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# Cologne Academy finalizes learning plan for 2021-2022

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After a difficult prior public meeting, the school board of Cologne Academy held a special meeting to finalize their learning plan on Sept. 2. This meeting was more of a workshop for the board to come together to discuss priorities and align those with the plan going forward. In order to help facilitate, Melissa Madigan and Susan Bloomgren from Adaptive Schools mediated the workshop.

Because the meeting was a workshop there was no public comment period, though it was well-attended by the public. Board chair Amanda Daniel started out the meeting by stating, "We understand that people want to be heard," further explaining that focus groups would get the chance to discuss topics with the board in the coming weeks.

Board member Jenna McInnis then announced the start of the workshop, stating the goal was to develop the learning plan in order to have as many students on campus as possible and keep it that way. With that goal in mind, Madigan began the workshop.

Starting off, Madigan asked the board to state what they have sacrificed in order to serve on the board. Frequently, the answer was time with family while several members also stated mental well-being. The board was also asked what they promise to do for their fellows, and what they would need from them. A common theme was open-mindedness as well as listening and transparency. Promises included honesty, grace, patience, and doing the best they can for students, staff, and parents of Cologne Academy.

With aspects of what the board needed to move forward, it was time to evaluate and clarify the quarantine procedure and learning plan. The board tackled several aspects of the learning plan by first clarifying various aspects. Among those clarifications were who determines when someone needs to stay home, who evaluates the symptoms, and how to monitor who's been in close contact among with ill patients.

These clarifications allowed for a more cohesive discussion, and even gave opportunities to edit and simplify the plan. For example, anyone exposed has a few options to choose for quarantining - includ-



Cologne Academy school board during their meeting on September 2. (Megan Glenn/News and Times)

ing wearing a mask for 14 days or staying home for 10 - in the new guidelines. It was decided to change both to 10 days in order to keep things simple for parents.

Another option for quarantining involves getting tested if exposed. According to academy director Lynn Peterson, the school has received a \$40,000 grant to provide tests for Cologne Academy families so they wouldn't have to wait for a doctor's appointment. The one caveat is that these tests, like many things right now, are dependent on supply. Parents will be notified when these tests are available, so it's best to keep an eye out for further information.

Once clarifications were complete, it was time to evaluate. There were three options with differences between quarantine procedures for the learning plan. The board was asked to vote for their top, middle, and least favorable option. With 112 overall points, the Cologne Academy Mitigation Plan was chosen, as it stuck to the values the board had placed the most stock in.

This plan has masks as optional, unless a student is in close contact and then they are still the options of quarantine, wear a mask, or produce a negative COVID-19 test. Lunch procedures were struck entirely from the plan, since that could be left up to administration. If the infection rate in the school goes above 5 percent for two weeks, all parents will be emailed. If a student is just a close contact, only their parents will be emailed. Testing resources will be available at the school, and a link to the county's testing options will also be posted.

With that laid out, the workshop concluded and the board returned to its meeting to take an official vote. A motion was made to approve the Cologne Academy Mitigation Plan, and approved unanimously. Parents interested in further discussion can keep an eye out for the open forums in the coming weeks.

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# Watertown-Mayer ready for 2021-2022 school year

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School is back in session around Carver County, and finalizing plans has been a big challenge for school boards everywhere. Watertown-Mayer finished this task on Aug. 23 with their Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan and with their health and safety protocols, finalized on Sept. 2. These two plans aim to ensure healthy students and staff while following state and federal guidelines as much as possible.

Like with many schools around the county, Watertown-Mayer's plan won't require masks, vaccines, or testing for students or staff. All are, of course, recommended in order to mitigate infections, but families get to choose.

Adding to choice, families can choose online learning through Southwest Metro's partnership with Watertown-Mayer. Anyone looking to

utilize this option can contact Darren Schuler, superintendent, at dschuler@wm.k12.mn.us.

Of course, COVID-19 is still around, so there are a few quarantine procedures to remember. Displaying certain symptoms means staying home, such as a fever over 100 degrees and loss of taste or smell. Having a positive test also means students or staff would need to stay home until symptoms subside. The school is also asking that any positive tests are reported to the school immediately so they can notify anyone in close contact with the patient.

Vaccinated individuals have a bit more flexibility if they are in the same household as a positive case -they can go to school still, even if a case is at home.

If a student has to quarantine, the plan for homework is the same as it would be if they had a long illness.

"We'll have packets of homework prepared for them to take home," said

Schuler. "It will be similar to if you've been out with the flu for a week or on a long vacation. Hybrid is not a part of our plan at this time."

Otherwise, much of the year will be planned as a normal year. After finishing up renovations in the cafeteria, middle and high school students can enjoy a new space for lunch. The media centers are also finishing up work, as well as new furniture added in common areas for students to study. Students won't even need to social distance this year.

Sanitation protocols are still in place, so equipment and desks are getting regularly sanitized to prevent any spread of the virus. Staff are also monitoring their air filtration systems to make sure everything is clean and up to new standards.

Finally, Watertown-Mayer is looking to do COVID-19 testing as needed.

"We're currently looking into it and determining what kind of screening we need," said Schuler.

Staff are applying for a grant to purchase the tests they would need, which they also provide a few different options for choice. However, one issue is staffing. Once the tests are purchased, choosing who disseminates them is important, and there are still discussions over who would be in charge of them. And like so many other things, COVID-19 tests are in a supply shortage, so it would be some time before they would even be available. Once they are, parents will be notified since school testing will be an option aside from going through the county or hospitals.

Even with challenges still present, staff are excited for a year with their students and planning has been going smoothly. Lesson plans are already put together, and with the renovations nearly done, there's plenty of reason to be excited.

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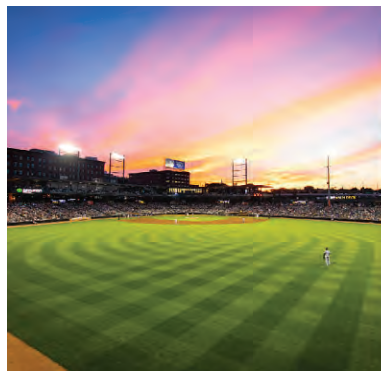
## GOP gubernatorial hopeful field grows

BLAINE, Minn. (AP) — Republican state Sen. Michelle Benson launched her campaign for Minnesota governor on Wednesday, attacking Democratic Gov. Tim Walz for his handling of the pandemic and public safety.

Benson spoke shortly after GOP Sen. Paul Gazelka, of East Gull Lake, announced that he's resigning as Senate majority leader, a step he had said he'd take if he was going to run for governor. Gazelka said in an interview that he's leaning toward running but will hold off on announcing his decision until sometime after the State Fair, where he's been talking with vot-

ers to learn what's on their minds. He said he'd been drafting his resignation letter for a few days, but gave Benson a head-up call Tuesday night after learning she was about to announce.

Both Benson and Gazelka will have to work to catch up with former state senator Scott Jensen, who's been running hard since March to try to lock up Republican caucus and convention delegates for the 2022 gubernatorial campaign. Jensen, a family physician from Chaska, has been running on a platform of vaccine skepticism and opposition to the state's response to the pandemic.



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# Do we remember the pain of that day?

Tragedy has a way of unifying or dividing. Twenty years ago, it unified.

Most Americans 30 and older can tell you exactly what they were doing two decades ago on Sept. 11. Even though most of us in the Midwest were either still in bed or just getting ready for work, all of us remember the instant we learned that an American Airlines plane was deliberately crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

I was busy with early pagination of *The Waconia Patriot*, the newspaper where I served as editor at the time of the now-infamous 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Even though the internet was widely available in 2001, most people still got breaking news from radio and TV reports. That was when I first learned of the plane crash, but I assumed it was a single-engine craft that had lost its way or strong winds inadvertently forced it into one of the buildings. Nowhere in my brain was there space that could comprehend a deliberate act of terrorism that would end the lives of every individual on board that airplane. It wasn't until the second plane was crashed into the South Tower 17 minutes later, just after 8 a.m. our time, that I stopped typing and realized this was not an accident. This was a terrorist act.

In that disorienting moment, confusion was replaced with fear. Both my daughters were now at school and other reports were filtering through news outlets about a third plane crashing into the heavily fortified Pentagon, just 60 minutes after the first airliner had crashed into the North Tower.

Finally, a fourth plane had been crashed into the countryside in rural Pennsylvania, thanks largely to a group of passengers who surmised



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what was going on. They stormed the cockpit, forcing terrorists to divert from whatever their intended target may have been.

By 9 a.m. our time, the South Tower collapsed. Just 29 minutes later, the North Tower experienced the same fate.

A total of 2,996 people were killed in the 9/11 attacks.

My wife asked if we should get our kids from school. Naturally, everyone was in "protect mode," wanting to pull loved ones close. Nobody knew what was going to happen next because it was all unraveling so quickly. If something worse was about to happen, perhaps here in the Midwest, we wanted to make sure our kids were near us. It was raw fear.

We resisted that urge, as most did, and decided it would be better if they stayed in school, trying to maintain as much normalcy as possible. We also didn't want to be part of any panic had droves of parents started showing up at schools demanding kids be released. It was not easy being apart. There was, however, a sense of unification in the single act of not allowing terrorists to alter this part of our lives, even in this small measure of leaving kids in school. It was like a silent way to fight back – some control in the day's chaos.

Still, on that fateful day, the innocence of a nation was forever interrupted. Never before had we felt

so exposed to acts of violence in the very place where we previously felt so safe.

A week later I interviewed Sarah Wachholz, a former Waconia area resident who worked as a temporary employee on the 89th floor of the South Tower. By strange fate, she normally would have already been at her work desk when the first plane crashed into the North Tower, but because a friend had been staying with her, and taken an extremely long shower, she was running late. Coupled with a shift change with another worker, allowing her 30 extra minutes before she needed to be at work that day, her life was forever changed. As she stood at the base of the buildings, still 15 minutes before she was supposed to be on her floor for work, she decided she had time to grab a sandwich. The shift change, shower and decision to grab that sandwich may have saved her life. Just seconds before she would have jumped on an elevator to get to the 89th floor, the North Tower was hit by the first plane.

The second plane hit her building just minutes later. Her only recollection at that time was running away from the buildings as panic ensued. She ended up three miles away at Union Square. Many of the people she worked with at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods perished that day. She survived and today is married with three kids: Chester, 15, Eugenie, 11, and Birdie, 6. She considers herself fortunate but remembers all who were not so lucky. "The traders would go in at 7 a.m. and stayed until 7 p.m. They were doing mergers and acquisitions of the biggest Wall Street companies. The idea was that they did not leave their desks. The people who died were all of those traders who

guarded their posts. The salespeople and janitors are the people who lived. When I asked them how they got out, they said they always knew it was going to happen, so once they heard (about the North Tower) they left."

There have been many lessons learned since the attacks of Sept. 11. Certain individual freedoms were forfeited in the name of safety. Vulnerabilities of key infrastructure became shockingly obvious. The idea that the U.S. was an island immune from terrorism was forever shattered. Enhanced safety protocols at airports and the creation of a new federal agency, Homeland Security, were both born as a result of the attacks. And for a few brief weeks, many people adjusted priorities as we all painfully recognized the precious nature of life.

To a person, we vowed we would never forget. We would not forget those who died. And we would seek justice in their memory.

Today, some 20 years later, it's hard to know for sure what we truly remember and what has been forgotten. There have been so many national tragedies since then, a ledger is needed just to keep track.

But 9/11, like the attack on Pearl Harbor or the assassination of JFK, became an agonizing stopping point in the young history of our nation. It has helped define who we are, what we consider to be truly important, and how goodness prevails when we are united.

Do we remember? Do we truly still feel that pain from 20 years ago?

For the sake of those who perished and a nation that has been forever changed, we must remember.

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Left: Carver County Dairy Princess Emily Leonard with the butter carving. Right: Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Anna Euerle of Meeker County, being crowned. Photos courtesy Midwest Dairy Association

# Princess Kay candidates carve out lots of attention for dairy

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They came wearing T-shirts with the slogan “Carver in butter.” These were supporters of Carver County Dairy Princess Emily Leonard who competed last Wednesday, Aug. 25, for the honor of Princess Kay of the Milky Way, state ambassador for the dairy industry.

A busload of supporters and others who drove on their own made their way to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds on the eve of the “Great Minnesota Get-back Together” to attend the coronation event. The State Fair dairy building, of course, is where all Princess Kay finalists make appearances during the fair and have their heads carved in butter for what has become an iconic refrigerated display and must-experience attraction for fair-goers – along with the milkshakes.

Indeed, one line laid out at the coronation ceremony by the “Milky Way” house band was: “The dairy building... where cooler heads prevail.”

Making the trip to see the crowning were local dairy farm families, 4-H friends, former local dairy princesses – even Watertown’s own Royalty Ambassadors, a group of young people who represent the community at various events, much like the dairy princesses represent Minnesota’s dairy farm families.

The group trip to the Princess Kay ceremony is a tradition that dates back more than two decades, explains Barb Grimm, who with husband Joel milk Holsteins on their dairy farm near Waconia. The couple have three children, including two daughters Val and Laura who both went on to become dairy princesses.

Supporters of Princess Kay candidates come not just from Carver County. Other communities send contingents for their own princess candidates creating a pallet of T-shirt colors in the audience at the Leinie Lodge bandshell on the State Fairgrounds.

Jan Albrecht, long time dairy farmer with husband Jerry and manager of the Carver County Fairgrounds for many years, still works the dairy showcase exhibit at the State Fair. She calls the ceremony a “wonderful way to recognize dairy farmers and encourage young people in the industry.”

The Midwest Dairy Association sponsors the Princess Kay program. Princess Kay candidates are judged on their general knowledge of the dairy industry, communication skills and enthusiasm for dairy.

The 10 candidates at last Wednesday’s ceremony shared their enthusiasm, their influences, and their admiration for the farming way of life.

It’s a shrinking, but proud community. The number of dairy farms in Minnesota has dropped from 3,258 in 2017 to 2,448 in 2020, according to Minnesota Milk Producers Association figures, a decline caused by a number of factors: low milk prices, corporate consolidation, trade wars with China, and an aging group of farmers retiring from dairy operations that require non-stop attention.

Still, milk production remains solid and Princess Kay candidates touted the nutritional value, variety and increasingly sustainable practices of farmers in providing fresh dairy products

Emily Leonard of Norwood Young America is a sixth-generation dairy farmer, daughter of Amy and Tim Leonard, whose older sister Christine was also a Princess Kay finalist. Many other candidates also recited their own dairy farm lineage, and how they looked up to Princess Kay and their own local dairy princess finalists.

Former Carver County dairy princess candidates Laura Grimm and twin sisters Amy Broll and Anna Broll, on hand for the 2021 ceremony, talked about their excitement for the Princess Kay candidates

“We know what they’re going through and can hear our own hearts thumping again when the crown is placed,” they echoed.

Carver County’s last Princess Kay was Jeni Haler in 2014, and it was Litchfield’s Anna Euerle of Meeker County who wore the crown last Wednesday, becoming the 68th Princess Kay of the Milky Way.

Emily Leonard, a student at the University of Minnesota who hopes to be involved in dairy cattle research, came away with a \$1,000 scholarship. She had her head carved in butter on Sunday.

Oh, if you want to know what happens to the 90-pound butter sculptures, former princesses explain that some save them to roll out for sweet corn feeds, cookie bake days, maybe a public pancake breakfast or other farm event – possibly even a future wedding reception. A few are still in the freezer, making it a bit startling to see a head when you open the freezer door, said one dairy mom.

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<p><b>Church of the Ascension</b> 323 Reform St. N. Fr. Abraham George 952-467-3351 Masses: Tuesdays and Fridays 6:15 p.m. Saturdays 5 pm</p>	<p><b>Living Rock Church, C&amp;MA,</b> Sunday Worship @ 9:30 a.m. Meeting at Central High School Rev. Roger Eng 952-467-2498 <a href="http://livingrockchurch.com">livingrockchurch.com</a></p>	<p><b>Friedens UCC (The County Line Church)</b> Corner of Carver County 34 &amp; McLeod County 3 and Zebra Ave. Church 320-238-2200 Pastor Matthew Orendorf 320-238-2483 Services: Sundays 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>HEAL WITH PRAYER</b></p>
<p><b>Belle Plaine</b> St. John's Assumption Catholic 26523 200 Street Monsignor Eugene Lozinski. Masses: Wed 8:30 am Sundays 8:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation: Varies</p>	<p>212 Church St. E. Fr. Abraham George 952-466-2031 Masses: Sunday 10 am. Wed. and Thur. at 8 am</p> <p><b>Zion Lutheran Church</b> 14735 CR 153 Cologne, MN 952-466-3379</p> <p>Rev Eric Zacharias Services Sept-May 9:30 June-Aug 9:00 Kids Corner during church Communion 2nd, 4th Sundays</p>	<p><b>New Germany</b> St. John's Lutheran of Hollywood 17725 53rd St. Pastor Dean Mahlum Sunday service, 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible classes, 10:30 am</p>	<p>Pastor Brian Brosz Sunday Worship (Sept.-May) Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>St. John's Lutheran 216 McLeod Ave. N. <a href="http://www.christ-4-u.org">www.christ-4-u.org</a> Pastor Tyson Mastin 320-238-2550 Services: Sunday service 9 am, Communion every 1st and 4th Sunday Sunday School 10 am Sunday Adult Bible Class 10:10 am Wednesday: Confirmation 6 pm; Thursdays: Bible Study 8:30 am</p>
<p><b>Bongards</b> St. John's United Church of Christ 12984 County Road 51, Norwood Corner of Hwy. 212 and Co. Rd. 51. <a href="http://www.stjohnsucnyc.org">www.stjohnsucnyc.org</a> Pastor Rev. Shuji Morichi 952-466-2080 Sunday Worship Service at 9:15 am Communion 1st Sunday of month.</p>	<p><b>Hamburg</b> Emanuel Lutheran 18175 Co. Rd. 50 Rev. Ronald Mathison, Vacancy Pastor Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. &amp; Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Every day, taped worship services are broadcast on Cable 107.2 at 8:30 and 2:30</p>	<p><b>Plato</b> St. Paul's UCC 308 1st St. N.E. <a href="mailto:stjplato@embarqmail.com">stjplato@embarqmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.platochurch.com">www.platochurch.com</a></p>	<p>Lighthouse Assembly of God 10478 Bell Ave. Pastor Dale Baker, Pastor <a href="mailto:pastordale@firstlove.one">pastordale@firstlove.one</a> <a href="http://lighthousechurch.one">http://lighthousechurch.one</a> Sunday: Worship at 10 am Tuesday: Small Group Study at 6:30 pm Worship &amp; Prayer: 6:30 pm, 1st Sunday of the month</p>
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**Obituaries**

**Romane M. Ehrenberg**

Romane M. Ehrenberg, age 85, of Norwood Young America passed away Sunday, August 29, 2021 at her residence.



A Funeral Service was held Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church (101 SE 2nd Ave) in Norwood Young America with Rev. Josh Bernau as officiant. Visitation held from 9:00 A.M. until the time of service. Interment in the church cemetery, at a later date.

Romane Marie Ehrenberg was born December 15, 1935 in Norwood Young America, the daughter of William and Mary (Hoernemann) Heckmann. On June 15, 1954, Romane was united in marriage to Duane Ehrenberg at Friedens County Line Church in Norwood Young America. Their union was blessed with three children.

Romane was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She was a tremendous cook and loved to do so for everyone. She cooked at St. John's School for 38 years. One of Romane's specialties was her potato salad. Romane used her talents at church, as well, where she was always helping out. When not working or tending to her family, she enjoyed playing Sheephead with friends, going out to eat and frequenting craft shows. However, time spent with family was always her first priority. She especially loved moments spent with them at the cabin near Fergus Falls, fishing, playing games, and just being together.

Romane had an infectious smile and always strived to show unconditional love. Her faith and loved ones were her treasure, whom she poured into all the days of her life. She will be truly missed.

Romane was preceded in death by her husband Duane; son Steven; brothers Wendell, Donald and Warren Schrader; sister-in-law Diane (Myron) Sellnow.

Romane is survived by her loving family: son and daughter-in-law Randy and Bobbi Ehrenberg of Norwood Young America; daughter and son-in-law Patti and Mark Storms of Norwood Young America; grandchildren Aleshia Kohlmeyer and her husband Chad, Jarred Ehrenberg and his wife Sara, Andrew Storms and his wife Tyra, Jessica Steffens and her husband Mark; great-grandchildren Holden, Eaven and Sullivan Kohlmeyer, Gavin, Addison and Ellie Pool, Lydia and Claire Storms, Anthony and Maverick Steffens; sisters-in-law Kathy Schrader of Glencoe, Diane Schrader of Plato; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Serving as Casket Bearers Aleshia Kohlmeyer, Jarred Ehrenberg, Sara Ehrenberg, Andrew Storms, Tyra Storms, Jessica Steffens, Chad Kohlmeyer and Mark Steffens.

Arrangements are with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia, 952-442-2121, [www.johnsonfh.com](http://www.johnsonfh.com).



# Steiner Kelting Mental Wellness Facility set to open

Carver County plans to open its new Steiner Kelting Mental Wellness facility when it starts accepting new patients in early September.

The facility, owned by the county and operated by People Incorporated Mental Health Services, features 12 beds in the voluntary, transitional facility. It serves as an alternative to hospitalization and completes a gap in the county's mental health continuum of care, offering a service previously not available to people and their families within the county. The facility offers a tranquil place for individuals with mental illness to heal – thanks to the collaboration and compassionate leadership of Carver County and People Incorporated.

"We at the county know this type of

care is needed in our communities, and to partner with People Incorporated to support our residents in such an excellent facility is important work," Carver County Commissioner and Board Chair Tim Lynch said.

"Our programming centers on wellness, as well as evidence-based, co-occurring care, that directly improves the quality of life for individuals who are experiencing mental illness and need access to residential services," said Wendy Waddell, Chief Operating Officer of People Incorporated. "We are committed to working with our community stakeholders and look forward to an ongoing partnership with Carver County Health and Human Services."

The facility offers short term (up to

10 days) and longer term (60-90 days) of residential crisis and stabilization services in a safe, comforting environment. It supports clients through 24/7 licensed clinical and therapeutic care. Clients receive referrals to the facility through their primary health care provider, mental health care provider or hospital. The facility only serves clients who are not deemed dangerous.

"Supporting our community with this service achieves a long-held goal for the county," said Rod Franks, Carver County's Director of Health and Human Services. "We know that many people and their families often had to seek this type of care outside their communities. Offering this level of mental-health support right here in the county helps clients and

their families."

The facility's location on the southwest corner of Lake Bavaria adds to its peaceful setting. The City of Chaska donated the land to Ridgeview Medical Center in 2008. Private donations funded the building of the Marie Steiner Kelting Hospice Home, which operated from 2009-17. Ridgeview closed the hospice care facility in 2018. Ridgeview worked with Carver County to convert it into a mental health and wellness facility. Thanks to \$1.25 million in State bonding, the county expanded and renovated the facility from 2019-21, delayed in part by the COVID-19 pandemic. Wold Architects designed the expansion and renovation while Ebert Construction served as the contractor.

## Obituaries

### Francis J. Green

Francis John Green, age 75, of Norwood Young America, Minnesota, passed away on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at GlenFields Living with Care in Glencoe, Minnesota.



Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. at the Church of the Ascension in Norwood Young America, Minnesota, with interment in Ascension Catholic Cemetery in Norwood Young America. Gathering of Family and Friends will be held Wednesday, September 8, 2021, from 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. at the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America and will continue one hour before the service at the church on Thursday. Clergy: Father Abraham. George Organist: Marilee Widmer. Musical Selections: "Amazing Grace," "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation," "On Eagle's Wings," "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light." Urn Bearer: Les Bartos.

Francis John Green was born on October 31, 1945, in Saint Bonifacius, Minnesota. He was the son of John and Dora (Robling) Green. Francis was baptized as an infant and later confirmed in his faith as a youth. Francis was raised in St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. He received his education in Waconia, Minnesota, and graduated from Waconia High School with the class of 1964.

On June 22, 1968, Francis was united in marriage to Nancy Lee Farnioik. They made their home in Norwood Young America, Minnesota. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Susan, John, and Barbara. Francis and Nancy shared 49 years of marriage until Nancy's passing in 2018.

Francis was a member of the Church of the Ascension in Norwood Young America, Minnesota. Francis worked as a heavy-duty axel welder in Plymouth, Minnesota for Dana Corporation.

Francis enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and hunting. He had a knack for the game of horseshoes. Francis enjoyed visiting with his neighbors and friends. Time spent with his grandchildren was something he looked forward to.

Francis passed away on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at GlenFields Living with Care in Glencoe, at the age of 75. Blessed be his memory.

Francis is survived by his: children, Susan Heinen and friend Thomas Bleichner, John Green, Barbara Linquist; grandchildren, Chad Linquist, April Bouchey and husband James; great-grandchildren, Jenna Bouchey, Emma Bouchey, Sophia Bouchey; brother, Marvin Green; mother-in-law, Elvera Cronk; sister-in-law, Sharon Bartos and husband Les; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Francis was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Green; parents, John and Dora Green; father-in-law, John Farnioik.

Arrangements by the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel of Norwood Young America.

### Mae E. Koerschen

Mae Eileen Koerschen, age 100, of Norwood Young America, Minnesota, passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at Auburn Homes in Waconia, Minnesota.

Funeral Service will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021, 11:00 A.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Norwood Young America with interment in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior at the church in Norwood Young America. Clergy Officiating: Pastor Josh Bernau, Vicar Josh Hoffman. Organist: Rita Luecke. Congregational Hymns: "Just As I Am," "Thine Forever God of Love," "Nearer My God to Thee." Casket Bearers: Bruce Winter, John Winter, David Guderian, Keith Delhanty, Jeff Ihlman, Mark Guderian.

Mae Eileen Koerschen was born on May 9, 1921, in Greenbush Township, Mille Lacs County, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Fred and Emma (Zimpel) Guderian. Mae was baptized as an infant on May 16, 1921, at her parents' home in Greenbush Township by Edward A. Neuss. She was later confirmed in her faith as a youth on August 23, 1936, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Foley, Minnesota, by Reverend Arthur Beck. Mae received her education through the eighth grade.

On May 24, 1947, Mae was united in marriage to John Koerschen at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Foley by Rev. L. J. Lemke. Their marriage was blessed with one child, Robert. Mae and John resided on a farm near John's parents' farm in rural Norwood Young America. After John's father passed away, Mae and John moved and took over the family farm. They were blessed with 43 years of marriage until John passed away in 1990.

Mae was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Norwood Young America where she was active in the Ladies Aid. She was also a charter member of the Young America VFW Auxiliary Post #1783. Mae enjoyed camping in northern Minnesota. In her downtime, she enjoyed sewing and gardening.

Mae passed away on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at Auburn Homes in Waconia at the age of 100 years.

Mae is survived by her: brothers, Marvin Guderian of Princeton, MN, Clarence Guderian and his wife Betty Jean of Oak Park, MN, John Guderian of Bloomington, MN; sister, Bernice Larson of Prescott, AZ; nieces, nephews, other special relatives and friends.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Emma Guderian; husband, John Koerschen; infant son, Robert John Koerschen; brothers-in-law, Alvin Winter, Donald Schrupp, Robert Larson; sisters-in-law, Melva Guderian, Vie Guderian, Violet Guderian, and Delores Schrupp.

Arrangements by the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel of Norwood Young America.



### Phyllis J. Jenneke

Phyllis J. Jenneke, age 72, of Waconia passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church (601 East 2nd St) in Waconia with Rev. Duncan McLellan officiating. Visitation held from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at church. Interment in the church cemetery.

Phyllis J. Jenneke was born December 21, 1948 in Glencoe, MN, the daughter of Harold and Adeline (Bahr) Birkholz. She was baptized and later confirmed at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Phyllis spent her early years working on the family farm. She enjoyed being a homemaker and volunteering in her community. One of Phyllis's favorite community events was working at the Carver County Fair. She was very patriotic, enjoyed collecting angels and watching her son play baseball.

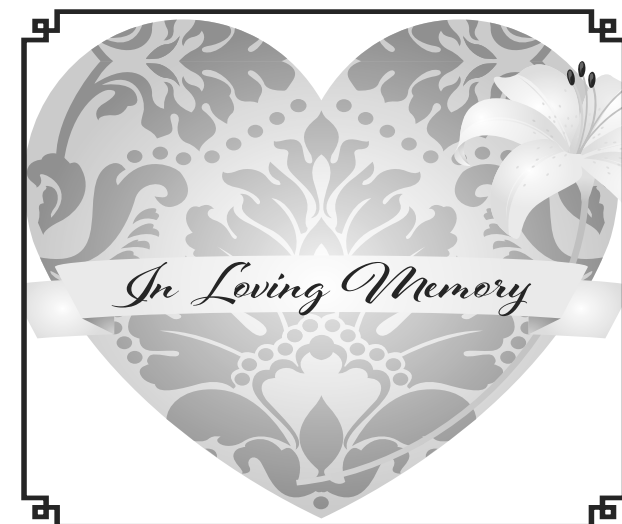
Phyllis was a God-fearing woman. She instilled this faith in her sons and taught them the importance of being honest. She also passed on to them the great skill of fishing, which she loved to do up at her son, Jason's cabin in Isle. Phyllis adored her family. Spending time with them was her delight, especially with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Adeline Birkholz.

Phyllis is survived by her loving family: sons Jeffery Jenneke of Elreno, OK, Jason (Julie) Jenneke of Waconia; grandsons Ezekiel Jenneke, Josh Jenneke; great-granddaughter Scout Farnioik; sister Sharon Leply of Hutchinson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Casket Bearers are Brian Rademacher, Chad Luedloff, Kenneth Norman, Jeff Buckingham, Jeffrey Jenneke, Jason Jenneke, Tyler Adams, Josh Jenneke.

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





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**RESUME WRITING AT LOFT LITERARY CENTER**

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**MASTER GARDENER HELP DESK**

SATURDAYS - At the Waconia Library on Satur-

day's through the summer from 10 am to 1 pm. Bring your plant samples and insect disease questions and the Carver/Scott Master Gardeners will help diagnose problems and answer your yard and garden questions. The Help Desk will also be at the Chanhassen and Chaska Libraries through September. Please note the Help Desk will be at the Carver County Fair instead of the Waconia Library on August 14. For more information on Carver/Scott Master Gardeners, see [www.carverscottmastergardeners.org](http://www.carverscottmastergardeners.org)

**LIBRARY SERVICES AND SCHEDULE EXPANDED**

ONGOING - The Carver County Library

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# Watertown's new city administrator set to start in November

BY MEGAN GLENN  
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While there's still a few weeks before he starts, Watertown's new city administrator, Jake Foster, is looking forward to his new job. One of the aspects of the job is meeting the community, which he is planning to do soon. In the mean time, Jeff O'Neill will continue to interim and prepare things for Foster's arrival.



FOSTER

There are still a few things to resolve for Foster before his first day as city administrator. As assistant city administrator for Chanhassen, he has to finish out his last days per Chanhassen's contract. Foster also has a more fun factor affecting his exact start date: a new baby.

"She could come any day now," he said.

Foster's experience as assistant city administrator for Chanhassen will help him in the transition to Watertown. He's already familiar with Carver County's rules for cities, the policing practices, and key figures in most of the communities. In fact, during his time in Chanhassen, he often heard about Watertown's activities and reputation, so he already had a good idea of the community before applying.

"Watertown has a great reputation for being a well run community and economic development," he said. "That's what made it an attractive position for me."

It also felt like the right time for Foster in terms of career advancement. Aside from working with Chanhassen, he's also worked in Fridley as a digital marketing assistant as well as assistant city administrator for Lake Elmo. When the position in Watertown opened, Foster decided with

what he knew of the city and his experience that it was time to take a step up.

With the remaining time at Chanhassen and baby on the way, Foster is currently scheduled to start in the first week of November. He stated that he is able to start earlier if possible, and is looking forward to his first days.

"I'm looking forward to helping with the big projects," said Foster. "The community is so open and engaged with the city, and I'm looking forward to meeting them."

No matter what happens, Foster is planning to be in town for the Downtown Trick or Treat. He will be using the opportunity to meet members of the community and business owners. When he's not working, he can be found in parks, enjoying the outdoors, or sometimes reading with his family.

Until he starts, interim city administrator Jeff O'Neill will continue to work with the

community and keep projects going. He's had an amazing time being back in Watertown, bringing in his experience of being the city administrator previously in the late 80s.

"It was really exciting to see the changes in the community," he said. "Projects we were working back then have been implemented, which is just really good to see."

Previously the Monticello city administrator, O'Neill was heading towards retirement when he was contacted by Shane Fineran, now the Waconia city administrator. Upon hearing that Watertown would need someone in the interim, he decided to take one last summer off of retirement to help the city. He's enjoyed his time in the community once again, and is looking forward to practicing his golf swing next summer. O'Neill will continue to work on projects until Foster comes in, so feel free to say hello before he retires.

## Drought pushes spike in bear sightings

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Black bear sightings are on the rise in Minnesota, as this summer's drought has made it harder the animals to find the food they need to prepare for hibernation.

This time of year, Minnesota's black bears are trying to eat as many as 10,000 to 15,000 calories a day. They start to feed nocturnally and for longer periods of time on nutrition-rich acorns, hazelnuts and berries — food sources that are harder to find because of

the drought. Bears are now increasingly seeking out backyard bird feeders and other food sources.

"There have been a lot of anecdotal reports of bears all over the place this year," Andy Tri, acting bear project leader with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, told Minnesota Public Radio News.

The state's bear population has remained stable for nearly a decade at between 12,000 and 15,000 state-

wide, Tri said. However, their range is expanding, especially into the northern Twin Cities suburbs, he said.

"So people who grew up there and didn't grow up seeing bears are now seeing bears regularly," Tri said.

Tri said while it's important to be respectful of bears, there's no need to be afraid. He advises making sure the bear has a clear path to leave the yard, then watching it from inside the house.

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# Chloe Billiet joins the Minnesota Youth Council

Minnesota Alliance With Youth is pleased to announce that Chloe Billiet of Watertown has been selected to serve on the Minnesota Youth Council, representing MN Congressional District 6. The Minnesota Youth Council (MYC) is a collaborative of youth leaders that mobilizes their fellow middle and high school peers across the state to create equitable systems through youth led outreach, education, and advocacy. Members of the MYC are change agents in their communities and across the state, leading the way with youth-centered systems change.



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In 2013, the MN Legislature formally recognized the work of the MYC, passing into law the Minnesota Youth Council Committee Bill, which establishes the MYC as an official legislative committee, creating a system for youth to provide advice and recommendations to the legislature and the governor.

Chloe is a student at Watertown-Mayer High School. She is passionate about gender and racial equality, the protection of the rights of the LGBTQA community, and environmental preservation. She also passionate about raising awareness of the rising amounts of mental health issues within students and the fight for gun control. Chloe enjoys reading, listening to music, baking

and spending time with her friends and family. She also plays the flute in her high school band and has been involved in competitive dance for eight years.

Minnesota Youth Council members focus their impact through four priority issue areas; Juvenile Justice, Education Equity, Environmental Justice, and Health & Wellness. The MYC holds legislative meetings several times a year during the MN Legislative Session. Senators and Representatives are invited to present bills impacting youth and provide testimony to the full council. MYC members provide insight and feedback on the issues through the formal committee meetings and feedback letters to the bill authors.

The MYC partners with community organizations to create change across the state, and MYC youth members are leaders in many coalitions working for change in MN; Solutions Not Suspensions, Escape the Vape, Youth UBI (unemployment benefits for students), the Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color and American Indian Teachers in Minnesota, MNCASA + the Comprehensive Sex Education Coalition, the Coalition for Youth Justice, COPAL and the Cumulative Impacts Coalition, the Tobacco-Free Alliance, and more.

Learn more about the Minnesota Youth Council and how you can partner with the Youth Member from your district at [www.mnyouth.net](http://www.mnyouth.net).



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# Extra inning thriller caps state tournament

## Watertown and Sobieski battle for championship in 11-inning pitchers duel

BY JAMES STITT

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The Sobieski Skis shut down a hot Watertown team that was coming off a pair of games that saw the Red Devils tally 32 hits and 16 runs, but needed 11 innings to get past Watertown in the championship game as the Red Devils defense was just as stingy. Both sides brought out their draftee pitchers, who treated the 1,500 fans on hand in Waconia to a stellar performance. The Sobieski Skis shut down a hot Watertown team that was coming off a pair of games that saw the Red Devils tally 32 hits and 16 runs, but needed 11 innings to get past Watertown in the championship game as the Red Devils defense was just as stingy. Both sides brought out their draftee pitchers, who treated the 1,500 fans on hand in Waconia to a stellar performance.

The game was decided in the 11th inning when Riley Hirsch was hit by a pitch and Beau Hanowski walked. A sacrifice bunt moved the batters over with just one out, and the Skis, who had only four hits in the first 10 innings, came up with back-to-back hits to score three runs, as Collin Eckman plated the winning run on a single, a wild pitch scored a second run and Ben Hanowski added a third on an RBI double. The three runs were more than enough as Strack got the final three outs to earn the complete game shutout win with 10 strikeouts.

The Royals tallied seven hits in the loss and came close to winning the game in the ninth when Matt Butler singled and Jake Anderly doubled, but Strack got the next three batters out to keep the game alive.

Eckman and Ben Hanowski's only hits of the game accounted for two

RBI, while Hirsch led the Skis with two hits. Scott Litchy and Josh Henzel both had hits as well.

Smith and Nick Truck both had a pair of hits for Watertown, while Zach Iten, Butler and Anderly each had one. Prehn went 10 innings with just four hits allowed and two walks to go with three strikeouts.

### WATERTOWN 10 MILROY YANKEES 0

Instead of riding one big inning to move past their opponents like they did in their first three games of the state tournament, the Watertown Red Devils decided to spread out the scoring output, pouring on the runs early and often Sunday. The Red Devils tallied 32 hits in two games, defeating Milroy 10-0 and Watkins 6-3 to move on to the championship game.

Watertown kicked off Sunday with 18 hits against the Milroy Yankees. Patrick Tschida singled in the lead-off spot and Ben Smith joined him on base following an error. Mitch Kelzer and Zach Iten then plated the two runners to put the Red Devils up 2-0 in the first inning.

In the fifth, Jadrien Keavy bunted safely and moved to second on a passed ball before a Tschida double scored the run.

Watertown scored two more in the sixth when Kelzer doubled and Iten homered to put the score at 5-0.

Another successful bunt led to a Red Devil run when Jake Anderly reached base safely and scored on an RBI single from Tschida.

Watertown then ended the game early with four runs in the eighth to give them a 10-run lead. Matt Butler drove in two RBIs on a double, then RBI doubles from Jackson Meyer and Anderly concluded the game with the Red Devils up 10-0.

Anderly and Ryan Hangartner both had

four hits in the win, with Tschida tallying three, Butler and Iten recording two each. Kelzer, Meyer and Keavy each had one hit. Iten drove in three runs, Butler and Kelzer batted in two each. Also tallying an RBI in the win was Anderly, Meyer and Tschida.

Tschida earned the win on the mound, scattering four hits across eight innings with six strikeouts and no runs.

Jake Tauer, Andy Schmidt, Matt Bauer and Jacob Hughes each had a hit for the Yankees.

### WATERTOWN 6 WATKINS CLIPPERS 3

The Red Devils returned to action Sunday to take on the Clippers, tallying 14 hits in the win.

Watertown again grabbed the lead early, with Tschida drawing a walk, stealing second and scoring on a Kelzer single.

The Red Devils then gave themselves some breathing room with three runs on five hits in the third. Smith singled, Kelzer hit an RBI double, Iten singled, Hangartner hit an RBI double and Butler knocked in a run on a single to put Watertown up 4-0.

Four more hits in the sixth gave the Red Devils a 6-0 lead. Anderly tripled and scored on an RBI single from Keavy, Tschida and Smith both singled, then pulled off a double steal that saw Tschida crossing the plate on a steal of home.

Down but not out, the Clippers fought back in the bottom of the sixth to score a pair of runs. Nolan Geislinger and Lincoln Haugen both singled, then scored on RBI singles from Kevin Kramer and Dan Berg. A double play ended the rally however, as Keavy, Hangartner and Iten worked together to end the inning without any further damage. Watkins threatened again in the eighth by loading the bases, but Watertown only allowed one run to cross the plate before ending the inning again with multiple run-



Adam Prehn of Plato helped Watertown shutdown Sobieski for 10 innings. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

ners left on base.

Five Red Devils had multi-hit games – Smith (3), Kelzer (2), Iten (2), Butler (2) and Anderly (2). Also tallying hits were Tschida, Hangartner and Keavy. Kelzer drove in two runs, while Hangartner, Butler and Keavy each had one.

Holt Hunziker earned the win in 6.33 innings of work, striking out six while allowing just six hits and two runs. Jonah Lewis finished the game with three strikeouts and two hits in 2.67 innings.

Brenden Ashton and Nolan Geislinger led the Clippers with two hits each, while Kramer and Berg accounted for the two RBIs.

### SOBIESKI SKIS 5 SARTELL MUSKIES 1

A big first inning had the Skis on top early and the three-run burst was more than enough to hold off Sartell as draftee out of Pierz, Chad Weiss held the Muskies to just one run in nine innings on the mound.

Beau Hanowski and Collin Eckman both singled to get aboard in the first, then Joey Hanowski plated both runners on a double and Josh Wenzel batted in another run for the 3-0 lead. Jake Kappahn doubled in the second and scored on an error before batting in another run in the sixth on a double that scored Wenzel.

The Muskies had a late burst in the ninth to end the shutout, but it was not enough to overcome the 5-0 deficit. David Kroger doubled and scored on a single from Braeden Dykhuizen, then Adam Schillinger singled to give Sartell two runners with one out down four, but back-to-back outs ended the game.

Kappahn had two hits and an RBI, Joey Hanowski had one hit and two RBIs, Wenzel had one and one to lead the offense of Sobieski. Litchy, Eckman, Beau Hanowski and Beau Hanowski each had one hit.

Adam Schellinger and Cody Partch each had two hits for Sartell, while Andrew Deters, Jace Otto, Kroger and Dykhuizen each had one.

### SOBIESKI SKIS 9 ALEXANDRIA BLACK SOX 6

The Skis earned a trip to the title game with a 9-6 win over Alexandria. The two sides combined for 29 hits and 15 runs in an offensive game that preceded a championship game that saw no runs over 10 innings of play.

Travis Krueger bookended a strong performance with a pair of home runs, scoring a two-run homer in the first before driving in three more in the ninth, but it was not enough to keep the Black Sox season alive.

Sobieski quickly

erased the early two-run deficit with a pair of runs in the second, stringing together four hits – a double from Ben Hanowski, a single from Josh Wenzel, and RBI single from Dusty Parker and an RBI single from Jake Kappahn.

Wenzel kicked off another scoring effort in the fourth with a double, moved over on a single, then scored on a Kappahn single before an RBI single from Beau Hanowski put the Skis up 4-2.

Alexandria got one run back in the fourth when Colin Erickson hit an RBI double, but it was not enough as Sobieski extended their lead with a Kappahn home run in the sixth, a two-RBI single from Beau Hanowski in the seventh that paired with an error scoring a run, and finally a fourth RBI from Beau Hanowski in the ninth.

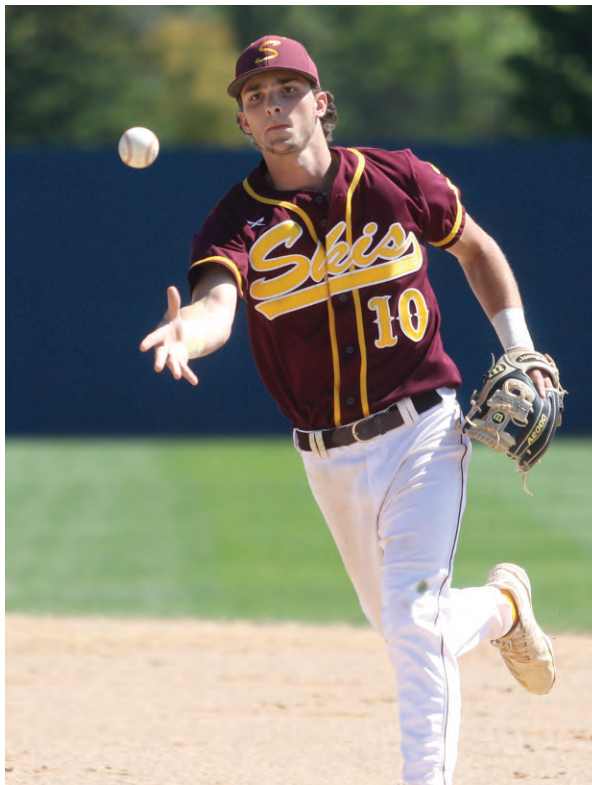
Beau Hanowski and Kappahn drove in seven of the nine runs for the Skis, with a combined five hits. Parker had one RBI. Kappahn and Parker each had three hits, while Beau Hanowski, Ben Hanowski, Scott Litchy, Riley Hirsch and Josh Wenzel each had two. Joey Hanowski also had a hit in the win.

Ethan Branum, Sobieski's draftee out of Fort Ripley, earned the win in 8.67 innings of work with 10 strikeouts.









Pictured, Ryan Hangartner makes a throw to first base for Watertown. • Jake Kappahn makes the throw to first base. • Jordan Roos celebrates a round one win for Dumont. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

# Lakers win Friday night, move on to Sunday

## Alexandria and Watkins end postseason runs for Waconia, St. Patrick

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### WACONIA LAKERS 9 LUXEMBERG BREWERS 2

The Waconia Lakers moved on to the third round of the 2021 Class C Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament with an explosive performance in Chaska Friday night, defeating the Luxemburg Brewers 9-2 with a pair of home runs from Jake Hendricks and Max Kalenberg.

The Lakers earned an early lead when Jake Hendricks sent the ball out of the park for Waconia's first home run of the day, driving in two runs to put the score at 2-0. Sam Schiffman then added another run to Waconia's lead when plating AJ Friedrich in the third after Friedrich successfully bunted to get on base.

The Brewers got one run back in the sixth when Sam Iten and Isaac Matchinsky hit back-to-back singles to start the sixth and Luke Harren was struck by a pitch to load the bases with one out. A sacrifice fly from Ethyn Fruth drove in one run, but the Lakers got out of the inning without any further damage.

Then came the seventh inning, a time Waconia

often puts separation between them and their opponents, and they did so once again with five runs crossing the plate. Friedrich walked to start the inning, then back-to-back singles from Kalenberg and Jake Hendricks resulted in the first run. Chris Bullis walked to load the bases before an error and a wild pitch put three more runs across the board. Derek Martin then hit an RBI single to close out the inning with Waconia up 8-1, which was more than enough to move Waconia on to the next round.

Hendricks led the Lakers with three RBIs on two hits, with Friedrich and Kalenberg also having multi-hit games (two hits each). Martin, Kalenberg, Sam Schiffman and Ronnie Olson each had an RBI in the win, while Martin, Schiffman, Bullis and Justin Schultz each had a hit.

Kodey Simon earned the win in seven innings of work with eight strikeouts, five hits and one run allowed. Tanner Luebke (Cologne) and Will LaLonde (Mayer) both pitched an inning in relief for the Lakers.

Iten led the Brewers with a pair of hits and a run scored, while

Matchinsky had one hit and an RBI. Fruth drove in one run, while Luke Harren and Reed Pfannenstien each had one hit.

JT Harren struck out seven in 2.67 innings of relief for the Brewers with just one earned run.

### SARTELL MUSKIES 11 BLUFFTON BRAVES 1

Both squads committed five errors in the Friday night matchup in Waconia, but Sartell made the Braves pay with 11 runs scoring on nine hits to move on to the next round.

Jace Otto plated Josh Dykhoff in the first inning on a sacrifice fly to put Sartell up 1-0 and the Muskies never looked back in the 10-run win. A slew of hits from Riley Ahrndt, Adam Schellinger, Andrew Deters and Ethan, paired with a couple of errors from the Braves had four runs cross the board in the third to put the Muskies up 5-0.

The five runs were more than enough as Sartell pitcher David Deminsky shut down the Braves Friday night. Deminsky struck out 13 in seven innings with just three hits allowed (and no earned runs), throwing 70 strikes out of 86 pitches. Kroger

and Grant Mackenthun combined for four strikeouts in two innings of relief pitching.

The Muskies would continue to add to their lead throughout the game, with five more scoring innings. Deters scored on a double steal and later tripled to score off the bat of Otto, David Kroger doubled and scored after a passed ball and a balk, Cody Partch plated two on a single and Carter Hemmesch scored on an error to give the Muskies 11 runs.

Peyton Rondesvedt scored the lone run for the Braves, scoring on an error after reaching base on a single.

Partch had three RBIs on one hit and Otto had two hits to go with a pair of RBIs to lead the Muskies. Deters drove in one on two hits and Jake Sweeter had one RBI as well. Kroger, Schellinger, Ahrndt and Ethan Carlson each had one hit for Sartell.

### WATKINS CLIPPERS 2 ST. PATRICK IRISH 0

The Clippers outlasted the Irish thanks to a combined no-hitter from Justin Thompson and Matt Geislinger, as the duo allowed just four hits in the Sunday quarterfinal.

Thompson scattered three hits across 7.33 innings while striking out seven, then Geislinger struck out three in 1.67 innings with one hit allowed.

Geislinger shut down a scoring chance for St. Patrick, who put two on base with one out after singles from Matt Ambroz and Jace Westman. Geislinger entered and got two quick outs to keep the shutout.

The Clippers earned their lead in the third inning with three hits and an error resulting in two runs. Nolan Geislinger and Kevin Kramer both singled, then an error scored Geislinger and Brenden Ashton hit an RBI single to put Watkins up 2-0.

Kramer, Ashton and Berg each had two hits for the Clippers, while Nolan Geislinger had one. Berg and Thompson batted in the two runs.

Seth Ambroz, Ryan Friedges, Matt Ambroz and Westman accounted for the four St. Patrick hits.

### ALEXANDRIA BLACK SOX 6 WACONIA LAKERS 1

The Lakers run at the state tournament came to an end on Sunday when the Black Sox belted out six runs in the middle of the game to erase the early

Waconia lead.

Jack Stoddard made Alexandria pay for a walk to Ben Smothers, driving a run in on a double to put Waconia up 1-0 in the third.

The Black Sox would respond in a big way though, stringing together three hits in the fourth to take the lead. Brady Barga plated Mitch Thompson, Shawn Krueger singled to move Barga over and Eric Carlsen drove in what would be the winning run.

Travis Krueger would add to the lead with an in the park homerun that plated Brett Savelkoul and Thompson, then Chris Curry hit an RBI single to put the final score at 6-1.

Carter Stockert scattered three hits over seven innings to earn the win with seven strikeouts and one run. Dylan Haskamp, draftee from Sauk Centre, struck out two with one hit in two innings.

Barga and Eric Carlsen each had two hits and an RBI while Travis Krueger had three RBIs on one hit. Thompson had two hits and two runs scored.

Stoddard had one hit and an RBI to lead the Lakers, while Derek Martin, Jake Hendricks and Sam Schiffman each had one hit.





Pictured, from left, Ashley Olson attacks the ball at the net. • The Royals celebrate a point scored by Kate Thibault. • Kate Thibault serves the ball during the Thursday game. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

## Watertown-Mayer battles in clash of the Titans

### No. 2 ranked Royals take on No. 1 ranked Mayer Lutheran in volleyball clash

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While Thursday night's battle between Mayer Lutheran and Watertown-Mayer featured the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams dueling it out on the court, the game was more than the matchup. After playing last year in mostly empty gyms, the Crusader and Royal faithfuls packed the stands to deliver an atmosphere that was sorely missed last year.

"I like it, the energy is high," said Kate Thibault. "Even though we didn't get the outcome we wanted, I thought it was a lot of fun."

The Royals had a strong start with an early lead in set one and pushed the Crusaders past 25 points in set two, but ultimately lost 3-0.

"Watertown-Mayer played two sets of awesome volleyball, then unfortunately allowed Mayer to

control the court," coach Andrea Raser said.

Yet the final score did little to dampen spirits, as two of the best teams in the state got to compete in front of a big crowd.

"It does intimidate you a little bit because it is so loud and you can't hear your teammates sometimes, but I like it," said Libby Burns. "Getting to have our fans and people from our school and community watching us is a really special

thing."

Ashley Olsen led the attack with seven kills, while Libby Burns, Alaina Burns, Mallory Czinnano and Thibault each had three. Natalie Ernhart led the team with 15 assists and Thibault had a team-high 14 digs.

The loss follows five wins to start the season for the No. 2 ranked Royals, who already have a win over a No. 3 ranked team.

"We started out very strong, I'm really happy

with how we're playing right now, how we're moving on the court," said Thibault. "Some of us have never played together but I think we're doing really well."

The five-win start also included an Aug. 31 win over Delano (25-20, 25-18, 25-16).

Ernhart dished out 26 assists with kills coming from Libby Burns (10), Olsen (9), Czinnano (4), Thibault (3), Alaina Burns (3) and Arisa Intlekofer (1).

Thibault led the team in digs with 13, Ernhart had nine and Libby Burns picked up seven.

A strong start has The Royals at a 5-1 record with a lot of well-earned optimism.

"Feisty, fierce and fun, that's our three Fs for this year, I figure it describes us very well," said Thibault. "If we can keep this pace going and keep building our team up, we will be great by the end of the season."

## Royals erupt to 28-0 lead in football opener

### Watertown-Mayer moves to 1-0 for first time since 2017, starts season strong

BY JAMES STITT  
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The Watertown-Mayer football team kicked off the season with a 28-12 win over Foley Friday night.

"We played really well," said coach Andrew Phillips. "We were able to capitalize on our experience, just doing what we wanted to do. There was just a different attitude from our players and they just wanted to do well."

The Royals return after a 2020 campaign that saw them win a couple of games to end a 29-game losing streak

and carry over the momentum from last season to move above .500 for the first time in years.

"It starts us off on the right foot, it instills confidence in our players, it instills confidence in our school and within our community," said Phillips. "It's been a few years since we started 1-0 and it has boosted morale. The bus ride home was a lot more energetic and a lot more fun than seasons passed when we lost on the road."

Watertown-Mayer controlled the game from the start, marching down the field on a

4 minute drive that was capped off by a 4 yard touchdown run by Albert Rundell that put Watertown-Mayer up 7-0. The Royals never looked back on the way to a 21-0 lead at half and a 28-0 lead after three quarters.

"It all started with the first drive of the game, we went right down the field and scored," Phillips said. "It was a good drive for us, it was probably an eight or 10 play drive, we were able to pound the ball, we converted on a third and long and we converted on a fourth down that we needed and it just gave our guys all the

confidence in the world to be able to drive the ball from the other end of the field."

Behind a strong offensive line, the Royals tacked on two more rushing touchdowns, a 1 yard run by Wyatt McCabe and a 25 yard run by Cole Lange. Rundell would add a passing touchdown when hitting Connor Donovan for a 2 yard score and Ashton Hecksel converted all four extra points. The depth on the defensive line also helped the Royals get out to a 28-0 lead.

"Our offensive line and our defensive line are both going to be

a strength for us this year," said Phillips. "Every guy that is playing on our line played last year, some were starters, some were reserves. We have a lot of experience there, but we also have a lot of depth. On our defensive line, we have five guys who play defensive tackle so we can rotate them in. We didn't have guys getting as tired as we did in seasons passed, and if you look at some of our guys that are backup defensive linemen that are starters on our offensive line, that helps us to have guys that aren't playing both ways every down."

Overall, it was an encouraging win that has the program continuing to move in the right direction.

"We played with a lot of confidence and we played with a lot of energy and ultimately our guys were able to capitalize on that," said Phillips. "There weren't a lot of penalties, there weren't a lot of turnovers. It was a game where we were able to go out and play football. There weren't any tricks or anything like that, we just went out and played a good, clean football game and it worked out for us."





## Young Raider team shocks Glencoe-Silver Lake Central volleyball wins home opener on new court with new starting lineup

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Despite the Central volleyball team only returning one starter from last year's squad, the new-look Raiders were able to win their season opener, downing Glencoe-Silver Lake 3-1 (25-16, 17-25, 26-24, 25-19).

"Once we got our momentum working

together and got our nerves out, we played really well," said Lauren Schmidt. "We're a younger team that doesn't have much varsity experience and we really shocked them."

In addition to the roster looking different, the Raiders home gym has a new look as well. On Tuesday night, the Raiders got to play on a new court with two new scoreboards.

"It was like an extra excitement, we were the first ones to play with the new stuff, so it was very fun," said Paige Lueck.

After exchanging victories in the first two sets, Central got a clutch 26-24 win in set three before putting away the Panthers with a 25-19 set four win.

"It was back and forth a lot, so we kept pushing," said Lueck.

"We did not give up."

Laya Hallquist dished out 26 assists with kills coming from Lueck (13), Schmidt (7), Mikayla Tellers (7), Emma Dose (3), Meghan Barr (3), Emma Conser (2) and Hallquist (1).

The Raiders were active on defense with 75 digs. Hallquist had 19, Conser had 15 and Lueck had 11 to lead a Central team that re-

fused to let the ball hit the court. Also picking up digs was Barr (8), Morgan Johnson (7), Adeline Willems (5), Tellers (2), Britney Smith (2) and Cadee Vinkenmeier (1).

Johnson had five aces while Smith and Conser each had one. Tellers blocked three shots, Hallquist blocked two and Schmidt blocked one.

And while both the

roster and the gym look different this year, the Raiders still delivered a win, moving to 1-0 on the season.

"There was definitely a lot of nerves since a lot of the team is a group of younger girls, but I think we were all really excited to play," said Lueck. "We work hard, our team chemistry is really good - all of these girls get along really well."

## Raiders race out to 22-0 lead in opening win Strickfaden, Kalkes provide balanced rushing attack for Central football

BY JAMES STITT  
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The Central football

team got off to a terrific start to the season in a 22-13 win over Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Friday night,

forcing a fumble on the third play of the game before a 14-play drive had them ahead early.

After the defense

forced the early turnover, Noah Strickfaden led the offense down the field with 25 yards rushing on four attempts, including a 16 yard run on third down and a 1 yard score, while connecting with Aiden Wachholz three times for 25 yards and Hunter Neubarth twice for 11, including a successful two-point conversion that put the Raiders up 8-0.

Strickfaden capped off another scoring drive in the second quarter with a 13 yard touchdown run, while he and Jake Kalkes ripped off four big runs to move the ball, tallying 54 yards on four carries (two each for 27 yards).

While the offense moved the ball effec-

tively in the first half, the defense limited the Knights' offense. The longest drive for the Knights in the first half was five plays for 20 yards as Central went into halftime up 14-0.

And while Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial would score twice in the fourth quarter to end the shutout, it was too little too late, as an early third quarter touchdown run by Kalkes had Central finish the game on top 22-13.

"Our front line did a solid job up front not getting moved and seeing up for linebackers to do their job," said coach Gary Kosek. "A great way to start the season, we certainly got a lot of things to continue

getting better at. A total team effort in every phase. Always fun and rewarding to win and now Monday the focus will shift to Redwood Valley, a really good team."

Strickfaden finished with 96 yards rushing, 76 yards passing and a pair of scores, while Kalkes had 70 yards and a touchdown. Kalkes also led the defense with eight solo tackles, and assist and a sack.

"Jake played really well, we will need more production like that as the season continues," said Kosek.

Danny Padilla had four solo tackles, one assist and a fumble recovery, while Tanner Neubarth had five solo tackles and an assist.

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<b>Fri., Sept. 10</b>						@ NEW London Spicer, 7 pm
<b>Sat., Sept. 11</b>		@ Waconia, 11 am			Invitational @ Sauk Rapids-Rice, 10 am	
<b>Mon., Sept. 13</b>			@ Mayer Lutheran, 7 pm		@ Norwood Young America, 7 pm	
<b>Tues., Sept. 14</b>	@ Norwood Young America, Baylor Park, 4 pm	Home vs. Rockford, 5 pm	Home vs. Rockford, 7 pm		Home vs. Eden Valley-Watkins, 7 pm	
<b>Wed., Sept. 15</b>						



# Mayer Lutheran wins clash of the titans

## No. 1 ranked Crusaders defeat No. 2 ranked Watertown-Mayer in straight sets

BY JAMES STITT  
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While Thursday night's battle between Mayer Lutheran and Watertown-Mayer featured the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams dueling it out on the court, the game was more than the match-up. After playing last year in mostly empty gyms, the Crusader and Royal faithfuls packed the stands to deliver an atmosphere that was sorely missed last year.

"Having a student section, I know that's not the main part of winning the game, but it was so fun having them because we never got them last year," said Emma Lade. "The whole atmosphere in the gym has totally changed."

While Mayer Lutheran was able to play some tough conference competition last season, gone were match-ups with teams like Watertown-Mayer or Minneota, a pair of highly ranked teams

that the Crusaders have already battled with this season.

"Playing better teams helps us improve and I find it a lot more fun to play these kinds of teams in these kinds of games where its more nerve-wracking," said Julia Carns.

And once again on Thursday night, the Crusaders were able to live up to their No. 1 ranking, defeating their second No. 2 ranked opponent to move to 3-0 on the season.

"It shows how much work we've put into the season and offseason, both on and off the court," said Lilly Wachholz. "Even when we're not playing together, we're just working on our skills, so when we get in season, we can put all of those skills together."

After a shortened season last year, the Crusaders got right back to work with Emma Lade dishing out 28 assists while tallying 10 digs. Lilly Wachholz returned to lead Mayer Lutheran with 16 kills,

six blocks and six digs. Madeline Guetzkow and Julia Carns added four blocks and Gabby Wachholz had three block assists to limit a powerful Watertown-Mayer attack.

And while the Crusaders' imposing power at the net looked the same as always, there was a new look to the Mayer Lutheran volleyball team, as there was not a Chmielewski leading the back row for the first time in what seems like a decade. After years of Mya and Morgan Chmielewski shining on defense, Brooke Sauter took over the role and tallied 12 digs.

"We lost our libero, so having a new libero is different, but it's still great chemistry," said Lade. "Right away Brooke has been amazing at stepping into that role."

With the Crusaders in midseason form, they took a strong opening salvo from Watertown-Mayer to win 25-18 and 26-24 before pulling away with a 25-10 win to clinch the victory.

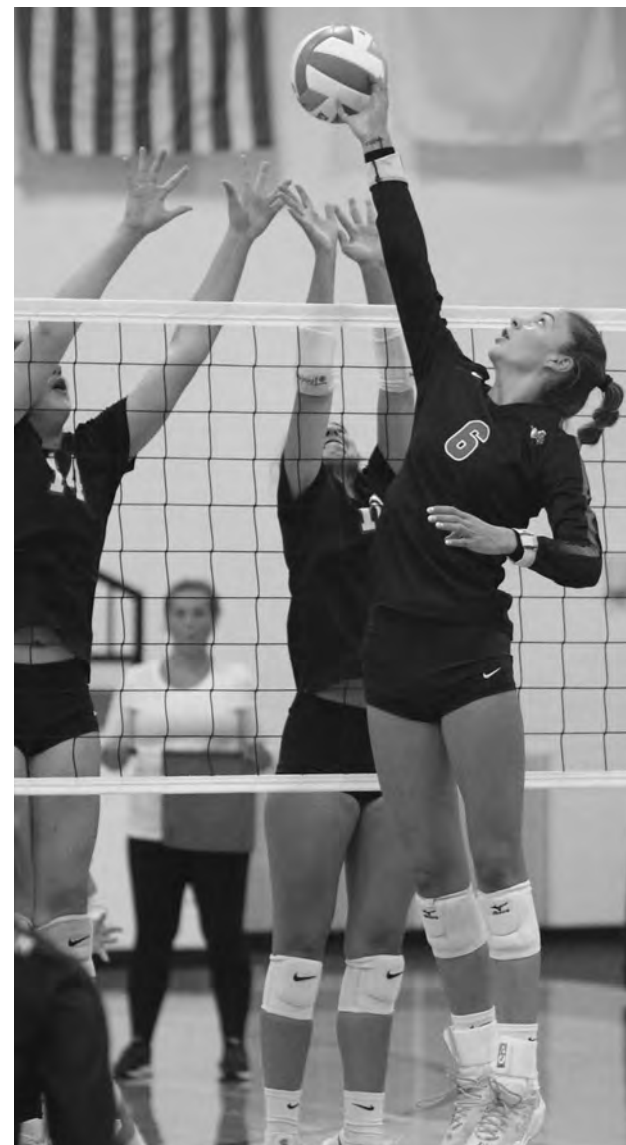
"We definitely had a lot more stamina, that's thanks to our coach making us run so much," Carns said. "We're not complaining anymore."

Gabby Wachholz finished with nine kills and five digs, Stella Maass had 16 digs and four kills, Guetzkow had seven digs and four kills, Carns had two kills.

With the 3-0 win over Watertown-Mayer, the Crusaders move to 3-0 after a 3-0 win against Jordan and a 3-2 win against Minneota.

"It's our senior year and we're leaving it all on the court," Lade said. "It's so great being 3-0 right now, playing this good competition. It really helps us with what we can do better because they're just as good as us, if not better. We proved we were the better team tonight, but it really helps us focus on what we can do better."

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Madeline Guetzkow tips the ball over the net. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

## Crusaders lose back-and-forth game

### Mayer Lutheran rushes for 150 yards but falls one score short

BY JAMES STITT  
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The Mayer Lutheran football team had an uphill battle in the season opener with four starters out, but the Crusaders nearly managed to earn the win, falling one score shy of Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop in a back-and-forth 32-27 game.

"It was a challenging start to a season with four starters not playing," coach Dean Aurich said. "We moved several players to new positions and I felt they played very well. It was a good game. GFW was very well coached and disciplined and controlled

their destiny very well. We made more mistakes and came up 5 points short."

Mayer Lutheran scored first when Dylan Nelson raced to a 60 yard touchdown just 2 minutes into the game, starting a stellar performance for the back who finished with 147 yards on 11 carries (13.4 yards per carry).

The two sides then exchanged touchdowns in the second quarter, with the Thunderbirds taking a 24-20 lead into halftime thanks to three successful two-point conversions. Connor Olsen hit Teigan Martin for a 7 yard score and Sam Dennis broke open a 43 yard run to score for the Crusaders.

The Crusaders held the Thunderbirds scoreless in the third quarter, but an early fourth quarter touchdown put GFW up two scores.

Connor Olsen would later score on a 7 yard run, but it was not enough to overcome the deficit.

Dennis finished with 51 yards on five carries, Cole Neitzel had 27 on four and Connor Olsen had four carries for 16 yards to give Mayer Lutheran 240 yards on the ground (10 yards per carry).

Connor Olsen completed six passes for 79 yards, finding Martin four times for 62 yards and a score, Nelson once for 7 yards and Caleb Olsen once for 10 yards.

Cole Neitzel and Nate Pawelk each had 12 tackles to lead the defense and Tyler Neitzel had 11. Isaac Hahn and Nelson had 15 combined stops. Hahn and Cole Neitzel both had three tackles for loss and Martin had one.

The Crusaders host NRHEG Sept. 10.

"Our next game is with NRHEG who look good on video winning their first game," said Aurich. "Hopefully we can improve our attitude and work ethic and eliminate the penalties and mistakes which hurt us in the first game."

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## Crusaders go to OT

### Soccer team loses by one

On Tuesday night the Crusader soccer team battled at Hutchinson, with the Mayer Lutheran girls once again coming just one goal shy of a win in a game featuring two evenly matched teams.

Hutchinson came out and dominated the ball control early, but the Crusaders started to crack their code. The game was tied at the end of regulation and then entered into overtime. Four minutes into overtime, the Tigers found the back of the net. Mylea Monahan made a strong counter attack run into the far corner, made a great cross, which led to shot from Riana

Forcier inside the 6 yard line. This ended up being the deciding goal, as Hutchinson held on to win 1-0.

The Crusaders were led by strong outings from Brynn Martin and Kassi Hermann in the midfield. Kate Noll played a strong defensive game for the Crusaders with some key saves and started a few counter attacks as well.

The crusaders were almost back to full strength, getting star defender Sophia Morschen back after missing Saturday's game. The Crusaders were still without senior captain Rachel Scott, who hopes to return to action soon.

# NYA council approves plan for city administrator

BY MEGAN GLENN  
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The Norwood Young America City Council met on Aug. 23 to touch on several items in the community. Among them was a continuation of the discussion regarding an interim city administrator. The council also heard an update about the happenings at The Harbor.

At the previous city council meeting, council decided that they would hear the opinions of staff on what they personally wanted to do in regards to an interim city administrator. Staff came back with two options: The first was to assign the city clerk and treasurer, Angela Brumbaugh, some of the responsibilities while hiring a part-time office assistant and the assistant would work a total of 20 hours per week; the other option is to hire an interim administrator either until a new city administrator is hired, or until November 2021. At the previ-

ous meeting, there was concern over the amount paid towards the interim administrator, and whether or not labeling them a part time employee was the norm or if they would be classed as an independent contract. Staff determined that \$100 per hour was standard, and part-time employee status was also the standard.

A motion was made to go with option one, with Brumbaugh and an office assistant taking over the role of city administrator. The motion was approved four to one, with Mayor Carol Lagergren voting against.

While there were a lot of items in between, it's been a long time since there's been an update from The Harbor. Normally, the city holds discussions once per quarter regarding The Harbor, as it's city property. However, due to COVID-19, those discussions were put on hold.

According to Lagergren, Ecumen, the company that oversees The Harbor, learned quite a few lessons during

the pandemic. One of the harder ones was related to preparedness. When masks and PPE were required for staff and residents, many organizations had to get creative and rely on donations. In order to prepare for something like this again, whether a pandemic or a viral outbreak in one facility, Ecumen has purchased a warehouse, where they are storing PPE supplies for when they are needed.

Ecumen is also looking into COVID-19 screening options. They currently have a self-screen option for visitors and staff coming into the building. They are looking to replace this with an automatic option, which Lagergren said could be looked into by the city auditor. This option would cost about \$2,000.

Of course, vaccines are a big talking point right now as well. According to reports from Ecumen to the council, roughly 80 percent of Harbor and Haven residents have been vaccinated at the time of the meeting. Around 44

percent of staff have received their own vaccines at time of the meeting. Ecumen is mandating that all employees either be vaccinated in the near future, or go through a vaccine declination process by Oct. 1. Unvaccinated workers will be required to take weekly antigen tests to confirm that they cannot spread COVID-19 to residents.

Like many senior homes across the nation, Ecumen reported that The Harbor's occupancy is down compared to past years, sitting at 78 percent capacity. However, occupancy is coming back.

Ecumen is also being more transparent in their billing process, showing exactly what payments are going to.

Because it is a contract renewal year, Ecumen will be at an upcoming council meeting to discuss any contract changes for the next few years.

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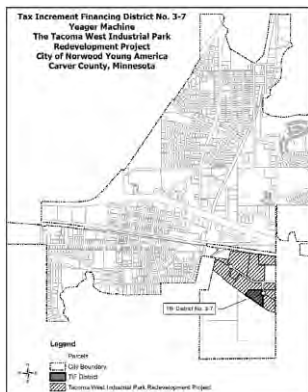
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### CITY OF NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA CARVER COUNTY STATE OF MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Norwood Young America, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on September 27, 2021, at approximately 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 310 West Elm Street, Norwood Young America, Minnesota, relating to a proposed modification of the Redevelopment Plan (the "Modification") for the Tacoma West Industrial Park Redevelopment Project (the "Project") within the City, the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 3-7 (the "TIF District") within the Project, and the proposed adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "TIF Plan") for the TIF District, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 to 469.047, 469.090 to 469.1082, and Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, as amended. Copies of the Modification and TIF Plan are on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall.

The property to be included in the TIF District is located within the Project. A map of the Project and proposed TIF District is set forth below. Subject to certain limitations, tax increment from the TIF District may be spent on eligible uses within the boundaries of the Project.



All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or may submit written comments prior to the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA, MINNESOTA  
/s/Angela Brumbaugh  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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### COUNTY OF CARVER CHASKA, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application for a Conditional Use Permit

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, the 21st day of September, 2021, as soon as possible after 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Human Services Building on the 2nd floor in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Carver County Government Center, Chaska, Minnesota, the Carver County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the application of Heidi Dalbec for a Conditional Use permit pursuant to Chapter 152 of the Carver County Code.

The application is being made for the following described property (full legal description is on file with the application):

Approx. 20.14 acres in the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  in Section 12, Watertown Twp

Address: 2680 County Rd 127

If approved, this would allow Ms. Dalbec to operate a small scale landscape/gardening business (HD Landscape, Inc) as a contractor's yard from an existing 64-foot x 33-foot pole building on the above described property. The County Zoning Code allows for contractor's yards as a Conditional Use.

All persons interested are invit-

ed to attend the hearing and be heard on this matter. Prior to the meeting, anyone who wishes to provide written comments related to the request may email them to: [landmanagement@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:landmanagement@co.carver.mn.us) or submit by mail to:

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Carver County Planning

Commission

By: Jason Mielke

Land Use Manager

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### CITY OF NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Norwood Young America Economic Development Authority (the "Authority") will meet at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021 at City Hall, 310 West Elm Street, Norwood Young America, Minnesota, to conduct a public hearing on behalf of itself and the City of Norwood Young America, Minnesota (the "City") regarding the a proposed business subsidy to be granted to the Developer pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 116J.993 through 116J.995 (the "Business Subsidy Act"). The proposed subsidy involves tax increment financing assistance in the form of a land write down from the City to facilitate development on property within the City's industrial park described as Lot 7, Block 2, Tacoma West Industrial Park, Carver County, Minnesota (the "Property"), by YMI Properties, LLC, or an entity related thereto or an affiliate thereof (the "Developer"). The Developer plans to construct an expansion to its existing manufacturing facility. Information about the proposed business subsidy, including a summary of the terms of the subsidy and a copy of the draft business subsidy agreement, is available for inspection at City Hall during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, any person

wishing to express an opinion on the matters to be considered at the public hearing will be heard orally or in writing.

Any person with residence in the City, or the owner of taxable property in the City, may file a written complaint with the Authority if the Authority fails to comply with the Business Subsidy Act, and no action may be filed against the Authority for the failure to comply unless a written complaint is filed.

/s/Executive Director  
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### SUMMONS

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARVER  
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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type: Contract/Replevin  
Court File No. 10-CV-21-648  
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Plaintiff,

v.  
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John Doe and Mary Roe,  
Defendants.

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**2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: Craig M. Barbee  
Usset, Weingarden & Liebo, PLLP  
4500 Park Glen Road, Suite 300  
Minneapolis, MN 55416

**3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's

Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

**4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not Answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

**5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

**6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

Dated: August 24, 2021  
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