

Trunk or Treat!



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The Courtland Lions Club held its annual Halloween event Saturday as a Trunk-or-Treat due to restrictions from COVID-19. ABOVE: Lions President Lowell Abbas holds out a packet of candy for 5-year-old Harper Kachelmeier, escorted by mom Aimee. In the background, Lions member Brenda Jones waits for new visitors, while at right, 16-year-old Olivia Kachelmeier, Rebecca Newberry, 2-year-old Aurora Malz Newberry and Aurora's mother Grace Malz wait their turn. RIGHT: Dawn Juberien, as Dorothy, waits to greet visitors, while Otis, 10½, as Toto, surveys Dorothy's handiwork. Missed your chance for a Trunk or Treat? There will be four events this weekend. For information, check out the Community Calendar on Page 3.

Lady Raiders: B-squad team members 'were able to turn it around'

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Although they got off to a very slow start Thursday at Cleveland, the girls rallied to get a 2-1 win.

"We didn't come out very aggressive in the first game, but we were able to turn it around and come out stronger in the second and third," Kubesh said. "We were aggressive on defense and had a lot of good digs and blocks. Our serving was also very strong."

Cleveland Match: 7-25, 25-19, 16-14. Team leaders: Kills: Wilking 8, Rosin 5, Bode 5. Digs: Wilking Rosin. Setting: Emma Drill. Serves: Hoffman 12/12, 2 aces; Morgan Arndt 10/11, 3 aces; Drill 8/8, 2 aces. Blocks: Bode, Soost. Serve Receive/Passing: Rosin, Hoffman.

C-squad

The C-squad lost two matches, both by 1-2 scores, last week.

The games with ML/GHEC/T were close, with the Jaguars taking both the first

and third games. "We made silly mistakes and tried to make it more complex than it needed to be," coach Melissa Larson said. "We were aggressive at the net, but our passing was not always consistent."

MLGHECT Match: 20-25, 25-21, 15-17. Team leaders. Kills/Attacks: Dale Ehlenfeldt, Brynn Grommersch. Serves: Emma Drill 7/7, 1 ace; Julia Rosin 11/11, 6 aces; Mackenzie Regner 5/5, 2 aces. Passing: Olivia Lanz, Grommersch.

After that slow start, the C-squad played better in the next games.

"We came out quiet and hesitant in the first game. We had great plays, but couldn't seem to keep the run. The second game we talked more and we were more aggressive which helped us to get ahead — but errors drove the game to end the other way. The third game, we played more our game and served aggressively," Larson said.

Cleveland Match: 17-25, 23-25, 15-9. Team leaders. Kills/Attacks: Ehlenfeldt,

Nicollet Raiders		WEEKLY FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE					Home
Day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Thurs.	
Team	29	30	31	2	3	5	
Volleyball	Mankato Loyola A&C 5:45			Alden-Conger ABC 4:30		L.C. WM ABC 4:30	
Football		Buffalo Lake-Hector 7:00 p.m.					
Jr. HI	Jr. HI VB Loyola Fitzgerald 4:30 pm			JV/Jr. HI FB Madelia 4:30 p.m.		Jr. HI VB LCWM 4:30 pm	

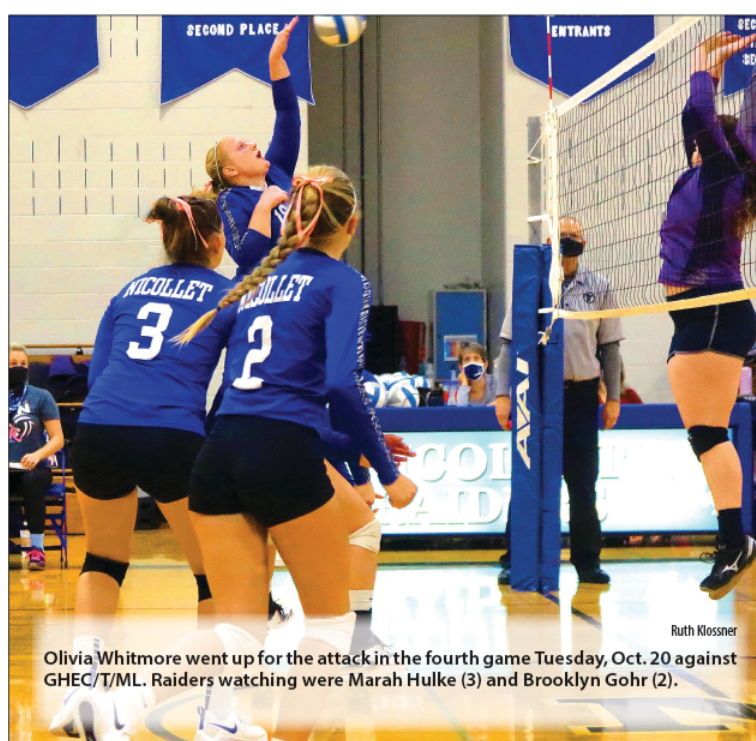
Cleveland 3, Nicollet 0
20-25, 15-25, 12-25

Cleveland Match stats
Attacks/Kills: Marah Hulke 11/3; Hayley Selby 8/3; Brook Gohr 4/3
Digs: Selby 8
Set/Assists: Hulke 6
Serves: Gohr 15/15, 4 aces; Hulke 9/9, 1 ace
Blocks: Selby 4
Serve Receive: Gohr

Nicollet 3, MLGHECT 1
19-25, 25-13, 25-16, 25-22

MLGHECT Match stats
Attacks/Kills: Olivia Whitmore 28/12; Hayley Selby 25/8; Marah Hulke 21/7
Digs: Huke 10
Set/Assists: Emily Lorentz 12; Hulke 13
Serves: Kendall Robertson 27/28, 17 pts, 7 aces; Lorentz 30/31, 15 pts, 3 aces; Brooklyn Gohr 15/16, 8 pts, 4 aces
Blocks: Robertson 3
Serve Receive/Passing: Whitmore

Allison Laven. Serves: Emmie Harde, 10/12, 6 aces; Regner 9/10, 4 aces; Laven 3/4, 2 aces. Passing: Rosin, Lanz.



Ruth Mossner

Olivia Whitmore went up for the attack in the fourth game Tuesday, Oct. 20 against GHEC/T/ML. Raiders watching were Marah Hulke (3) and Brooklyn Gohr (2).

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Madelia tied the game in the third quarter. That's when the locals really started to play. Nicollet got 22 straight points before giving up a late touchdown.

Grant Pugh had a rushing TD and a two-point conversion. Conner Martens scored three times — a rushing TD, a passing TD, and

a punt return touchdown. Collin Bode caught the scoring pass from Martens.

On defense, Brady Havemeier had an interception, as well as a great hustle play to run down a kick returner inside the 10-yard line. Bode had two interceptions, returning the second to the three-yard line. Martens also had an interception. Pugh led the team with three sacks.

Junior High

The Nicollet junior high boys got their first win of the season, beating Madelia 20-16 Monday.

"We started out slowly again, with Madelia scoring touchdowns with two-point conversions on their first two drives," coach James Bernau said. "We struggled to find a rhythm in the first half. Inexperience from the wide receiver spot was evident

— but the mistakes they made are fixable."

Things improved in the second half when Nicollet took the kickoff and drove down the field for a score.

"That drive had to set a Nicollet record for longest drive. It covered the whole third quarter and three minutes of the fourth, with the total time off the clock reaching 15 minutes," Bernau said.

Nick Slater got the touchdown on a run, but the two-point conversion failed.

"That drive was a turning point in the game for us," the coach said. "We then proceeded to force a three-and-out and drove down and scored another TD, again on a run by Slater."

A two-point conversion pass from Slater to Keegan Hulke made

the score 14-16.

After another three-and-out by the defense, a 40-yard punt return by Slater set up his third rushing TD of the game. The two-point run failed.

The game was sealed when John Northquest secured his second interception of the day — and the final score was 20-16 in Nicollet's favor.

Slater led the Raiders in rush yards and tackles.

View: A look at some of Trump's greatest hits

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there are more Democratic members of the House, the Republican Party controls 26 states.

Or — the Supreme Court steps in, just like 2000. That's why the Republican Senate worked so hard to confirm a new Supreme Court justice before the presidential election — against the will of the people. It's their Trump card to make sure their candidate wins — against the will of the people.

Or — any state legislature controlled by Republicans can arbitrarily decide to toss a statewide Biden win into the dustbin and elect a slate of Republican electors, again overturning the will of the people. This has never happened before, but there is no language in the U.S. Constitution to stop it, either. It's already a Republican talking point.

Or — Trump may simply refuse to honor the results of the election. This has never happened before, either, but with Donald Trump, his love for power and his penchant for ignoring precedent, anything is possible. Already, Trump has darkly hinted that he would do just that.

Any one of these can overturn a Biden victory — a victory created by the people. If any of these happen, I feel that's the end of America.

Which is why I make no secret of my hatred for Trump. Someday — if America survives this crisis — today's generation will be called to account for what they did in 2020.

Or what they failed to do.

I want to be able to look in the eyes of the students of 2040 and say that I did something. Which is why I won't stop or can't stop, despite what some readers have said.

Actually, with luck, I will stop. Because the election ends in five days, so this is my last opportunity to convince any holdouts what's at stake here.

In the meantime, to those of you who want community news and pictures of kids, you're getting that right now. I mean, just look! But you'll also get commentaries like these. Commentaries that are clearly labeled as such. To fail to comment is to fail in my civic duty. To fail in my patriotic duty.

For my last piece I can write to effect change in this election, I want to remind Americans what a vote for Donald Trump means. To vote for him is you agree with all of the following things he has said, and that you want more of it:

"She does have a very nice figure. I've said if Ivanka weren't my daughter, perhaps I'd be dating her." (March 6, 2006)

"I have black guys counting my money. ... I hate it. The only guys I want counting my money are short guys that wear yarmulkes all day." (May 20, 1991)

"It's very possible that I could be the first presidential candidate to run and make money on it." (April 3, 2000)

"Putting a wife to work is a very

dangerous thing. ... I don't want to sound too much like a chauvinist, but when I come home and dinner's not ready, I'll go through the roof, okay?" (March 10, 1994)

"I do whine because I want to win, and I'm not happy about not winning, and I am a whiner, and I keep whining and whining until I win." (Aug. 10, 2015)

"I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot people and I wouldn't lose voters." (Jan. 23, 2016)

"About prisoner of war (and later U.S. senator and presidential candidate) John McCain: "I supported him for president; I raised a million dollars for him. ... But, y'know, he lost, so I never liked him as much after that. Because I don't like losers. ... He's not a war hero. He's a war hero, he's a war hero because he was captured. I like people that weren't captured." (July 18, 2015)

"It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do

anything. ... Grab 'em by the pussy. You can do anything." (2005 comments that surfaced Oct. 7, 2016)

He said a lot worse on that 2005 tape. Which, by the way, proves one thing from earlier. You have a problem with strong language in an editorial? Yet you seem to be fine with Trump using even worse. And you also have no problem with him running his life based on those words. You can either believe that such words have no place in public discourse, or you can support Donald Trump in doing and saying such things. You do not have the right to believe both at the same time.

Only five days left to the damage this man has done. But as we have seen, even a victory at the polls is not enough. The only way to make sure the margin is so great, there is no point for even Trump to challenge it, and no amount of shenanigans can change it.

So, for God's sake, vote. Save America from itself.

John Luepke asks for your vote

Nicollet County Commissioner

Questions about my votes and positions? Call (507) 359-2703 or email me at jlkd@newulmtel.net.



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