

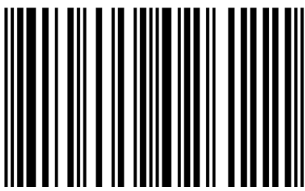
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5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 13 | 80°
Rain 15%
Wind W 4 mph
Sunny skies. High around 80F.
Winds light and variable.

Thu 14 | 81°
Rain 37%
Wind SSE 16 mph
Showers in the morning, then partly cloudy in the afternoon.
High 81F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Fri 15 | 85°
Rain 24%
Wind S 10 mph
Sunshine and clouds mixed.
High near 85F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.

Sat 16 | 86°
Rain 38%
Wind S 8 mph
Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 86F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Sun 17 | 80°
Rain 43%
Wind ESE 8 mph
Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High around 80F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Quote of the Week

You only pass through this life once; you don't come back for an encore.

— Elvis Presley

National Night Out

Local towns celebrate summers end with one last hurrah



National Night Out was celebrated at many of the area towns. Above is the Azby Band performing at Janesvilles Night out Thurs. August 7. (Journal Photos by Jordan Carrillo)

By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

As the summer months enter its final few weeks and families prepare themselves for the school year, local cities like Madison Lake, Eagle Lake, Janesville, and Elysian gather for one last hurrah.

Each town took part in the National Night Out campaign, an annual event celebrated by small towns throughout the country. It should be noted the tradition is usually held on the first Tuesday in August, but certain cities, like Janesville waited until Thursday to celebrate...albeit for good reason. Either way, each town welcomed scores of supporters ready to enjoy a summer evening...maybe the last one before school starts up again.

While many of these experiences centered around grilled food and a root beer float, each city provided a unique experience for its locals for their respective National Night Out. Eagle Lake collaborated with its Summer Sounds program for an eventful night at Lake Eagle Park that featured a goofy goat farm, some lovable puppies from Bella's House of Doodles, Jeremy Poland performing at the Pavillion, and some members

of Re/Max Dynamic slinging patties and dogs into the sun went down.

Little further down the road, Madison Lake had similar vibes with their National Night Out. This would be their third time hosting the event at North Shore Park and the third time partnering with the Greater Mankato chapter of United Way. United Way has served

local communities across the country for more than 90 years, and while the full history of Mankato's branch stems all the way to the Great Depression era of the 1930s, their goal has been to provide care and resources for citizens in their most dire situations. In 2011, the Greater Mankato Area branch merged with St Peter's branch and served four counties in



Lots of activities for everyone at National Night Out for the surrounding towns. (Journal Photos by Jordan Carrillo)

Southern Minnesota: Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Nicollet, and Waseca.

North Shore Park offered a variety of entertainment like engaging games, a playground and an entire lake to swim in...there were even a group of teenage boys fishing in the lake, but it's unclear if they ever hauled a scaly one home.

3 Hour Download would keep the nostalgic music flowing with an acoustic set, members of United Way hosted a book sale, Caricatures by Casey showcased some...exaggerated... sketches of a mother and daughter, a pairing of brothers and sisters, and two friends eager to see their goofily-drawn counterparts.

A small group of city workers, including Administrator Liz Wille, helped organize the National Night Out, but there was a lot more collaboration going on as the local Fire and Police Departments mingled with their friends and neighbors. Local businesses like the Landing, Latitude 44 Plumbing & Heating, and others would sponsor the event. All this teamwork and support is what the National Night Out is all about, and Wille was particularly grateful for all the hard work that goes into the evening, "This was a collaborative effort from the entire city. There are a lot of moving pieces to get something like this accomplished, and the local businesses, fire and police departments, and our volunteers banding together like this made all of it possible."

Similar to Madison Lake, Janesville took a unique approach to National Night Out by combining the event with another smalltown favorite—Music in the Park on August 7. Compared to NNO, Music in the Park is a relatively new event, but event runners Shelly and Paul Voges provided residents of Janesville plenty of reasons to gather and celebrate.

While Veterans Memorial Park is a vast space with newly acquired pickleball courts, the desire to "fill the space with music" was the driving force behind the Voges' decision to

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St. Clair City Council

Council receives updated construction schedule; agree to USDA loan for pumper truck

By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

While the preliminary stages of the Main Street and Schalow Drive projects have been ongoing for several weeks, the St. Clair City Council received more concrete information about the upcoming construction schedule.

Jeff Domras with Bolton and Menk provided a series of updates regarding the MSP. The gas line boring on the north side of the project zone was reported to be "nearly complete" with the south side soon to follow. Domras detailed these service lines would link directly up to the new utility mains. There had been a few complaints about the boring, which included Chief Fitzloff citing a "nicked water line" at his property, but the issue was currently being resolved between the appropriate parties.

While construction is underway for the Schalow Drive project, Domras noted that temporary water lines have been installed for residents in that area. The water had been tested and was "completely safe to drink" although he advised there may be an issue with the rubber piping if the temperatures "get too hot." Mayor More pondered if this temporary water usage would be metered and calculated toward the residents, but Janike advised she would tabulate an "average rate" for the affected residents. With three main lines being installed (water, sanitary, and storm), Domras estimated the entirety of the Schalow Drive project would take approximately six to eight weeks.

While the Schalow Drive project is the main priority for this construction year, Domras noted that a portion of Park Street North/CSAH 28 near the Post Office would have work done as early as August 18. BEC would notify affected residents about construction that would severely limit access to the area...residents may be able to access the Post Office on foot or approach from the North side of 28N. This project would require more attention according to Domras due to the "deeper utility lines to contend with" and gave a tentative timeline of early October to complete the project.

At their request, the Council advised Domras of colossal stones placed near Park Street N that were "obstructing drivers' view" of Main Street...

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Community Happenings

Taste of Time
Farmamerica
Aug 14 6-9pm

Summerfest
Pemberton
Aug 15-16

Scoops for a Cause
Elysian
Aug 16

FAITH Night
Waldorf
Aug 20 5:30-7pm

Classic Car Roll-In
Waldorf
Aug 22

City Council Mtg
Janesville
Sept 8 7pm

City Council Mtg
Pemberton
Sept 8 7pm

City Council Mtg
St. Clair
Sept 9

Janesville Food Shelf
Hours:
Thursdays 1-3 p.m.
Second Thurs. of month
6-7 p.m.
First & Third Sat. of
month 1-3 p.m.



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Virtual Author Event: Casey McQuiston

Bring an appetite for sizzling drama as bestselling author Casey McQuiston discusses their latest romantic comedy, The Pairing, at a virtual Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library System event at 6 pm on Wednesday, August 20th. In The Pairing, when two bisexual exes accidentally book the same European food and wine tour, they challenge each other to a hookup competition to prove they’re over each other—except they’re definitely not. Find out more about this culinary and romantic masterpiece that provides dual-perspectives of the exes—the first half from Theo’s point of view and the second half of the novel from Kit’s point of view.

Casey McQuiston is a bestselling author of romantic comedies, including One Last Stop, Red, White & Royal Blue, I Kissed Shara Wheeler, and The Pairing. Red, White & Royal Blue was adapted into an Amazon Prime movie.

This event will be recorded and people who register will be emailed a link to the recording. Register at the library or at wasecalesueurlibraries.com/getregistered

This event is made possible

by the voters of Minnesota through a grant provided by the Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. The event is held in coordination with Library Speakers Consortium and presented by Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library System.

Cook the Book

Visit Waseca Public Library to choose a recipe from the selected cookbook. Then bring the finished dish to Waseca Public Library on Thursday, August 21st at 12 pm, where the cooks will sample all the dishes and share their experiences. It’s a great way to meet people in the community, share cooking tips, and try out delicious food. Open to all cooking and baking skill levels!

The selected cookbook this session is: The Complete Salad Cookbook by America’s Test Kitchen.

Flower Crafts

Get ready for summer gardens with flower crafts at Elysian Area Library on Saturday, August 23rd at 10:30 am. Create a flower holder for delicate stems and beaded garden stakes. Geared for adults.

Echoes from a Loafers’ Club Meeting

Not a single person has wished me a happy birthday today.

I’ll fix that. Happy birthday. Thanks, but it’s not my birthday.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I was taking a walk break between volunteer gigs at a fair when a friend proposed buying me an ice cream cone. That was an offer I couldn’t refuse. According to the weather app on my phone, it was ice cream weather. Don Kardong stated, “Without ice cream, there would be darkness and chaos.” The song “I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream” was written in 1927. The carving of Mount Rushmore began in 1927, yet it didn’t include an ice cream cone—a colossal oversight. I was effusive in my gratitude at becoming the proud owner of a maple nut ice cream cone, which was simply sublime. The abiding rule is that the hotter the day, the more I want an ice cream cone. And the hotter the day, the faster the ice cream melts.

Getting a good education

Once upon a time, in a land not far, far away, I sat at my desk in my grand grade school when nature called. Nature would have put me on speed dial had there been speed dial in those thrilling

Around this time last year, I wrote a column about my experience helping my best friend, Eric, and his wife, Grace, run a kids’ drama camp down in Iowa last summer. I ended my column by mentioning how I missed being in musicals, and added, “Instead of being on the stage again, maybe I can be the one who helps those on stage look good. That is, if Eric and Grace are crazy enough to run a week-long kids’ drama camp again, I’m still insane enough to drive over four hours to help.”

Well, I don’t think I need a diagnosis from a doctor to tell you that I’m insane, because I did it again this past week.

Eric and Grace have a strong passion for theater, which is at a level I didn’t know existed. They have been busy since the start of the year, putting on a spring high school musical for one school district while planning a kids’ drama camp in the neighboring town of Harlan. Oh, and when they weren’t directing, they were working with their community theatre in Harlan on a production of Shrek the Musical, which had shows running through most of July. They decided, after already being busy, not to take a break but to run a week-long kids’ drama camp instead. The musical? “Wizard of Oz.”

I was involved in the one they ran last year, which was “Seussical for Kids.” They wanted to “ride the hype” of the new “Wicked” movie, which, I suppose, serves as a prequel to “The Wizard of Oz” in some way. Since there isn’t a “kids” version of Oz, they went with the “junior” version.

Going into it, I already knew



Compostings

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days of yesteryear.

“Can I go to the bathroom?” precious little me asked meekly.

“May I go to the bathroom?” my excellent elementary school teacher corrected me.

I told her she could.

I’ve learned

If my wife tells me I look nice, that means I haven’t missed a button on my shirt.

Locks turn doors into walls. I’m not allowed in a casino because I count cards. There are 52.

Conspiracy theorists forget how difficult it is for just two people to keep a secret.

In lighter news, the Zippo lighter has appeared in more than 2,000 movies, stage plays and television shows.

I used to be good at taking things apart and not good at putting them back together again. I was lucky that my father and brother seemed able to fix everything I could dismantle. I’ve met many mechanics. My father told me never to trust a mechanic with clean fingernails.

Bad jokes department

Just when I thought food couldn’t call me on the phone, onion rings.

Wanted: Someone to brush their teeth with me. Because nine out of ten dentists say brushing alone won’t help tooth decay. No weirdos, please.

What do you call a Zen master in charge of snacks? A chipmunk.

I asked the Michelin Man how his day went. He said it was tiring.

I bought a thesaurus, but when I got home and opened it, all the pages were blank. I have no words to describe how angry I was.

Nature notes

As I pulled weeds that were identical to the weeds I’d pulled the week before, I was reminded that nature has much more patience than I do.

A cardinal sang a cheerful message, an exultation of an avian voice that could be heard as, “Oh, dear, dear, dear.”

A phoebe engaged in persistent tail pumping before snatching a flying insect. Phoebe is a Titaness in Greek mythology.

Lord of the stable flies, I am not. They chew on my ankles as if I were a bag of Purina Stable Fly Chow. Small meadowhawk

dragonflies flew like mini-drones. The males are red and the females are yellow.

The “black eye” of black-eyed Susans refers to the dark brown center of the daisy-like flower head. This member of the Asteraceae family can be found growing in almost any sunny location. It’s believed that their name originates from a 1729 ballad about a young woman named Susan saying goodbye to her true love. Wild bergamot (bee balm) bloomed in a light-purple profusion. Fleabane provided lovely white flowers.

Far from home, the downtown crows flew in and landed on my borrowed truck. I’d gone into a bookstore to buy a friend’s new book. The birds landed and made crow noises. I suspected they were waiting to get a ride home.

Dragonflies travel long distances and congregate (swarm) in areas where there is plentiful flying food, such as winged ants, mosquitoes, etc. Some prefer to hunt near dusk or dawn because they see their prey better when the sun is low on the horizon. Once the prey numbers drop, the dragonflies move on.

Meeting adjourned

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”—Princess Diana.

Patience is a virtue



Mikes Corner

by Michael Roy

Staff writer

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I’d be the odd one out. Eric is a born Minnesotan, but he has integrated himself well into the Harlan, IA community. Although I knew some of the team leads from last year, I had to introduce myself to so many others. They had so many inside jokes that I didn’t understand. Quite frankly, there were times I had difficulty connecting with them.

I will say this much. It didn’t involve as many late nights as last year. I remember that when we set up the lights, we were there until after sunset at least two nights, if not three or four. One of those days involved setting up all the lights, while another day involved programming them. This year, we didn’t need to install our own lights. We were at Harlan High School. We did have to deal with some construction (which was allegedly supposed to be finished before we even set foot in their auditorium), but it was otherwise not as stressful behind the scenes.

What I learned from this year’s drama camp experience was that I was not meant to be a teacher, at least not on the elementary level. If I could do things differently, I would have gone for a music education degree instead of a performance/business degree (and maybe focused on my finances a bit more to pursue said degree). I

would have gone for the high school level if I were to teach band or choir, because, as adorable as some kids can be, they’re way too high-energy for me to deal with daily for at least nine months.

I don’t know how Eric and Grace can manage the constant stream of theater (both directing and acting) without pulling their hair out. Nah, I’m lying. I know why. Because they are so passionate about it. If money weren’t a need, they’d do this as their full-time job since

they do it for free anyway. Eric would love to make it so someday, the staff that helps put on the musicals can get paid. He even hopes to make it a legitimate full-time job. I love the ambition, but I’m not sure you can reasonably achieve that in a small town like Harlan, which has fewer than 5,000 people. (Imagine Waseca with nearly half its residents.) But if anyone can make their dreams come true, it’s him. He met his wife while dropping out of college and pursuing theater opportunities in Rochester. Eric’s story is a lesson in perseverance: Never giving up.

I’ll see if I do this again next year. I’ve done it twice. Why stop now? Well, excuse me as I go catch up on my sleep for the next few days.

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TID-BITS OF TRIVIA

1. What hit TV series’ pilot was a two-hour movie titled “Panic at Malibu Pier”?

2. What home product brand contributes \$1 to its “Loads of Hope” charity program for every bottle sold?

3. What household item is often seen at hunting lodges fashioned from the antlers of deer or elk?

4. What icon of the fashion world both directed and financed the 2009 indie film “A Single Man”?

5. What iconic fashion designer published a 2005 bestseller about losing 92 pounds in a single year?

6. What iconic recording studio is aptly mentioned in the lyrics of Lynyrd Skynyrd’s “Sweet Home Alabama”?

7. What imported beer brand is available in “beugel” bottles, notable for their resealable swing top caps?

8. What internal organ was the first to be successfully transplanted between humans?

9. What international city refers to its Chinatown as “Barrio Chino”?

10. What is a bodega?

(Answers to today’s Trivia can be found on page 6.)

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Minnesota man gets 28 years for pandemic-era food fraud

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday sentenced a leader of a sprawling, pandemic-era food fraud plot in Minnesota to 28 years in prison.

Abdiaziz Shafii Farah, 36, must also pay nearly \$48 million in restitution. He faces potentially more years in prison at a later sentencing hearing after previously pleading guilty in a juror bribery case involving a bag of \$120,000 in cash.

Farah is one of dozens of people charged in the Feeding Our Future case in which prosecutors alleged a scheme to steal \$300 million from a federally funded program meant to feed children during the coronavirus pandemic.

Farah and several co-defendants went to trial last year where he was convicted of 23 of 24 counts against him. Those offenses include multiple counts of federal programs bribery, wire fraud and money laundering.

Prosecutors said Farah exploited the program by opening fraudulent sites where he claimed to be serving meals to thousands of children a day. Farah and his associates falsified meal counts and invoices, including fake children's names, prosecutors said. He directed the stolen money to others and perpetuated the fraud through a "pay-to-play" system," prosecutors said.

He and his associates stole more than \$47 million in program money, and Farah took



more than \$8 million over a year and a half period, according to prosecutors. He used that money to buy five luxury vehicles and real estate, including property in Kenya, prosecutors said. That overseas property and money prosecutors say Farah laundered via China are out of reach of U.S. law enforcement.

In a statement, Acting U.S. Attorney Joseph Thompson said Farah "has done untold damage to this state" by "robbing us blind" after finding opportunity in Minnesota.

The Associated Press left a phone message with and sent an email to an attorney for Farah for comment.

Seventy-three people have been charged in connection with the Feeding Our Future case; 51 have been found guilty.

Faith Lutheran Church holds annual VBS

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

It's been a productive summer for all the Janesville area churches. After all, it's the season for Vacation Bible School, and July was chock full of those.

Faith Lutheran Church held its own VBS program on Sunday, July 27.

The 24 children who participated enjoyed a day of activities and learning about the bible. This year's theme was "Be the Light – Lead with Love." The children enjoyed music, crafts, and fun activities—all while shining bright, being kind to one another, and sharing God's love.

This year's theme was inspired by Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



Pictured above are the Faith Lutheran Vacation Bible School participants. Back row from left to right: Tommy Adams, Graham Peterson, Cora Hatton, Hadley Schlaak, Evelyn Schlaak, Kadence Roberts, Stella Myhr, Elsie Jaeger, Mason Nelson, Ava Hamilton, Kaley Jaeger, Jimmy Adams, Lola Peterson, and Gavin Hamilton. Middle row: Owen Hauger, Lillian Budahn, Bode Peterson, Cam Luedtke, Mylah Hamilton, and Max Hauger. Front row: Gus Myhr, Colton Budahn, and Derek Budahn. Not Pictured: Jonah Bangs.

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Domras would reach out to the appropriate parties to have those moved.

Although his report about construction was complete, Domras provided an update regarding the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant with the DNR. The application for these federal funds would be due August 11 and could be utilized toward the acquisition or removal of "flood prone properties." There would be a caveat with the funds in that they could only be utilized toward public properties, not on privately owned land. Domras suggested the City use the funds toward the "floodplain" near Fitzloff Avenue; the City conducted a study back in 2015 of the location and because of those results, several properties added embankments around their home to mitigate flooding.

Suggestions about a potential levy along the river or filling the nearby oxbow with material were considered, but the

Council didn't seem confident these funds would benefit the town. The heavy rainfall in June 2024 caused the river to rise nearly two feet, and several properties in the previously mentioned areas were impacted by flooding. The Council thanked Domras for his efforts, but declined to move forward with the grant.

A representative with the US Department of Agriculture, Edward Gilmore, presented the Council with an official application for a loan toward the Fire Department's new Pumper truck. This official application would feature "letters of conditions" for the City to follow to receive the 400K loan with the USDA; the City would be locked into a 300K payment on a truck estimated to cost \$715K.

Gilmore outlined the distribution of the loan...the City would pay their share of the cost of the truck before the USDA loan would kick in then payments would start a year after the pumper has been delivered. Security checks and compliance reviews would occur every three years and certain

financial documents would have to be prepared for the yearly audit while the loan contract is active. The loan would be a 10 year contract, come with a very particular payment structure, and carry an annual interest rate of 5.25%...Gilmore noted the rate could decrease in the next two years. Janike stated the City would be prepared to pay for the truck's chassis which is meant to arrive sometime in September, and the full payment would be made upon the completed truck's arrival. Once all the finer details were reviewed, Mayor More signed off on the loan, and Gilmore noted the documents would be reviewed by a General Council with the USDA...further updates to be provided at a later date.

Janike advised the Council to consider Prokore as the City's new Building Inspector. The current Inspector, Mike Benson, intends to retire in September and would not become available until next June, so finding a replacement has become a "top priority" due to almost 60 permits needing review. Although Prokore would be more expensive and take "80%

of permit fees" according to Janike, their utilization of software programs could make the permit process "easier for the City and the residents." The Council seemed in favor of selecting Prokore...Amundson and More mirrored sentiments on the City budget "not relying on permits to keep us afloat" and that there aren't "many Building inspectors for small towns anymore." The Council would provide Benson a 30 day notice before transitioning to Prokore.

The Council considered Resolution 2025-12 that would authorize membership into a 4M Fund. Bond money (two million dollars) acquired for the Main Street projects would be allocated toward the 4M fund...approximately one million would be used for the upcoming construction, but the remainder would "sit over the winter and accrue some interest" according to Janike. The Council motioned to authorize the 4M account, and Janike noted the funds would be received by August 13 with the 4M account being set up a few days later.

Fire Chief Fitzloff gave his

Fire Department Report. The FD is hopeful to use the funds of a Taylor Corp grant for the Chassis...the grant funds need to be used by November. A small group will be traveling to Custom Fire Apparatus in Osceola, WI on August 11 to "see how the truck is coming along." They will get a first look at the chassis and speak with the engineers about specifications regarding the truck's compartments, sizing brackets, and additional requirements. Mayor More pondered if there would be any "spacing issues" once the chassis arrived...

Fitzloff had similar concerns, but seemed confident the Department would "sort that out" before the finished product would arrive. The FD has responded to 98 calls, and they serviced their first call in their "new zone" on August 4.

Supervisor Baker was not present for the meeting, but a notice had been sent to Main Street properties to trim trees for the upcoming construction. Some concerns about weeds

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Hunters flock to inaugural Midsota Ducks celebration

By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

Typically, when you enter a room filled with ceramic ducks and shotguns, most people would turn tail and run, but these decorations didn't seem to deter roughly 100 or so wildlife enthusiasts from flocking to Main Street Plaza in Pemberton on August 9.

This would mark the inaugural celebration for the Midsota Chapter of the Delta Waterfowl organization. Similar to Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl have been leaders in waterfowl conservation efforts since the organization started back in 1911 with the aptly named founder, James Bird Burnham. Formally known as the American Game Protective Association back in its early days, Burnham would receive tremendous support from a fellow wildlife enthusiast, President Theodore Roosevelt. Some of the organization's earliest achievements were the creation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act as well as the U.S. Federal Duck Stamp.

Additionally, the AGPA was the first organization to champion the idea of public hunting grounds in the United States.

Over the years, Delta began to shift its focus toward research and conservation efforts of all kinds of waterfowl, but ducks appear to be the unofficial mascot of the organization to this day. Decades of research and careful planning have helped build a better understanding of waterfowl and the habitats they



reside in—habitats that are slowly being pushed out through environmental changes and human intervention. Key programs like Hen Houses, Working Wetlands, First Hunt, and others have been formed to keep waterfowl habitats and populations surviving and thriving.

One primary way Delta Waterfowl can continue its incredible conversation efforts is through generous donations... which brings us to the Midsota Chapter celebration at Main Street Plaza. No matter where one would turn, a ceramic or wooden duck would have its beak pointing and some tables would have a sturdy shotgun placed on a mantle.

Raffle drawings would be the bread and butter of this event with several stations offering a variety of prizes...some drawings would entice many to shell out hundreds of dollars for the chance at a new shotgun, a new ice fishing house or trips to Puerto Vallarta or Camp Lake St. Joseph. There were other raffles

that were a bit more affordable, and lucky winners would take home new outdoor gear, a wood-en campfire package, a flock of decorative ducks including a Mojo King with a cheeky grin meant to mock any dodo swimming nearby, and even a toilet plunger with a duck's head serving as the handle.

Near the silent auction, a more luck based game in "Clear the Board" had attendees rolling dice in hopes of winning a state of the art Blackstone grill. A few were close to taking it home, but couldn't quite hit the mark... it didn't seem to ruffle their feathers though. With so many chances to win incredible prizes, the only thing slowing attendees down was the size of their bill... folds. Okay, that's enough of the fowl language.

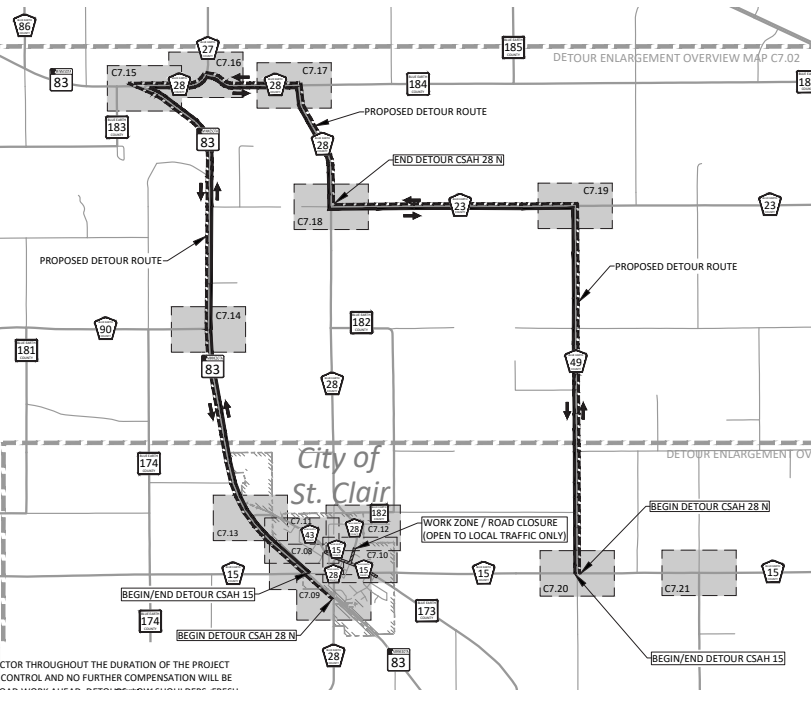
The entire setup for this inaugural celebration for the Midsota Chapter was overwhelming, but it goes to show how much dedication an organization can have toward achieving their goals. The Chapter's Chairman, Jordan

Frederick, was running around like a headless duck for much of this event, but he shared the origins of the Midsota Duck Chapter which is based out of Albert Lea, but the organization holds their official meetings in Janesville, MN.

This is a relatively new chapter for Delta Waterfowl as Midsota formed in February 2025, but all this effort has gone a long way as the organization has given back to local communities. They've helped raise funds for duck habitats, supported local trap shooting teams, and begun a youth program to get younger generations involved in conservation. Roughly 15% of the proceeds of the event will go to support waterfowl nesting structures and youth programs while the remainder will go toward further research opportunities.

So far, the Midsota Chapter has nine committee members and according to the Regional Director, Darron Wahlen, the organization is "always looking for more." Wahlen seemed to have a deep understanding of the region's environments and the ongoing struggles toward waterfowl conservation, "This region was once an outstanding location for ducks, but there has been tremendous loss of habitats and resources...much of that lies on not having nest access and the rest is on predation." Only 18% of available habitats are accessible for waterfowl, so it's Midsota's mission to be able to create viable structures and monitor predation in order to keep these populations thriving.

City of St Clair's 2025 project detour route



Council
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covering sidewalks garnered some discussion amongst the Council...Councilor Arndt would look further into the matter as the official Weed Inspector for the City. It was reported by Deb McCollum that a water line by Main Street East was "pulled right off the main" and that DMI was resolving the matter asap.

Janike gave the Clerk/Treasurer Report. Due to recent heavy rainfall and hail, building permits have been aplenty with 72 reported as of the meeting... mostly roof and siding according to Janike. An informational meeting regarding the updated PFML (Paid Family Medical Leave) guidelines will be held on August 12 at 1800.

There has been a whirlpool of concerns regarding the changes, and Janike is hopeful the meeting will elaborate on the 'ins-and-outs' of the private and state insurance plans.

Amundson had spoken with a few HR representatives who were more familiar with the legislation and they claimed the changes are "going to be a nightmare."

Following the PFML meeting, a budget preparation meeting will be held in order to "knock out two birds with one stone," said Janike.

Additionally, two meetings will be held at City Hall on August 13: an RSG (safety)

meeting will expand on "first aid care" and a meeting with Eric Weller about the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be held at 1300.

Arndt recapped the July 21 St. Clair School Board meeting. Superintendent Collins met with the Council prior to the official meeting to discuss updated signage and access points around the school...more information to be provided at a later date. As of July 2025, 810 students are projected to enroll. The open Board seat is available for anyone to apply, but the Board is determined to make an announcement by the August 18 meeting.

Amundson and Janike would attend a MVCOG Elected Officials training on August 6. Mayor More recapped a recent Mayor & Clerks meeting attended in July...a new private shooting range opened up in Vernon Center in order to help law enforcement conduct training at night. The County Commissioner gave an update on the Rapidan Dam and bridge; the DNR is ultimately the decision maker in the process, but reports of exceptionally high cost nearing "27 million dollars" for a reconstruction project has left conversations at a standstill. Lastly, the upcoming tax levy could see an increase of "400-500 dollars more" next year.

With nothing further on the agenda, the Council adjourned the meeting at 2041. The next St. Clair City Council meeting will be held on September 9 at 1900.

Good message; bad timing

Jay's
Way

By Jordan Carrillo



Even with the NFL making its return last week, you won't catch me watching a snap until the games actually matter. Thankfully, the preseason has been cut down one game to make the start a bit sooner... although they did balance that out with an additional game, so what can you do? Business is going to business.

Which reminds me that last week's Jay's Way centered around the business that circled around the Minnesota Twins gutting a third of their roster at the trade deadline. I didn't hear anyone call me a rumdum about that particular column, so it seems that I know what I'm talking about.

Now, let me preface everything with a simple blanket statement that the WNBA players are outrageously undervalued as things currently stand in their league. The WNBA generated approximately 226 million dollars in 2024 and is projected to double that for 2025, and much of this newfound success rests on the shoulders of Caitlin Clark.

Since her arrival in the league, there has been a meteoric rise in attendance to games, TV ratings,

merchandise sales, and overall attention toward the WNBA and female sports as a whole. I know there are other dynamic players like A'ja Wilson, Sue Bird, Angel Reese, but Clark is the rising tide that lifts all boats... Whether or not her fellow hoopers accept that as reality.

This success is obviously a glorious thing to happen for a league that has had to rely on its male equivalent to keep it financially afloat...granted, it's hard to say that about a league (WNBA) that has never made a profit in its 30 plus year history. This elevated status has brought about a bountiful opportunity for the WNBA to cash in on a potential 2.2 billion dollar media rights deal in 2026. However, it is that promise of a tidal wave of funds that has sparked an

internal battle amongst the players and the organizations they lace up for.

From a business standpoint, a majority of these WNBA franchises operate at a severe deficit because they rarely have made a profit. Even with a shiny new media rights deal, all that revenue is divided amongst the teams involved; however, any wise businessperson knows that being in debt on an investment that has consistently lost money is like quicksand...the more you struggle, the faster you sink. I don't want to come off as defending the rich and powerful, but in this case, the WNBA franchises have been unable to keep profits up...for now.

It's been revealed that many WNBA players, even elite players like Clark, are paid pennies on the dollar with salaries ranging as low as 70K to as high as 230K...compared to the NBA minimum of 1.27 million dollars. Now 70K might seem like a good salary to dribble a basketball, but any

athlete knows that the preparation and dedication to their craft comes with expenses. LeBron James spends over a million dollars a season to keep his body in prime shape...he wouldn't be able to do that on a WNBA player's salary. Clearly, there is an imbalance when it comes to the players' incomes, but it's important to take the current value of each individual organization and the WNBA itself into consideration.

While labor disputes are common amongst sports leagues and their unions, the WNBA has taken a unique approach by having the players become the chess pieces. During their recent All Star Weekend, Clark and other players walked onto the court wearing shirts that read "Pay Us What You Owe Us." It was a strong stance for the players to make, and while it did stir up the bigoted hornet's nest of misogyny and misunderstanding, it also opened up a dialogue that uncovered just how overworked and undervalued current WNBA players are.

On one hand, I believe the WNBA players are underpaid, and I cautiously open my other hand to say that their defiance reminds me of putting the cart in front of the horse. In many ways, the WNBA players mirror their NBA counterparts with a regimented regular season, practices and film study, constant travel, media obligations...all while meeting expectations and playing the game at the highest level.

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2025 Waseca County Fair 4-H Judging Results (Part I)

The 2025 Waseca County Fair has been the highlight of the year for the over 175 4-H exhibitors in Waseca County 4-H, as they saw their hard work pay off with livestock shows, exhibit judging, and other fun events. Below are the 4-H youth who received recognition for their project work at the 2025 Waseca County Fair.

GENERAL (NON-LIVESTOCK) EXHIBIT JUDGING RESULTS FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Family & Consumer Science - Natalia Rivera, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Overall Reserve Champion Family & Consumer Science - Addison Anderson, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Child & Family Development - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Child & Family Development - Kenley Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Constructed Clothing - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Constructed Clothing - Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Purchased Clothing - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Upcycled Clothing - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Home Environment - Natalia Rivera, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Home Environment - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Needle Arts - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Needle Arts - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Quilting - Addison Anderson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Quilting - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Fashion Revue - Audrey Gray
- Reserve Champion Fashion Revue - Isabel Berg

FOODS & NUTRITION RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Food & Nutrition - Julia Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Overall Reserve Champion Food & Nutrition - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Food - Julia Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Food - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Nutrition - Teagan Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Nutrition - Claire Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Food Preservation - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Food Preservation - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Food Revue - Audrey Gray

ANIMAL SCIENCE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Animal Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Overall Reserve Champion Animal Science - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Exploring Animals - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Exploring Animals - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Horseless Horse - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Cat - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Cat - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Dog Display - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Science of Animals - Health/Breeding/Production - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Science of Animals - Health/Breeding/Production - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Science of Animals - Other Exhibit - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Science of Animals - Other Exhibit - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Veterinary Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Veterinary Science - Karley Hamilton. Clover Clan

AGRONOMY, GARDENING, & HORTICULTURE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Agronomy - Stetson Lynch, Jansville Jacks & Jills
- Overall Reserve Champion Agronomy - Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers
- Overall Grand Champion Horticulture - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Overall Reserve Champion Horticulture - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Overall Grand Champion Gardening - Isaac Feldkamp Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Gardening - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Agricultural Technology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Corn - Stetson Lynch, Jansville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Plant & Soil Sciences - Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Soybeans - Stetson Lynch, Jansville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Weeds & Pests - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Flower Gardening - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Flower Gardening - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Indoor Gardening - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Indoor Gardening - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Fruit - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Herb Gardening - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Potatoes - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Potatoes - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Vegetable Plate - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Vegetable Plate - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan

PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Personal Growth & Development - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Overall Reserve Champion Personal Growth & Development - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

- Grand Champion Health & Wellness - Kenley Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Health & Wellness - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Citizenship - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Citizenship - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Self-Determined - Alex Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Self-Determined - Kaeson Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Consumer Ed & Money Mgmt - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Consumer Ed & Money Mgmt - Willow Bartelt, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Youth Leadership - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Youth Leadership - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Plastic Sculpture Challenge - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Plastic Sculpture Challenge - Orlin Schaeitzke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Global Connections - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Photography & Video - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Overall Reserve Champion Photography & Video - Mikael Nelson, Vista Busy Bees
- Grand Champion Elements of Photography - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Elements of Photography - Mikael Nelson, Vista Busy Bees
- Grand Champion Photo Manipulation - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Photo Manipulation - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Video/ Filmmaking - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & NATURAL RESOURCES RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Environmental & Natural Resources - Treyson Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills

- Overall Reserve Champion Environmental & Natural Resources - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Entomology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Entomology - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Exploring the Environment - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Forest Resources - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Forest Resources - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Geology - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Geology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Water Resources - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Water Resources - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Fishing Sports - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Fishing Sports - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Shooting Sports - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Shooting Sports - Adler Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Grand Champion Wildlife Biology & Management - Treyson Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Wildlife Biology & Management - Molly Volovsek, Riverside Ramblers

STEM & MECHANICAL SCIENCES RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion STEM & Mechanical Sciences - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Overall Grand Champion STEM & Mechanical Sciences - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Aerospace -Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Aerospace - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Bicycle - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Bicycle - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Grand Champion Engineering Design - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

- Reserve Champion Engineering Design - Orlin Schaeitzke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Grand Champion Woodworking - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Woodworking - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

EXPRESSIVE ARTS RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Expressive Arts - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Expressive Arts - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Creative Writing - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Crafts - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Crafts - Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Fine Arts - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Fine Arts - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers

CLUB EXHIBIT RESULTS

- Grand Champion Club Hay Bale Decoration - Vista Busy Bees 4-H Club
- Reserve Champion Club Hay Bale Decoration - Waldorf Peppy Peppers 4-H Club
- Grand Champion Club Banner - Homegrown Explorers 4-H Club
- Reserve Champion Club Banner - Waldorf Peppy Peppers 4-H Club
- Grand Champion Club Scrapbook - Palmer Sunbeams 4-H Club

LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST RESULTS

- Grand Champion Junior Livestock Costume Contest - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Junior Livestock Costume Contest - Natalie Schoenfeld, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Intermediate Livestock Costume Contest - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Livestock Costume Contest - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Grand Champion Senior Livestock Costume Contest - Charley Kietzman, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Senior Livestock Costume Contest - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan



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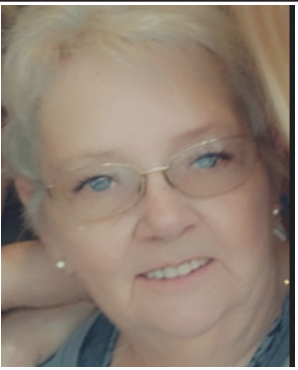
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Mother Knows BEST

By Kathy Richardson

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the windows, all the curtains, and washing the walls. In the spring it was nice to get the winter heat fumes smell from everything.

In the fall, we would do the same so that everything was clean to for the winter.

As we got a little older and our families grew, those chores got to be a little bit bigger and took more time to do with more clothes to wash, more dishes to do, and still had yards to mow, weeds to pull, and more groceries to buy and put away. The Saturday nights out dancing got fewer as we didn't have the ambition to go. We thought that we will go next week.

Maybe next year we can go on that vacation, but the children need new glasses, big dentist bills this year or need some home improvements to the house such as new windows, furnace,

hot water heater, appliances, or car repairs. Maybe one of the children's classes was scheduled to go on a major trip to another state in which they needed money to go. Maybe next year we can go on vacation.

Now that the family is all grown, on their own, or raising families of their own, we are still working a 40-hour job which gets harder to get up for each day. The yard still needs to be done, laundry, dishes, housework and groceries need to be bought and put away. Instead of doing spring and fall cleaning, it now only gets done in the spring.

Now, we have the children coming to ask us to babysit for the night as they need a break or my check was a little short this week so can I borrow a few bucks. Maybe next weekend we can sit and relax for the week-end.



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1944-45 (continued)
-Clements T. Mace has received an honorable discharge at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, after 38 months of service, 15 of which were spent in the European Theater of operations

as a truck driver. He holds the certificate of merit, good driver's badge, good conduct medal, and the European theater ribbon with five battle stars for campaigns in Normandy, northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and central Europe.
-Private Elroy Wayne Honish was returned to Las Vegas, Nevada, after spending a 14-day

furlough with his parents. Honisch is in the ground crew of the Army Air Corps, now awaiting orders for overseas shipment.
-Private Lester F. Kruse has gone to Camp Adair, Oregon, after spending a 14-day furlough at his home. He had just completed 17 weeks of basic training at Camp Hood, Texas.
-Charles J. Yenish of St.

Clair, who enlisted in the Navy Air Corps recently, left Saturday for Worthington to begin his training.
-Ivan F. Hurt, a former teacher at St. Clair, has been accepted as an aviation cadet in metrology and will be sent to one of the army's meteorology and will be sent to one of the army's meteorology schools. At present he is

at Chaunte Field, Illinois, where he returned after spending a furlough with his wife and daughter in Mankato, MN.
-November – The St. John's Lutheran Ladies' Aid presented a two-act comedy "The Strike of the Ladies' Aid." Miss Emma Godeman was the director. The cast included Mmes. Herman Penn, Gerald Brewer, T. Meany,

Wm. Myers, Henry Lubke, Wm. McComb, Paul Grams, Herman Kollos, Wm. Hesse, John Westphal, Alvin Hawker, Harold Cords, A. H. Mackdanz, Otto Witt and Clifford Marzinske. Beverly and Ivadell Myers provided musical comedy and Mrs. Ernest Hager played various piano selections.



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1925
-The several committees – that are in charge of the Waseca County Fair are straining every effort to make the fair this year a winner in every respect. The general plan which worked so successfully last year is being followed again only the fair will be bigger and better in every department. A new and better stage is going to be built for the free acts, so that all performances will be seen to better advantage than ever before. All the fair buildings are being renovated. With the improvements being made on the grounds, all exhibits will be shown to better advantage.
-Something to think about: As the days round out into years, and the years begin to fall about us like ripened fruit, we give, without knowing why, more serious thought to comfort than happiness. The dream of content when the cheeks are faded, when the hair is silvered, and the strength of the bone and the blood is slowly ebbing away, is the common dream of mankind the world over. In early life, it spreads out before us like a glorious vision, then it wanes and narrows, causing us to wonder what we have done with all the precious time of the past, ticked away right under our eyes by the friendly family clock, still ticking and faithfully performing its monotonous duty. We have worshipped golf and found it but a mocker.

1950
-Eugene (Schueb) Volz, local businessman, filed Thursday of last week for the office of state representative. He will be opposed by Omar Dahle, incumbent, and H. J. Sprengeler, Waseca. Mr. Dahle is a farmer and Mr. Sprengeler operates an oil company at Waseca. With the exception of eight years spent in Milwaukee, Chicago, and California, Mr. Volz has made Janesville his home. He owns and operates Schueb's Bar here. Twelve years ago he was a candidate for the office of state representative. He is 47 years of age and is married to the farmer Alice Taxer of Le Center. They have four children, three boys and a girl. Mr. Volz is a member of the Janesville Board of Education and was just recently appointed clerk of the board.

-Dale Blank, 15, Janesville, made it three in a row at the Waseca County Fair on Saturday when his Holstein cow was named grand champion 4-H dairy animal. Dale's cow topped one of the outstanding dairy show ever presented at Waseca fair, Cletus Murphy, county, agent, said. All 35 of the animals exhibited were in the blue ribbon class. The young Janesville farmer, who won previous championships in 1948 and 1949, will head the county's delegation of five dairy winners to the Minnesota State fair. Dale was the grand champion Holstein showman at the state fair last year and "warmed up" for another shot at the title by winning county showmanship honors again. He also plans to enter open class competition with a string of five Holsteins.
-The Janesville Red Sox, with 11 straight wins to their credit, were resting on top of the South Le Sueur County League today, after humbling Kilkenny Thursday in a twilight game and routing Madison Lake Sondau. Bill Haag and Ken Schafer hit home runs at Kilkenny with two and three men on, respectively, to lead Janesville batters. Bob Schueneman made his first mound chore a successful one as he allowed only five hits in the seven-inning game for the Sox while his mates were supporting him with 12 blows. The Sox went on a 15-hit spree to route the Lakers at Northside park and much of the glory went to Roy Lukken. All Lukken did was pound a home run, a double, and three singles in five trips to the plate for the best plate day for him in league play this season.

1975
-Members of Janesville's American Legion Post #281 are urged to attend a special 8:30 p.m. meeting in the club room, at which the proposed Legion Club expansion will be discussed and decided upon. The above drawing is a sketch of what the front of the proposed addition would look like. The building committee of the local post is proposing a 44' x 125' addition to the north of the present clubroom. The 5,000 square foot addition will include a community hall complete with kitchen and bathroom facilities. The cost has been estimate at

\$45,000. If the club expansion is approved, Legionnaires plan to sell \$100 first mortgage bonds to finance it.
-After six negotiating meetings – ranging from one to two and a half hours each – Janesville teachers and the District 30 School Board have agreed on a new two-year teaching contract. Tentative agreement between teacher negotiators Dave U'Ren, Rose Till and Leon Haefner and board members Sib Joyce, Ken Johansen and Billie Quast was reached July 24. The entire school board ratified the agreement at their meeting Monday night.
-Plans for Janesville's new off-sale liquor store are going ahead according to schedule according to Denny Gustafson. Land has been purchased just east of the Janesville Dairy Queen on Highway 14 for the building, Gustafson said. The Janesville City Council approved Gustafson's request for an off-sale liquor license at last week's meeting providing he meets all local building and zoning requirements.

2000
-Kim Youngerberg is no stranger to Janesville. She grew up here, and except for one years when her family moved to South Dakota, she has always lived in the area. Now she has become a member of the teaching faculty at Trinity Lutheran School. Youngerberg begins this fall as the pre-school teacher at Trinity. She was previously employed on a part-time basis at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Elementary School as a Title I teacher. Youngerberg is excited about her new duties, and feels it is in many ways an extension of what she has been doing lately as a parent.
-Mark Muedeking, a lawyer with more than 20 years of experience in government and private practice, has been named the new general counsel for the U.S. Olympic Committee. He will assume the position on Sept. 1. The announcement was made by USOC chief executive officer Norm Blake. Muedeking's appointment fills the final position on the USOC's newly structured leadership team. He replaces Schott Blackmun who was named senior managing director of sport resources.



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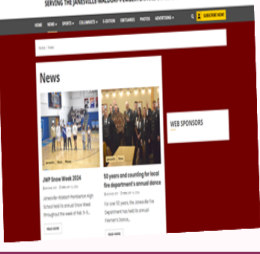
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create something new for residents of Janesville to enjoy. After clearing the details with the City Council and Park Board, Music in the Park would rely on the generosity and camaraderie of its local businesses and entities, like the Chamber of Commerce and Janesville Area Foundation, to make this an evening to remember.

The blending of these two events kept event goers constantly on the move and experiencing new thrills as the entirety of Veterans Memorial Park was utilized for a variety of entertainment and commerce: local band Azby delivered a much-needed punch of rock n roll, local vendors formed a farmer's market, the fire and police departments kept families engaged with activities and the occasional tour of their vehicles, the JWP FFA chapter served up root beer floats and popcorn, the public library handed out colorful creations, even Miss Janesville and her First Attendant painted faces, and the historic Hoffman Apiary advertised its upcoming Pollinator Party 3.

For the National Night Out portion of the evening, this has been a longstanding tradition since 2016; however, following the retirement of the event's

coordinator, it took some quick thinking and careful coordination to keep this event going.

Officer Sheila Jewison of the Janesville PD stepped into the role as the planner for National Night Out, and although the event didn't happen on its "designated" date, pairing it with Music in the Park certainly worked in everyone's favor.

While much of the entertainment at Veterans Memorial was reserved for Music in the Park, Jewison was able to bring a dalmatian-themed bounce house and a few rambunctious steeds with the Blue Earth County Mounted Division for National Night Out. It was a collective effort to have both events running concurrently, and Jewison celebrated in the camaraderie amongst everyone involved, "We're thrilled we could keep National Night Out going, and we can't thank Paul and Shelly for allowing us to team up during Music in the Park. Nights like these come with a lot of trials, but it's all worth it when the community gets together and has a good time."

While there were a few unconventional methods to celebrating National Night Out, local communities far and wide banded together in their respective towns to put on one last hurrah before summer came to a close.



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SATURDAY, AUG 16th	
9-3pm Silent Auction-Plaza 9am Volleyball –Plaza Bake Sale	
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