

# News



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## Jacobson, Giorgi

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interest of students and teachers in mind in everything she does. She's forward-thinking. You know I've learned quite a bit from working with her and would like to continue to do a lot of the work that she's already doing."

Jacobson is not shy about tackling any challenge. With the Forest Lake Area School District, he spent time as the principal of two junior highs before they merged into one middle school.

At Forest Lake Area Middle School, Jacobson has worked to restructure the curriculum to ensure students experience career paths that they otherwise would have never had the opportunity to participate in.

"[Parents] said one of the things that they would dream of in a middle school is if it created



Photo by Joe Hiti

J.P. Jacobson has been in the Forest Lake Area School District for the past six years and will take over as director of teaching and learning in July.

these experiences for kids where they got to learn things that they didn't already know that they liked," Jacobson said. "Boys were testing out art, and girls were testing out business; it was this exploratory experience."

Jacobson, however, doesn't want to take credit for this work. Instead, he gives credit to the

teachers and parents who sat with him in the school's media center, helping create their vision before the school opened.

The impact that Jacobson has made on families and staff at Forest Lake Area Middle School was felt beyond the classroom as he made an effort to engage students in more than just learning.

"Watching our students do a service-learning project where we fundraised and made almost 5,000 meals at school for Minnesota homeless families," he said. "Watching the number of kids that we had working in teams ... all of them were working hard and were bought into what they were doing."

"The learning around civic-mindedness that went into that — that was something to behold."

Forest Lake Area Middle School staff planted a tree, partially to thank Jacobson for his time spent at the building, but he knows he wouldn't have been able to do any of it without them.

"I am humbled," Jacobson said. "I would like to put as much, if not more, focus on the tree representing the challenging year this staff and group of students have had. Everyone here has created a long list of

things they have done for the first time, and in the majority of the cases have been successful. This only comes through perseverance and focus. That tree represents those successes and how a school community like this one can accomplish whatever it sets its collective minds to."

Jacobson will now prepare for his first day in his new position on July 1. He will work to continue the legacy that Giorgi has created in her many years of service.

While Jacobson works to fill Giorgi's position, she will enjoy her first day of retirement the only way she knows how, by helping her daughter move to Columbus, Ohio.

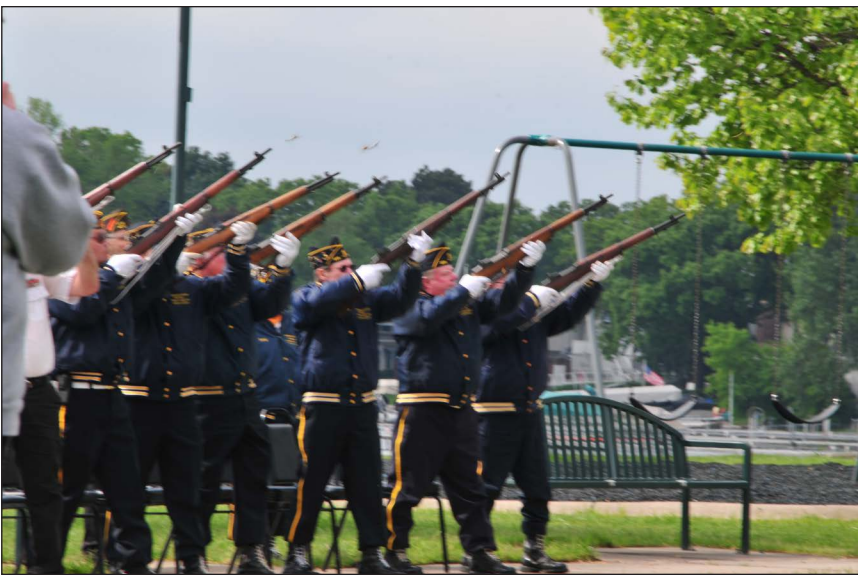
"That will be our first vacation on retirement," Giorgi said. "A week-and-a-half in a U-Haul and unpacking boxes."

## Remembering



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The Forest Lake American Legion Post 225 and the Forest Lake VFW Post 4210 held a joint Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31 at Lakeside Memorial Park to honor members of the military who have died.



## Columbus

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son meetings. While this hybrid model will not last forever, the city looks to continue it for the time being.

The council also held a brief discussion regarding the requirement of face masks while inside City Hall.

Council member Janet Hegland asked if the city is allowed to require people to wear a mask on their property, and city attorney Bill Griffith confirmed that they can require it.

"I would feel comfortable leaving it up to the honor system that they don't have to wear a mask if they're vaccinated," council member Sue Wagamon said. "I know we can't ask, but we're all responsible adults."

The council inevitably decided that the best course of action is to require those who have not been vaccinated to wear a mask while those who have been are not re-

quired to.

"The thing is, I think you have to do it based on what the most current thing is," council member Shelly Logren said. "If we have to go back to it, then we have to go

back to it, but right now, I feel comfortable with the situation as it is without masks."

The city will not demand proof of vaccination for those who enter City Hall without a mask.

They will instead go by an honor system and ask residents to be respectful of it.

### Firefighters

Mayor Jesse Preiner gave an update from the fire board meeting that

he attended.

Forest Lake Fire Chief Al Newman stated that the department is currently looking for more firefighters.

The city is also expected to get its new fire truck

in the first week of June, following its inspection, according to Preiner.

The next council meeting will be held in person and over Zoom on Wednesday, June 9.

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