth, competitiveness, and strong team chemistry as they head toward the stretch run of the season.

So far this year, both teams have competed in four stand-alone meets or duals, along with one home dual and one home conference meet featuring both the boys' and girls' teams. With several events now in the books, the Bluejays are beginning to see hard work translate into results on the course.

On the girls' side, Waseca currently sits at .500 in dual competition this season while continuing to gain valuable experience in conference play. In their two conference tournaments, the Bluejays have finished in

the bottom half of the standings, but there have been plenty of bright spots that point toward continued improvement.

Madison Rasche has consistently paced the girls' team, leading Waseca with the lowest scoring average this season. Elli Hoban has also emerged as one of the team's biggest success stories, showing considerable week-to-week improvement compared to her scoring averages from a year ago.

The Bluejays have also benefited from the addition of sophomores Maddie Root and Ashley Fliflet, who have quickly become valuable members of the program. Both newcomers have embraced the work required to improve, and their commitment has been reflected on the scorecard as each continues to routinely post personal-best rounds.

Waseca is also excited to welcome late addition Tyler Stagman

into the lineup, as she is set to compete in her first meet. Her arrival adds another layer of depth to a girl's team that continues to grow. While Alexa Welander is away this week, the team looks forward to her return, as her positive energy, dedication, and commitment to improving her swing and ball contact continue to make a strong impact within the program.

The boys' team has enjoyed a strong start to the season, posting a perfect 3-0 record in dual competition. Waseca also turned in an impressive showing at its most recent tournament at Shoreland Country Club, finishing fifth as a team against solid competition.

The highlight of the day came from Braiden Nelson, who fired an outstanding 73 to earn second place individually — one of the top performances of the season so far for the Bluejays.

Waseca's varsity lineup has been led by a consistent core group that includes Brody Dufault, Avery Selvik, Karter Selvik, T.J. Corcoran, Colin Selvik, and Dylan Hansen. That group has delivered steady production while continuing to focus on incremental improvements that have strengthened the team week after week.

Beyond the varsity level, the future looks bright for Bluejay boys' golf. A growing JV roster — larger than in recent years — has created added flexibility throughout the program while giving multiple players meaningful opportunities to compete and develop. Several players continue to push toward varsity contention, creating healthy competition that is helping elevate the entire team.

Perhaps most importantly, both programs have built strong camaraderie this spring. Team bonding,

support for one another, and a close-knit culture have become defining traits of Waseca golf, helping create an environment where players are motivated to improve while enjoying the journey together.

With the Big South Conference Championship quickly approaching at Dacotah Ridge Golf Club, the focus now shifts toward finalizing the six boys and six girls who will represent Waseca in postseason competition. A practice round at Dacotah Ridge week will help determine those championship lineups.

As the Bluejays prepare for the conference championship, both teams continue to trend in the right direction — improving scores, building confidence, and laying the foundation for a strong finish to the season.

Bluedog bowlers reach state

By JOE HEDERVARE
WHS Activities Director

The JWP-Waseca Bluedogs adaptive bowling team will have a strong presence at the 2026 Minnesota State High School League State Adaptive Bowling Meet after an impressive showing at the Section Tournament held at WOW! Zone in Mankato.

Competing against some of the top adaptive bowlers in Southern Minnesota, the Bluedogs delivered standout performances across multiple divisions, earning state berths in singles and doubles. Their success at sections reflects not only talent on the lanes, but also the hard work, determination, and commitment that have defined the team throughout the season.

Leading the way in the Physical Impairment division, ninth-grader Makayla Clark qualified for the state tournament in girls singles with a score of 362, while junior Adarius Radunz earned his spot in boys singles after posting an impressive 437. The duo also teamed up in doubles competition, combining for a score of 758 to secure another trip to state.

In the Cognitive Impairment division, senior Maddie Meyer turned in a strong performance in girls' singles, qualifying with a score of 408. Meyer wasn't finished there, as she later paired with junior Kasey Ibarra in doubles competition. The pair rolled a combined 823, earning one of the team's highest qualifying scores of the day and punching their ticket to Brooklyn Park.

The Bluedogs also found success in the Autism Spectrum Disorder division, where senior Jasmyrn Villafuerte qualified in girls' singles with a score of 369. Villafuerte added a second state berth in doubles, teaming with sophomore Valente Avalos to post a combined score of 807, capping off another memorable day for JWP-Waseca.

The Bluedogs qualified competitors in three singles events and three doubles events, an outstanding accomplishment for the program and a testament to the growth of adaptive athletics in the JWP-Waseca community.

The team will now turn its attention to the state meet on Friday, May 8, at Bowlero Brooklyn Park.

Family, friends, and supporters unable to attend in person can follow the action live through Neighborhood Sports Network.

For the Bluedogs, qualifying for state is already a tremendous achievement. Now, they'll have the opportunity to showcase their talents on the biggest stage.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the Waseca County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:30am on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the Waseca County East Annex (Commissioner's Room), 300 N. State Street, Waseca, MN 56093 to consider the following items:

A. Daniel J Harguth requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow cannabis cultivation on a portion of parcel 12.032.0650 in Section 32, T107N, R22W, of Woodville Township. The parcel is zoned A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District. The requested use will be pursuant to Sections 6.08 (C) (40), Section 6.16 (C) and Section 8.03 – Cannabis Cultivation, of the Waseca County Unified Development Code, MS 342 and MN Rule 9810.

B. Wildcat Renewables, LLC, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a Four (4) Megawatt Photovoltaic Solar Array (120th St Solar Phase 2) on a portion (approximately 39.3 acres) of 148.91-acre parcel (PID: 05.001.0700) owned by Paul Davison Trustee and located in Section 1, T108N, R23W, of Isosco Township. The property is in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

C. The City of Janesville is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Essential Services to construct an electrical Substation on the property located in Section 34 Township 108N Range 24 of Janesville Township. The request is pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.08 (C) (30) and 6.16(K) of the Waseca County Unified Development Code. The applicants' property identified by PID 06.034.0600, with the address TBD Old Highway 14, Janesville, MN 56048 is in the I General Industrial District.

D. Request for Amendment to Section 6.23 FO Floodplain Overlay District of the Waseca County Unified Development Code (UDC). Waseca County requests an amendment to the above section of the UDC pertaining to Floodplain Overlay District Standards.

The staff reports and Board Memorandum on these items will be available at the Waseca County Planning and Zoning Office, 300 N State St., Waseca during regular business hours 8-4:30, and will be on the county website www.wasecacounty.gov at the agenda tab by May 15, 2026. Oral comments will be accepted at the meeting. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all Waseca County services, programs and activities.

Tina G Wilson, Planning and Zoning Administrator

2026 NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION

The following is the notice of federal and state offices that will be voted for at the state general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The filing period for United States Senator, United States Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and Judge of the District Court begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day.

The place of filing for federal offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, Veterans Services Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155. The place of filing for state offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

Candidates may file in person or by mail, if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state.

This notice is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.33 and is based on current law.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

Mortgagor: Bruce Hindt, a single man and Bobbie Medin, a single woman as joint tenants
Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, its successors and assigns
Dated: March 1, 2019
Recorded: March 4, 2019
Waseca County Recorder Document No. 317295

Assigned To: NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Dated: March 10, 2023

Recorded: March 10, 2023
Waseca County Recorder Document No. A333093

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100032412190364668
Lender or Broker: United Wholesale Mortgage
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Mortgage Originator: United Wholesale Mortgage

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South Twenty (20) feet of Lots One (1) and Two (2) and the South Twenty feet of the West Half (W1/2) of Lot Three (3), Block Two (2), Wards Addition to the Village, now City, of Waseca, Minnesota, and the North Fifty (50) feet of Lots One (1) and Two (2) and the North Fifty (50) feet of the West Half (W1/2) of Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Lakeview Addition to the Village, now City, of Waseca, Minnesota, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Waseca County, Minnesota

This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 17.427.0010 & 17.702.0110
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 123 8th St Se
Waseca, MN 56093

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Waseca
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$148,566.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$145,072.47

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 4, 2026, 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, 122 3rd Avenue NW, Waseca, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is December 4, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED

FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and,

if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.

Dated: March 18, 2026

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.
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THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF WASECA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Civil Division
Case Type: Quiet Title
Court File No. 81-CV-26-291
County of Waseca, a Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Unknown Heirs of Howard W. Chard; the Unknown Heirs of Alice J. Chard; the Unknown Heirs of Philo C. Bailey; the Unknown Heirs of Lurinda C. Bailey; the Unknown Heirs of William Hoover; Connors Ready Inc., a Corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota; Jane R. Dunn; Linda S. Grant; Millennium Telcomm, LLC, a Limited Liability Company under the laws of the State of Minnesota; SBA Towers II, LLC, a Limited Liability Company under the laws of the State of Florida; New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Limited Liability Company under the laws of the State of Delaware; SBA Towers V, LLC, a Limited Liability Company under the laws of the State of Florida; Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, a trust company chartered by the State of New York; and all others claiming any estate, title, or interest in the property described in the Complaint, Defendants.

SUMMONS
THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint

against you is on file in the Office of the Court Administrator of the above-named Court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.
2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a **written response** called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at 215 East Elm Avenue, PO Box 249, Waseca, MN 56093-0249.
3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer, you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.
4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IS YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint,

you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.
5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, The Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**
6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an Alternative Dispute Resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving the dispute.
7. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OPR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Waseca County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:
See Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.
The object of this action is to obtain a judgment that Plaintiff is the owner, in fee simple, of the above-described real property, and that none of said Defendants have any estate or interest therein or lien thereon. Dated this 22nd day of April, 2026.
PATTON, HOVERSTEN & BERG, P.A.
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
EXHIBIT A
County of Waseca vs. The Unknown Heirs of Howard W. Chard et al.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Auditors Addition to Block 1, Bennett's Addition and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 & 13, Subdivision of Block 1, Bennett's Addition and Lots 1, 2 & 3, Subdivision of Block 1, Trowbridge Addition, Waseca County, Minnesota.

COUNTY OF WASECA
All of Auditors Addition to Block 1, Bennett's Addition and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 & 13, Subdivision of Block 1, Bennett's Addition and Lots 1, 2, & 3, Subdivision of Block 1, Trowbridge Addition, as said plats are drawn and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Waseca County, Minnesota; described as follows:
Commencing at the northeast corner of the NE ¼ of Section 18-T107N-R22W which is marked by a 5/8" rebar cap and stamped SJT 22705 having grid coordinate of North 190421.16 feet, East 344892.80 feet, Minnesota Department of Transportation County Coordinate System North American Datum of 1983, 1996 adjustment; thence North 89°57'00" West on a grid bearing, a distance of 134.00 feet on the north line of said NE ¼, to the northeast corner of said Auditors Addition to Block 1, Bennett's Addition which is the point of beginning; thence North 89°59'41" West a distance of 169.38

feet on the north line of said Auditors Addition to Block 1, Bennett's Addition, to the southeast corner of said Lot 13; thence North 00°09'03" West a distance of 115.00 feet on the east line of said Lot 13, to the south right-of-way line of 4th Avenue NW; thence North 84°56'46" West a distance of 171.56 feet on said right-of-way line, to the west line of said Lot 12; thence South 00°14'44" West a distance of 130.07 feet on the west line of said Lot 12, to the northwest corner of said Subdivision of Block 1 of Trowbridges Addition; thence South 00°28'23" West a distance of 290.32 feet on the west line of said Trow-

bridges Addition, to the southwest corner thereof; thence South 86°41'41" East a distance of 327.83 feet on the south line of said Trowbridges Addition and said Auditors Addition to Block 1, Bennett's Addition, to the southeast corner thereof; thence North 03°00'28" East a distance of 309.61 feet on the east line of said Auditors Addition to Block 1, Bennett's Addition, to the point of beginning.

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4-H garage sale donations wanted

Waseca County 4-H invites the community to turn their spring cleaning into local impact. Starting May 9, 2026, the organization will begin collecting gently used items for its 15th Annual 4-H Garage Sale, a major fundraiser supporting over 300 local youth members. Donations directly fund essential 4-H programming, including summer camps, educational trips, youth scholarships, and leadership workshops.

Drop-Off Location: Waseca County Fairgrounds (4-H Building) 409 8th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093

Collection Times: Saturday, May 9: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM and Monday, May 11: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Accepted Items: 4-H is seeking clean, working items including clothing (all sizes), home décor, kitchenware, toys, books, and furniture such as tables and dressers.

Prohibited Items: To manage disposal costs, the organization cannot accept TVs, mattresses, exercise equipment, or baby gear (cribs, car seats, sleepers, or swings). A full donation guide is available at z.umn.edu/DonationGuide.

"Donating is a win-win for our community," says Amy Nelson, Waseca County 4-H Extension Educator. "It's a chance for residents to clear out their unused items while providing our 4-Hers with the resources they need to thrive and lead."

For questions regarding specific items, contact the Extension Office at 507-835-0600 (M-F, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM) or email mnext-waseca@umn.edu.

Details regarding the official sale dates (May 15–17) can be found on the Waseca County 4-H Facebook page.

School

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to complete courses on a flexible schedule. Thirty-four students living within the district's boundaries have done so during the 2025-26 school year.

Since the largest factor in determining the amount of state funding a district receives is the

Sheriff

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when it is being used more often, mentioning that no official arrangements have yet been made regarding which area jail is likely to become the consistent collaborator.

A circumstance which will reduce the burden of having inmates housed elsewhere, he told group members, is that since the time of the Covid pandemic, courts have begun making more and more use of internet meeting platforms like Zoom to hold hearings.

In response to a question about how the increase of mental illness has affected his department, Dulas replied that calls involving persons who are highly agitated, distressed, frightened, or otherwise in crisis

number of students who attend, the decrease is highly significant. Meihak mentioned it speaks well of NRHEG that it persistently draws students whose residence is in other districts. He has also consistently reported across the school year on ways he continues to work with the administrative team to find ways to draw back those students who have chosen to attend elsewhere.

continue to rise dramatically.

He said safety officers receive persistent training on the topic and know what resources to call in: he specifically mentioned a local mental wellness crisis team from Spero, a local agency which has a number of contracts to serve county needs.

A large complication when it comes to mental health calls, he said, is that officers may need to stay on site for an hour or more while circumstances are stabilized. In the same way, dispatchers can be obligated to stay on the line with agitated callers for extended periods.

"This is not just a job for us," said Dulas of all public safety teams, including fire, police and ambulance personnel. "We care about our citizens and want to be sure their needs are being met. That's why we're consistently getting training and finding more resources to do that."



REAL WARM WELCOME - The Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors welcomed Real Life Covenant Church of Waseca as their newest member of the Chamber. Real Life Covenant Church was founded in 2009.

Ambassadors welcome Real Life Covenant Church

Waseca, MN — The Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors are pleased to welcome Real Life Covenant Church of Waseca as a new member of the Chamber.

Founded in 2009, Real Life Covenant Church has been dedicated to helping individuals and families discover how faith connects to everyday life and leads to a greater sense of purpose. With the message that "life is complicated—you want to get it right—we want to help," the church provides a welcoming environment for spiritual growth and community connection.

The church invites the community to experience Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. at their location at 620 W Elm Avenue in Waseca, along with a variety of Bible studies designed for all ages and stages of life.

Pastor Mike Cogan leads the congregation with a passion for ministry and a heart for sharing the message of God's love. A graduate of North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Pastor Cogan has served churches in Minnesota and Missouri and currently also serves as Vice President of the Arctic Broadcasting Association in Nome, Alaska, helping broadcast the gospel to Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. He and his wife, Laura, have built a life centered on faith and family, raising their children while serving communities across the Midwest and beyond.

"We are excited to welcome Real Life Covenant Church of Waseca to the Chamber," said Katie Gonzales, Ambassador Chair. "Their commitment to supporting individuals and families through faith and community aligns beautifully with the values we strive to foster in Waseca."

Board of Directors President Mikhail Rostislavovich added, "Organizations like Real Life Covenant Church play an important role in strengthening the fabric of our community. We are proud to have them as part of the Chamber and look forward to their continued impact."

Executive Director Robin Dulas shared, "The Chamber is thrilled to support Real Life Covenant Church as they continue their mission of outreach, connection, and service. Their presence adds meaningful value to the Waseca community."

For more information, visit Real Life Covenant Church of Waseca in person or join them for Sunday worship and upcoming events.

Flag

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grounds inside the Hodgson Hall log cabin, tucked neatly under the roof eave, wrapped in a tube and covered in an old black waxed fabric." It is, of course, considered disrespectful to let the American flag touch the ground. Since laying it out on the ground to be measured wasn't an option, said Danielson, "We unrolled it a little at a time, and measured it bit by bit. It came out to approximately 19 by 32 feet—consistent with the proportions of a standard U.S. garrison flag."

A garrison flag is the largest standard flag size flown by the U.S. Army, typically used at military installations for holidays, ceremonies, and significant public display.

The 48-star design was flown in America from 1912-1959. In that time this flag could have seen three wars, World War I: 1917-1918; WWII: 1941-1945; and the Korean War: 1950-1953. The design was discontinued in 1959 with the addition of Alaska as a state, then was replaced again in 1960 with the addition of Hawaii. In 2008, the 1960, 50-star version was given a standard size of 20 by 38 feet, exceeding the size of the 48-star version and becoming the

longest flag flying, a title it still holds today.

Danielson added, "We assume it's from the 1940s, but since we haven't located where it's from or who put it there, we just aren't sure. We are hoping someone might read about it and provide us with more information. So far, we've contacted the schools, the county, the city, the VFW and the Legion and even the Waseca Fair board and found nothing." Both the large size and, in this case, the age of the fabric make it impractical to consider flying the flag, but it could be displayed indoors.

Said Danielson, "The flag itself is in very good condition, made from cotton bunting, it has been preserved remarkably well, some minor staining but no structural damage. We believe the stars were hand-sewn and the stripes machine-sewn."

Although there is no official number of how many garrison flags there are, there are in the United States close to 500 military installations, and the majority of them have the proper flag poles or locations to fly them, so each installation should have at least one at any given time. The United States is also operating 128 overseas military bases in 61 different countries, and each of them should be equipped with a garrison flag as well. The closest military base to Waseca would be the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Joint Air Reserve Station, about 70 miles north.

Currently, a brand-new garrison flag can be purchased online for around \$1,100, said Danielson, "It could be significantly more valuable if its history and provenance are confirmed. We are considering its sale to help offset museum costs, with the hope that it would ultimately be placed with an organization equipped to properly preserve and display this important artifact." In the meantime, if anyone knows anything about a garrison flag that was hidden for decades under the eaves of the log cabin in Hodgson Hall, please contact Amy Danielson, Executive Director for the Waseca County Historical Society at 507-835-7700.

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