

Minnesota Honor Society



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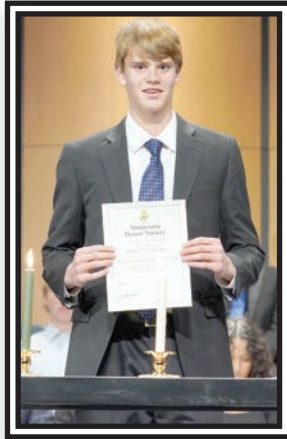
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with his daughter, Lenni.

Outside of school, Sharpsteen participates in a Mankato hockey league and works with his wife Becca to provide support to parents dealing with infant loss. Together they created Cal's Corner, which is a series of bookshelves located at the Family Birth Centers in Mankato and Rochester. Cal's Corner was created after the Sharpsteens experienced a loss; among many classic stories and children's books, it offers books which address grief. This service allows families to take home a helpful keepsake.

"It is safe to say our speaker has done some remarkable work within our community and has reached the lives of many," Keith said. "This is why we believe he was the best candidate to be our guest speaker for this evening."

"I'm honored to be here tonight, just as all of the scholars in the stands tonight should be," Sharpsteen said. "You should be proud of your accomplishments. The service you provided to your community, the academic accolades you received, and the leadership you demonstrated have not gone unnoticed."

"Now the hard truth. Now what?" Sharpsteen asked. "Yes this will be a nice way to pad your college resume... So what's the point of tonight? Initially I thought of tonight as a time

to honor your accomplishments. But what tonight is really about is opportunity... An opportunity to serve your community in an impactful, meaningful way."

Following Sharpsteen, students Ella Krautkremer, Ava Omtvedt, Trista Stinehart, Ethan Stenzel, and Isabelle Wilhelmi lit the candles representing the "ideals of Minnesota Honor Society." They were: the spirit, scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Evelyn O'Brien, Lucas Vasquez-Neigebauer and Haydn Lynch introduced the new inductees, who received pins and certificates acknowledging their selection. The night closed with all the members reciting the MHS Pledge, followed by closing remarks from Waseca Counselor Paul Marlin.

The current list of MHS follows the new inductees:

Seniors: Charlie H. Androli, son of Jason and Danielle Androli; Ahmed M. Farooq, son of Farkhanda Atif and Atif Bhatti; and Emily M. Gordon, daughter of Steve and Linda Gordon.

Juniors: Brayden W. Hoof, son of Dana Girtler; Tyler J. Jellum, son of Mark and Kari Jellum; Ashton B. Jenzen, daughter of Hunter and Kristy Jenzen; Lexi A. Kanewischer, daughter of Amanda Tesch and Trevor Kanewischer; Sierra C. Krause, daughter of Tom and Christine Krause;

Melanie A. Krueger Eineke, daughter of Brittany Krueger & Joshua Swindle; Siri A. Kuhns, daughter of Daniel Kuhns and Nicole Wangen; Jaya Y. Kunkel, daughter of Mike Kunkel and Amber Proechel; Lucia M.T. Mansfield, daughter of John and Edita Mansfield; Elizabeth M. Manthe, daughter of Justin and Cindy Manthe; Katiyn J. McMurphy, daughter of Paul and Michelle McMurphy; Hazel L. Moore, daughter of Stacy Ewert and Chad Moore; Lily A. Owens, daughter of Ryan and Leah Owens; Addison A. Pfeifer, daughter of Tim and Jen Pfeifer;

Levi O. Root, son of Sheila Root and Brian Root; Tauston L. Rupe, son of Brian and Cassie Rupe; Kenzie J. Sandborg, daughter of Brenda Sandborg and Keith Sandborg; Kalea J. Sartori, daughter of Donnie and Julie Sartori; Leah M. Scheffert, daughter of Grant and Sarah Scheffert;

Katiyn J. Schueler, daughter of Vern and Angie Schueler; Aliyah H. Taylor, daughter of Jared Taylor and Angie Phares; Jackson P. Tesch, son of Bert and Stephanie Tesch; Molly L. Volovsek, daughter of Dean Volovsek and Rebecca Volovsek; Cody J. Weber, son of Kevin and Melissa Weber; Solomon J. Wilson, son of Krissy Wilson and Mathias Wilson; Maxwell A-L Wirtz, son of Aaron and Tina Wirtz; Luke A. Yoder, son of Ted and Michele Yoder; Tanner W. Hanson, son of Nathan and Lindsey Hanson; Brayden M. Hesch-

Priem, son of Molly and Nick Ulschmid and Billy Hesch-Priem; Isaac J. Feldkamp, son of Gregg and Jeannie Feldkamp; Benjamin C. Hagen, son of Brad and Allyson Hagen; Hunter A. Anderson, son of Allen and Heidi Anderson; Adian J. Androli, son of Jason and Danielle Androli; Kendall A. Bowers, daughter of Michael and Alyssa Bowers; Alexis F. Brinkman, daughter of Nathan and Stacie Brinkman; Sophie N. Chawra, daughter of Izzy Chawra and Rebecca Thompson;

Jack X. Chen, son of Fei and Dong Chen; Collin T. Dettmer, son of Matt and Abby Dettmer; Callie J. Dufault, daughter of Barry and Stacey Dufault.

Returning MHS members are twelfth-graders Sage Barnett, Lylah Bauman, Grace Below, Addison Bomsta, Mallory Bruhn, Tricia Cox, Noah Dahle, Quinn Dahle, Tarun Ewest, Tegan Flatau, Eduardo Gallegos, Sarah Haley, Emma Keith, Daniel Kohler, Ella Krautkremer, Suzanne Kuhns, Hannah LaCroix, Haydn Lynch, Preston Miller, Alison Mumme, Evelyn O'Brien, Ava Omtvedt, Andrew Robran, Elizabeth Roessler, Oliver Rohwer, Norah Schimming, Cameron Stagman, Ethan Stenzel, Trista Stinehart, Lucas Vasquez-Neigebauer, Addison Wieseler, Isabelle Wilhelmi, Kyle Ahlschlager, Sophia Krause, Thyme Lang, McKenna Miller, Camille Ring, and Jayme Sandbeck.

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Hy-Vee honors Owatonna employees for service milestones

Owatonna, MN — More than 2,300 Hy-Vee, Inc. employees were recently awarded across the company’s eight-state region for their years of providing helpful smiles and dedication to the company.

The Owatonna Hy-Vee has six service award recipients this year: Randy Ritts, 30 years of service; Sarah Clough, 25 years; Joe Ethen, 10 years; Nicole Warner, 10 years; Barb Timlin, 10 years; Beth Smith, 10 years; Ryan Brewer, 5 years.

Celebrating employee anniversaries has been a Hy-Vee tradition for more than 50 years. Attendees receive gifts and personal congratulations from company executives.

“We appreciate all of our employees and enjoy celebrating their years of service with the company,” said Justin Lewer, store manager. “We are thankful for their dedication and the daily impact they have on our local communities.”

Anthony Jackson set to coach WHS girls’ basketball this season

Waseca High School is excited to announce Anthony Jackson as its next Head Girls Basketball Coach pending school board approval. Jackson, a 2005 Burnsville High School graduate, played basketball for the Blaze.

Jackson is known not only for his careful preparation, but also his positive, hard-working, and empathetic approach to coaching. He began his coaching career at United South Central in Wells. He worked his way up the ranks from a Junior High- level coach to a Junior Varsity role for the Rebels. Jackson began his head coaching career at Montevideo High School, where he served as the head coach for the Thunder Hawks. Highlighting his tenure in Montevideo was the team’s first-ever trip to the state tournament in 2022.

When asked, “Why Waseca?”

Jackson responded, “I want to be the next head girls’ basketball coach at Waseca High School because it’s an opportunity to give back to the game of basketball while continuing to find ways to sustain and further develop a basketball program that values positivity, work ethic, unselfishness, and empathy. The players I’ve met so far have been great, and I look forward to working with all the players in the program.”

Coach Jackson is “extremely excited to be announced as the next head varsity basketball coach at Waseca High School. I look forward to working with the athletes in the program—from kindergarten through twelfth grade.” The Waseca High School girls basketball season begins with the opening day of practice on November 13.

Bonnerup to host survivors of suicide program Nov. 18

On November 18, 2023 Bonnerup Funeral and Cremation Services at 2210 East main Street Albert Lea MN will be hosting a no cost International Survivors of Suicide Loss event with registration starting at 12:00 noon. The program will begin at 12:30 - 4PM offering a time for those who have lost a loved one to or from suicide to come together to find connection, understanding and hope through their shared experience. This event will feature an American Foundation for Suicide Prevention documentary that offers a message of growth, resilience and connection. To register please call #507-373-2461.

If you have questions or con-

cerns, please contact Lori Tuchtenhagen at Bonnerup Funeral Service #507-373-2461 or by e-mail lori@bonnerupfuneralservice.com. In the event of inclement weather, please listen to KATE radio, 1450 AM.

David Trcka hired as new loan officer at FM Bank

FM BANK (Waseca, MN) is pleased to announce the hiring of David Trcka (pronounced “Trichka”) as an Ag and Commercial loan officer in Waseca. David comes to the bank with 10 years of agronomy sales, customer service and management experience at local Co-ops near Waseca, most recently at Crystal Valley Coop in Janesville. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag Business and Ag Marketing. In addition, he is also the owner/operator of a crop farm near Montgomery.

When David isn’t working, he is spending time with his wife and daughter, waterfowl hunting, or trying new recipes on his grill.

“David is an exceptional hire given his deep understanding of Ag production, risk management, and farm financials. His understanding of farmers’ needs in today’s environment makes him a true asset to the bank. We look forward to him starting,” said President Jon Butler.

About FM Bank

FM BANK, the second oldest family-owned community bank in Minnesota, opened a new full-service bank location in downtown Waseca in September of 2023. FM BANK, originally chartered in 1878, has a long-standing history and knowledge of agricultural financing. FM BANK is a resource to farmers in the area, in addition to small businesses and consumers for loans and deposits.



Hy-Vee’s annual Veterans Day breakfast Nov. 10

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (Nov. 1, 2023) — Hy-Vee, Inc. announces today the start of a monthlong campaign to honor our nation’s military heroes in its communities. Every November, Hy-Vee salutes our nation’s veterans and active-duty military through the Hy-Vee Homefront initiative, which includes fundraising and a free Veterans Day breakfast.

Veterans Day Dine-In Breakfast – Nov. 10

Hy-Vee will hold its annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 10, which is a federally recognized holiday. Hy-Vee stores across its eight-state region will offer all veterans and active-duty military members a free buffet-style breakfast from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Additionally, veterans and active-duty military will receive 15% off their grocery purchases on Friday, Nov. 10 when they shop at Hy-Vee, Dollar Fresh Market and Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh locations.

Hy-Vee Homefront Round Up is Hy-Vee’s annual fundraiser in which the company teams up with customers to raise money to support veterans, active-duty military members and their families. The fundraiser will be held now through Nov. 15 at all Hy-Vee stores and Dollar Fresh Market stores across its eight-state region. Hy-Vee will match all customer donations up to \$100,000, with all proceeds benefiting Hope for the Warriors, Operation First Response, American Red Cross and the Puppy Jake Foundation.

Hiring Heroes is Hy-Vee’s recruiting initiative that actively recruits veterans and active-duty military to work for Hy-Vee and its subsidiaries. The company provides specific

benefits for veterans, such as a paid day off on Veterans Day, relocation assistance and hiring bonuses based on eligibility.

Visit hy-vee.com/homefront for more information about Hy-Vee Homefront and the partner organizations that support veterans, active-duty military members and their families.

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Midwestern states with sales of more than \$13 billion annually. The super-market chain is synonymous with quality, variety, convenience, healthy lifestyles, culinary expertise and superior customer service. Hy-Vee ranks in the Top 5 Most Trusted Brands and has been named one of America’s Top 3 favorite grocery stores. The company’s more than 80,000 employees provide “A Helpful Smile in Every Aisle” to customers every day. For additional information, visit www.hy-vee.com.

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If you were unable to attend the Grand Opening, we invite you to stop in at any time!

Again, we are humbled and appreciate the support!

Jon Butler
President FM BANK -
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Join iWealth in our annual Holiday Food Drive and help make the season brighter for those in need. We're proud to continue our tradition of giving back to the community and supporting the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center.

iWealth will again sponsor a Holiday Food Drive for the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center. All donations will be used to fund the Holiday Food Baskets, distributed by the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center. The iWealth Foundation will be donating \$3,000 again this year. Due to your faithfulness in giving, we were able to cover 100% of the cost of the Holiday Food Basket Program in 2022!

Excess funds will be used to help support the WANSC Backpack Program which provides healthy food options for hundreds of students PreK - Grade 12 on weekends. If donations exceed the total cost of this year's Holiday Food Baskets, the WANSC Backpack Program will also benefit.

2022 Totals:

- \$6,365 community donations
- \$3,000 iWealth Foundation donation
- \$9,365 TOTAL**
- 71 families donated
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Compostings

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Unnofficial assigned seating in church

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING
I try to do nothing every day. It's good for my longevity. What do you mean? Nothing lasts forever.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Every day has its floor and its ceiling. I was rocketing upwards on a genial fall day; one not even cold enough to be a flannel shirt day. Despite the double-nickel temperature, our lives are seasonally adjusted. I used to smell what nature was cooking back when the predictable smell of burning leaves provided a heavy hint. I told a friend preparing to flee our cold weather for Arizona that I enjoy the changing seasons. She replied, "It's too bad we get all the crummy ones here." I'll remain in the north and shiver onward.

There were so many boxelder bugs I felt sorry for their frazzled family genealogists. These insects are Bible-reading bugs. Genesis says, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." Right then, the bugs were concentrating on covering the south side of my house. Location, location, location. I understand. I'm the same age as everyone else who is my age, but years ago, when I wasn't, I was featured in a Smithsonian Magazine article, which was a mighty cool thing and meant that it had been an incredibly slow month for interesting stories. A talented Massachusetts writer shadowed me for a couple of days and then, befitting my image as a hayseed, a photographer flew in from New York City and attempted to make me look good by propping me against a red barn. Our barn wasn't barnish enough. We must have looked at a dozen barns to find one willing to dance with a hick of my caliber. Location, location, location.

EAR TALES
We had assigned seats in church. Not officially, but folks sat where they'd sat before. I sat behind a fine man. He was a farmer who kept his farm equipment in such fine shape it could have been substituted for his dinner table if that piece of furniture was out of town. He wore a hearing aid. I don't think it offered much help as it whistled throughout the sermon and he couldn't hear out of his other ear. He had farmer's ears and

might have been the only one in the church who couldn't hear his hearing aid whistling a sad tune. He was a teapot in a suit and tie. When I was a lad, I was the proud owner of a GE pocket-sized transistor radio. It ran on 9-volt batteries. I regularly ran out of 9-volt batteries because of my constant use of the life-changing device. I fell asleep each night with the single earphone in, oddly enough, my ear. My mother came in after I'd fallen asleep and turned off the radio. How did she know when I was sleeping? She was a mother. Mothers just know things. While she was there, she plucked out the earphone. I wanted to remove the hearing aid from the ear of the man sitting in front of me, but I didn't. He was too nice.

I'VE LEARNED
The only reason the Eat-Around-It Cafe serves breakfast all day is because their service is that slow. A fight broke out at the weekly Laughing Lutherans' Knitting Group's gathering because someone grew weary of the constant needling by others. The Chinese have an entire language made of tattoo designs. Bad jokes department My neighbor was arrested for doing sit-ups in his house. He was charged with domestic ab use. "Do you think it's OK to have children after 40?" I think more than 40 kids is way too many.

NATURE NOTES
There are swellings on goldenrod stems. The round gall is readily seen during fall and winter, and occurs on several species of goldenrods. The goldenrod gall-fly female punctures the bud of a goldenrod plant and deposits one egg, which hatches and the larva feeds upon. The plant forms a gall in response. In September and October, the larva bores a tunnel from its central cavity to the outer epidermis, leaving a thin skin of tissue in place (this eases the exit of the adult) and then returns to the central cavity where it spends the winter. Pupation occurs in April, with the adult fly emerging in the latter half of May to the first part of June and living 8 to 10 days. The white grubs make excellent bait for ice fishing, and chickadees and downy woodpeckers feed on the larvae.

MEETING ADJOURNED
"Kindness is the language of the angels."—A.B.

In Brief

Jigsaw Puzzle Derby at Waseca Library 10 a.m. Nov. 11

Registered teams of 4 can compete to assemble their jigsaw puzzle the fastest. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Get more information by visiting the library or by calling 835-2910.

Waseca Library Girls' Book Club 6 p.m. Nov. 16

Girls in grades 3 to 6 are invited to bring a significant woman to this book club. Participants will be introduced to new adolescent literature. More information is available from the library at 507-835-2910.

Catfish fry and shrimp dinners at VFW 5:30 p.m. Nov 17

A Cajun catfish fry and shrimp dinner fundraiser from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Waseca VFW will benefit the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center.

Drive-thru Lefse Pickup 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. November 18

North Waseca Lutheran Church, 40430 120th St., Waseca, is holding its fourth yearly "Lefse Pickup" on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A package of 15 Lefse "quarters" sells for \$10. Pre-orders are preferred: To place your order call or text Greg Thomson at 612-619-3868 or Roy Srp at 507-521-1185.

Teen Journals Workshop 1 p.m. December 1

A Waseca Library workshop will focus on helping teens create interactive journals. This 1 p.m. December 1 event is free and open to

all interested teens. More information is available from library staff, 507-835-2910.

Lego Story Time at Waseca Library 10 a.m. Dec 2

Children ages 4-6 are invited to bring an adult to a monthly event which asks them to create a Lego scene meant to illustrate a story. Get more information by visiting the library or calling 835-2910.

Holiday Cookie Dazzle 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 2

Achieving Dreams for Disabilities will host a "holiday cookie dazzle" at the Waseca Senior Citizen Center on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. Plates of 12 cookies will be available for \$7 with breads and other treats priced individually. To donate baked goods, contact Kari Haslip in advance at 835-2058. All proceeds go towards programs for those with disabilities.

St. Paul Lutheran Christmas Bazaar 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 2

St. Paul Lutheran will be offering Christmas items for sale and also serving meals during its bazaar from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. On the menu are sloppy Joes, hot beef sandwiches, and homemade pie.

History Center Bootlegger's Ball 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2

The Waseca County History Center is sponsoring a "Bootlegger's Ball" at its Second Street NE address. Live jazz music, 1920s dances and a costume contest will be among the highlights.

A deeper view of the matter of honor

I worked fairly closely this past week with a group of local veterans. My task was to write a story about the "honor guard," a group of nearly 30 who commit their time to attend the funerals of fellow veterans and present military honors for the family. You will find the result of those efforts on page 7 of this week's edition.

As part of this process, I found myself across from three members of the VFW rifle detail.

I asked question after question, as reporters tend to, about what they do, how they do it, and then...why.

My spokesmen made it clear: Their "why" was to show honor to fellow veterans. One level deeper, however, "Why is that honor important?" was beyond their skill at words to express.

"Maybe you should just come," declared VFW Commander Blaine Brooks. "Then you'll see."

And that is how I ended up standing along the street in front of Sacred Heart Church at midday on Monday, Nov. 6. The funeral of Jim Staloch was underway inside. Outside, 20 or more veterans were waiting to present the honors I was here to understand.

Beautiful music echoed out



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

through the open church doors. Apparently it was warm inside.

Outside, the wind was blowing briskly. The sun kept coming and going behind the clouds. Traffic went by, the train gates located along Fourth Street Southwest went up and down. And the wind kept blowing.

Altogether, we waited 40 or so minutes, never quite certain when the funeral would finish, the family and supporters would come outside, and it would be time to present honors.

Veterans mingled and conversed, clearly well acquainted and happy to see each other. People answered my questions: the rifles used by the rifle detail, I learned, are from 1941. The Legion keeps flags, I learned, representing every branch of military service and displays those which apply most closely to the person being honored. The rifles (of course) fire blanks. The version of taps

played as the honors finish is known as "echoing taps." I saw the proper way to hold a ceremonial flag so that it is controlled in windy conditions.

But all that interesting information did not change the fact that it was cold out on that street. That we didn't have anything to do but wait. That the wind kept blowing.

And the veterans waited, never wandering far from their allotted positions because they couldn't be certain when the family would come outside. Many of them were in their 80s, but there they stood, leaving no doubt their purpose in being there was to be ready, and to present the honors the family had requested.

Blaine had told me to come so I would know "why" it was so important to keep the honor guard available. Certainly, I saw some of that. When the family came out, it was stirring to see the group at attention.

Finding ways to use my skills to help others

This past week, I have been learning a lot, and I'm not talking about my classes. What I have found is really nice about working as a reporter for the Minnesota Daily is that I get to meet, talk to, and learn a lot about a variety of different people on campus.

For example, I have recently been talking to members of the University's Solar Vehicle Project team. I had been acquainted with one of them back during freshman year of college, so it was fun to get to talk to him again and listen to him explain about their race and their mission, something he and the rest of the team is passionate about.

The team was just in Australia for six weeks, racing the World Solar Challenge, where they placed second, an incredible accomplishment. When I talked to some team members, they were in the middle of a much needed vacation in New Zealand—and I'm jealous.

But it was amazing being able to



To Be Determined

by Amelia Roessler

listen to these team members, who are only students, talk about why they race and build solar cars. I'm glad to be able to tell their story and help them using my set of skills.

I have also been having conversations with students and faculty about internships and how colleges prepare students for careers after college. Recently, I had a conversation with the director of student engagement and career development for the University's business school, Carlson. She, too, was very passionate about her job and helping students in any way she could. It was inspiring listening to her explain to me the dif-

ferent required classes students take in order to help them design their career and life.

She also assured me there are similar resources for other colleges as well, even though we students often overlook them. I guess I should probably look into that at some point. Hopefully someday I can be in a job where I am as passionate and excited as the director was.

But I already talked about that in a previous column, so I will move on. My friend texted me this morning saying he was looking for people to go to the Noah Kahan concert with him in June. I enjoy his music, so I

asked how much the tickets were: \$160. Now, I have been to only one concert so I don't know what the proper price range is for concert tickets, but it made me hesitate. Why spend that much money to hear music that I can listen to on good speakers comfortably in my bed? I understand the appeal of live music, I do, but I know I can have just as much fun by not going. Maybe people only go only to be able to say they've seen that person live or heard that music live. I don't know. My friends are always looking at concert tickets. Between the rapper Lil Uzi Vert, singer Joji, and now Noah Kahan, I'm realizing concert tickets can be expensive. Maybe I only see it that way because I'm not a huge concert person. Who knows? I told him I preferred not going, so we'll see if he actually finds someone to go along.

My Determination: "I think there's just one kind of folks. Folks." —Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

Football, boomers and attempted murder

Mr. Dave Zika asked that I write about my love for the baby boomer generation this week.

Dave happened into the Pioneer office this week while Deb Bently and I were interviewing a potential new writer for the paper.

A discussion about Generation Z, those 25 years old and younger, and Boomers took place.

As Deb and I agree, a person doesn't know what they don't know.

Deb likes to say she wishes, metaphorically, as a teacher, she could pry open a person's mind and pour some understanding in there.

People who are 60, 70, or in regards to a story in this week's paper, 96 years old have somewhere around triple the years of life experience I, or another 20-something have acquired.

But some young people think they know better.

A person simply doesn't know what they don't know.

I like to suggest that until a person realizes how little they truly know about anything at all, they are not an adult.

I tell Deb Bently from time to time, I know some stuff about newspapers, how to ask good questions, and how to be kind to people. That's about it. Oh, and I do know a thing or two about sports.

But even there, not so much.

Congratulations to the Waseca High School football team. Dave and I were talking Friday afternoon. At that time, he (and my dad) were pessimistic about Waseca's chances.

I, for a change, felt the opposite, with an enduring "gut" feeling everything might turn out in the Bluejays' favor. Call me naive or ignorant, but I just felt good about the game.

Dave asked for my prediction on the score and outcome of the game. I responded with 14-7 or 21-14 (plus or minus missed extra point opportunities).

Dave then asked me who I felt was going to win.



STAR GAZING

by Eli Lutgens

I told him I expected Waseca's offense would score 7 points, but saw 14 as an outside possibility. I also commented that the "automatic" 7 would probably not be enough for a win.

I also predicted Fairmont would not score more than two touchdowns.

After all that, I told him I was picking Waseca: My head told me to expect disappointment, my heart and my gut told me Waseca was going to win.

The final score, for those who don't know, was 21-13, Waseca, in overtime. And Waseca's offense did, in fact, only put two touchdowns on the board. A defensive touchdown by Laird Keeton tied the game at 7-7 early in the second half.

Thinking back to the rest of the week, Waseca High School celebrated 39 students' induction into Honor Society. This year I came prepared with a tripod and a (heavy) new camera lens to capture those moments. Thanks to my planning (i.e. tripod), I saved myself some aches and pains from holding 5 pounds of camera equipment up for 30 consecutive minutes.

In other news, my sister testified in the attempted murder trial. Expect a longer story next week, or the following week, whenever I can chat with County Attorney Rachel Cornelius.

My sister was working the Bar at Bardens the night of the incident. I talked to her and others after the shooting happened. My sister spoke with the police afterwards and the police officer mentioned that the folks involved with this incident were also involved with the Janes-

ville shooting. From what I heard, members of the "friend" group were fighting over something. One person told me it was drug related, another over a woman. I don't know what's true, but it was alarming to hear that the two incidents were connected.

When I heard that, I went down to the police station and spoke with a person of authority. I guess some of the folks involved in these shootings all moved here from Chicago. If memory serves, that's what I was told. The person of authority told me there was no connection between the

two and after I told him what my sister told me, he informed me the bit about some of them coming from Chicago.

I, of course, was worried, and the Waseca Police department didn't want people to be worried either. It appears things have settled down now.

In other conversations, I believe the first trial had a "hung jury," and so this took longer. My sister had to testify again. She was worried her pregnancy would interfere with the trial, but the baby came more than a week early, so it didn't.

Sentencing has not occurred yet and I expect to talk more with county attorney Cornelius when that happens.

"If you are going through a lot, you are going to get a lot."

—Amit Kalantri, Wealth of Words



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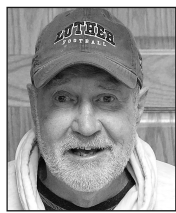
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Bits and Pieces

by Dave Zika



Down goes Captain Kirk

The Minnesota Vikings started the season 0-3. Now that they’ve transformed that to 4-4 over the last five games, there is hope for a playoff spot. The Vikings just won a game against the Packers, their biggest rival, at Green Bay. Led by star-leader-playbook-Christian-strong arm-quarterback Kirk Cousins, the Vikings had the situation well in hand late in the fourth quarter.

Kirk’s contributions to the game had been outstanding. Our hero dropped back to pass, danced around in the pocket—and fell to the ground even though there had been no contact. In evident pain, he hobbled off to the sidelines on one leg. The largest tendon in the body, running through the calf muscle to the heel bone, is known as the “achilles.” Captain Kirk had ripped his achilles tendon and is now out for the season.

For all of the Viking nation cheering “Skoll!” the entire game, the victory over the Packers had become costly and bittersweet. Our possible spot in the playoffs is now in the hands of backup quarterback Hall or newly-acquired Joshua Dobbs.

An injury to the achilles can be a very freak occurrence. My nephew Luke, a fourth-grade teacher in International Falls, was outside playing kickball with his class this fall. Luke is an athlete and very physically fit. Luke circled around to catch a fly ball, heard a popping, snapping sound, and crashed to the ground. Luke said it felt as if he’d been hit by a sledge hammer; he had completely destroyed his achilles tendon. Surgery has reattached the tendon with four insoluble cables. Luke has a boot, therapy, and 26 weeks—half a year!—between himself and full recovery.

I had the privilege of coaching defense and working with head Bluejay coach Terry Gilbertson for 25 years. One time, we had made it to the October MEA weekend and the end of the regular season. Seedings were in and we were scheduled to play a very good Redwood Falls team on their home field.

During practice, Gilby decided to be a quarterback and run plays for the scout team. As he copied a Redwood play, Gilby took the snap...and came up hobbling. Working with the defensive team nearby, I had heard a loud snapping, popping sound. Gilby didn’t feel any pain, but was unable to bend his foot. It took four of us to help him limp off the field. I pulled up my pickup, we loaded our injured comrade and headed to the emergency room. Gilby had a shredded achilles tendon.

He was given immediate surgery; the achilles tendon was stitched and sewn back together. Gilby was back on Monday, walking around on crutches while he taught his sixth-graders in his third-floor classroom.

My, how things have changed since the early 80s...

Redwood is the hometown of my partner, Lisa. Her father, the late John Schnieder, was waiting for the Bluejays at the football field with a golf cart. Gilby limped off the bus, took control of the cart, and motored onto the field. The Bluejays upset the Cardinals that cold evening: I remember Gilby drawing up a passing play for quarterback Chris Bauleke that had a huge impact on the score.

The next game, Gilby was on the sidelines at Marshall on crutches. Marshall was an elite football team: We lost and Gilby could now rest at home to let his achilles tendon heal.

Somewhat later in time the

Waseca Public Schools came up with a wellness program focused on athletic competition to build fitness. The great Albert Lea Tiger athlete Terry Gilbertson was matched up to face Mike Klomp, a former Stewartville Tiger athlete who had become a sixth-grade teacher—in badminton.

The match was highly anticipated. Everyone at the Central Intermediate School wanted to see who would triumph. The face-off, however, was never completed. Terry leapt skyward and held a hangtime of several seconds before coming down on the floor with a ruptured achilles tendon in his other leg.

Surgery followed by a boot, and Terry recovered.

In my book, when it comes to being honored in a “hall of fame,” Terry Gilbertson belongs not only in the one for high school coaches, but also for those with smoothest recoveries for one of the worst athletic injuries there is. He is the definition of someone who coached and taught with resilience.

The hamstring muscles are located in the back of the thigh, starting at the hip and continuing to the knee. Tears or strains to the hamstring typically require three to eight weeks of recovery. It’s probably the most common athletic injury. As recovery is completed and the athlete is ready to return to play, it’s very important to be 100-percent recovered, otherwise reinjury is a giant risk. When you pull a hammy, your calf can develop an ugly, yellowish color. I know: I’ve pulled a hammy several times.

If you experience pain, swelling, stiffness, or have difficulty extending your knee, you probably have a knee injury. This “pivotal” joint has many little parts which frequently require arthroscopic surgery to repair. Also important to any discussion on this topic is cartilage, a firm, whitish connective tissue that gives support and flexibility. The meniscus is a c-shaped pad of cartilage: Each knee has two.

The anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) is located in the center of the knee and prevents the tibia from moving forward. If injured, the ACL can heal on its own; interestingly, it requires no blood supply.

My late daughter Katie suffered a torn ACL her sophomore year during a basketball game in St. Peter. She received new ACL ligaments with arthroscopic surgery. We watched a video of the procedure afterward. Wow! It was impressive how delicate and precise the surgeon’s movements had to be. After six to nine months of rehabilitation, stretching, physical therapy and dedication, she brought the knee back. She wore a brace for the rest of her sports career. My son Marc tore a meniscus playing sports. He was fortunate: his recovery was a bit easier.

We, the “baby boomers,” are now in the twilight, golden, rusty time of our lives. Steroid shots and new bionic body parts are on the agenda. Replaced hips, shoulders and knees have become the norm: Many of our friends have had a replacement, some more than one. We are all fortunate the field of medicine has advanced along with our ages.

‘Tis the season! The season of icy sidewalks, driveways and parking lots. Practice stable walking habits, including planting your heels first rather than your toes, and paying attention to icy surfaces. As we grow older, it sure takes longer to heal from injury. You definitely don’t want your family to join you at the hospital for your Thanksgiving meal.

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OBITUARIES

Sue Barbknecht

Sue Ann Barbknecht age 79, of Waseca, MN, passed away on November 7, 2023, at Three Links Reflection Care Center in Northfield, MN.

Born on July 2, 1944, in Blue Earth, MN, Sue was the daughter of Clarence and Gladys (Martin) Johnson. She attended Waseca Central High School. On August 12, 1961, Sue was united in marriage to Lester Barbknecht at St Paul Lutheran Church in Waseca. Together, they raised three children, Lori, Larry, and Robert.

Sue spent much of her career working at Brown Printing Company in Waseca. She enjoyed tending to her gladiolus flower garden. Sue was

a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville where she served in various roles. She enjoyed planning and executing group bus tours throughout the Midwest. Sue especially enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Sue is survived by her children: Lori of Waseca, Larry of rural Waseca, Robert (Andrea) of Eden Prairie; grandchildren: Amanda, Brittany, Sara, Abbi, Anna, and Luke; great granddaughter, Lilah, siblings: Neil, Sidney (Marlys), and Terry; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brothers: Keith and Steven.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Monday, November 13, 2023,

at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca. Visitation will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville with Rev. Kristian Bjornstad officiating. Interment will be in St. John Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Isoco Township, Waseca County.

Sue’s family would like to offer a special thank you to the Allina Hospice Team and the staff at Three Links Reflection Care Center for their compassion and care.

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Sue Barbknecht

Craig Berberich

CRAIG STEPHEN BERBERICH, age 75, of Waseca, passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family on Monday, November 6, 2023, due to a massive stroke he had on November 3, 2023.

Craig was born on October 18, 1948, in Mankato to Clifford and Mildred (Dukerschein) Berberich. He graduated from Mankato High School in 1967. After high school Craig enlisted into the United States Navy. A highlight of his time serving was “Brother Duty” when he served alongside his brother, Larry. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, Craig furthered his education at Mankato State University where he earned his bachelor’s degree in Natural Resources. On September 30, 1972, Craig was united in marriage to Theresa Coyour at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mankato. They moved to Waseca in 1978 where they raised their two children. He spent his career with the Minnesota DNR fisheries until his retirement in 2010.

Craig was a true outdoorsman and conservationist. He was happiest when outdoors, hunting, fishing, and trapping which followed him into his retirement as he started a bait and EBAY business. He took countless hunting trips with his son to South Dakota, and Colorado over the years. He also took trips with Theresa to Texas in the winter. He loved to volunteer and share his passion of the outdoors with children. He especially loved teaching his grandson to fish, creating a special bond. His grandson’s love of fishing gave Craig great joy. Craig also had a great interest in U.S. and world history, especially the events of WWII. He had a heart for others, willing to befriend most. Craig was one of kind as many could attest to. He was a strong-willed man who wasn’t afraid to share his opinions. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waseca. Craig cherished the time he spent with his family and friends and was always up for a good time. He lived his life to the fullest and will be greatly

missed.

Craig is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Theresa of Waseca; children: Steve Berberich of Sioux Falls, and Julie (Tim) Johnson of Rochester; grandchildren: Kinsley and Carter Johnson; siblings: Larry Berberich, Brad Berberich, June Berberich, and Sherry (Dave) Vant Hul; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Don (Kathy) Coyour, Cindy Helder-Gary, Doug Coyour, and Roger Coyour; many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law; Clyde and Lois Coyour; sister-in-law, Susan Berberich; brothers-in-law; Gary Coyour, and Rex Helder.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca. No formal visitation will be held on the day of the service.

Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in



Craig Berberich

Waseca. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Mankato.
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WHS looking at 4.7% levy increase

By MELISSA DUNN
Staff Writer

Waseca Intermediate School (WIS) office manager Susan Roesler and Alternative Learning Center (ALC) office manager Brooke Halla were spotlighted at the school board’s November 2 workshop. Roesler spoke of her many varied responsibilities for students, parents, and staff at WIS which include enrolling new students and completing reports regarding those leaving the district, entering purchase orders and receiving the items, collecting and depositing any monies for field trips and activities, coordinating with transportation for those trips, and providing “backup” to the office secretary when things get busy. Halla added that while the ALC does all those things as well “we’re a one man ship up there so I’m the only one outside of Mandy [Mandy Nohner, director] who’s in the office, so I take phone calls and attendance. I’m the health tech too.” Halla also “sinks” students into schedules for each semester [6-week period of study] and transcripts their grades. “We have a population that comes in and out of almost every hex, and we have to meet with the student for about an hour to do credit checks, and decide their continual learning plan.” Halla is hopeful she can redistribute some of her jobs to the ALC’s new guidance counselor.

Superintendent Hudspeth next presented information in a “frequently asked questions” format regarding the 2024 property tax levy process,

reminding the board and community of the Truth in Taxation meeting at 6 p.m. December 21, when the board will formally approve the 2024 levy. The school district is calling for just under \$5,363,000, an increase of \$241,000 (or 4.71%). Hudspeth pointed out that in the last five-year period, the increases in both the levy amount and percentage of Waseca Public Schools (7.74%) has been notably lower than those of Waseca County (12.38%) and the city of Waseca (23.08%).

Hudspeth’s next slide illustrated how the levy is based on school district data (academics, demographics, other relevant descriptors of the district determined by enrollment) that is put into a state formula. “We’re not sitting around as a school board saying ‘we think it should be this amount,’” Hudspeth said. “The state formula—which is about 38 pages of spreadsheets—comes out with totals for each levy category and total.” Hudspeth pointed out the key drivers of change could be a property’s market value, enrollment and community population, projects requiring immediate attention for safety reasons (such as asbestos abatement) and the actual costs of programs previously entered as estimates. Although rare, the levy can decrease. WPS has experienced two decreases in recent years; a 3.9% decrease in 2021 and a 2.34% decrease in 2023.

Hudspeth stated the entire increase is not new revenue for the district. “Very little of it is new money that we could use to do whatever we choose to do with.” The state for-

mula is shifting the burden from state aid to local levy but the district revenue per pupil remains unchanged. The increase is due to market value increases for properties. “That’s a challenging concept to understand, as it feels like we’re paying more property taxes but the district isn’t seeing any more revenue,” he said. Board member Grant Scheffert commented that the state was seeing a savings since they are paying less and the school district more, and Hudspeth agreed. “50,000 households in your community versus 9,000 is a significant advantage. Tax equity conversations have been happening a lot at the state.” Hudspeth said the district is not able to levy additional funds without voter approval. An operating levy referendum election can be held to request additional dollars if the district is in need of operational funds. Hudspeth noted that levies are for learning and bonds are for building; the two kinds of funds are not used for the same purpose. About 70% of districts in Minnesota currently have a voter-approved operating levy; locally, Waseca, NRHEG, and Medford do not. Hudspeth reiterated his wish for tax equalization; “The number of rooftops should not determine the quality of education your child receives. Right now rural school districts are challenged because they don’t have the rooftops to

pay for it.”

The last item on the agenda was an overview of Southwest (SW) Metro, a program located within the Central building that is its own school district (ISD #288) and serves students in grades K-12 receiving special education services for 100% of their day. Level IV special education settings such as SW Metro include one or more therapeutic or mental health component as well as academic programs and can be provided on site, with online instruction, or homebound instruction. ISD# 288 has sites in Jordan and Chaska also, and students can be transported there, Hudspeth said. WPS bills SW Metro for the use of the building; that cost is then distributed to the districts with students in the setting on a per-pupil basis as part of tuition billing.

Waseca, JWP, NRHEG, and WEM are associate members of SW Metro, an advantageous partnership as it is more cost effective than having to transport students further away. Determination of appropriate special education federal setting is made by a student’s individual educational plan (IEP) team to ensure that the least restrictive environment is being provided to the student as required by law. “Student needs have risen. A lot of students previously served in setting III are needing a more restrictive setting and we’re seeing a higher demand for setting IV,” Hudspeth said. “The students in 2023 are no different than the kids of 25 years ago. I would say the world they live in is vastly different than it was 25 years ago.”

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Trinity Lutheran Church of Janesville will be celebrating 100 years since the dedication of its current church building on Nov. 19. Above is a copy of a newspaper article from 1923 regarding a previous dedication.



The Pastor's Column

Hunting really means prayer and meditation

By PASTOR KEN ANDRS

I have been in the woods this week. Wearing blaze orange, but what I am doing probably shouldn't be called hunting. I think I would call it prayer and meditation time in the woods, but at the same time I wouldn't mind harvesting a deer.

I spend a lot of time talking with people, encouraging, counseling, planning and supporting, having time in the woods where it is quiet is a blessing. I can sit and talk with God about the problems, plans, purposes of life and the situations I find myself in. It is in this quiet time around dawn and dusk that allows me to speak with God about the things that matter to me and listen for Him to speak to me.

There have been a few times in my life where I was able to drive up to a hunting stand, get in the stand and an hour later drive out with the vehicle full of meat. I don't like that kind of hunting, as low impact as it is, it is the waiting that allows me to clear my head and focus on God. What I truly long for is for God to move in my heart and draw me closer to Him.

So, I take the harder path, I get up earlier, get to the land I am to hunt, put on my gear and walk in. In the deep night finding the path and walking it can be tough, just ask some of my youth who joined me this year. The complaints of thorns and buckbrush as we navigated our way into or out of the woods were loud. Yet when we found the path, it was not always easy, but it was better.

Throughout scripture the call to follow God is evident, many have

been called, but few have chosen to be obedient. In Mark 1:16-18 Jesus calls His first disciples to follow after Him.

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

The call was clear, it was specific and was stated with expectations. Simon Peter and Andrew left all they had known and followed Jesus. They took the path they thought they knew and spent their lives pursuing Jesus in all ways from mountaintop experiences to valleys deep with peril following Jesus to their own martyr deaths.

I choose to go into the woods to be with God, I know where the path will lead me and hope that the deer, whose sign is so prevalent, will still be there. I anticipate God meeting me there and having quiet time to speak with God about my life situations. At the same time, I know that I must follow Him in every situation.

God calls us to follow Him and leads us through our lives to do the good He has planned for us. Are we willing to listen to His direction? Are we willing to do the good He has planned? Are we able to follow even when the path is dark and there are unknowns? Perhaps now is the time to talk with God about where you find yourself and ask Him to help you find the next good to do.

Trinity Lutheran 100th year dedication

Celebration set for Nov. 19: Service scheduled for 9 a.m., meal to follow

Trinity Lutheran Church of Janesville will be celebrating 100 years since the dedication of its current church building this November. To celebrate its official dedication on Nov. 18, 1918, there will be two special centennial services on Sunday, November 19 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There will also be a meal of either roast beef or a turkey commercial on the same day from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. with a program to follow at noon.

Although the church will be celebrating a century since the dedication of its church building, the history of Trinity Lutheran

goes nearly half a century further back. According to an article written in the Janesville Argus on November 21, 1923, the origins of Trinity Lutheran are from a time when various small groups of Lutherans held services in Janesville and the surrounding townships of Iosco, Alton, and Freedom. In 1880, these groups officially united to form Trinity Lutheran.

The first pastor was Rev. Schuelenberg; services were actually held in a Baptist church until 1885 when the Lutheran followers built their own church structure. A few decades later,

there was talk of creating a newer, larger building. At that time, the congregation decided to form a building committee consisting of Chairman Charles Kopischke, Herman Ewert, Rhinold Trahms, Arthur Ewert, Treasurer Albert Kopischke, and Reverend M. Winter.

The contract on the old building expired on April 7, 1923; two days later, work began on the building still in use today. An earlier date for the dedication was originally planned, but delays in receiving the altar and a few seats led to Nov. 18 being the official dedication day.

Since then, Trinity Lutheran has added its Discipling Center which increased the space available for social gatherings with a brand new kitchen and banquet room for awards, ceremonies and other events. Groundbreaking for that began in August of 2012 and work was completed in 2014.

As the churches' members prepare to celebrate more than a century of being in their pristine building, it's also a time for them to reflect on the church's history prior to that and share their blessings with the community.

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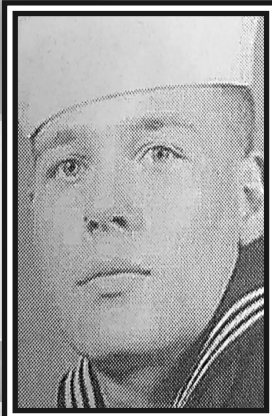
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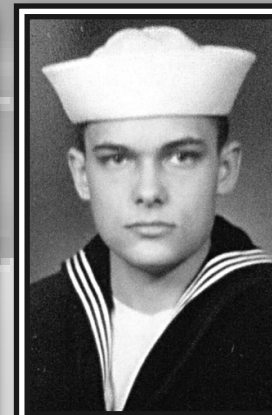
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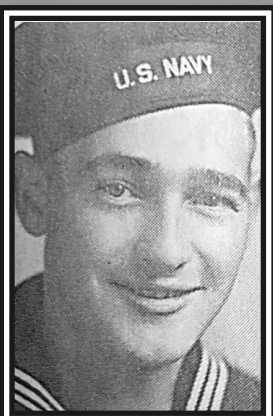
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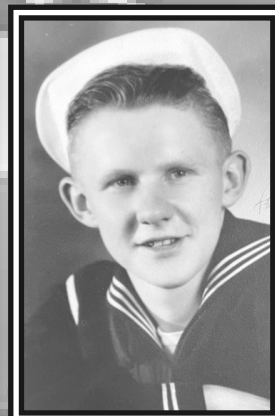
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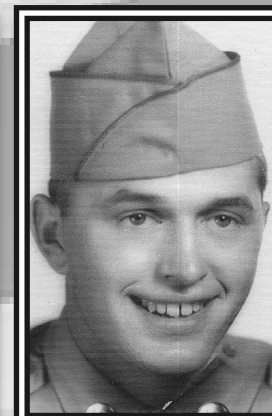
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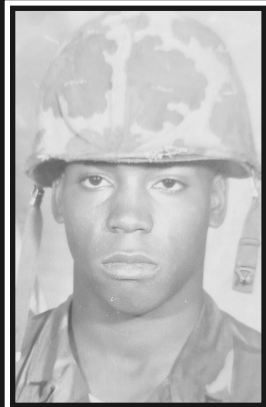
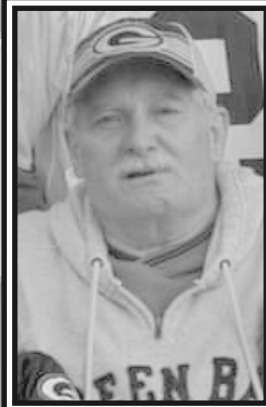
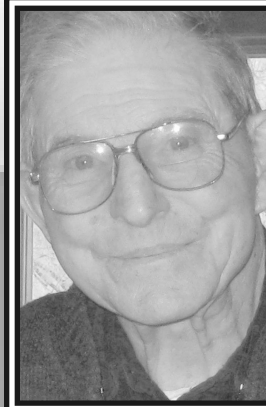
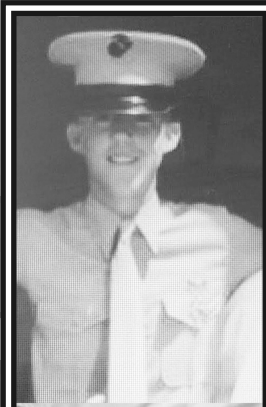
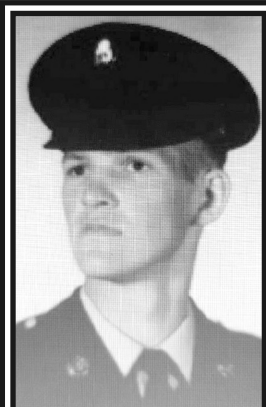
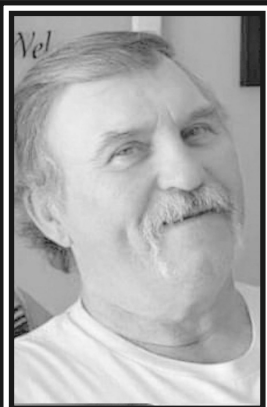
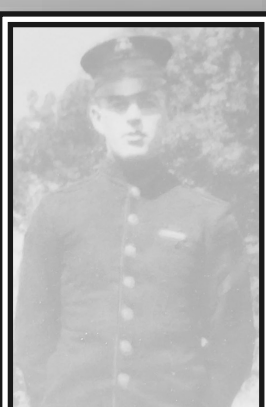
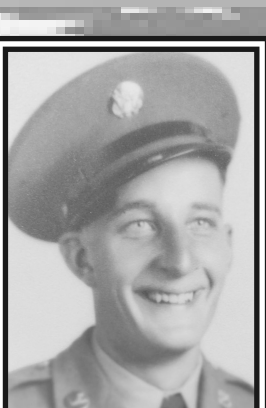
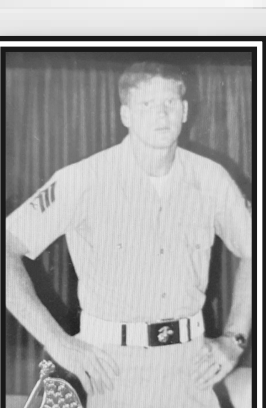
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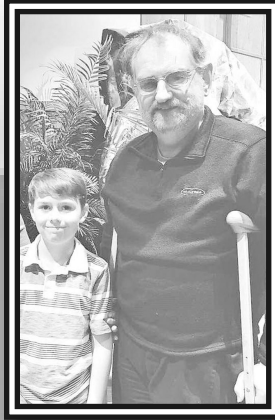
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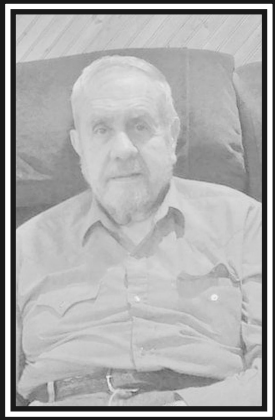
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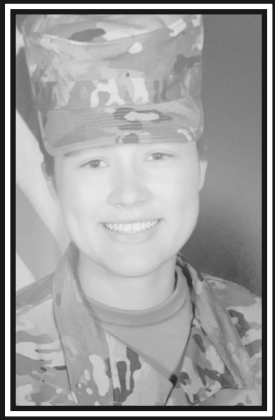
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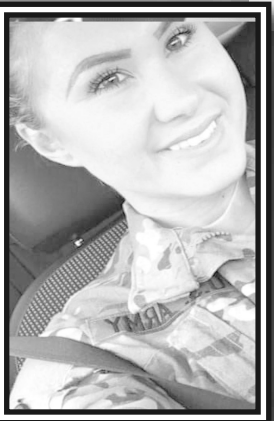
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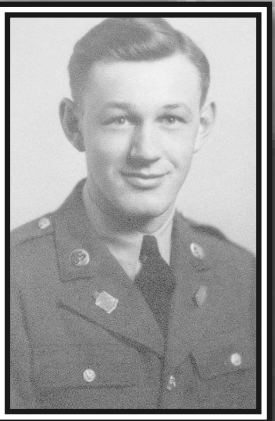
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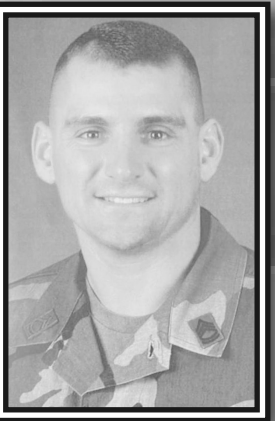
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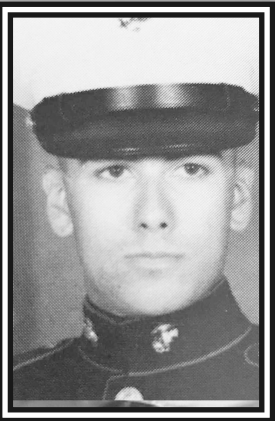
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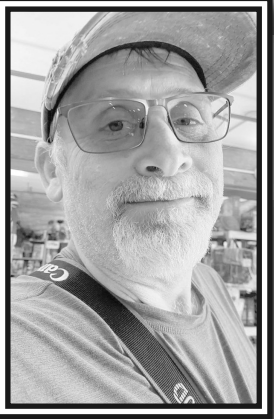
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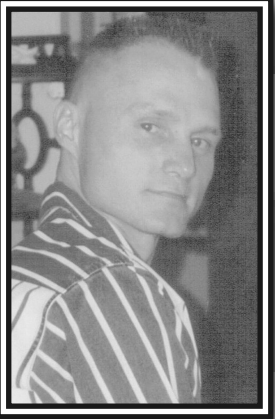
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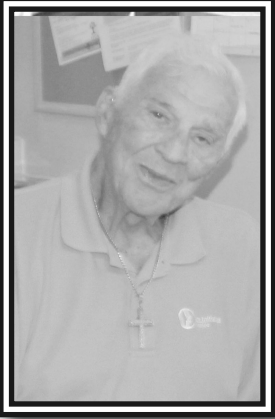
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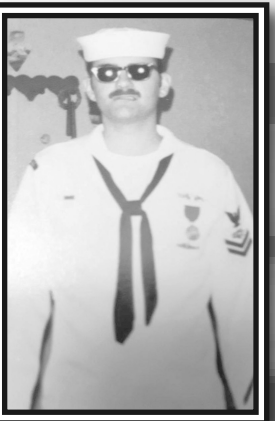
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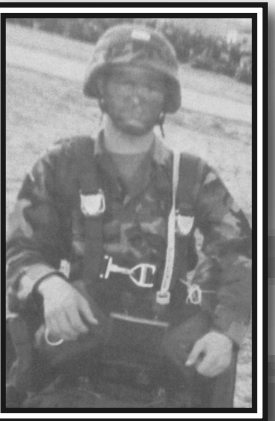
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Michael Priebe (back left) with fellow enthusiasts (from left) Sarah Ulfers, Rachel Reese, Cody Ulfers and Marcus Priebe.
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Cornhole tournament “fun way” to raise money

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

“We’re a fast-growing sport,” observes Michael Priebe, 26. “The number of people who do it is growing. We’ve been televised on ESPN.”

Priebe is on a stage at the front of The Mill’s public space supervising “Cornhole for a Cause,” an event sponsored by the Waseca Area Food Shelf. The double-elimination tournament drew 28 entries from an area reaching as far east as Rochester and well into Iowa. All two-member teams paid the \$50 entry fee in hopes of taking home the \$400, \$300 and \$200 prizes awaiting the three who ended up in the top rankings.

A “son” of Waseca, Priebe is a member of cornhole leagues at the southern edge of the Twin Cities and consented to manage the tournament side of the Nov. 4 fundraiser. He has volunteered his services, he says, because “it’s a way to give back,” then goes on to add, “A fun way.” Priebe, brother Michael, and some of their friends have made a day of the event.

Competitors are using cornhole boards kept at The Mill for the sake of a local league; the names of local businesses appear on the pairs of boards. Players’ level of dedication to the sport is indicated by the practiced way they collect their bags, stack them in their hands, and take position to throw. Many teams have brought their own bags—a typical practice at tournaments, apparently, as long as the pieces meet certain criteria.



Nick Benzik (left) of the Backyard Champions throws against Visna Sam of the Fishermen during last Saturday’s tournament. Nick’s fellow team member is Kelly Benzik; Visna’s is Sambo Yi.

However serious players may be about winning, the level of attention given to their team names is somewhat...mixed. Although some are “not really suitable for publication,” others show cleverness and a sense of fun. The “Gym Class Heroes,” for example, play “Alex2,” a team whose members both have the same first name. Fellows with the name “Lee” and “Mack,” have dubbed themselves the “Mack-Lee Crew.”

Conversation is nearly impossible with the persistent “thunks” as cornhole bags hit their boards. Competition is serious but not unfriendly, with players following smooth protocols and congratulating each other at the ends of the “best two out of three” rounds that last, according to Michael, about 20 minutes. The tournament itself is double elimination, “So you’re guaranteed at least two rounds,” he says.

Cornhole for a Cause raises \$2,500

By DEB BENTLY
News Editor

The Waseca Area Food Shelf reports the fundraising activities at the Nov. 4 “Cornhole for a Cause” event raised just over \$2,500 for the food shelf. Sources of income from the day included a silent auction, cornhole tournament entry fees, and food sales, which featured pulled pork or beef brisket prepared by Jim Britton.

An outdoor gas grill donated by area residents Delia and Gary Francis was among the highest-dollar-value items on the silent auction.

Service Center director Cindy Kolander expressed

gratitude to all community members who helped support the event; money raised will go toward meeting construction costs for the recently completed food shelf facility located at the organization’s facility at 203 Third Avenue NW in Waseca.

Kolander also encourages people to consider future Service Center fundraisers, including a breakfast being served at the Waseca VFW this Sunday, Nov. 12, from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$7 for youth, and no charge for preschoolers.

An evening event at the VFW on Nov. 17 will feature catfish or shrimp dinners.



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Around 145 people gathered at The Mill in Waseca on Sunday, October 22 to celebrate Waseca County 4-H. Many awards were given to youth leaders, adult leaders and community supporters for their accomplishments and support.

Youth awards were given to Sam Feldkamp, Charley Kietzman - the “I Dare You” Award for showing emerging youth leadership; Taylor Anderson - Outstanding Horse Project Member Award; Jady White - “Pat McNab Service Above Self” Horse Project Award; Mikayla Lewer - Horse Project Most Improved Award; Rylie Cromwell - Outstanding Club Secretary; Jaxon Alvarado, Rylie Cromwell - The “Matt Hines Spirit of 4-H” Award.

First-year members received a certificate for joining 4-H. They included: Clover Clan - Amyah Bice, Brynlee Dulas-Spiese; Homegrown Explorers - Eliana Berg, Brianna Duval, Jaxon Duval, Nataley Haefs, Oliver Jewison, Ella Marlin, Mya Marlin, Bexleigh Moen, Breckyn Moen, Addison Monson, Felicity Monson, Nolan Monson, Bryson Pearson; Independent - Zabrina Bronstad, Eleanor Koble, Mandi Root;

Janesville Jacks & Jill's - Trenton Johnson, Hudson Levos, Claire Lynch, Cooper Mason; Palmer Sunbeams - Autumn Broas, Zoe Clement, Wyatt Coon, Faith Hager, Meredith James, Jayson Lewer, Lilith-Rose Lindrud-Buck; Riverside Ramblers - Alex Harguth, Leighton Humphries, Charley Kietzman, Lilly Muff, Hadley Schlaak, Evelyn Sommers; Waldorf Peppy Peppers - Kendrick Cromwell, Kenley Tolzman

Many youth were also honored for excellence in 4-H record-keeping. Medals were awarded to youth who received a high score on their project records. They were Joe Feldkamp, Isaac Feldkamp, Sam Feldkamp, Oriana Jewison, Jacob Knutson, Hannah Sommers and Kinley Thostenson.

Cloverbuds, who are 4-H members in kindergarten through second grade, also completed 4-H records and were awarded a certificate. They included Elaina Berg, Cole Christensen, Alexis Feldkamp, Oliver Jewison and Abby Sommers.

Recognition was given to 4-H Camp attendees and counselors. Campers this year were Isabel Berg, Lilian Berg, Maya Christensen, Genevieve Coon, Rylie Cromwell, Gemma Eaton, Olivia Eaton, Audrey Gray, Brody Gray, Claire Harguth,

Mackenzie James, Madelynn James, Brayleigh Kuball, Jacob Lewer, Mikayla Lewer, Hadley Roeker, Presley Roeker, Kaitlyn Schoenfeld, Natalie Schoenfeld, Hannah Sommers and Kinley Thostenson. Christopher Hopper, Sydney Lewer and Hunter Myers were also recognized as attending as camp counselors this year.

Youth recognized for participating in Arts were Julia Alvarado, Addison Anderson, Elaina Berg, Isabel Berg, Rylie Cromwell, Audrey Gray, Avery Hopper, Alexis Myers, Angel Myers and Mandi Root. Steve Scheffert and Crystal Myers were recognized as being the adult volunteers who organized it all.

Youth receiving recognition for their contributions to the Waseca County 4-H program as graduating members included Taylor Anderson, Teagan Dann, Ashley Hagen, Christopher Hopper, Brooke Jahr, Hannah Kilmer, Quinton Myers, Ralph Roesler, Eliza Sankovitz and Jady White.

The Waseca County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of youth in seventh grade and older who serve the 4-H program by assisting at events and promoting 4-H. Our 2022-2023 ambassadors were Isaac Feldkamp, Joe Feldkamp, Sam Feldkamp, Karley Hamilton, Bailey Hodgkins, Avery Hopper, Sydney Lewer, Alexis Myers, Angel Myers, Hunter Myers and Kloe Wadd.

Youth recognized for participating in both the regional and state “Dog Project Bowl” were Julia Alvarado, Gus Bethke, Rylie Cromwell, Bailey Hodgkins, Avery Hopper, Jacob Lewer, Mikayla Lewer, Sydney Lewer, Mackenzie Moorman, Angel Myers, Alexis Myers. Mattea Dann and Madelynn Smith were recognized as being the adult volunteer coaches.

Youth receiving recognition for participating in the livestock judging contest at the Minnesota State Fair were Olivia Eaton, Karley Hamilton, Addison Kelm, Olivia Johnson and Paige Johnson.

The 2023-2024 Waseca County 4-H Ambassadors are Isabel Anderson, Gus Bethke, Olivia Eaton, Isaac Feldkamp, Sam Feldkamp, Bailey Hodgkins, Oriana Jewison, Charley Kietzman, Alexis Myers, Angel Myers, Hunter Myers, and Alexis Olson.

Adults and community friends of 4-H were also honored. Special awards were given to Heather Tietje - 4-H Alumni Award; Keri Coon - Outstanding Adult Volunteer; Joyce Jahr - Distinguished Service Award;

Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Festival: Ken Borgmann - Friend of 4-H Award

An award was presented for the “4-H Family of the Year.” Receiving this honor were the Ben and Dominique Jewison Family of Waseca.

First-year adult volunteer certificates of leadership were awarded to Ashley Boerner, Katie Clayton, Keri Coon, Ellie James, Ben Jewison, Heidi Knutson, Tina Schoenfeld, Madelynn Smith, Brian Sommers, Kirsten Sommers and Heather Tietje.

The 4-H Award of the Silver Clover for 5 years of serving as a volunteer was awarded to Nick Berg, Amber Lewer, Crystal Myers and Amanda Sommers.

The 4-H Award of the Gold Clover for 10 years of serving as a volunteer was awarded to Jennifer Hamilton. The 4-H Award of the Pearl Clover for 15 years of serving as a volunteer was awarded to Jennifer Johnson.

The 4-H Award of the Diamond Clover for 20 years of serving as a volunteer was awarded to Gretchen Sankovitz.

Recognition was also given to the 2022-2023 4-H Federation Board of officers for their service and leadership: Alexis Myers - President; Karley Hamilton - Vice President; Avery Hopper - Secretary; Hunter Myers - Youth Treasurer; Addison Kelm, Mackenzie Levos, Genevieve Coon, Angel Myers, Aaron Merritt - youth club representatives. Adult representatives recognized for their service were Jennifer Hamilton, adult treasurer advisor; Joyce Jahr, Crystal Myers and Carly Johnson.

New youth officers were installed for the 2023-2024 year. Leading the Waseca County 4-H Federation this year are: Oriana Jewison, president; Alexis Myers, vice president; Olivia Eaton, secretary; Hunter Myers, youth treasurer; Brody Gray, Jacob Knutson and Hadley Roeker, youth club representatives. Adult board members are: Jennifer Hamilton, adult treasurer; Joyce Jahr, Crystal Myers, Melissa Eaton and Carly Johnson.

Recognition was given to the community, business and parental contributions to the 4-H program. Thank you to all who continue to support the Waseca County 4-H Program in making the best better. The program ended with refreshments and a slide show.

For more information on joining 4-H or volunteering with the program, contact the Waseca County Extension Office at 507-835-0600.



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2023-24 County Ambassadors



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4-H Family of the Year

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100 Years Ago

- The crescent moon hung high in the heavens and the sheen of her silvery light filtered through the branches of the trees, and the mellow glory of an October night filled all the land, while white robed ghostly formed flitted about, witches with their tall peaked hats, broom sticks and black cats, a clown with wide flowing breeches, "and Satan was there also." All these and many more filled the spacious halls of the hospitable farm home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Garlick, in celebrating that night of all nights, Hal-low'e'en. Not a word was spoken as the company assembled, when suddenly the ghostly silence was broken by a series of un-earthly noises and outcries coming from the inside of the stove. The door was quickly opened but nothing alive was visible there. Still the cries continued, seeming to be the voice of a disembod-ied spirit crying out in agony. It was the general opinion that Satan had brought a tortured soul from his realms below and shut him up in the stove.

- Anthony Munz returned Thursday evening from South Dakota, where he spent two weeks delivering nursery stock in five towns in the region about fifty miles north of Huron. He stated Friday morning that he found the work of collecting quite good as in former years and this despite the generally prevalent notion that farmers were without visible means on account of low prices. That part of the country is well developed where diversified farm-ing has produced results altogether favorable to the idea of pros-perous conditions.

- A proposition that has the support of fishermen is to have the date of the opening of the bass season revert to what it was a few years ago, which was on May 29. Northern resort keepers were instrumental in getting the date put off till June 15, when the law was changed, but it has been learned that June 15 is too late for the opening of the bass season in Southern Minnesota.

75 Years Ago

- One farm accident was reported last week by 4-H'ers in their efforts to make people conscious of the types of accidents which occur on farms and in homes and cause loss of time and often life. Palmer Hagen of New Richland had his right arm fractured just above the wrist when he was cranking his tractor at his home last week. The injury will make it impossible for him to return to work for some time. Tractors and power machinery caused more than 30 per-cent of all farm accidents in 1946 according to figures from the National Safety Council.

- Waseca county will open the fourth annual drive for funds to support the Sister Elizabeth Kenney Institute on Friday, November 7, with the Waseca Junior Chamber of Commerce spon-soring the county-wide campaign. The announcement of the drive was made Monday by Herbert J. Streitz, Waseca Jaycee pres-ident.

50 Years Ago

- A scantily clad half-man, half-animal was spotted by the Argus October 22 as he (or it) ran dripping from Lake Elysian and melted into the vegetation on the lake island. In the fading twilight, the Argus camera caught this glimpse of the "thing" as it came up from the depths and thrashed its way ashore. The tem-perature was in the low forties when a local man took the Argus cameraman out on Lake Elysian to get a last photo of a fading fall. After spotting "the thing" the local sportsman wheeled his speedboat around and refused to return to the island.

- Ten 8-track tapes were missing from Don Kump's Main Street repair shop after it was burglarized sometime Monday night, Oc-tober 30. Deputy Sheriff Jerry Splett told the Argus that the lock on the back door was cut with a bolt cutter to gain entrance. Splett is in the process of checking clues out now.

- "Musicians for hire" could be the title for an advertisement run by the Janesville High School Band in the next few months. Band members are job hunting in an attempt to help pay their way to Winnipeg, Manitoba, next June. While in Winnipeg, the band will take parti in contests and tour the city. But right now the only thing that stands in their way is money. In search of the elusive green stuff, band members are willing to help area res-idents with almost any kind of work from lawn raking and clean-ing to farm work or babysitting.

25 Years Ago

- The sudden appearance of snow and cold winds may be a sur-prise to Minnesota natives, but it is more likely a shock for Nico-las Heinen, an AFS Exchange student from Brussels, Belgium. Nicolas said in Belgium the summers are cooler than here, but the winters are not so cold. "There is not such a big difference between summer and winter." Nicolas' stay began in early August and will continue to July 1, 1998. As an AFS Exchange Student he will be spending the year with one family, Ron and Judy Olson and their children Beth, 17, and Reed, 15. Nicolas said many people have asked if he misses his family and he replies, "No, because I have a good family, and I like the area."

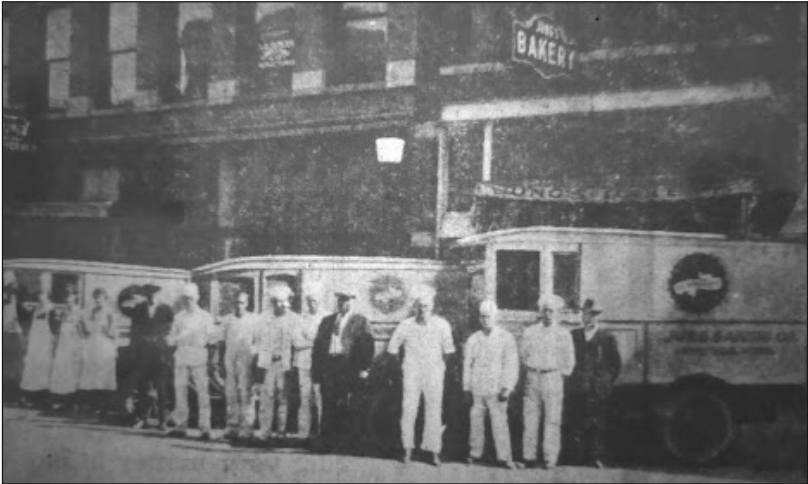
- The city of Janesville is continuing its search to keep projects affordable for residents. With projects such as Teal and Second Street still needing to be done, the Janesville City Council is look-ing to make some changes to its current assessment policy. The Monday, Oct. 27 agenda gave the council the opportunity to dis-cuss in length its current assessment policy. Paul Grabitske, city administrator, wrote, "The application of the current assessment policy to the potential Teal and Second Street project generated a number of concerns about the level of affordability of both the assessment on individual parcels and the size of the subsidy for the assessments paid out of other revenues."

- Dennis Dinneen, emergency manager for Waseca County, has been named the Region I Outstanding Director by the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers (AMEM). The award is pre-sented annually by AMEM based on nominations from its mem-bership statewide. The Outstanding Director Award reflects professional planning and administration of an emergency man-agement program; public relations and community education on emergency management issues; positive representation of the as-sociation to the public and community officials; and continued professional development and expertise.

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100 Years Back - 1923



Few people in Waseca realize the important part which the Jung Baking Company is taking in the industrial life of this city. From a small beginning in the bakery trade ten years ago, A.E. Jung now owns one of the largest and best equipped plants in Southern Minne-sota, which gives employment to more than a dozen people, with a weekly pay roll of \$300.

Father Treanor, Rev. Miller and Rev. Gallagher appeared before the city council last evening asking that some steps be taken either to close the roller skating rink in its present location or provide better supervision. It is off the west side of the M. & St. L. tracks and its present location and the way it is operated is a menace to the young people of the town.

Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, Waseca is to have a new industry. A newly formed company is organized to start and build a chicken hatchery which will be able to turn out 100,000 baby chicks.

75 Years - 1948

Waseca is in line for a Military Police company, provided enough ex-servicemen see fit to sign up here for the Army Reserve. The unit will be a Class II company, which will be entitled to two day periods a month plus 15 days summer camp.

There is no trace today of the man who broke out of the Waseca county jail early Tuesday morning. The man used both a file and chisel, Sheriff R.G. "Unhappy" Lowe, deputy sheriff Harvey Domy and John Reitforts, repairman, diagnosed. He filed the riveted, staple-like metal hinge that holds the hasp to the padlocked steel barred inner east door. The outer door of the jail--usually open during the summer for ventilation--was un-locked.

Two fires of undetermined origin did \$1,500 damage to the court house and Swift and company over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Harguth, Mr. and Mrs. Kieran Harguth, and Mr. and Mrs. George Klug attended the wedding of Cecil Harguth Tuesday at Clara city.

Dorothy Kottke, Harriet Bahr and Lenora Goltz spent the week end with relatives and friends in Minneapolis.

Mrs. J.A. Langseth and children of Minneapolis came Friday and spent over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Neff.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Nelson and two children, James and Judy, came Friday evening from Duluth and visited until Monday at the home of Mr. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson.

50 Years - 1973

All available employees of the E.F. Johnson Company recently partic-ipated in one of the company's most significant service award ceremonies. Edgar F. Johnson, founder and Chairman of the Board, was awarded a 50-year service pin and a gold electronic watch.

The first Homecoming at the University of Minnesota Technical Col-lege-Waseca is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27. Nine candidates are vying to be the first Homecoming Queen at UMW. They are Sandra Beatty of St. Paul, Carol Beranek of Lamberton, Carol Burnmeister of Lakefield, Sue Duick of Baudette, Suzette Johnson of Lake Crystal, Betsy Nichols of Rochester, Colleen Sauber of Lakeville, Rennae Schroeder of Wells and Colleen Vandendriessche of Marshall.



Mayor Carl Swanson signed a proclamation this morning proclaim-ing American Education Week in the City of Waseca. The proclama-tion was presented to Swanson by, left to right: Nancy Bezdichek, chairwoman of American Education Week; Dr. William Breschnett, school board member; and Jeff Hoelmer, president of the Waseca Education Association.

A prankster may have set a fire last night which destroyed an old grain-ery on a vacant farm about four miles northwest of Waseca. Fire Chief Slim Cunningham said the work was apparently the work of a prankster. Several trees were also damaged by the heat of the fire. The department was at the scene for about two hours.

25 Years - 1998

A new craft and furniture shop opened Labor Day weekend and run by Ellen Gasner, Pleasant Grove Gallery, is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

The Family and Consumer Science Department at Waseca High School is proud to announce the selection of Kali Gehring as Student of the Week for the week of Oct. 19. Kali is a sophomore and the daughter of Doug and Marlene Gehring of Waseca.

Amber, Clint, and Clayton Kozan recently were featured extras in the movie "Herman U.S.A." Clayton, 11, was filmed at a drive-up restaurant in Minnetonka where he was playing the part of a patron in confrontation with a restaurant owner. Amber, 18, and Clint, 14, were filmed in the Min-neapolis Armory. Amber played the part of a WCCO-TV anchorwoman. Clint played the part of a second man on her crew.

Looking Back (New Richland)

100 Years Back - 1923

The sample room of the Hotel New Richland is being fitted up for a barber shop to be operated by Patrick Morrissey, and which will open for business some time next week.

F.L. Merrill, formerly of Hayward, Wis., where he conducted a variety store, has purchased the P.T. Peterson Variety Store stock in New Richland. HE will close out the stock through a series of auction sales. After the stock is closed out he intends to put in a new stock of variety goods which will sell at from 5c to \$1.

Ralph Sole and Miss Dorothea Kraudy of Morristown drove to this place Saturday evening and spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and MRs. Vernum Steele. They were accompanied on their return Sunday by Mrs. Sole, who had been a guest at the Steele home for several days.

The Bruzek Hardware Co. installed an electric water lift system at the Andrew A. Swenson farm home on Thursday of last week.

The A.J. Anderson and Chas. Bauman families attended the parcel shower for Miss Esther Krause at the home of her parents in Wilton Sunday afternoon.

The basket social and dance given in school Dist. 69 last Friday evening by Miss Mary Dinneen, teacher, was a success. The pro-ceeds from sale of baskets netted the amount of \$42.00.

The following young people spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Grunske: Misses Verna and Olga Wille, Evelyn Miller, Clara Swenson, Alma Grunske, Messrs. Mill Bethke, Edwin and Irwin Gabriel and Fred Grunske.

77 Years Back - 1946

Upon the resignation of W.G. Laudert, who probably has served longer as a New Richland policeman than any other person, the village council sought a young man for the job. M.E. Shields of Nicollet was an applicant and was chosen for the place.

Dr. D.V. Eckels of Minneapolis has purchased the practice and dental equipment of Dr. R.K. Hawley and is soon to establish him-self in New Richland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hogaas of Albert Lea and Mrs. K.C. Johnson of Hartland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hogaas Thursday evening.

The following ladies were entertained Thursday afternoon for a Halloween party by the pupils of District 21: Mrs. B.B. Root, Mrs. J.H. Russell, Mrs. Jacob Hoelz, Mrs. Louis Kampen, Mrs. Lawrence Krenke and daughter, Mrs. Fred Dorn, Mrs. Emil Bahr, Mrs. Art Kroeger and son, and Miss Martha Lechner.

Wednesday evening the Waseca County Mail Carriers associa-tion and the auxiliary enjoyed a potluck supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rasmussen. After supper cards were played. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Kreuzer also were invited.

Misses Barbara Johnson, Virginia Shurson, Yvonne Stensrud, Evelyn Eschle, and Patsy Cochran were Sunday evening supper guests of Miss Joan Johnson of near St. Olaf lake.

50 Years Back - 1973



These children, members of the afternoon Kindergarten class at New Richland-Hartland schools, were busy getting ready for Halloween last week. They are, front from left: Troy Bush, Dan Storlie, Carol Mason, Lisa Lust, Lee Krueger, Corey Lundholm, Matthew Staloch, Michael Eckart and Kevin Olson; middle: Troy Robertson, Richard Lashbrook, Jodi Rasmussen, Linda Battenfeld, Mary Keen, Karla Jameson, Scott Haugen, Charles Bennet and Kenneth Bart-ness; back: Tracie Hoeffner, Maria Felshein, Carol Supalla, Michael Fowler, Michelle Thompson and Brian Nelson. Kath-leen Beyer and Brian Hendrickson are not pictured.

25 Years Back - 1998

For the second consecutive year, the NRHEG FFA Chapter's Dairy Judging team will enter state competition next April during the Minnesota State FFA convention in St. Paul. They placed sec-ond behind Owatonna's team. Amy Demmer of the local team out-judged all of the 100 participants, placing first with 392 points. Scott Demmer was fifth individual with 381 points. Katie Otterson finished with 337 points and Nick Kaplan, 330.

The meat processing plant in New Richland has been operated by a member of the Hullopetter family for over 30 years. On Sept. 29, Scott Mittelstaedt of the Waldorf-Pemberton area took over the operation from Rodger and Helen (Hullopetter) Brase.

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OCTOBER 24 Tuesday Worthington (H) W 43-0	Friday, November 3, Section 3AAA Championship Fairmont (New Ulm) W 21-13 (0)						OCTOBER 28 Saturday Jordan (H) W 21-7



The Waseca Bluejays Football team improved its overall record to 9-2 following an overtime win against Fairmont 21-13 in the 3AAA Section Championship game. With the win the Bluejays move onto the State Quarterfinals and will play Stewartville Saturday night in Hastings at 7 p.m. The following players comprise the Bluejay's roster: Kaeden Johnson, Bennett Ludwig, Damarius Russell, Laird Keeton, Ethan Hiller, Carter Ellis, Deron Russell, Keaton Roeker, Jordan Johnston, Rodolfo Moncada, Caden Danner, Carson Ohnstad, Dominic Alvarez, Koltyn Quillen, Maxwell Wirtz, Jose Mixteco, Hayden Stencel, Cyrett Long, William Mansfield, Jacob Root, Lucas Selthun, Liam Biddle, Tauston Rupe, Zach Hulscher, Kallen Glynn, Riley Mitchell, Jett Rohl, Noah Thompson, Micah Allen-Haas, Benjamin Hagen, Allen Kopetzki, Jacob Thompson, Matthew Veroeven, Nate Engel-Mueller, Kaden Garza, Cody Weber, Brandyn Jascha, Jonathan Gransee, David Hodgkins, Andrew Robran, Caleb Wulf, Bradlee Reyna, Andy Balderas, Josh Norman, Ethan Stenzel, Iven Rodriguez, Keegan Peterson, Nathan Kaiser, Shane Engel-Mueller, Julius Oviedo, Dylan Hansen, Joe Mixteco-Perez, Javonn Rodney, Jayden Beck, Brody Dufault, Trey Jenzen, Roman Siler.

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Next stop, state tourney

Bluejays rally past Fairmont 21-13 in overtime for Section 3AAA crown

By JIM LUTGENS
Sports Editor

Several weeks ago, after the Waseca High School football team dropped its season opener 27-13 to Stewartville, there were those among us who wondered what would happen if the teams met again.

They won't have to wait much longer to find out.

The section champions will square off in a state Class AAA quarterfinal game at Hastings High School Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

The Bluejays, seeded second in Section 3AAA, punched their ticket to the state tournament with an impressive, dramatic, hard-fought 21-13 overtime victory over top-seeded Fairmont Friday, Nov. 3 at New Ulm, avenging a 21-0 loss to the Cardinals earlier this season. The Bluejays, playing in their sixth straight section championship game, also avenged consecutive section losses to Fairmont.

One again, it was defense rising to the moment for the Bluejays, keeping it close throughout a first half in which Waseca did everything except score.

"I'm just really proud of the way we executed on defense," said WHS head coach Brad Wendland. "We've had adversity this year, but the guys have fought. They fought hard tonight, and deserve to be in the state tournament."

The Jays took the opening kickoff and quickly drove deep into Fairmont territory, but a 24-yard field goal attempt was no good. After sending the Cardinals three-and-out, Waseca marched from its own 48 to the Fairmont 8, where a fourth-down pass fell incomplete. It was scoreless after one quarter.

Early in the second period, Fairmont's Elijah Johnson took a third-and-10 handoff and got loose up the middle, taking advantage of blitzing linebackers while covering 70 yards for a touchdown.

The defense came up big on Fairmont's next possession as Laird Keeton intercepted a third-down pass, returning it to the Cardinals' 46. Waseca again wasted no time marching toward the end zone, but again the Jays failed to cash in when a fourth-and-7 pass completion came up just short.

Fairmont led 7-0 at halftime, extending the Cardinal defense's scoreless streak to 17 consecutive quarters. That would quickly change. Keeton stepped in front of a pass and took it 12 yards for a touchdown. Josh Hulscher kicked the PAT and it was 7-7 less than a minute into the third period.

The Bluejays forced another punt after three plays, but they muffed it and Fairmont took over on the Waseca 26. Johnson scored three plays later from the 9. The PAT kick hit the upright.

The Bluejays executed a nearly perfect fake punt on their next possession, but what looked like a pass completion turned into trouble when the pass was dropped.

"We've had adversity this year, but the guys have fought. They fought hard tonight."

— Waseca coach Brad Wendland



Ellis



Keeton



N.Engel-Mueller



Stenzel

That set up Fairmont on the Waseca 36 and set the stage for more defensive heroics. The Cardinals were again in the red zone when the Jays came up with a sack on third down and a fourth-and-11 pass fell incomplete.

The Bluejays finally tied it with 6 minutes remaining when they marched 79 yards - all of it on the ground - with sophomore quarterback Jordan Johnston covering the final 22. The snap from center on the PAT sailed past the holder, however, and it remained 13-13.

Fairmont drove to the Waseca 24 in the final minute, but a fourth-down pass fell incomplete in the end zone.

On the first play of overtime, sophomore Jose Mixteco carried 10 yards for a touchdown. Johnston ran for the conversion and Waseca had its first lead of the night

Fairmont drove inside the Waseca 1-yard line, where Ethan Stenzel tackled Johnson in the backfield to end it.

"I'm so grateful for all my teammates and coaches," said Stenzel. "We're going to state!"

"I felt like we deserved this win," said Keeton. "I can't even explain the feelings I have right now."

Since the season opener, Stewartville has gone unbeaten and earned the No. 1 ranking in Class AAA, a year after the Tigers were section champions in Class AA. Stewartville defeated Rochester Lourdes, 34-7, for the Section 1 crown.

"We're going to play a great Stewartville team," said Wendland. "We have a lot of work to get ready, but I can't think about that now."



HARD-FOUGHT VICTORY — At left, the Bluejays' Ethan Stenzel exhorts after his team's 21-13 overtime victory over Fairmont for the Section 3AAA championship. At right, Deron Russell (7), Carter Ellis (6) and Nate Engel-Mueller (55) converge on Elijah Johnson (8). The Jays play Stewartville at Hastings on Saturday.
Pioneer photos by Eli Lutgens



DEFENSE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS — At left, Brandyn Jascha (58) and Shane Engel-Mueller (70) harass Fairmont quarterback Blaze Geiger (10). At right, Laird Keeton (4) is congratulated by teammates after turning an interception into a touchdown.



CLUTCH PERFORMERS — Above left, Jose Mixteco runs for the winning touchdown in overtime. Above right, Jordan Johnston weaves his way through tacklers. At right, Waseca head coach Brad Wendland shares a moment with Ethan Stenzel (70).



HANDS OF SILK — The Bluejays' DeRon Russell hangs onto a pass.



The winner Saturday plays in the state semifinals Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at U.S. Bank Stadium.

WAS	0	0	7	6	8	— 21
FMT	0	7	6	0	0	— 13
First Quarter						
No Scoring						
Second Quarter						
FMT—Johnson 70 run (Stenzel kick),						
Third Quarter						
WAS—Keeton 12 interception return (Hulscher kick)						
FMT—Johnson 9 run (PAT kick failed)						
Fourth Quarter						
WAS—Johnson 22 run (PAT kick failed)						
Overtime						
WAS—Mixteco 10 run (Johnston run)						
	WAS		FMT			
First downs:	9		9			
Rushing:	33-194		45-189			
Passing:	4-15-1, 47		3-2-2, 8			
Total Yds.	241		193			
Fumbles-lost:	1-0		1-1			
Penalties:	1-15		4-39			



MOMENTS WORTH SAVORING — At left, the Bluejays' Tauston Rupe scoops a fumble. At right, Jose Mexitico (23) and Carson Ohnstad (18) celebrate a section championship.



Waseca runners end season at state

Three Bluejays ran in the state cross country meet Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Les Bolstad Golf Course in Minneapolis.

Junior Isaac Feldkamp placed the highest, taking 52nd among 169 finishers in 16:56.4. Mankato East won the Class AA team title, with Eli Hall of Pequot

Lakes winning the race in 15:13.3.

Stella Omvedt, an 8th-grader, placed 89th among Class AA girls with a time of 20:31.2. Teammate Callie Dufault placed 105th in 20:57 among 160 runners. Marshall won the Class AA girls' title while Isabelle Schmitz of Hutchinson was first in the race in 17:56.5

BLUEJAY FOOTBALL

PLAYER of the WEEK

Jose Mixteco Perez

played a key role in bringing the Bluejays together during the 21-13 playoff win over Fairmont/Martin Luther on October 3rd. Good luck at state, Bluejays!

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