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City OKs apartment building in commercial area

BY AL LOHMAN

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A four-story, 163-unit apartment building will be the latest addition to retail development to the the burgeoning area near north, industrial use to the Marketplace Drive on the west side of town.

Waconia City The Council approved a rezoning application and plans for the proposed apartment at its latest meeting a revision to high-density Sept. 20. The subject par-residential designation apcel, located at 601 Indus-

about 11.67 acres in size, currently bordering on Mackenthun's market and other east and west, and cityowned parkland to the south. The property was originally guided industrial in the city's comprehensive land use plan, but proved by the council this

trial Boulevard West, is spring enables apartment that expanding the buildconstruction to proceed. undeveloped, The apartment pro-

posed for development by Oppidan Holdings, Inc. is for market-rate housing with a mix of studio/ alcove, one-, two- and three-bedroom units. Other features include a community/party room, exercise room, media room, mailroom, management/ leasing office, patio, dog run, underground parking with bike storage, and potentially a rooftop deck.

City council and earlier planning commission discussion focused on road access, adequacy of parking, and access to Sudheimer Park to the south. The council also approved a variance request that authorizes the building to exceed the city's 40-foot height limit by about six feet. The developer noted

ing up rather than out reduces its footprint and preserves more existing trees, which also helps screen the building from residential properties to the south.

In other business, the council awarded a contract to lone bidder Ebert Construction for construction of a storage shed and entry way remodel for store improvements were a condition of easement acquisition for the new East Frontage Road being planned south of Highway 5 because the roadway alignment is through the store's existing structures and takes the southern portion of the business parcel. The total bid for demolition of the existing structures and construction of new building



Everson's Hardware. The New firefighters Steele Malek, Zach Christians, Matt McDougall and Lori Ledoux recognized at last week's city council meeting (Photo courtesy city of Waconia)

and systems amounts to \$390,800.

The council also authorized the expenditure of a \$20,000-\$30,000 for a study to evaluate the potential of a stormwater reuse system in downtown Waconia in advance of the city's next downtown infrastructure improvement project planned for 2022-2023. As part of downtown reconstruction efforts, the city is looking to reduce the volume of stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces and meet water quality levels for Lake Waconia and other surface waters.

In other building action, the council authorized a property owner at 425 Lake Street East to reconstruct an existing and aging retaining wall that extends partially onto city owned cemetery property

The council also heard from neighbors of a property at 317 Olive Street that they say has become neglected, blighted and a safety concern. The council took no action last Monday on the unoccupied home, but instructed city staff to investigate the issue and determine what options the city has under existing ordinances and statues to address the concerns.

Four new firefighters also were sworn in at a short badge pinning ceremony during the meeting. Steele Malek, Matt Mc-Dougall, Lori Ledoux and Zach Christians recently completed their training and probationary period, and have been assigned to the position of active firefighter.

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Waconia, Cologne set preliminary budgets

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This is the time of year that municipalities set preliminary budgets and tax levies for next year so counties can calculate tax estimates that go to property owners each November.

The cities of Waconia and Cologne established their preliminary budgets and tax levies last Monday, Sept. 20, in advance of an end of September dead-

The tax levy is the primary funding mechanism for the city, and typically comprises a general levy and special levies. The general levy funds general services such as fire, law enforcement, streets, parks and recreation, central facilities, planning and inspections,

and administration. Special levies typically fund city improvements and other special projects.

Waconia

For 2022, the Waconia City Council approved a general levy of just over \$6 million and special levies of around \$3 million for a total levy of just over \$9

The general levy amounts to an increase of about 2 percent and reflects city plans for additional staffing and to continue to make interfund transfers to capital project funds for future improvements. The current plan brings the city's general fund balance to about 40 percent of expense obligations, within the parameters of the city's financial policy, according to Finance Director Nicole Meyer.

percent from the 2021 levy due to the the Minnesota Department of Revcity issuing bonds to help fund street, trail, sidewalk and utility improvements that are a part of the 2021 infrastructure projects.

The overall net increase to taxpayers from 2021 is about 4.54 percent. With the average Waconia home value increasing about 5.2 percent, the average homeowner will see about a 5.83 percent increase, or an estimated \$83.17, in the city portion of their tax bill.

City staff and council have been reviewing department budgets and county property tax information in recent weeks. Budgets are slated to be finalized later in the fall and approved at the council's Dec. 20 meeting. Final Follow The Patriot on Twitter @wacolevies can be set lower, but not higher, niapatriot

The special debt levy increases 9.9 than preliminary levies, according to enue.

Cologne

The Cologne City Council authorized a preliminary tax levy of about \$1.6 million for that city, or about a 7.58 increase from 2021.

The general fund portion of the budget is projected at about \$816,701. The remainder of the 2022 levy goes for debt service for investments like city infrastructure and equipment, including the downtown street reconstruction project in 2020 and the Highway 284 retaining wall project currently underway in Cologne.



Adoption Options



Super Cooper!

Cooper is grey Tabby DSH male kitten (born 4/8/21), with a very friendly, playful personality. He loves to jump up into laps and have his chin/behind his ears rubbed, and will even occasionally give kisses! He purrs easily, really loves being around his humans, and is good with children and other cats. Cooper is litter box trained, eats both wet and dry food, and is up to date on shots and dewormer meds.

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Adoption Options

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OPINION

Problem Solvers give hope for bipartisan cooperation

We judge elected officials based on their position on the issues we care about. We may cast our ballot for candidates that most represent the quality of character we want them to bring to government. We often allow judgments to follow the platform of the party with which we align and support.

There are other criteria we sorely need to bring into our thinking: Do they listen to others with whom they disagree; do they reach out to others in friendship regardless of their differences in politics; do they recognize the problems we face and work with others to solve those problems?

Our editorial board met with two members of the Problem Solvers Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Dean Phillips, D-Minnesota, and Rep. Dusty Johnson, R-South Dakota. The Problem Solvers Caucus consists of 58 members of the House, 29 Republicans and 29 Democrats. They meet weekly to address solutions to the country's most pressing issues. Rep. Pete Stauber, Republican from Minnesota's 8th District, is also a caucus member.

Problem Solvers commit to finding solutions and to listening to those with whom they have differences for

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the purpose of finding common ground and paths forward to legislation. Respect, courtesy and a commitment to listen and offer true friendship are hallmarks of the caucus.

The caucus has already made contributions to legislation addressing the challenges of COVID-19 as well as the infrastructure legislation to restore highway, airports and water systems. The caucus also gives priority to immigration reform, health care, the climate, the economy, policing, the national debt and national security.

Johnson and Phillips both acknowledged the challenges of the federal budget and rising national debt while also recognizing the need for critical expenditures and the challenges that increased spending present. Nevertheless, there is common agreement on the needs and a commitment to work on solutions. The tone of the discussion was a welcome relief from the positional, boisterous and vitriolic politic.

The congressmen recognized the political risk that comes with coopera-

tion. For many, the price to be paid may be the loss of party support for re-election. That is unfortunate and unjust.

With the coming of the 2021 elections Nov. 2, there are now disrupters creating pockets of loud, intransigent approaches to local community governments — witness the atmosphere surrounding mask-wearing and schools.

If civility in public discourse is valued, then those who support the "problem solving" approach to resolving differences and developing quality public policy need to speak up. Candidates must be challenged on their policy stance and their ability to work with those with whom they disagree to reach solutions. It is time citizens who are tired of the positional noise and threatening contempt let their voice for proper discourse be heard. And it's time we all recognize mob mentality is not an acceptable replacement for honest debate and discussion.

The Problem Solvers Caucus is modeling a much-needed political behavior. We should voice support for their approach and ask current and potential candidates to tell of their efforts to attain solutions to public problems and needs by working with

others who hold different positions on critical issues.

We should also voice disapproval of those who disrupt the process and disrespect public government forums, and we need to support those who stand by their principles, listen to others and shake hands on civil discourse, respect for each other and a commitment to work to find solutions.

We believe a vast majority of people who identify with either party support a more balanced political discussion, but they are, for the most part, spectators to the politics of the day. The ordinary citizen needs to become more vocal with the representatives of their point of view and insist on competent, solution-oriented discussion of how they will resolve differences with others in public policy and attain solutions.

The Problem Solvers Caucus is working to succeed within the current structure. It's the type of representation we should all expect because it will benefit all Americans. We endorse their efforts, work and the spirit of solving problems.

— An editorial from the APG of East Central Minnesota Editorial Board. Reactions are welcome. Send to: editorial.board@apgecm.com.

READERS WRITE =

Clean energy jobs likely to make comeback in state

To the editor:

The story of how a business fared during the pandemic is a story of extremes. When it comes to Minnesota's clean energy sector, more than 11,000 workers lost their jobs at some point last year, according to analysis from the new Clean Jobs Midwest Report. But there was a big silver lining – nearly half of those

jobs bounced back during the second half of last year – surging 10% -- about twice as fast as overall job growth in Minnesota.

The clean energy full-service engineering company I run also experienced that initial wave of uncertainty that hit the entire state and nation. A large chunk of our work is focused on doing engineering on large-scale solar installation projects across the country.

When the pandemic first hit,

we worried about how to keep our workforce busy. After a few months, we gained clarity that the solar energy industry was still strong, and the demand for our work grew significantly. In fact, we were able to hire 19 additional people in 2020

Fortunately, in Minnesota our story is not unique, clean energy jobs are on their way back – in a big way. According to the Clean Jobs Midwest Report, Minnesota currently

employs some 55,300 people working in clean energy jobs, that's more than the number of lawyers, accountants and auditors, web developers, and real estate agents combined. Plus, 1 out of every 3 of those jobs is located in Greater Minnesota, which means the economic benefits of clean energy are shared across the state.

For example, our company completed the engineering for the one-megawatt Norwood Young America community solar garden. Not only did this project employ skilled engineers, it brought in dozens of other workers to help install the garden.

Minnesota's clean energy sector is helping lead the state's transition to a clean, reliable, and affordable energy future. EVS, Inc. is proud to be a part of that story.

Andy Kim President of EVS, Inc. Eden Prairie

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Applications can provide funds to families, schools

If you have a school-aged child, you may be aware that school meals are free for all students this school year regardless of household income due to a federally funded U.S. Department of Agriculture program. While this is excellent for ensuring Minnesota kids will get the nutrition they need to thrive while weathering yet another pandemic school year, it may also mean that fewer families are filling out the Application for Educational Benefits (AEB). I'm writing to ask for your help there.

The AEB, sometimes referred to as the Free and Reduced-Price Meals form or application, is a household form for families enrolled in any Minnesota school district. In a nonpandemic year, this program covers the cost of school meals for qualifying families - but in any year (including this one), this application provides much more than just free meals. The



application generates funding for districts, schools, students and families - including personal benefits like free bus cards, discounted internet services, and discounted fees associated with athletics, standardized tests and college applications, and much more.

I lead Second Harvest Heartland's Child Hunger team, and we want to help make all public school families aware of the application's benefits for both families and schools.

When families fill out the AEB form

and qualify, not only do they receive direct personal benefits outlined above, but it also helps fund important districtwide and schoolwide technology resources, student support services, field trips, and more. When everyone fills out the AEB, schools are better equipped to provide all students with the high-quality education they

If households do not qualify for any benefits, there is no penalty or risk in applying – and you can reapply at any point in the school year if income changes for any reason. Eligibility is good for one school year, which is why it's important to fill it out every year, to ensure that both your family and your school district are receiving the maximum benefits.

Contact your local school district today and ask about the AEB/free and reduced meal form. The deadline to fill

out, complete and return the 2021-22 AEB is Oct. 15, 2021.

If everyone fills out the AEB this year, coupled with statewide free school meals, Minnesota kids are on track to being as well-fed and educated as pos-

If you don't have school-aged kids in the Minnesota public school system, please encourage those who do, such as your friends, family and neighbors, to fill out the form so our families and schools get all the resources they need to succeed.

JoAnna Lund is the Child Hunger Program Manager at Second Harvest Heartland, a Brooklyn Park-based food bank that works to support the 1 in 10 Minnesotans facing hunger across its 41 county-service area through food distributions and hunger-fighting policies and programs.

Good news about Minnesota Blue Ribbon Public Schools

Six Minnesota public schools and, actually, the whole state received terrific news on Sept. 21, when the U.S. Department of Education named them Blue Ribbon Schools. These six were among 325 nationally that were recognized either for "exemplary achievement gap closing" in reading and math or "exemplary high performing" in reading, math and high school graduation

Fortunately, the U.S. Department of Education provides extensive online information that allows anyone to study these schools. A quick review shows they have many powerful, practical ideas. Wouldn't it be helpful if the Minnesota Department of Education or other groups would sponsor Zoom meetings where people can hear more about these schools' efforts and ask questions of educators, families and students from these outstanding schools?

Here are a few things I learned from reading the schools' applications, available online:

 Anoka-Hennepin Schools' McKinley Elementary in Ham Lake describes extensive parent and community support. The school has a paid volunteer coordinator who helps bring in volunteers. This helps provide more direct assistance, enrichment and individual attention to students. The school's PTO shares the cost of



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this volunteer coordinator. Much more information is here: https://bit. ly/3zCOX15.

- Roosevelt Middle School in Blaine, also part of the Anoka-Hennepin District, starts every day with physical activity before academics. It has a strong adviser-advisee program so that each student is known well by at least one adult in the building. More information here: https://bit. lv/3i4ZO9n.
- Minnetonka West Middle School in Excelsior, part of the Minnetonka Public Schools, recognizes, "Excellence is not just about test scores and grades." Its mission is to "inspire and support the individual student, to build up their strengths, support their passions and intervene where academic scaffolding is needed." More information here: https://bit.ly/3oagYOK.
- Twin Lakes Elementary School. part of ISD 728, in the Elk River area, is one of only 16 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) schools in Minnesota. The

school makes use of its advanced facility to help students learn about conservation. It has a news channel featuring student and faculty presentations. Much more information here: https://bit.ly/31StRui.

- St. Croix Preparatory Academy Middle School is a chartered public school, part of a pre-K-12 school in Stillwater. The school features a "classical, liberal arts education." It also has an "additional emphasis on development of each student's personal character and leadership qualities." More information here: https://bit. ly/3EFegXs.
- Barnesville Elementary School, of Barnesville Public Schools, recognizes and uses students' strengths and creativity. For example, it has fourth grade peer mediators who are role models for the younger students as they assist them in resolving conflicts and enforcing playground rules. More information here: https://bit. ly/2ZtewJ6

Now in its 39th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has recognized more than 9,000 schools. More information about National Blue Ribbon School Program is here: https://www2.ed.gov/programs/nclb-

You can read about each Blue Ribbon school here: https://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners.

The federal website is organized

in various curriculum areas, such as arts, math, literacy, college and career awareness. It's also organized into grade levels: elementary, middle, high school, K-12.

Here are two other examples of previous Blue Ribbon Schools that have ideas every school could use:

- Yinghua Academy in Minneapolis: Since it was started in May 2007, Yinghua Academy has hosted student performances for adults in which students "show what they know" in science and social studies.
- Friendship Academy in Minneapolis. The school holds a "Wax Museum" program for families and friends. On this day, students dress up like and give brief speeches about famous people they have read, researched and written about for several months.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program offers enormous opportunities to study and apply strategies that make a big positive difference in achievement and behavior. Shouldn't we make it a high priority to make better use of the wonderful creativity and demonstrated excellence of these educators?

Joe Nathan, formerly a Minnesota public school educator and PTA president, directs the Center for School Change. Reactions welcome at joe@ centerforschoolchange.org or @JoeNathan 9249 on Twitter.

CORRECTIONS —

In the Sept. 16 article titled "Commissioners approve preliminary levy for 2022", contained an Commissioner error. Matt Udermann voted against the measure. The newspaper regrets the error.

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HIGHWAY 212 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Highway 212 construction crews recently poured the concrete deck for the new westbound Highway 212 bridge, west of Kelly Avenue, according to the latest project report from Carver County Public Works. This week crews are expected to install the support beams for the new eastbound Highway 212 bridge deck at Carver Creek. Construction crews have also started to pave a portion of the new Highway 212 north of the existing highway, so travel impacts will be minimal at this time, according to the report. Project planners expect to put both eastbound and westbound Highway 212 traffic on this stretch of new road, between Highway 43 and the east end of the project during the second week of October. They will also place new pavement and paint markings on the closed segment of Highway 43, south of Highway 212. Highway 43 is expected to reopen to traffic by Oct. 7. (Photos courtesy Carver County Public Works)

Rothstein tapped to fill school board vacancy in Waconia

chair Brian to fill a vacancy left by existing board made the Rothstein will join the John Weinand's resigna-Waconia School Board tion three weeks ago. The sion Monday.

appointment at a work ses-

to former board members and school board candi-

The board reached out dates from recent elections Rothstein previously served on the board from 2010-2018, six of those years as board chair.

"While the current hot button topics may be different than when I served on the Board...there appears to be several parallels," Rothstein wrote in his letter of interest. He said Monday that "having been away a while will help me bring a fresh perspective to the current issues.

Rothstein indicated he is unlikely to run for election after filling the term that expires in 2022.

Obituaries

Gertrude A. Kelzer

Gertrude A. Kelzer, age 93, of Waconia passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society in Waconia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Community (41 East 1st St.) in Waconia with Father Stan Mader as Celebrant of the Mass. Visitation held one hour prior to Mass. Interment in the church cemetery.



Gertrude Ann Kelzer was born November 1, 1927 in Cologne, MN, the daughter of Joseph and Frances (Bleichner) Hansel. She attended St. Bernard's Catholic School in Cologne and later graduated from Norwood High School. On June 20, 1951, Gertrude was united in marriage to Harold Kelzer at St. Bernard Catholic Church. They were blessed with two daughters.

Gertrude delighted in tending to her husband and family. She cared for her home and for a time worked at the Cologne Mill. In her quiet time, she enjoyed embroidery and counted cross stitch. Time spent with loved ones was of greatest importance to Gertrude. She loved attending spring training games for the Mariners and Padres in Arizona, heading to the cabin in Brainerd, as well as casino and bus trips with Harold. Gertrude's most special moments were ones spent with her children and grandchildren, of whom she adored. She will be dearly missed.

Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband Harold Kelzer; parents Joseph and Frances Hansel; brother Joseph Hansel Jr; sister Jeanette (Ralph) Zrust; father-inlaw and mother-in-law Charles and Emma Kelzer.

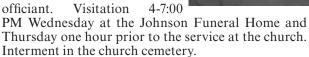
Gertrude is survived by her loving family: children Janice (Jim) Brink of Glendale, AZ, JoAnn (Don) Stacken of Waconia; grandchildren Michelle Brink and Wes Kipley, Emily Brink, Alison Stacken and fiance Ben McCracken, Matthew Stacken; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Margarette Hansel, Dick (Jean) Kelzer, Wilbert (Darlene) Kelzer; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Arrangements are with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia, 952-442-2121, www.johnsonfh.com.

Orville J. Hecksel

Orville "O.J." J. Hecksel, age 73 of St. Bonifacius, passed away Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Thursday, September 30, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church (17725 53rd St.) of Hollywood Township, Germany New with Rev. Dean Mahlum as officiant.



Orville Jerome Hecksel was born March 8, 1948 in Watertown, the son of Jerome and Stella (Kassulker) Hecksel. Orville was baptized as an infant and had confirmed his faith in the Lord as a young adult both at St. John Lutheran Church of Hollywood Township. He grew up on the family farm in rural Watertown. Orville was a graduate of Mayer Lutheran High School.

Orville's love was being outdoors. He had farmed for many years and was also employed as a truck driver. When not working he enjoyed riding his motorcycle and was especially proud of his Kawasaki trike. Orville was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church where he had served on church council, was a choir member, Dartball team member, and helped with the annual pork chop dinner. He loved his church and his strong faith was an example for those who knew him.

Orville cherished the time with his grandchildren and loved every opportunity to attend their activities. He will be remembered for his kind, sweet, positive and supportive nature.

Orville is preceded in death by his parents Jerome and Stella Hecksel; brother Virgil Hecksel.

Orville is survived by his loving family: fiance Cathy Duffney; children Josh (Heidi) Hecksel of St. Michael, Katie (Jeremy) Duerr of Winona, Emily (Jason Peterson) Hecksel of Excelsior, Zach Hecksel and fiancé Emilee Ward; grandchildren Tyler and Owen Hecksel, Ellie, Tristan and Asher Duerr, Stella and Emerson Peterson; sister LaVonne (Richard) Hoese of New Hope; sister-in-law Mavis Hecksel of Waconia; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Serving as casket bearers Orville's grandchildren. Arrangements with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia, 952-442-2121, www.johnsonfh.com.



Board members cited Rothstein's experience in making the selection.





4-Hers take aim at state shooting event

Sports & Wildlife Invitational was held Sept. 10-12 in Alexandria with 458 youth from 46 counties taking part in shooting events, wildlife calling and conservation displays.

Youth had the opportunity to showcase the skills they learned throughout the past year, having spent a minimum of 15 hours working with a trained instructor in their discipline of interest, such as BB gun, air rifle. air pistol, .22 rifle, muzzle loading, trap and archery.

Carver County shooting sports and wildlife team representatives included Saoirse Thompson, T.J. Meuleners, Frank Sucansky and Kathryne Stelten. unteer as an instructor.

The Minnesota 4-H State Shooting The team practiced indoors in the winter and spring in the New Germany Town Hall and outdoors at the Carver County Sportsmen's Club.

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program began in the 1980s and has grown to more than 5,000 youth members and 500 adult leaders. Adults can become certified discipline instructors by attending a weekend workshop and instructing youth in their local com-

Visit University of Minnesota Extension online at https://extension.umn.edu/ to learn more about the program. Contact Carver County 4H staff at kvatter@ umn.edu or 952-466-5304 to join or vol-



Carver County state shoot participants Saoirse Thompson, T.J. Meuleners, Frank Sucansky and Kathryne Stelten. (Submitted photo)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TEDDY REAR PICNIC

OCTOBER 2 - Nate Matousek State Farm Agency is excited to bring the Teddy Bear Band back to Waconia for a free family event open to all. Picnic lunch served tarting at noon at City Square Park, followed by a performance from The Teddy Bear Band from 12:30-1:15 p.m. Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs for the picnic. and your best dance moves for the music!

ST. PAUL'S HERITAGE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 3 – St. Paul Lutheran Church of Watertown is inviting

the public to its annual Heritage Festival Sunday, Oct. 3. Church services will be held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A chicken dinner from Hillcrest Café of Norwood young America will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Advance sales at a discount are available at the church (505 Westminster Ave SW) or by calling 952 955-1498. Advance tickets must be purchased by Sunday, Sept. 26. Tickets will also be available at the door. In addition to the dinner and church service, there will be a wine pull, silent auction, and games for chil-

SVA BEER & BINGO

OCTOBER 3 – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an important time to recognize, honor, and support victims and survivors of domestic violence. On Sunday, Oct. 3 from 2-5 p.m., Southern Valley Alliance is partnering with Schram Haus Brewery and the Chaska Lions to host Brews & Bingo for Southern Valley Alliance. This fun-filled event includes 11 rounds of bingo, prizes, and a food truck. All Bingo proceeds support Southern Valley Alliance. Southern Valley Alliance (SVA) is a non-profit organization

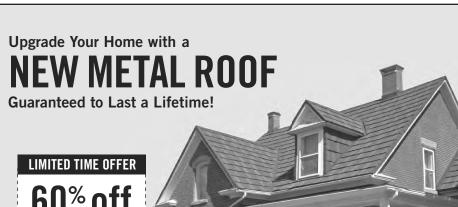
that provides services and support for victims of domestic violence in Scott and Carver counties. For more information or to get help, please connect with Southern Valley Alliance at www.svamn.org or by calling (952) 873-4214.

4-H OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 5 – Carver County 4-H is hosting an open house on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, 11360 Hwy 212 W, Cologne. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the 4-H program and meet current members. For more information, contact mnext-carver@umn.edu or call 952-466-5300. https://z. umn.edu/carver4-h. 4-H empowers youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

FALL FESTIVAL IS BACK!

OCTOBER 9 - Local Girl Scouts are hosting their popular Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the Carver County Fairgrounds, 501 West 3rd Street, Waconia. \$2 per child for 10 game tickets (additional tickets can be purchased for \$1). Food shelf donations accepted for additional tickets (up to



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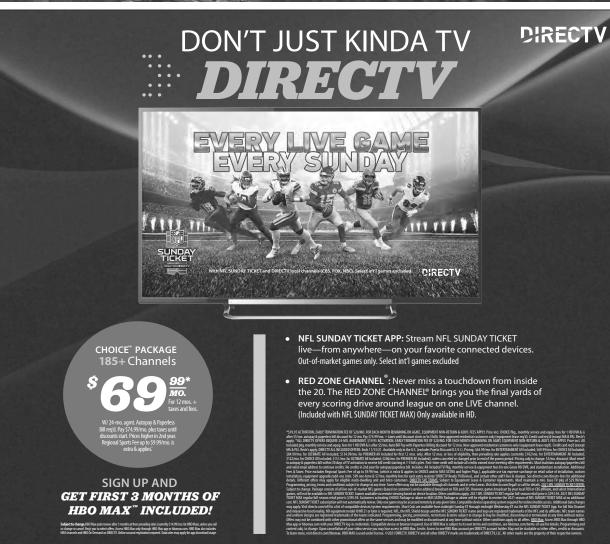
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= DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH ELSIE MACHTEMES =

10 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

MAN OF VISION: Robert E. Swanson is retiring after serving the Waconia community with eye care needs for over 38 years. An open house will be held at 560 Maple Street Suite 110 in Waconia in October.

Trinity Lutheran School in Waconia was recognized as a National Exemplary Lutheran School for the year 2011-12 Trinity was one of seven schools to get this honor.

Waconia Lions club members Howard Lake, Gary Nordick and Mike Werner donated dictionaries to the 3rd grade class at St. Joe's Catholic School in Waconia.

The Department of Public Safety has appointed 13 members to the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force. Michael Berger of Waconia is one of them.

Mayer- Carl Melichar, an artist living in Mayer, will be featured in the Minneapolis Art Schools magazine for the second time.

The Waconia high School girls' basketball team has a new coach in Carl Pierson. He replaces Tom Doyscher who was the head coach at Waconia from 1997 to 2010.

Waconia High School celebrated homecoming last week. Twins Alex Schmitt and Laura Schmitt were crowned king and queen. In an interesting note, their parents, Pam (Schuler) and Chuck Schmitt were homecoming royalty at Waconia in 1977.

25 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 26, 1996

A Carver County survey shows that there is strong interest in maintaining the rural character of the rural areas of the county.

Some dreams are not lost along the way. John Marsden, Waconia pharmacist and president of the Waconia Baseball Association, is a sports nut. With help from community and busi-

ness his dream of having a new baseball field is becoming a reality. The field is located at Brook Peterson Park, next to Waconia High School. It will be used starting next year.

Tom Gerding and Nicole Decker were crowned king and queen at the Waconia High School homecoming. The crowns were handed over by last year's king and queen Mike Peoples and Molly Bailey.

Disease Control: Pam Schulz, Waconia resident and the disease control and prevention director for Carver County says she does not want people to become complacent about immunizations. "When we let our guard down many diseases will develop or reocur." She stated. "We can be proud that we live in the state of Minnesota and Carver County. It is a leader in immunization laws."

IN UNIFORM: Pvts. Sam and Joe Meyer, sons of Deb and Greg Meyer, Waconia, completed their advanced combat engneering training at Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. They belong to the Army National Guard Unit at Hutchinson, Minn. Navy Seaman Recruit Jeremiah Hocutt, son of John R. and Liz Hocutt of Waconia, completed U. S. Navy basic training at Great Lakes. Ill.

50 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 30, 1971

Waconia Mayor Karl Gramith, Ridgeview Hospital Administrator John Devins and Hospital Board President Werner Thom were among others present for the groundbreaking of the Waconia Ridgeview addition construction

Waconia Nursery School, Inc. is beginning the second yar. The school is in session four days a week and is held at the Waconia Moravian Church. Several locals attend including Christopher Hanson, Michael Rock, Kelly Haegle, Kathleen Howe, David Cris-

lip, David Melchert, Katey Gorres and David Fischer.

Four Waconia residents have so far filed for city offices. They are: Walter W. Schmakel, Edgar Winkel, Hubert Kelzer and Wally Otto.

The Waconia Trinity Lutheran Sunday School staff have been named. Among them are: Barbara Hilk, Mrs. Jacqueline Schneewind, Mrs. Loretta Stahlke, Mr. Marlin Meyer, Mrs. Irene Bender and Mrs. Jan Russell. Helpers will be Barbara Melchert, Carol Melchert, Linda Meyer, Sue Reif, and Carol aBrolsma.

Cologne – Mr. and Mrs. William Eggers of Cologne, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Pearl Ann to Mr. Chuck Beckland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beckland of Waconia. No wedding date has been set.

75 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 26, 1946

The Waconia Flour Mills truck was hit by an east bound M & St. L train. Leo Maiser, who was in the cab when the train hit the truck, sustained a few minor bruises and scratches.

Fifty cases of top quality eggs from the Waconia Farm Store were shipped by express direct to the New York market by Charles Machtemes, Jr. A recent installation at the Waconia Farm Store is an electronically operated machine that grades eggs into six or seven grades. Persons are invited to see the new equipment. Orders have been placed for other automated equipment by Mr. Machtemes of the Waconia Farm Store, but with all the labor difficulties in the industrial centers and the demand, it will be many months before any additional equipment is secured.

Mayer -Louis Honebrink, 20 years old, of the Mayer 4-H club, has been selected by the County Agriculteral agent Don Morse as the 4-H boy with the most outstanding long-time

achievement record. Louis has completed seven years. Louis' brother Curtis and sister Eunice are active 4-H members too

New Germany - A seven pound and 7 ounce baby boy was born to Pfc. And Mrs. Earl Stieve on Monday afternoon.

The Pleasant Valley 4-H Club met. The yearly election was held. Officers are: Gordon Luebke, Darlene Raether, Lois Luebke, Bernice Luebke Delores Luebke and Mary Ann Raether.

100 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 29, 1921

The Waconia Sorghum Mills, said to be one of the largest sorghum plants in the country, has started grinding cane and will have the largest out-put of its history this year.

Want a recipe for home brew? Chase a bull frog three miles and gather up the hops; to the hops add the following—10 gallons tan bark, 1 pint shellac, a bar of homemade soap, boil mixture 36 hours, then strain through an I. W. W. sock to keep it from working, then bottle and add one grasshopper to each pint to give it the kick.

Waconia City Ordinances: it shall be unlawful for any person to spit, expectorate, deposit or place any sputum, spittle, saliva phlegm or tobacco juice upon any part of any sidewalk, crosswalk or curb in the City of Waconia, or on the floor of any vehicle, theatre, or church. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump any manure, garbage or vegetable matter at any place within the City of Waconia whatsoever, except at a place that has been designated. Any person in violation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding three months.

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Bus driver shortage impacts more than school day

BY AL LOHMAN

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The lack of available school bus drivers has been well-documented in local and national news reports, and "We're hiring" signs are plastered to the sides of buses and on billboards in almost every school district.

The issue is becoming even more pronounced with afterschool events.

Athletic directors and transportation providers around the state have reported challenges in getting students to and from games and meets, and Waconia is no exception.

"We are short on drivers as well and have had to move departure times on several activities," said Brian Koch, owner and driver with Koch Bus Service in Waconia.

Tiered bus schedules have helped with getting students to and from school, and Koch says the local bus company has been able to cover all routes utilizing office staff, mechanics and substitute drivers.

"Our entire staff has stepped up and is helping above and beyond, and it is greatly appreciated," he said.

When it comes to afterschool transportation, remedies often call for even more creative options, even

ride sharing. It may be sharing a bus with another team or even another school, rounding up vans and van drivers, or leaning on parents to pick up the slack and their car keys.

As reported in the Minneapolis StarTribune, the Blaine school district had a volleyball team scheduled to play at a north metro school that was also the destination of Anoka's tennis team. With only one bus available, the two teams shared the ride.

Other districts have reported training staff on utility vans or have asked families for help transporting students.

"In Waconia, we have had times when two teams from different sports have ridden the same bus to different locations," Koch said. "Coaches, players, athletic directors, and parents have been very understanding and accommodating, for which we are grateful."

"We also remain grateful for the partnership we have with Koch Bus Company and for everyone at ISD 110 who is doing everything they can to get our students where they need to be," said School Superintendent Pat Devine.

Meanwhile, Koch Bus is hiring for mornings and afternoons.

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Pictured is the Koch Bus Service facility. A bus driver shortage is hitting hard nationwide, including here in Waconia. (File photo)





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Wildcats battle Hawks down to the wire

BY JAMES STITT

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The Waconia football team nearly toppled a second ranked opponent Friday night, taking the No. 7 ranked Chaska Hawks down to the wire. The Wildcats kept to the undefeated Hawks scoreless for almost the entire game, only for Chaska to find the winning score with just 21 seconds on the clock to beat Waconia 7-0.

The Wildcat defense kept a Hawks offense that had scored 33 in one game and 41 in another off the scoreboard for almost the entire game, with a toe-tapping catch that was a blade of grass away from being out of bounds the only score on the night. Waconia held Chaska to under 4 yards per carry on the ground and the Hawks only eclipsed 100 yards passing on the final drive.

Gage Mueller and Max McEnelly were a disruptive duo with 23 combined

tackles and two sacks, while Aaron Hayes made 10 stops and recovered a fumble. Alex Riley had eight tackles, Jorge Toledo had five stops, Josh Wagener took down four ball calliers, Aidan Chambundabongse and Sam Koppi each tallied two tackles. Also making stops was Blake Simonson, Tanner Schmidt, Kalvin Larson, Koen Balmer and Bo Schmieg.

Some big passes from Aaron Young to Owen Amrhein, as well as a 29 yard run by Max McEnelly had Waconia in the redzone a couple of times, but the 'Cats could not find paydirt in a defensive battle. Young passed for 56 yards, hitting Amrhein three times for 30 yards, while McEnelly rushed for 61 yards.

Waconia travels to Bloomington Jefferson Oct. 1 before returning home to take on Chanhassen Oct. 8.

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HOMECOMING

Wildcats repeat as tourney champs

Swimming and diving team wins Milaca Invite once again

BY JAMES STITT patriotsports@apgecm.com

Once again the Waconia swimming and diving team returns from the Milaca Invitational with a championship trophy, as the 'Cats repeat as champs for the fourth time, defeating five other schools while racing past the second place team with 150 more points (404.5 to 252).

"We knew Cathedral and Foley, who we'll see at the State Meet, would be tough competition, but we ran away with the victory at the end of the meet," said coach Ashley Westphal.

The Wildcats started the Sept. 25 competition with a bang, winning the 200 yard medley relay in record fashion. The team of Jerica Warrington, Ella Swanson, Abigail Voelker and Julia Bartell set the pool record with a time of 1 minute, 53.86 seconds

The 200 IM was the best event for the Wildcats in the



first half of the meet with Claire Canfield, Hailey Stotko, Voelker and Swanson going 2-3-4-6 (2:20.52, 2:27.73, 2:27.76, 2:29.42).

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Amalia Schaefer had an incredible day, highlighted

by dropping over a second in her 100 butterfly (1:04.23) in order for her and teammate Abigail Voelker (1:01.98) to start off the break by going 1-2 for the Wildcats.

Julia Bartell set a pool re-

cord and won the 100 freestyle with a time of 53.90 and won the 50 freestyle as well (24.69).

The 100 backstroke was by far the Wildcats best event of the night. Not only did Jerica Warrington win the event in a pool record time (59.73), her teammates, Canfield (1:04.20), Laura Stockinger (1:08.15) and Madeline Schaefer (1:08.51) went 2-5-6 to solidify first place for the 'Cats.

In addition to being on the winning 200 medley relay team, Warrington won three more events. Warrington took first place in the 200 freestyle (1:58.42), the 100 backstroke (59.73) and teamed up with Voelker, Grotbo and Canfield to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:48.55).

"Senior captain Jerica Warrington showed great leadership by going 4-for-4 on top times and showed what it is like to be a true competitor against tough competition," said Westphal.

Waconia had several second place finishes as well, with Grotbo placing second in the 500 freestyle (5:41.22), Swanson taking second in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.57) and the 200 freestyle relay team of Bartell, Canfield, Grotbo and Lucy Elg finishing second as well. (1:44.55)

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The Waconia swimming

and diving team won every swimming event when taking on the Eagles Sept. 21, cruising to victory over a young team.

"We were able to mix our lineup up a big and find success in other races," said Westphal.

The 200 medley relay team of Voelker, Canfield, Bartell and Warrington kicked off the meet with a first-place finish of 1:57.00. The Wildcats also had the fastest times in the other two relays as the 200 freestyle team of Stockinger, Schaefer, Sabol, Bartell posted a time of 1:49.08 and the 400 freestyle relay team of Stockinger, Elg, Sabol, Voelker posted a time of 4:06.29.

Sabol (59.90) led a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 freestyle, with Stotko in second (1:00.32) and Stockinger in third (1:02.71). Waconia had another 1-2-3 finish in the 100 backstroke with Warrington (1:00.02), Grotbo (1:10.64) and Mallory Haas (1:14.64).

Bartell led a pair of 1-2 finishes, winning the 50 free-style (24.77) and the 100 but-terfly (59.42), with both Warrington (25.79) and Voelker (1:01.74) in second place.

Grotbo won the 200 free-style (2:09.47), Canfield won the 200 IM (2:21.76) and Swanson had the fastest time in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.57).

Divers Amalia Schaefer and Emily Kray posted their top scores of the season with 150.45 and 133.60 points.

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HOMECOMING

Waconia wins two matches on the court

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After a busy stretch that saw the Waconia volleyball team play seven matches in 6 days, the Wildcats got some time off to work on their game, and the improvement showed with two wins last week.

"With three days of practice last week and four days of practice the week before, we were able to spend a lot of time on skill-development," said coach Katie Keogh. "During previous weeks we had made a list of things we wanted to work on, but with so many matches we didn't have a lot of time for that. Last week allowed us a lot of practice time to slow down and focus on some more technical aspects of our game."

Waconia started the week with a sweep of conference opponent Bloom25-12, 25-13 and 25-14. The 'Cats then swept Buffalo with set wins of 25-15, 25-20 and 25-21.

"We played well last week," said Keogh. "Our team competed to the level that we wanted to against both Bloomington Kennedy and Buffalo. Our players were very focused, and they did a nice job of setting specific goals and working toward them this week."

After spending much of the season on the road, the Wildcats finish up the final stretch of the season with five home games over the next few weeks, including an Oct. 4 meeting with St. Michael-Albertville and an Oct. 12 meeting with Chanhassen, which is Dig Pink BY JAMES STITT night – an effort to donate to the Sideout Foundation, which supports breast cancer research.

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Fletcher Killian leaps over a shot from Travis Reighard as the Wildcats battle Orono. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

Waconia wins close games on pitch

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The Waconia boys soccer team had a busy week, going 2-1-1 in a series of close matches that were all decided by one goal. The Wildcats kicked off the week with a pair of wins over Breck and Bloomington Kennedy, before a loss to Orono and a tie with Shakopee.

Waconia erased a 1-0 first half deficit with a pair of second half goals to defeat Breck 2-1 Sept. 20.

Jacob Krugerud and Jacob Charbonneau both found the back of the net with Sam Kaeding and Asher Johnson delivering the as-

The 'Cats returned to action the following day and earned another one-goal win, defeating Bloomington Kennedy 4-3. Travis Reighard and Cooper Burman both had a goal and an assist in the win, with Nick Hayes and Josh Foley also scoring. Kaeding and Charbonneau each had an assist as well.

Waconia was able to tie the game in the second half when taking on Orono Sept. 24, with Kaeding assisting Burman on a clutch goal, but a late penalty kick doomed the 'Cats in the rivalry game that saw the Spartans win 2-1.

The Wildcats capped off the week with a 0-0 tie Saturday in Shakopee, with Evan White stopping 10 shots to keep the Sabres off the scoreboard. White finished the week with 37 saves in four games.

Wildcats lace up to win sophomore race

BY JAMES STITT

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The Waconia girls took first place in the 10th grade race at the Milaca Mega Meet Sept. 25, led by a second place finish from Amelia Herold, who posted a time of 19 minutes, 42.7 seconds. Herold was followed by Emily Gustafson Waconia (21:30.5, 8th), Erin Savitt (21:50.6, 13), Audrey Boberg (23:06.2, 41), Laney Meyer (23:19.6, 47), Kaasandra Thymian (23:25.3, 48) and Koller Madysen (24:49.5, 88).

The sophomore boys placed ninth at the meet Jack Ulrich Waconia (18:00.7, 9), Mason Beh-

rens (18:22.5, 20), Carben Dock (19:39.4, 66), Logan Melby (20:30.9, 111), Jason Shelley (22:34.0, 199) and Tobias Warrington (25:30.8, 272).

Representing the girls in the varsity race was Karli Holm (24:12.2), Annabelle Herold (24:41.7), Summer Donabauer (24:51.3),Elsa DeMars (25:12.4), Signe Aleckson (26:00.7) Bianca Llenera and (28:27.3).

Representing the boys in the varsity race was Mark Rud Waconia (17:29.7), Ryan Glaser (18:07.3 and Lukas Johnson (18:57.7).

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Waconia girls tennis team gets first win

Wildcats get breakthrough win after series of close matches to start 2021

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The Waconia girls tennis team got the program's first win, defeating Robbinsdale Copper 7-0 on Sept. 21.

"We were all ecstatic," said Allison Bloem. "It was just such a fun moment."

Not only did the Wildcats get their first win, they did so in dominant fashion, sweeping their opponent with wins in all seven varsity matches.

"I originally thought it was going to be close, but I started watching us and our confidence as a team and every point I kept thinking this is going to be it, this is going to be it," said coach Jeff Bessire. "Our fourth team came in with a win and I started getting really happy, then every other team came back with a win. So for that first win to not only be a 7-0, I technically call it an 8-0

because our fourth doubles that doesn't count for a point still won theirs, we call it a donut win where I provide our team with donuts because its an 8-0, 7-0 win. It's just something fun for the girls to be a part of because their first win is good, but they hold it over the boys team because their first win was 6-1, so they've got something that the boys don't have. I'm elated for the girls because it's all that hard work they put in. They finally got to see as a team how amazing it was to win."

All three doubles teams won and continued to churn out points for the 'Cats as Avery Heyer and Ashley Bryfczynski won 6-0, 6-0; Brianna Bollig and Mackena Forster won 6-0, 6-0; Chayse Saunders and Anna Braun won 6-0, 6-0.

"Our No. 1 and No. 2 doubles carry a lot of points for our team," said Bessire. "They have great communication together, are good friends, and within our own practices they battle each other for everything. They push each other to make themselves better and on days like this when they see someone hitting hard, they say, 'Well, I've seen this in practice.' So it's really nice to have that."

While the doubles teams have been getting a lot of the points this year, several singles players got their first win as Claudia Barambio won 6-0, 6-0; Allison Bloem won 6-0, 6-0; Rebeca Michels won 6-1, 6-1; Shelby Hagedorn won 6-0, 6-0.

"There are so many ranked opponents we're going through, who are playing national tournaments, so it's very difficult for them to come into it especially because they are by themselves," Bessire said of the singles players. "Whereas doubles is a little easier because you have someone to rely on and help you out and you only have to cover half the court. In singles you've now got a whole court to cover and it's just you, so it's a lot tougher. They've been improving every single day as well, so our top six singles players are getting better.'

The win is a long time coming as the Wildcats have been close to victory all season long with many close matches. Gone are the 7-0 losses from their first year, replaced with 4-3 losses in year two, and eventually a win.

"I've been pretty impressed," said Kaeth Ludford. "We played pretty well and everybody has just been up a lot more, even if we've been just slightly below [a win] - we lost a lot of games 3-4 - it's been really close. Numerically we've grown a lot, but even playing, just watching everyone get so much closer than last year. Everyone is almost at the level of other schools.'

The growth on the court has been aided by the team growing closer together. The team has bonded and found team chemistry, which is now paying off with wins on the court.

"We're able to really be one team instead of singles or doubles," said Bloem. "We're all just one big family.'

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It didn't take the Wildcats long to get their second win, as Waconia defeated the Cougars just a couple days after their first win.

The two singles wins came from Ludford (6-6 (70), 7-5) and Kate Davis (6-7, 6-2, 10-6), while Barambio won eight games and Bloem won



Claudia Barambio

The Wildcat doubles teams got wins from Ashley Bryfczynski and Avery Heyer (6-2, 6-1) and Brianna Bollig and Mackena Forster (6-3, 6-0), while Bella Hoxie and Ella Kunard won six games.

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Waconia defeats Orono in rivalry game

Wildcats get past Spartans after three consecutive ties with conference foe

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The Waconia and Orono girls soccer programs are two of the best in the state and have gone toeto-toe for the past few years. While the Wildcats and Spartans have both seen postseason success during this span, neither one has been able to get past the other with a series of ties. But on Thursday night, Waconia found a way to breakthrough with a 2-1 win.

"We've tied them the last 3 years, so it means everything to finally get a win," said Brynley Theis. "We really connected as a unit, and did not think individually."

Waconia got on the board first when Theis assisted Jenna Myhre for a first half goal and looked in control for much of the game, even when Orono

found the tying goal. The Wildcats kept their composure, resumed play quickly and before a minute passed, the 'Cats were back on top after Lydia Swanson found Theis for what proved to be the winning score.

Woyno always tells us to win the ball back in 30 seconds, so we knew we had to come out hard after they tied it up, so we put everything into it," said Theis.

The quick response to the goal allowed was set up after devising a strategy in practice.

"We're always working on set plays and Kendra Borland kept saying, 'Can we work on our kickoff plays because we're not sure exactly what is happening, we always end up going backwards, can we work on those set plays?" coach Ivan Woyno recounted. "So we talked

about if we give up a goal, how quickly can we counter and go the other way. So we've seen film and we see how they step, so we knew there would be a gap on the outside. So it was a short ball, a ball over the top to that gap, and when they shifted, we moved the ball to the other side. The girls are so focused right now, they're looking and wanting to elevate what we're doing and that's a very good thing."

Thursday night's win was the third game in a row Waconia has been able to find a way to win late, as they overcame a 2-0 deficit at Lakeville South to win 3-2 before a second-half game winner elevated them over Bloomington Kennedy (a 2-1 win with goals from Theis and Morgan Lyon, an assist from Adrienne Linehan).

"We've been talking all

season long about grit, talking about tenacity and talking about the fact that it's 80 minutes, and some games it's 90 minutes, and it has to be that way the entire time," said Woyno. "We've come back from 2-0, from 1-0, it doesn't matter whether the other team scores, we need to be ready, we need to be aggressive. They've bought into this, it's all about buying into this - how do I contribute? And in this case, it was how can I forget about this goal? It doesn't matter, we always think we're a goal down, even when we're winning 1-0 at half, we're thinking we're down 1-0. Let's get more aggressive. That helps. It's a mindset."

Waconia has started their first season in AAA and the Metro West Conference with an 8-0-1 record thanks to their depth and ability to utilize play-



Kennedie Dustin, Sami Lange and Jordan Grell celebrate the 2-1 win over Orono on Thursday. (James Stitt/The Patriot) ers at every level.

Wovno talked to us after the game that everyone has a role, so I think that the fact that everyone can embrace their role even when on they're not on the field is really good," said Theis.

"Or when they don't have as many minutes, they still play a part on this team," said Kaelyn Schmitt.

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Crusaders move to 17-0 with two more titles

Mayer Lutheran wins Class A Showcase, Farmington Tournament

The Mayer Lutheran volleyball team had a busy but successful stretch with 10 matches in 7 days, yet the Crusaders continued their unbeaten streak to start the season, moving to 17-0 with a pair of tournament wins. The Crusaders started the stretch by winning the Farmington Tournament, defeating Winona, Osseo, Andover and New Prague to take the trophy. Mayer Lutheran then went on to defeat Sibley East before winning the Class A Showcase with wins against MACCRAY, Lake of the Woods, Henning, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton and Minneota.

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 WINONA O

The Crusaders kicked off the Farmington tournament with a sweep of Winona (25-6, 25-8).

"Great start to the tournament," said coach Joelle Grimsley.

Emma Lade led the team with 15 assists and added two kills. Lilly and Gabby Wachholz led the attack with seven kills each. Madeline Guetzkow had six digs and three kills, Stella Maass had three kills, Amber Hoese and Julia Carns both had two.

Brooke Sauter went 10/10 when serving, Lade was 21/21 and Maass was 7/7.

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 OSSEO O

The Crusaders returned to action to sweep the Orioles as well (25-13, 25-8).

"The Crusaders came out strong and did not let up throughout this match," said Grimsley.

Gabby Wachholz led the team with seven kills, while Maass, Hoese and Buhr each had two each.

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 ANDOVER 0

After two convincing wins to start the tourney, the Crusaders had a battle with the Huskies. The first set was a battle front row. back and forth with Andover. Lilly and Gabby Wachholz each had four kills while Julia Carns led defensively at the net with two stuff blocks. Lade ran an effective offense with 11 set assists as the Crusaders took the set 25-11.

In the second set, the Crusaders kept the pressure on and won 25-18. Lilly Wachholz was a force at the net with eight kills while the Crusader defense overall stepped up their level of play.

Lade facilitated the offense with 28 assists and two kills. Lilly Wachholz had 12 kills and six digs, while Gabby Wachholz had seven and five. Guetzkow added four kills and five assists, Maass had three kills and three digs, Carns had three kills and three blocks, Martin had three kills and Sauter had four digs.

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 NEW PRAGUE 0

The Crusaders continued to win in the championship match, taking down New Prague with a 2-0 win (25-17, 25-17).

"This was a fun hard fought match where the Crusaders played at a high level and did not make many mistakes," said Grimsley. "We are constantly trying to play smarter than our opponents and not give them many opportunities to capitalize on our mistakes. The Crusaders defense is continuing to improve which gives our setters some options up front.'

In the first set, Lilly Wachholz led with three kills while Guetzkow and Maass each had four digs. Lade was able to add up seven assists and did a great job of spreading out the offense.

In the second set, the Crusaders kept up the intensity and Gabby Wachholz led the team with four digs while Lilly Wachholz got a strong five kills in the

The Crusaders capped off the busy day with a championship trophy and an almost perfect performance when serving the ball.

"It was a great bonding day for the Crusaders and they kept a high level of play going throughout the day," said Grimsley. "Our said Grimsley. serving as a team was the best it has been so far this season."

Lilly Wachholz had eight kills, four blocks, three digs; Guetzkow had three kills, four assists, five digs; Gabby Wachholz had five kills and six digs; Maass had four kills and six digs; Lade had 20 assists; Sauter had five digs; Carns had five kills.

MAYER LUTHERAN 3 SIBLEY EAST 0

After a few days off, the Crusaders returned to conference play with a sweep of Sibley East (25-11, 25-9, 25-19).

"The Crusaders played a strong match tonight," said Grimsley. "We're working on staying consistent and playing at a high fast level of play.

Lade led the team with 18 assists; Sauter had nine digs; Maass had nine digs and four kills; Lilly Wachholz had seven kills; Gabby Wachholz had seven kills and three digs; Hoese had four assists and three digs; Danica Martin had five kills.

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 MACCRAY 0

The Crusaders returned to tournament play Sept. 24 and overcame a sluggish start to sweep MACCRAY (25-18, 25-21).

"We were able to concentrate on our defense and push through our errors," said Grimsley. 'MACCRAY out hustled us for the first set."

Lilly Wachholz had 10 kills and six digs; Maass had five kills and three digs; Guetzkow had four kills and five assists; Gabby Wachholz had four kills and 11 digs; Lade had 21 assists and four digs; Carns had five kills; Sauter had three digs.

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 LAKE OF THE WOODS O

The Crusaders moved on to face Lake of the Woods in the second match of the showcase, overcoming a slow start to win 25-18 and 25-21.

Crusaders "The started a bit slowly but were able to find their rhythm by picking up their play defensively,' said Grimsley. "Amber Hoese came in and did a great job with three kills and two assists along with her 7 - 8 serving today.'

Gabby Wachholz had six kills and four digs; Wachholz had Lilly three kills and two digs; Buhr had two kills and a block: Guetzkow had one kill and three digs; Lade had 12 assists; Sauter had three digs; Carns had three kills: Martin had two kills; Maass had two

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 HENNING O

The Crusaders continued to win with a 2-0 sweep of Henning (25-14, 25-13).

"Overall a good game - played together and involved all hitters in this match," said Grimsley.

Lade dished out 13 assists, Sauter had six digs and Lilly Wachholz had eigh kills. Gabby Wachholz had 10 kills and four digs, while Guetzkow had one kill, seven assists and three digs.

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 RUSSEL TYLER RUTHTON

The Crusaders battled RTR in the semifinals, putting together several rallies to cruise on to the championship with wins of 25-11 and 25-

"The Crusaders came in and ran a fast effective offense in this match," said Grimsley. "They were able to keep errors down and go on several runs. It was ex-



Lilly Wachholz and Emma Lade earn All-Tournament Team honors and Wachholz earned the tourney MVP. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

citing to see the team play so well in all areas."

Guetzkow had three kills, five assists and three digs; Carns had three kills and two blocks; Lade had 18 assists; Lilly Wachholz had nine kills; Gabby Wachholz had seven kills; Maass had four kills.

MAYER LUTHERAN 2 MINNEOTA 1

The Crusaders came out and played very flat in the championship match, falling 25-22 in the first set.

"Minneota is a fast explosive team and they had just come off a three set win over Canby," said Grimsley. "We made a few runs here and there but could not get into anything consistent. They kept us out of system and ran a fast offense."

The Crusaders rebounded with a 25-14 win in set two.

'We made a couple of changes, mostly in our energy level," said Grimsley. "We were able to come out and move fast and run through the ball. Our server receive played much better in this set so we were able to stay in system. Emma and Madeline were able to move the ball around effectively and we did not make many mistakes in this set."

The Crusaders were never behind, but could not pull away from the Vikings, though they eventually won 15-12 to win the Class A Showcase.

"We would get up two and side out," said Grimsley. "The pressure was very good for the Crusaders to feel. It was exciting to see how we finished the set, on the attack. I felt like this was a great challenge for us today.'

In addition to the tourney win. Lilly Wachholz and Emma Lade were both nominated to the All Tournament Team and Lilly was nominated as the MVP of the Class A Showcase Tournament.

MAYER LUTHERAN/LPWHT CROSS COUNTRY

The Mayer Lutheran/LPWHT cross country team traveled to Glencoe-Silver Lake Sept. 23 for the Caty Delwiche Invite, where Addison Hoof took first place with a time of 19 minutes, 14.7 seconds to lead the girls. She was followed by Miranda Mallak (20:46.2, 2), Jessa Heimerl (22:10.4, 7), Brooke Heimerl (24:38.7, 24), Anah Lee (24:57.6, 27) and Kara Lee (26:34.6, 36). Representing the boys was Connor Meyer (19:27.6, 15), Colby Reading (21:34.9, 35), Andy Ruwersma (22:31.2, 38), Josh Hecksel (24:00.2, 42) and Luke Erdman (25:28.0, 47).

Crusaders win third consecutive football game

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BY JAMES STITT

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With both teams dealing with injuries, one of the refreshing things Friday night was that both Mayer Lutheran and Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton got out of the matchup without further setbacks.

"We played a very JWP football voung team, they had a few key injuries and are dealing with smaller numbers,' said coach Dean Aurich. "It was good to see both teams stay healthy.'

Injuries were the story leading up to the game, with Mayer Lutheran down a couple of starting running backs. But the flip side of dealing with injuries is that other players get to step up, and that was what Friday night was about. The Crusaders moved several people to different positions and after a 21-0 start, lots of different players got to see playing time in the 36-0

"Overall we did pretty good, from our starters all the way down to the JV team," said Isaac

With different combinations on offense this year, the Crusaders have changed their method of attack each week, whether it be an aerial attack or punishing ground game. In their first three drives Friday, Mayer Lutheran showed it can get to the endzone anyway they choose. The opening drive saw Mayer Lutheran drive the ball down the field with some big runs before Ty Hoese hit Teigan Martin in the corner of the endzone for a score, Cole Neitzel then ripped off a 39 yard run for a touchdown before Hoese launched a deep ball to Abram Jopp for a 45 yard TD that had the Crusaders up 21-0 in the first quarter.

"There's not really a weak point at all," Martin said of the balanced offense. "We've got halfbacks, we've got receivers, we have a great QB and line too.'

From that point on, the Crusaders rolled out a lot of different players, including a lot of young players.

"It's a lot of fun to watch them and encourage them," Hahn said.
"It's very promising for the years to come.'

In total, 10 Crusaders gained yards on offense and 15 players made atleast one tackle.

"We showed how many guys we have behind our starters that can really play," said Martin.

In the ground game, six runners carried the ball for a total of 175 yards – Hoese, one rush for 20 yards; Elijah Jopp, two carries for 33 yards; Connor Olsen, three for 12; Jack Grimsley, seven for 35 and a touchdown; Nate Pawelk, five for 23 and a touchdown; Cole Neitzel, four for 52 and a touchdown.

Hoese was 4/6 passing with Abram Jopp catching one pass for 45 yards and a score, Blake Aurich catching an 11 yard pass (from Connor Olsen), Caden Robbins catching a 3 yard pass on a two-point conversion, and Martin catching two passes for 24 yards and a score.

Caden Robbins led the team in tackles with seven, Grimsley had five, Blake Aurich had four, Michael Corey had three, Elijah Jopp and Chris Corrigan each had two. Also recording stops were Abram Jopp, Connor Olsen, Jordan Taylor, Tyler Neitzel, Brayden Bury, Chad Heinlein, Hahn, Marcus Johnson and Cole Neit-

In addition to leading the team in tackles, Robbins had the catch of the night. After a mishap on the PAT attempt, the Crusaders scrambled and Hoese lofted the ball to the back of the endzone, where Robbins made a juggling catch for the two-point score.



Caden Robbins makes a juggling catch. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

drop, then I thought he might have it, then for sure it was a drop," Martin said. "Then he caught it."

With the win, the Crusaders have won three in a row to move to 3-1 on the year.

"We're working through some problems, but at the end of the day we're marching through," said Hahn.

Mayer Lutheran moves on to face Alden Conger Saturday, and

"I thought it was a the Crusaders hope to get a bit healthier as the season progresses.

"We are still working on getting our full starting lineup on the field," said Dean Aurich. "Looks like Dylan Nelson will start to see more playing time as his knee is getting better daily. Sam Dennis will hopefully be back for play-

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Crusaders go to overtime with Mound Westonka Mayer Lutheran girls lead nearly entire game after goals from Green

BY JAMES STITT

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The Mayer Lutheran girls soccer team played a great game when hosting Mound Westonka Sept. 21, but found themselves on the wrong side of a 3-2 overtime loss.

"Our girls played fantastic, they gave absolutely everything they had," said coach Keith Traska. "We knew Traska. Mound Westonka was going to be good and I thought our marking was fantastic, it really took away a lot of their goal scoring opportunities. Liz Lenzen, our goalie, she did a fantastic job stopping so many of their shots. Our defense overall didn't really give up any difficult goals, until late in the game. That goal with 2 minutes left was kind of killer, one of those gut punches where it hurt,

but at the same time, we had been weathering the storm the whole time."

The Crusaders played with the lead for much of the game, thanks to a pair of goals by Marsia Green. Just minutes into the game, Green met the goalkeeper outside of the box and won the battle for the ball, eventually getting a shot off into the empty net. Then in the second half, after the Whitehawks tied the game, Green got loose again on a long ball and beat the keeper in a 1-on-1 situation. While the Crusaders did not win the possession battle, which has been tough this year as they take on much larger schools, the quick counters gave them a 2-1 lead heading into the final moments of the game.

"That's what were getting after, marking up carefully and then we're going to pick our times, if we can get through balls or stuff over the top to Marsia, we're definitely going to do it," said Traska. "Against some teams, we can work our way up the field a little better, and that's what our gameplan is built around - let's control it when we can, but when we get quick strike opportunities we want to take it. You don't have to win a game by possessing the ball the entire time, you just need to put the ball in the back of the net." The other half of doing well in games where the other team wins the possession battle is the pressure from the defense. Mound Westonka controlled the ball for much of the game, yet there were not too many scoring opportunities, thanks in part to some inspired play off the bench.

"We make it a point that everybody plays, so we expect our bench players to come in and they've it up with everybody they got to keep giving what we've been bringing," said Traska. "Bethany Saugs and Kate Strickfaden in our two midfield spots, they come in and they battle. They're only seventh graders but boy they get in there and mix

can. Holly Feist, shes our goalie for JV, but she's one of our bench players for varsity and she comes in and brings a ton of energy, grit and you want her to fly around to the ball and that's all you can ask for. You just see the heart our players play with, whether they're a starter or bench player, they all play with that determination and that's what makes them so fun to coach.'

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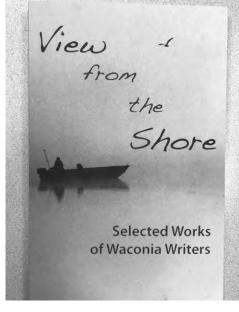
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Fri., Oct 1	vs. Bloomington Jefferson @ Bloomington Stadium, 7pm						
Sat., Oct 2			vs. Southwest Christian @ Southwest Christian High School, 2pm				
Mon., Oct 4		vs. Saint Michael- Albertville @ Waconia High School, 7pm		vs. Saint Michael- Albertville @ Waconia High School, 7pm			Section Play-in Round, vs. TBD @ TBD, 4pm
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FROM LEFT: Jen Anderson, local author and promoter for the Waconia Writers Group is pictured. (Photo by Al Lohman) "View from the Shore," is the Waconia Writers Group published anthology. (Submitted

Group offers environment for writers to flourish

BY AL LOHMAN

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Did you know that there is a trove of writers in Waconia? Or that maybe you are one?

Group is a place for established and budding writers to share, read, discuss, celebrate and encourage their work. The group has been in place since 2014 and has restarted regular meetings at the Waconia

Library after limitations due to the pandemic. Saturday, Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m., in the magazine corner at the library.

Local author Jen An-The Waconia Writers derson calls herself a moting the group. "daydreamer, traveler, adventurer, music apimagination junkie...and a writer since she began scribbling short stories shortly after learning how to hold a pencil."

She's also the web-Their next meeting is this the Waconia Writers' Group, and was on the boulevard at Nickle Dickle Day with information and works pro-

"No matter where you are at with your writing preciator, book hoarder, you have a place with us," Anderson said.

There are about 15 writers who have attended meetings in the past, according to Anderson. She calls the group a platform for writing colleagues to explore writing works and options, work on writing projects and do critiques, and exercise their craft. For example, a meeting might include a writing prompt like a sentence or brief passage that provides a starting point for an original essay, a topic idea, or a prompt to take a story and turn it into a fairytale.

Anderson would welsite content author for come the last writing prompt.

She says her writing interest goes to the fantastical world and science fiction. She has published a book of poetry which she prefaces "For the dreamers..." and is currently working on what she calls a "post-apocalyptic pirate adventure."

Her favorite writers are science fiction authors and she notes that to make a living as an sci-fi is a genre growing in popularity. Maybe it's because of the times we are in – a pandemic, climate change events of floods and fire, political unrest and anxiety. Regardless, science fiction takes familiar elements then mixes in speculation about the future and where our society might end up, good or excites the imagination.

be a fantasy or science fiction writer to join the Waconia Writers Group. Anderson notes there are other creative writers in the group with a focus on other genres, as well as non-fiction writers working on essays or memoirs.

a published author to

There aren't a lot of writers who are able author, Anderson acknowledges. She has a "day job" as an office support supervisor with Hennepin County's Human Services and Public Health Department.

But there are more opportunities than ever to be an author with a variety of self-publishing options, and the National Endowment for bad, which alarms and the Arts reports from Follow The Patriot on a recent survey that for Twitter @waconiapatriot

But you don't have to the first time in over a quarter-century literary reading has risen among adult Americans. More than half of survey respondents (58.4 percent) said they have been reading more since the pandemic. So maybe the start of a trend?

"The Waconia Library Nor do you have to be is glad to have this partnership with the Waconia Writers Group," said Paul Ericsson, branch manager. "Hosting a writers group is a natural fit with the Library's mission, vision and strategic plan."

> For more information about the Waconia Writers Group, go to www. waconiawriters.com. There is also anthology of selected works of Waconia writers published in 2020 called "View from the Shore.



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CITY OF WACONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED VACATION OF A TOWN ROAD RIGHT OF WAY IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FIELDS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of

Waconia, Minnesota, to consider the proposed vacation of a public town road right of way in the City of Waconia, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §412.851 and §462.358

described as follows: All that part of the 33 foot wide road depicted as T.360 on the map of WACONIA TOWN ROAD MAP, as recorded in the Carver County recorders office, lying within the South Half of the Northeast Quar-ter of Section 22, Township 116, Range 25, except the northerly 26.40 feet thereof.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the hearing will be held on October 4th, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. at which time and place the City Council, as required by law, will consider the proposed vacation and will hear all persons present who are affected by the vacation.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2021 By: Shane Fineran, City Administrator

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NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF CARVER DISTRICT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 10-PR-21-I47 Estate of Shirley E. Melchert, also known as Shirley Evelyn Melchert and Shirley Melchert, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on Wed., November 17, 2021, at 8:30 AM via ZOOM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 604 E. 4th St., Chaska, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, January 28, 1981, and separate writings under Minnesota Statutes section 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of John F. Melchert, whose address is 9735 Little Ave., Waconia, MN, 55387; Timothy C. Melchert, whose address is 9735 Little Ave., Wacoaddress is 375 Little Ave., Waco-nia, MN, 55387; and Theodore W. Melchert, whose address is 2324 Coldwater Crossing, Mayer, MN, 55360 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred

Dated: September 15, 2021 BY THE COURT

/s/ Michael Wentzell Judge of District Court
Dated: September 21, 2021

/s/ Mary P. Dalbec, Court Administrator Attorney for Petitioners P. David Melchert Melchert Hubert Sjodin, PLLP 121 West Main Street, Suite 200

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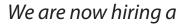
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