



COLORING CONTEST PAGE INSIDE

The Jackson County Pilot Coloring Contest page — kids' chance to win prizes and get their picture on the front page of the Pilot, and adults' opportunity to save big money off gift subscriptions and holiday renewals — is tucked inside.

INSIDE

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS
Set your clocks back one hour
Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 a.m.



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JACKSON COUNTY PILOT

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County officially out of drought

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Three consecutive months of above-average rainfall has pulled Jackson

County out of drought. As of this past Sunday, the entirety of Jackson County is drought-free, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. That's thanks to

three straight months of above-average rainfall, including an October that saw more than 2.5 inches of rain fall across the county. Jackson-based Federat-

ed Rural Electric — which has recorded and maintained official local weather statistics for decades — measured 2.54 inches of See **DROUGHT** on **A2**

Inside...

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See the full weather summary — including daily highs and lows, precipitation totals, sky conditions and historical averages — for the month of October.

Henning wins top FFA prize

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Jackson County Central FFA Chapter member Mackenzie Henning is a national proficiency winner.

Henning, a 2021 graduate of JCC, was named national grain production proficiency winner at the 94th National FFA Convention and Expo last week in Indianapolis. She is the first JCC FFA member in chapter history to receive such an honor.

JCC FFA Chapter Advisor Laura Bidne said it is notable for an FFA member to be a national proficiency finalist, let alone a champion.

"It is definitely very prestigious to be a finalist, as only 180 FFA members receive this honor, with only 45 FFA members having the title of national winner — one in each of the 45 proficiency areas," Bidne said.

The National FFA Organization counts around 740,000 members from 8,800 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Henning said "completely shocked" is a good way to describe her reaction to being named national-

See **FFA** on **A3**

Pell is a recipient of the prestigious American degree

Jackson County Central FFA member William Pell is a recipient of the American FFA Degree.

Pell, a 2020 graduate of JCC, received the degree this past weekend at the 94th National FFA Convention and Expo. Less than 1 percent of the FFA membership achieves this degree.

JCC FFA Chapter Advisor Laura Bidne said as the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association and demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career. American FFA Degree recipients show promise for the future, Bidne said, and have gone above and beyond to achieve excellence.



William Pell



Above: Nora Johnson selects a piece of candy from the bowl during the Jackson Women of Today-sponsored trunk-or-treat event in downtown Jackson last Thursday. Right: Tasha Diggs watches as Loxley Hagan selects a piece of candy under the watchful eye of her dad, Cade, last Thursday.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Photos by Jen Tewes



Left: Wyatt Lucht selects a treat from Josie Dvorak during the Jackson Women of Today-sponsored trunk-or-treat event last Thursday in downtown Jackson. Right: Arleah Place goes deep for her treat.



PHOTO BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ

MnWest cosmetology instructor Danylle Espenson (from left) prepares Sens. Gary Dahms, Gene Dornink and Sandra Pappas for a demonstration of her students' skills during a tour of the Jackson campus last week.

State senators impressed with MnWest

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Members of the Minnesota State Senate Capital Investment Committee toured the Jackson campus of Minnesota West

Community and Technical College last week, learning about the various programs and new initiatives at the school.

MnWest has requested additional state funding for some facility repairs

in Worthington and wanted to show representatives its new Better Futures Program, which is sponsored by JBS.

MnWest President Terry Gaalswyk led the senators

See **MnWEST** on **A3**

Opry Christmas show promises fellowship, laughter and music

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

After a year-and-a-half of separation and isolation, the 12th Opry Christmas Jackson Style live musical extravaganza promises plenty of warm fellowship, hearty laughter and great music.

Though the 2020 Opry Christmas show — presented annually by the Jackson Kiwanis Club since 2009 — fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic, it returns in 2021 in all its toe-tapping, side-splitting glory.

"When I think of the show, I think of laughter, music, friendship and fellowship — a lot of which we've been missing the last year or so," said Janet Bargfrede, longtime Jackson Kiwanis Club member and co-coordinator of the show, along with



PHOTO BY JUSTIN LESSMAN

Larry Anderson and Rhonda Wedeking will bring the laughs as masters of ceremonies of the 12th Opry Christmas Jackson Style live musical extravaganza, which will take the stage at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center for two shows on Saturday, Dec. 4.

husband Ken. "For many, it's been more than a year since they've gathered with friends to just enjoy each other and enjoy a great

time together. The Opry show is the perfect opportunity to do just that."

Ken Bargfrede agreed.

See **OPRY** on **A3**

WEATHER

This week

Thursday Partly Cloudy	
52 36	
Friday Partly Cloudy / Wind	
56 40	
Saturday Sunny	
63 38	
Sunday Partly Cloudy	
63 39	
Monday Partly Cloudy	
57 38	
Tuesday Partly Cloudy	
56 39	
Wednesday P.M. Showers	
52 40	

LAST WEEK

Tuesday, October 26	56 / 46
Wednesday, October 27	47 / 44
Thursday, October 28	50 / 40
Friday, October 29	56 / 32
Saturday, October 30	63 / 33
Sunday, October 31	46 / 25
Monday, November 1	43 / 25

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DEATHS

Mary Ellen "Weseman" Sadowski, 70



A Celebration of Life Services for Mary Ellen "Weseman" Sadowski, 70, of Minneapolis and formerly of the Jackson area will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the Kramer Family Funeral Home Chapel in, Sherburn, Minnesota with Father Jonathan Fasnacht officiating. Burial will be in St. Luke's Catholic Cemetery in Sherburn, Minnesota

Mary passed away on Monday afternoon, October 25, 2021, at the Villa in Osseo from Cancer. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the funeral home on Saturday. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family online at www.kramerfuneralhome.com

Mary Ellen Weseman was born on April 10, 1951, to Leon and Felicia (Eisenmenger) Weseman in Jackson, Minnesota. She attended school in Jackson and graduated with the class of 1969. After graduation, she attended business school in Mankato before moving to Minneapolis. She worked thirty plus years for NALAC/Allianz RE. Mary enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, reading books, and traveling.

Doris Thoreson, 99



Funeral services for Doris Thoreson, 99, formerly of Jackson were held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at the Jackson United Methodist Church with Pastor Russell Steele officiating. Doris was buried at West Belmont Cemetery in Belmont Township, Jackson County, Minnesota. Henry Olson Funeral Homes of Estherville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.henryolsonfuneral.com.

Doris Arlene (Ruskell) Thoreson was born on January 25, 1922, in Salem, South Dakota to Fred and Laura (Kilpatrick) Ruskell. After moving several times during her childhood, her family eventually settled in Jackson, Minnesota where Doris was confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Jackson and graduated from Jackson High School in 1940. Doris worked at various jobs after graduating from high school, including the A&P Grocery and Red and White Grocery stores in Jackson until marrying Maynard Thoreson of rural Lakefield on September 15, 1946, at the United Methodist Church in Jackson. Doris then became a full-time homemaker, mother, and farmer's wife. She learned the Thoreson Norwegian traditions and quickly became proficient at baking lefse, fatigmann, krunkake, and other Norwegian and Scandinavian delicacies. She also learned how to cook and even acquired a taste for Lutfisk. She enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, knitting, and crocheting.

Doris spent the majority of her life on a farm. When she married Maynard she moved to the Thoreson Family Farm where she lived until moving to an apartment in Jackson in 2009. She then moved to the Pines Assisted Living in Jackson in 2014 and to Temperance Lake Ridge in

Sherburn, MN after a short stay at the Good Samaritan Home in Jackson. Doris passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Temperance Lake Ridge at the age of 99 years, nine months, and three days. Doris was a member of Belmont Lutheran Church for 62 years and served as Secretary of the Church from 1971-2008. She was very active with the ELCA women at Belmont. She was active in Extension work and was the homemaker of the year in 1976. She also was the Newsletter Editor for the Sons of Norway Stavanger Lodge #531 in Windom for thirteen years.

Doris is survived by a daughter, Jane and her husband Jim Bretzman, Sr. of rural Lakefield; a son, Carl Thoreson and his wife Donna of Martinez, California; one grandson, Jim (JoAnn) Bretzman, Jr. of rural Lakefield; six great-grandchildren, Jordan (Brittany) Bretzman, Jacob Bretzman, and Joshua (Whitney) Bretzman of Lakefield, Josie (Dwight) Hazell of Western Grove Arkansas, Killian Fritz of Royal, IA, and Kayleigh (Daniel) Oeltjenbruns of Mt. Lake, MN; five great-great-grandchildren, Dwight James Hazell, Jason James Bretzman, Adeline JoAnn Hazell, Jae Hazel Bretzman and Jack Everett Bretzman.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 60 years, Maynard Thoreson of Rural Lakefield; two daughters, Janice Thoreson and Lori Thoreson; one granddaughter, Jolene Bretzman Fritz; four brothers, Homard, Harlan, Warren, and Bob; three sisters, Helen Pigman, Dorothy Miller, and Marian Olson, four sisters-in-law Betty, Dorothy, Martha and Elsie; 3 brothers-in-law Lloyd Pigman, Bob Miller and Jim Olson; five nephews Mark Ruskell, Wayne Thoreson, Jim Thoreson, Ronnie Ruskell, and Kenny Ruskell; and three nieces Barb Wieskus, Lois Thoreson and Elaine Thoreson.

Blessed be the memory of Doris Arlene (Ruskell) Thoreson.

Jackson County Pilot
November 4, 2021

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Cifuentes Posada, Juan C., Rockdale, Ga., Speed \$130.00
DeLuna, Alfredo R., Worthington, No Minnesota Driver's license, No proof motor vehicle insurance \$390.00
DeJong, Ethan W., Ripon, Calif., Speed \$150.00
Dexter, Evan M., Lakeview, Wash., Speed, Operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway, \$390.00
Donald, Jason L., Eden Prairie, Speed \$150.00
Eugene, Dube, Medford, Mass., Speed \$130.00
Fasig, Michael D., Saint Paul, Speed \$150.00
Ferguson, Nolan J., New Sharon, Iowa, Speed \$150.00
Fuller, Dustin R., Pipestone, Window tint (less than 50% light transmittance) \$140.00, Windshield tinted or glazed \$50.00
Gebreyesus, Abadi Wolday, Worthington, Speed \$230.00
Guaraglia, David O., Saint Paul Park, Speed \$150.00
Guzman Avolos, Jose A., Worthington, Speed \$230.00
Gwien, Catherine Z., Sioux Falls, S.D., Speed \$230.00
Hall, Tawn L., Lakefield, Speed \$130.00
Heidebrink, Rilee S., Adrian, Speed \$150.00
Hendrickson, Gavin D., Lakefield, Seat belt required - driver and passengers must use \$115.00
Hoang, Lam Vu-duy, Las Vegas, Nev., Mover over law violation - 2 lanes in same direction \$140.00
Jenkins, Michael, Bellwood, Ill., Speed \$390.00
Jones, Larry V., Chicago, Ill., Speed \$230.00
Kilker, Brenden L., Jeffers, Speed \$150.00
Kline, Randy S., Superior, Wis., Speed \$150.00
Ladlie, William D., Albert Lea, Speed \$140.00

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Lawrence, Breighanne L., Papillion, Neb., Speed \$140.00
Lovann, Kong, Worthington, Speed \$150.00
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Wehrkamp, Reed A., Hartford, S.D., Speed \$150.00
Will, Paige D., Chanhassen, Speed \$130.00

Jackson County Sheriff's Office
Adiga, Mariam A., Jackson, Disorderly Conduct \$290.00
Barnard, Allison D., Estherville, Iowa, Third-Degree driving while impaired \$265.00, Credit for time served: 4 days. Complete chemical assessment and follow all recommendations. Attend MADD Impact Panel. Random testing. No mood-altering chemicals.
Gardner, Caden B., Albert Lea, Consumption by persons under 21, \$190.00
Hamlett, Chase M., Alpha, Driver fails to stop for STOP sign, \$140.00
Hawn, Jacob S., New Ulm, Seat belt required - driver and passengers must use \$115.00
Horn, Brian L., Lakefield, Third degree driving while impaired \$1,090.00, Credit for time served: 4 days. Complete Chemical Assessment and follow recommendations. Attend MADD Impact Panel and pay costs. No alcohol use or possession. Random testing.
Iribeck, Mason S., Lamberon, Consumption by persons under 21, \$190.00
Lopez, Dakota J., Reading, Possess/Sale small amount of marijuana - no remuneration \$140.00, Possession of drug paraphernalia - use or possession prohibited \$50.00
Montoya-Mendez, Nery I., Worthington, Fourth degree driving while impaired \$500.00, Credit for time served: 2 days. Complete Chemical Assessment and follow recommendations. No alcohol/controlled substance use with the exception of prescribed medications. Random testing. Attend MADD Impact Panel. Remain law-abiding.
Muongkhrot, Khampone, Jackson, Drugs - 4th degree-sale-schedule 1,2,3, but not marijuana \$75.00, Commit to Commissioner of Corrections - Minnesota correctional facility - St. Cloud, 15 months. Possession of Firearm by ineligible person, Violation of harassment restraining order \$90.00, Credit for time served: 12 days.
Rodriguez, Elise A., Lakefield, Driving after revocation \$290.00
Sydnes, Noah J., Lakefield, Speed, Fourth-degree driving while impaired \$590.00. Attend MADD Impact Panel and pay costs. Complete Chemical Assessment and follow recommendations.

Heron Lake Police Department
Kraus, Keyton, Lakefield, Speed \$130.00
Paplow, Amanda L., Jackson, Speed \$130.00

SHERIFF'S REPORT
Deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity. A person was seen down on the ground. It was discovered the adult male was extremely intoxicated but under the care of a parent.
Oct. 23
Deputies responded to a verbal domestic disturbance at an apartment complex in Jackson.
Deputies responded to a verbal domestic disturbance in Heron Lake Township.
A jailer drove to the Watonwan County Jail and transported a 30-year-old female from Heron Lake back to the Jackson County Jail. The female has a felony Jackson County warrant for first-degree property damage.
Deputies responded to a verbal domestic disturbance in Jackson.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop in Okabena. A citation was issued to the driver for driving after cancellation.
A deputy conducted a traffic

stop on Highway 60 at Highway 86. A citation was issued to the driver, age 39 from Elk River, for speed for traveling 83 miles per hour in a 65-mph zone.
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Jackson County Sheriff's Office
Adiga, Mariam A., Jackson, Disorderly Conduct \$290.00
Barnard, Allison D., Estherville, Iowa, Third-Degree driving while impaired \$265.00, Credit for time served: 4 days. Complete chemical assessment and follow all recommendations. Attend MADD Impact Panel. Random testing. No mood-altering chemicals.
Gardner, Caden B., Albert Lea, Consumption by persons under 21, \$190.00
Hamlett, Chase M., Alpha, Driver fails to stop for STOP sign, \$140.00
Hawn, Jacob S., New Ulm, Seat belt required - driver and passengers must use \$115.00
Horn, Brian L., Lakefield, Third degree driving while impaired \$1,090.00, Credit for time served: 4 days. Complete Chemical Assessment and follow recommendations. Attend MADD Impact Panel and pay costs. No alcohol use or possession. Random testing.
Iribeck, Mason S., Lamberon, Consumption by persons under 21, \$190.00
Lopez, Dakota J., Reading, Possess/Sale small amount of marijuana - no remuneration \$140.00, Possession of drug paraphernalia - use or possession prohibited \$50.00
Montoya-Mendez, Nery I., Worthington, Fourth degree driving while impaired \$500.00, Credit for time served: 2 days. Complete Chemical Assessment and follow recommendations. No alcohol/controlled substance use with the exception of prescribed medications. Random testing. Attend MADD Impact Panel. Remain law-abiding.
Muongkhrot, Khampone, Jackson, Drugs - 4th degree-sale-schedule 1,2,3, but not marijuana \$75.00, Commit to Commissioner of Corrections - Minnesota correctional facility - St. Cloud, 15 months. Possession of Firearm by ineligible person, Violation of harassment restraining order \$90.00, Credit for time served: 12 days.
Rodriguez, Elise A., Lakefield, Driving after revocation \$290.00
Sydnes, Noah J., Lakefield, Speed, Fourth-degree driving while impaired \$590.00. Attend MADD Impact Panel and pay costs. Complete Chemical Assessment and follow recommendations.

Heron Lake Police Department
Kraus, Keyton, Lakefield, Speed \$130.00
Paplow, Amanda L., Jackson, Speed \$130.00

SHERIFF'S REPORT
Deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity. A person was seen down on the ground. It was discovered the adult male was extremely intoxicated but under the care of a parent.
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Deputies responded to a verbal domestic disturbance at an apartment complex in Jackson.
Deputies responded to a verbal domestic disturbance in Heron Lake Township.
A jailer drove to the Watonwan County Jail and transported a 30-year-old female from Heron Lake back to the Jackson County Jail. The female has a felony Jackson County warrant for first-degree property damage.
Deputies responded to a verbal domestic disturbance in Jackson.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop in Okabena. A citation was issued to the driver for driving after cancellation.
A deputy conducted a traffic

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BUSINESS BRIEFS



Local bank donates to FFA chapter

Hilary Church (from left) and Shirley Larsen, along with Drew Hansen (from right) and Molly Fransen of Bank Midwest of Jackson, present Peyton Benda (third from left) and Meta Tewes (third from right) of the Jackson County Central FFA Chapter with an \$800 check. The money represents proceeds of a recent bank-hosted tailgate meal served prior to a JCC varsity football game.

Businesses encouraged to be a part of this year's Holiday Fest

Plenty of opportunities exist for local and area businesses to get involved with Jackson's Holiday Fest in December.

All chamber-member businesses are invited to be a part of the holiday open house promotion, which runs from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2. Participating businesses are encouraged to offer special sales and deals or host an open house with treats or giveaways. Those interested are asked to let the chamber know by Nov. 11.

Home-based businesses, crafters and vendors are encouraged to register for the Jackson Holiday Fest Craft and Vendor Fair, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Jackson County Central High School in Jackson. Vendor information and registration forms for the craft and vendor fair are available by emailing vendor.jacksonmnchamber@gmail.com.

Businesses are also able to take advantage of several Holiday Fest sponsorship opportunities, including being a sponsor of horse and wagon rides. Those interested in being a sponsor may email the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce at chamber@jacksonmn.com or call 847-3867.

And all businesses, civic and social organizations are encouraged to be part of the lighted parade, which begins winding through downtown Jackson at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 4. The theme of this year's parade is "Christmas Memories," and prizes will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place floats. Entry deadline for the parade is Dec. 1.

Prospective entrepreneurs invited to apply for '22 business challenge

Prospective entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply for the Jackson Business Challenge.

The challenge is a three-phase competition that seeks to attract new businesses to downtown Jackson by offering a prize package worth \$20,000. Applications for the 2022 Jackson Business Challenge will be accepted through Dec. 31.

The 2022 Jackson Business Challenge will follow the same guidelines as the 2019 and 2020 programs. The program aims to fill empty buildings in downtown Jackson and attract entrepreneurs to the community. The contest will consist of three rounds — business concept, detailed business plan and oral presentation.

Dave Schmidt, Jackson-based community and business development specialist with Community and Economic Development Associates, said the Jackson Business Challenge will look at the viability of applicants' business plans, as well as how they will enhance downtown. Entrepreneurs and current business owners in and out of Jackson are encouraged to apply. Complete details and applications are available online at cityofjacksonmn.com/jbc.

Local state senator is recovering from open-heart surgery

Local state Sen. Bill Weber is recovering following what is being described as a successful open-heart procedure to replace his aortic valve.

Weber, R-Luverne, who represents western Jackson County in the state Senate, was discharged last Wednesday from Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, S.D. Weber elected to have the procedure on Oct. 20 to resolve ongoing issues with a bicuspid valve, a heart defect he has had since birth.

"After 37 years of living with the diagnosis of my valve defect, I always knew surgical replacement was a possibility," Weber said last week. "Unfortunately, over the past year, I had noticed a subtle decline in my condition and ability to complete physical tasks that I had once accomplished with ease. Knowing where the fault lay, I elected to receive this procedure to improve my quality of life, complete my duties at work more effectively and best represent my constituents in south-

western Minnesota."

Weber said he is well on the path to making a full recovery.

"While I will still need a little time to recover fully, I look forward to beginning the rehab process as soon as possible," he said. "I also look forward to quickly resuming my legislative duties representing the wonderful people and communities of Senate District 22."

Weber said he is thankful for his team of medical professionals and all those serving in the field.

"I thank God for watching over me and the doctors and nurses. Certainly, nothing happens without his guidance and control," he said. "I would be remiss if I did not take another moment to thank my care team and all of Minnesota's outstanding healthcare professionals. For nearly two years, they have been on the frontlines sacrificing for us all. I would also like to thank my wife, Barb, family and friends who were by my side or sent prayers during this time."

First elected in 2012, Weber is serving his third term in the Minnesota Senate.



Sen. Bill Weber



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Cosmetology student Kimberly Carreon offers a demonstration to MnWest President Terry Gaalswyk last week.

MnWest powerline student Daniel Nydegger (left) helps local state Rep. Bjorn Olson scale a pole in the Jackson campus' powerline lab last week.

MnWEST: Senators impressed with campus

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tors through the Jackson campus and they got the chance to meet and interact with numerous students and instructors from a variety of programs.

They even got to sample some of the students' work — and the laboratory areas — themselves. Cosmetology students, led by instructor Danylle Espenson, offered the senators a chance to try out different cosmetic services, including eyebrow waxing and nose hair removal.

Not to be outdone, powerline students and instructors showed off their

indoor laboratory, which simulated the work environments students will experience on the job.

Two of the attendees, local state Rep. Bjorn Olson — who attended the event in place of local state Sen. Julie Rosen — and Sen. Gene Dornink, tried out the powerline poles for themselves, ascending near the top before coming down again.

Gaalswyk explained to senators the facilities that impressed them on their visit can only be maintained through bonding dollars and the same is true

for repairs and more mundane projects like bathroom repairs.

"None of this happens without those bonding dollars," he said.

After supper, representatives from JBS, which has a major location in Worthington, presented the committee with information about their Better Futures Program, which offers free technical schooling through local community colleges to employees. The program is one of the largest free community college programs in the country and offers

employees opportunities to develop their careers and learn new skills.

Jackson's campus has mostly recovered from the pandemic, Gaalswyk said, but other campuses have not. Overall student numbers in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System are down, though MnWest has fared better than some other colleges in this regard, Gaalswyk said.

"We are in better shape than many of our sister colleges," he said, "but we definitely are still feeling the effects of the pandemic."

FFA: Henning national proficiency winner

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al winner this past Friday. "I was in no way expecting it and was just trying to enjoy the moment of being recognized as a national finalist," she said Monday. "It definitely took me a minute to realize what was happening and that they were referring to me."

Henning's national proficiency championship is the culmination of five years of meticulous recordkeeping in connection with her work at SureFlex Hybrids in Jackson. Though she began the project as a way to complete a classroom requirement, she said she now re-

alizes it ended up being a life-changing experience.

"When I started this project, I had no idea that it would have ever led to this or the impact it would have," Henning said. "This project has helped shape my future plans and is what inspired me to pursue a career as a plant geneticist. When I started this project, I was really only thinking about it as a means to complete the classroom requirements. I could have never imagined the impact it would have on myself and other around me."

Inside...

B9 See additional coverage of Jackson County Central FFA Chapter members at the 94th National FFA Convention and Expo.

Henning credits the team at SureFlex Hybrids, including owner Mitch Rowe, as well as her parents, Brad and Ann Henning, and her FFA chapter advisors for helping and supporting her in her award-winning project. Bidne said she and the entire JCC FFA Chapter are proud of Henning for her accomplishment.

"We are very proud of the goals she set for her-

self and how much time and effort she put into maintaining her records, which doesn't even account for the work and time spent doing her job," Bidne said.

Henning is currently a freshman at South Dakota State University in Brookings, double majoring in biotechnology and agricultural science.

OPRY: Music show returns for its 12th year

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"People have been cooped up in their houses for so long, we feel this is just the thing to get folks out and about and reconnected, all while having a good time and supporting a great cause," he said.



Kerri Henderson

The 12th Opry Christmas Jackson Style live musical extravaganza takes the stage at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center for two shows on Saturday, Dec. 4. All proceeds benefit the community-building work of the Jackson Kiwanis Club.

New and familiar faces

While many familiar faces from shows past return for this year's edition — including longtime masters of ceremonies Larry Anderson and Rhonda Wedeking, along with guest artists Kerri Henderson and Michelle Scheepstra of Jackson — the 2021 show also features a slate of new performers.

Terry Klein of Spirit Lake, Iowa, is set to make

his Opry Jackson debut this year, singing an Elvis Presley rendition of "Blue Christmas," as well as cover of "A White Sport Coat."



Michelle Scheepstra

"Terry is a real entertainer who we're just tickled to have in this year's show," said Steve Samuelson Sr., the show's longtime music director. "He's played Vegas; he's played everywhere. We're excited to have him."

Also new to the Opry Jackson stage this year are Elizabeth and Evangeline Petroviak, daughters of Opry veteran Bob Petroviak of Fairmont.

"They'll join Bob on fiddle and vocals on a real special Christmas song," Samuelson said. "It will be fun to see."

Henderson and Scheepstra are in line to perform two songs each, along with Opry Jackson veterans Rick Nelson, Mel Kimblad, Barb Johnson and Billye Kruse. They'll all be backed by the musical stylings of the Opry All-Star Band, a group of

Nashville-caliber musicians from around the area that includes Jon Johnson of Petersburg on keyboard. Samuelson, Kimblad, Johnson and Kruse are all part of the band, as well.

"The band will be featured on a selection of songs," Samuelson said, "most of them Christmas songs. About half of the songs in the show this year are Christmas songs. It's a real solid lineup."

Good time, good cause

Though music is the heart of the show, the Bargfredes said the show wouldn't be a show without Anderson and Wedeking on stage as masters of ceremonies.

"They really make it

what it is," Janet Bargfrede said. "They get us laughing."

Special appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus are also planned.

"It's a good opportunity to get the community together for a good time and a good cause," Ken Bargfrede said of the show. "We've appreciated all the support in the past and look forward to everybody coming out again this year."

Reserved-seat tickets for the 2 p.m. matinee and 7:30 p.m. primetime show are available now at the Colleen Anderson Insurance Agency in Jackson or by calling 847-3891 or 847-2009.

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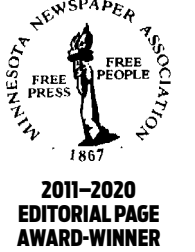
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OPINION



PILOT EDITORIAL

Students, staff, law enforcement did a good job Thursday

Last Thursday, the Jackson County Central School District locked down and dismissed its high school students in the morning due to a school shooting threat that had circulated on social media. The post was shown to staff by multiple students who were concerned about the possibility of violence.

Law enforcement personnel were soon at the scene, assisting staff with getting students out safely and making sure the school was secure. The post, as it turns out, has been shared across the nation by numerous students from various schools and some pranksters have changed the initials of the school mentioned in the post to scare more students. Schools in Florida and California have shut down due to variations of the same post.

It is tempting to discuss the evils and dangers of social media here, but the important story — the one deserving of recognition — is the reaction of students, staff and law enforcement officers.

Numerous students came forward to alert staff about the post and their concerns were taken seriously. Throughout the whole process, students, staff and law enforcement did what had to be done.

Law enforcement was present at the schools within minutes. The response to the situation was swift and effective, as was that of JCC administration.

These efforts all deserve commendation. While this threat turned out to be a non-issue, it very well could have been. By reporting it quickly, students looked out for one another and kept each other — and school personnel — safe. By reacting swiftly and effectively, both school staff and law enforcement worked to make sure students were able to get out safely.

In their actions we can see the ordinary heroism that often goes unacknowledged but is essential to the function of any community: Concerned people speaking out and effective responses from public institutions tasked with the protection of society.

So, to the students who reported the post, to the teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators and other school staff and law enforcement officers in Jackson County, thank you. You've helped keep our community — our neighbors and yours — safe, and for that, each of you deserves commendation.

Take a stand for America — while there is still time

Today we have people still standing strong for the United States of America, while others seem num to the idea of socialism or even communism trying to displace our democratic republic.

Listening to the traditional news sources and electronic media, you would think our citizens are just OK with all the turmoil and chaos being created. However, some of the principals upon which this country was founded — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — have seemed to, or actually are, slowly slipping away, if you haven't noticed.

Our very way of life appears to be under attack and more people see it as business as usual. Our liberty is under attack. How can that be OK with folks when you can't even express your opinion because it might offend someone? And we are becoming limited in what the government will allow us to do because of the COVID-19 shot — not just one or two shots, but now three and possibly four shots. One source has

indicated we will need a booster shot at least every year until hell freezes over and that includes all of our little ones too.

What liberty is in that? And just ask around about the pursuit of happiness. Happiness is becoming more and more elusive as the government continues to clamp down on our rights.

Why is that? Lack of freedom, lack of choice, increases in the cost of living — just look at the cost of fuel rising almost daily, which translates into increased costs for nearly all of our necessities for living like groceries, heat, clothing, shoes, vehicles and nearly everything else.

Then there are the contrived shortages due in part to the shutdown of our ports and reduction of goods and services due to lack of employees willing to work.

So, who or what is behind all this really? Perhaps it is the politicians and those financing them. I read recently one representative of our present governing body being quoted as saying the supply-chain problem

will go away when everyone has gotten his or her COVID-19 shots.

No manipulation there.

Now, too, we have one group of folks who are for and are pushing the ongoing vaccination effort, and it seems to me those same folks are in favor of abortions, open borders, big government control of everything, governmental handouts, more taxes, less freedom, less constitutional law, no adherence to our Bill of Rights and for shuttering our American enterprise while promoting the defunding of our police and dishonoring our veterans, as well as our Christian communities.

And they also stand against free and open elections.

Interestingly, God has something to say about these folks too. Isaiah 55:6-7 states, "Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously."

The problem might be, however, that our present wrongdoers don't think they are doing anything wrong, or they just don't care.

But they can't fool God. He knows what they are up to even before they do their dirty work, just as he knows us and our ways.

In Luke 12:2, Jesus said, "The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed and all that is secret will be made known to all."

For those not in Christ Jesus, it will be a true but unhappy revelation for all to know.

Therefore, it is best to stand for America and for God while there is still time. Think about it.



OUT AND ABOUT
Mike Jordan

Keep horn working, under control

Question: I noticed the horn on my vehicle does not work. Is there a law requiring a vehicle have a working horn and stating when it can be used?

Answer: According to state law, your vehicle must have a horn that's "in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200 feet. The horn or other warning device must not emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle."

I believe the definition of whistle is quite clear, and use common sense to determine if a horn is unreasonably loud or harsh. If it's too loud or harsh, it could violate a local noise ordinance.

Minnesota law states it's legal to honk a horn when it's "reasonably necessary to insure safe operation" on the road. For example, that'd include warning other vehicles, pedestrians or animals as needed to avoid a crash.

If it's not a safety

situation, it's illegal to honk the horn on the road. Excessive or illegal use of the horn could result in a road rage scenario, so only use it when needed for safety.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol,

at 2900 48th St. NW; Rochester, MN 55901-5848. Or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.



ASK A TROOPER
Sgt. Troy Christianson

READERS WRITE

Feeling helpless? What can we do to change where our country is headed?

To the editor:

As we watch our government pass massive spending bills, disregard immigration laws, employ uneven application of justice, sign executive orders stopping the pipeline and destroying our energy independence, implement all manner of mandates and more, it seems like we are careening toward socialism/communism. What can we do to stop it?

1. Pray; that's our top priority.
2. Be informed. Read and listen to various news sources and try to cull out the truth. Directly listen and talk to candidates and elected officials.
3. Get involved. Participate in your party caucus on Feb. 1, 2022. Become a delegate and election judge. Run for office or support others running for office, from school board and city council on up.
4. Contact your elected officials and let them know what you think.

5. Write letters to the editor.
6. Share factual information on social media and with personal contacts.
7. Peacefully demonstrate; this does not include vandalism, looting or burning buildings.
8. Vote; your vote matters.

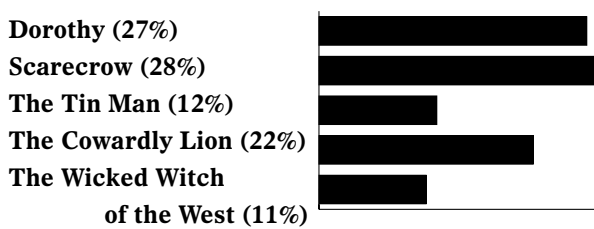
This Saturday, at 1 p.m. at Pillars Pub and Eatery in Jackson, the public will have an opportunity to meet, hear, ask questions of and share concerns with local state Sen. Julie Rosen, as well as Dennis Smith, Lynne Torgerson and Doug Wardlow, all candidates for Minnesota attorney general, the office currently held by Keith Ellison. The attorney general is the chief law officer of the state and represents the state in state and federal court, among other duties. This is a good opportunity for us to get to know these candidates.

Don't give up. We all need to do more than just sit around and complain. Be part of the solution. Together we can do great things!

Carol Henning
Jackson

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: Who is your favorite Wizard of Oz character?



Source: Jackson County Pilot Website

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: In general, are social media good or bad?

Vote online at jacksoncountypilot.com.

New coach will be a bright light

To the editor:

In this day and age, there can be few things more important than the role models we put in front of our young people. For this reason, my family and I will give our full support to newly appointed head coach Abby Schneekloth during the upcoming gymnastics season.

We know her to be a person of character and integrity whose strong leadership has always been evident in what she says and does, and the fact she works well with others and can problem solve can only inspire others to do the same. Thank you for another bright light at Jackson County Central to show our students the way.

Pastor Martin Lucin
Jackson

Historic harvest photo sparked happy memories for two family members

To the editor:

We were surprised and pleased to see the picture of our relatives in the Oct. 21 Jackson County Pilot. The picture of the corn harvest of 1927 was taken on the Frank and Anastasia Soucek farm in Wisconsin Township. The corn pickers are Frank Soucek and two of his sons, Rudy and Ed. The farm was purchased in 1899 by Vaclav and Frank Soucek.

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10 years ago
Nov. 10, 2011
Fire hits shed, then house
What appeared to be a controlled burn at a farm site south of Jackson leapt out of control early Tuesday afternoon, engulfing an out-building before a brisk north wind blew it to the roof of a nearby house.

The Jackson Fire Department and Jackson Ambulance Service were paged to the scene of the fire at 55415 735th St. in Petersburg Township at around 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. The address — located a mile and a half east of Highway 71 and about four miles northwest of Petersburg — is listed as the Dustin and Becky Nosbusch residence.

Residents countywide to mark Veterans Day
Community members will once again rally together to honor and pay tribute to the men and women who have served their country through the military.

Multiple local observances will carry on the tradition of Veterans Day, beginning at noon Thursday, when U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Don Kuehl will be the featured speaker at a Veterans Day service in the commons of the Jackson campus of Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

Obituaries: Agnes G. Wendelsdorf, Twyla C. Anderson, Clelland W. Johnson
20 years ago
Nov. 8, 2001

Voters say yes to JCC
After months of work educating voters on the issues, the hard work prevailed when residents of the Jackson County Central School District gave the nod to the proposed \$19.6 million bond issue and the \$50-per-pupil unit levy referendum.

In a vote that was almost so close it could've gone either way, JCC district residents voted yes to Question 1 on the ballot in favor of the \$19.6 million bond issue.

Good Sam upgrades to improve quality of life
Change is in the air at the Jackson Good Samaritan center.

Historically frugal with its depreciation fund, Good Sam is about midway through a \$1.05 million improvement project that will enhance the quality of life at the non-

profit nursing home. The project includes the installation of a brand-new, more efficient heating and cooling system, complete with new oilers, vents and duct work. In addition, a full-load generator will be installed before winter, and the parking lot is also being improved with a concrete overlay.

Obituaries: Burdette A. Petersen, Marilyn M. Carr, James J. DaMon, Edna M. Kazemba
30 years ago
Nov. 7, 1991

Yule season starting soon
It's soon going to start looking a lot like Christmas in the Jackson area.

The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce and Promoters are planning for their annual Collection of Christmas Treasures extravaganza and holiday lighting contest, and those who want to take part need to enter soon.

Christmas Treasures, featuring decorated trees and collections of yuletide memorabilia, will take place Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Old Armory.

Schultz named vice president of Chamber

The Jackson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors had its monthly meeting Monday night at the chamber office. At the meeting, Scott Schultz was appointed executive vice president for fiscal 1992. After this year of serving as vice president, Schultz will assume the chamber presidency. Dan Steinberg is the chamber president for Fiscal Year 1992.

Obituaries: Arthur Paulson, Lydia Koenig, Richard Caskey
40 years ago
Nov. 5, 1981

VFW, auxiliary display flags

The flags displayed throughout downtown Jackson and along the highway leading into town on holidays and special occasions are through the courtesy of the Jackson Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary. Ardyce Guritz, publicity chairman for the auxiliary, said the local chamber of commerce originally started the custom back in the 1950s, after purchasing enough flags to be put up along the main street downtown and

along First Street.

Variety of questions and concerns fielded by Weber at town meeting

Are residents had a chance to quiz Congressman Vin Weber, I-R, Minnesota's Sixth District representative, last Saturday.

Weber has been scheduling "town" meetings throughout his district in order to gain knowledge of any problems or concerns citizens may have.

A group of about 25 people were present at Saturday's meeting in Jackson and voiced a variety of concerns. The concerns ranged in scope from "double dipping" of Social Security funds to the "why" of Weber's vote in favor of tobacco price supports.

Obituaries: Ella Hansen, Robert Olson, Rose Poelaert
50 years ago
Nov. 3, 1971

Halloween quiet throughout county

It was a quiet Halloween throughout Jackson County. "There was a little paper strewn around and a few soaped windows, but other than that, Halloween was pretty quiet," said Oren Thompson, Jackson Police Chief.

Jackson County Sheriff Jerry Benjamin, who patrols the entire county, said there were only a few mischief makers in the areas he patrolled.

Thompson emphasized the lack of vandalism and the way young people conducted themselves in Jackson.

"They were great, and they deserve a pat on the back," he said.

Unusual package found in mailbox

Tuesday morning, when postmen emptied the drop box near the Jackson Post Office, there was an unusual package found in it. The package, a \$12 to \$15 lid of marijuana, was wrapped in a plastic sandwich bag and nestled among the letters.

Postmaster R. Vron Muir turned it over to Jackson Police Chief Oren Thompson.

"Someone must have been pretty nervous to drop it off in there," Thompson said.

Jackson police are investigating.
Obituaries: Carl Fransen, Emil Exner

Area faith and worship schedule

Belmont Lutheran Church
Rural Lakefield,
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Thursday, Oct. 29:
3:30 p.m., Group B
Confirmation
Sunday, Nov. 1: All Saints' Sunday. 8 a.m., Worship Service with Holy Communion in parking lot, weather permitting.
Wednesday, Nov. 4: No Confirmation. 5:45 p.m., Worship Service on Facebook
Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
401 7th Ave. N., Lakefield
Pastor: Andrew Schensted
Sunday, Nov. 1: 9 a.m., Worship Service; 10 a.m., Sunday School
Wednesday, Nov. 4: 6:30 p.m., Confirmation
Green/Grey

Church of the Good Shepherd
311 Sverdrup, 847-2504
Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht - Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 29: 8:30 a.m., Mass - limited capacity & masks required.
Saturday, Oct. 31: 5 p.m., Mass, St. Luke, Sherburn - limited capacity & masks required
Sunday, Nov. 1: 8:30 a.m., Mass, Good Shepherd, Jackson - limited capacity & masks required; 10:30 a.m., Mass, St. Joseph, Lakefield - limited capacity & masks required

First Baptist Church
921 Hills Ave., 847-2369
Pastor: Nathan Janzen
Youth & Family Pastor: Thor Kurtz
Thursday, Oct. 29: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Elder Led Prayer Time
Sunday, Nov. 1: 9:9-20 a.m., Upper Room Prayer/Worship Time; 9:30-10:40 a.m., Worship Service and Children's Church
Wednesday, Nov. 4: 6:15 p.m., AWANA (Backwards Night)
Thursday, Nov. 5: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Elder Led Prayer Time

First Presbyterian Church
601 4th St., 847-4722
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Thursday, Oct. 29:
3:30 p.m., Group B
Confirmation
Sunday, Nov. 1: All Saints' Sunday. 11 a.m., Worship Service; Deacon's Meeting after Worship Service
Wednesday, Nov. 4: No Confirmation. 5:45 p.m., Worship Service on Facebook
Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page - Salem Lutheran Church - Jackson, MN, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
Spirit Lake, 712-336-2446
Saturday, Oct. 31: 4 p.m., Worship Service
Sunday, Nov. 4: 10 a.m., Worship Service
All services can be viewed Facebook Live or YouTube.com until further notice.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
101 Kimball Ave., 847-3693
Pastor: John Schuetz
Sunday, Nov. 1: 9 a.m., Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:15 a.m., Education Hour
Worship services streamed at 9 a.m. on our Facebook page.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
614 Logan, 847-2856
Pastors: Rev. Cindi Hopp and Rev. Matthew Garavalia
Sunday, Nov. 1: 9 a.m., Worship Service; 10 a.m., MS/HS Sunday Study
Monday, Nov. 2: 6 p.m., Team Meetings; 7 p.m., Council Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 4: 2:45 p.m., Confirmation (6th Grade Only); 6:15 p.m., KICK (4/5 only); 7:30 p.m., NINJA (Youth Room)
Worship will be streamed via Facebook & Twitter at 9 a.m. on Sundays or you can listen on KKOJ 97.7 FM/1190 AM.

Salem Lutheran Church
500 N. Hwy., 847-3861
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Thursday, Oct. 29:
3:30 p.m., Group B
Confirmation
Sunday, Nov. 1: All Saints' Sunday. 8:45 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Worship Service with Holy Communion
Wednesday, Nov. 4: No Confirmation. 9 a.m., Ruth Circle; 5:45 p.m., Worship Service on Facebook
Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page - Salem Lutheran Church - Jackson, MN, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
Sioux Valley, 839-3086
Pastor: Pastor Jacobsen
Sunday, Nov. 1: 9 a.m., Divine Service at Trinity with LWML Missions; 9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study at Concordia; 10 a.m., Sunday School at Concordia; 10:45 a.m., Divine Service at Concordia
Pastor Jacobsen is doing live Bible Study Devotions on Facebook weekday mornings at 9 a.m. They will also be available for viewing afterwards at any time there or also on our YouTube site.

Trinity Lutheran Church Alpha, 236-7165
Pastor: Rick Bremseth
Sunday, Nov. 1: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service. Gathering following, social distance, wear masks

Union State Line Lutheran Church
Petersburg, 847-2068
Pastor: Nancy Isaacson
Sunday, Nov. 1: Worship Service, 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church
900 North Highway, 847-2681
Pastor: Rob Moorlach
Saturday, Oct. 31: 4 p.m., Facebook live
Sunday, Nov. 1: 10:30 a.m., Worship Service; 6 p.m., Embrace Jackson

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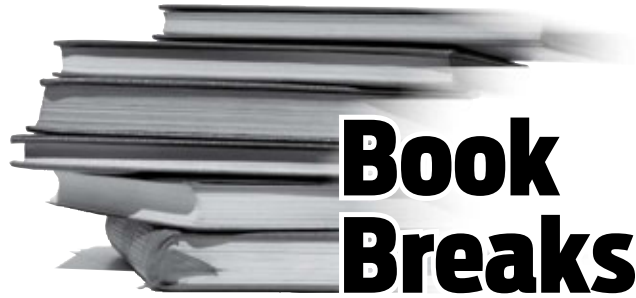
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Book Breaks

READING BUDDIES NEEDED

The library is looking for volunteers who are willing to commit a half- to one hour of time per week reading with an elementary-age student as part of a reading buddies program offered to interested second- and third-grade students. You will be paired up with the student and will meet at the library one time per week. The child will read to you or you can share reading. Many of the students are working toward their Accelerated Reading goals. All ages of volunteers are welcome, from eighth grade on up. This is a great opportunity for high school students to get some community service volunteer hours. Substitute readers are also needed. The program will run from January through May 2022. If interested or for more information, please call Carrie Dose at the library at 847-4748.

DINOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Take part in the Dinovember celebration in November!
 · Dinosaur eggs will be given to children ages 3 and up with any checkout during Children's Book Week, Nov. 8-14.
 · A children and family movie event is set for Saturday, Nov. 13, at 12:30 p.m. Make plans to watch a dinosaur classic, "The Land Before Time." Popcorn will be provided!
 · The monthlong ac-

tivities will include a dinosaur scavenger hunt — with prizes! Find all the dinosaurs hiding in the library and receive a small prize. This event will run Nov. 1-30.
 · Also, during the month, the library Facebook page will have periodic posts to see "What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night." Check out what mischief the library dinosaurs got in to once the library closed!

Detailed information is available at the library and on the library website, jclmn.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION

"And the Mountains Echoed" by Kahled Hosseini will be discussed on Monday, Nov. 15, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. This is a great opportunity to get out and meet new people and have fun discussing a book. Call the library at 847-4748 to reserve a copy of the book.

BEDTIME STORY HOUR

In conjunction with Children's Book Week and Dinovember, a bedtime story hour will take place on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6:15 p.m. in the library meeting room. Children and families are welcome to attend. The story hour will feature dinosaur stories, rhymes, music, crafts and a snack. Children may come in pajamas with their favorite bedtime buddy or blanket. Registration is requested. Call 847-4748.



JACKSON LIBRARY
Carrie Dose

AFTER-SCHOOL EVENT

Elementary-age students in kindergarten through grades are welcome to attend the November after-school event. A "Dino-Builders" event will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call 847-4748.

TWEEN / TEEN EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

The November tween — those in fifth through seventh grades — and teen — those in eighth through 12th grades — after-school event will be a "Pop Tart Taste Off." The tween event will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 3:45 p.m., while the teen event is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 18, 3:45 p.m. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call 847-4748.

LITTLE TYKES STORYTIME

Little Tykes Storytime takes place Mondays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Story time features theme-based stories, fingerplays, music, dance, games, play and a craft. Toddlers and preschool children are welcome. This is a great opportunity for social interaction, as well as experiencing some early literacy skills. Registration is requested for first-time attendance. Call 847-4748 to register or for more information.

Local florists part of this year's Caring Rose Week

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

chanted Flowers in Jackson.

Florists in Jackson and Lakefield are participating in an initiative to get goods for local food shelves and make their customers' lives more colorful in the process.

Caring Rose Week, which is sponsored by North America Wholesale Florist Inc. based out of Sioux Falls, S.D., runs Nov. 8-13. During that

time, people can visit participating florists and purchase a dozen roses at a discounted rate.

"They started the program 23 years ago and we do it to help fill our local food shelf," said Marsha Pohlman, owner of En-

chanted Flowers in Jackson. Pohlman said people looking to support the food shelf and get some flowers can stop by anytime to do so.

"What we do is take \$10, plus tax and two cans of food, and we give them a dozen roses," Pohlman said. "Then they can go on their merry way and enjoy their flowers."

Ultimately, Pohlman wants to see the Jackson Food Shelf get all the goods it needs to support its clients during the holiday season, which can be a tough time for lower-income families. "It helps fill up the food shelf for our community,"

Pohlman said. "It's a very worthy cause."

In Lakefield, Village Green owner Jen Hendrickson, who is also participating in the event, said she has a selection of different colors available for those looking to get their dozen roses.

"Just come in and pick out a dozen," she said. "I've got a bunch of different colors, so we have quite a variety for people to choose from."

Hendrickson will bring the goods she received from donors to the Lakefield Food Shelf.

Hendrickson said she's changing up her hours, which usually run from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., to allow more customers to participate.

"I'm extending my hours," she said, "so I'll be here from 9 to 5 on Monday and 3 to 5:30 on Thursday through the rest of the week."

Local MnWest instructor featured in regional agriculture publication

The local instructor for the Minnesota West Community and Technical College Farm Management Program is featured in the latest edition of the Farm Market News, a regional agriculture publication reaching more than 18,500 rural homes and businesses across the tri-state area.

Brad Milbrath, who is based at the Jackson campus of MnWest, is the sub-

ject of the cover story in the Nov. 1 edition of the Farm Market News. In the article, he outlines the program, what it seeks to accomplish and how it benefits local farmers.

The Farm Market News is delivered free of charge to 18,700 rural homes and businesses in 15 counties across southern Minnesota, northern Iowa and eastern South Dakota and

is available for free pickup at cafés and coffee shops throughout the coverage area. Extra copies are also available for free pickup at the offices of Livewire Printing Co. in downtown Jackson.

The Farm Market News may be read for free by article online at jackson-countypilot.com and in its entirety online at farm-marketnews.com.



BIRTHDAYS • ANNIVERSARIES

lene and Jim Olson.

Nov. 3: Happy belated birthday to Carter Olson, Lisa Ringkob, Galen Henrichs, Dan Winterfeld.

Nov. 4: Happy birthday to Michael Nielsen, Gary Berkner, Ashley Kennedy, Alison Mathias, Melynda Tracey, Shirley Miller, Sharon Smith, Linda Winter, Mackenzie Schley. Anniversary wishes go to Troy and Laura Schneekloth, Justin and Staci Warmka.

Nov. 5: Happy birthday to Jill Benson, Landon Carter, Brianna Simons, Ben Johnson, Arlene Olson. Anniversary wishes go to Dr. Tim and Brenda Bachenberg, Steve and Diane Williams.

Nov. 6: Happy birthday to Kieran Kuchenbecker, Mackenna Drahota, Mi-

chael Gruhlke, Jaceson Holm, Kathleen Johnson, Betty Kiehl, Doug Becker, Steve Van Hal.

Nov. 7: Happy birthday to Samantha Henning, Lance Isaacson, Holly Nasby, Tyler Schoer, Betty Koehne.

Nov. 8: Happy birthday to Ben Crees.

Nov. 9: Happy birthday to Jason Mekosch, Tim Thurmer, Roger Johnson, Dallas Lucht, Clarine Michelson, Duane Wedebrand, Jean Pabst.

Nov. 10: Happy birthday to Lane Gullickson, Travis Miller, Sara Anderson, Cheryl Atwell, Sharon Cordes, Donna Olson, Hailey Pettiecord, Natalie Schlager, Lois Hansen, Paul Vachuska, Chase Thies, Haylee Sargent, Malory Pohlman. Anniversary wishes go to Gary and Lori Beseke.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A request has been made to the Jackson County Board of Adjustment by Jean Flatgard, for a Variance pursuant to Jackson County Zoning Ordinance, Section 603.2 Agricultural Preservation, Permitted Uses, Non-Farm Density Requirement. This request is to locate a new non-farm residence in the Ag District closer than the required 1/2 mile to an existing feedlot.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W1/2 SW1/4) of Section 20, Township 104 North, Range 35 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in Jackson County, Minnesota. More information about this property and application is on file with the Jackson County Zoning Administrator.

A Public Hearing will be held on this matter on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria of the Jackson County Government Center East. Enter the Government Center from the south door (#7), off White Street. Dated this 4th day of November, 2021.

ANDY GEIGER
Jackson County
Zoning Administrator
Jackson County
Planning Commission
(Nov. 4)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF JACKSON
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE/MENTAL
HEALTH**

**Court File No. 32-PR-21-39
In Re the Estate of
Alma R. Timmer,
Decedent**

**Notice of Informal Probate
of Will and Appointment of
Personal Representative
and Notice to Creditors**

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's will dated July 14, 2017 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Daryl Timmer, whose address is: 881 Judd Street, PO Box 73, Marine, MN 55047

as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative

or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: October 18, 2021
Teresa Reetz
Registrar

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(Oct. 28; Nov. 4)

**School Board
Meeting Minutes
Jackson County
Central Schools
ISD #2895**

September 20, 2021

The Jackson County School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:30pm in the JCC School Auditorium Conference Room and remotely on Facebook Live and via Zoom.

Vice Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Bradley Anderson, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, Amy Voss, Jody Thrush Withers, and Eric Kruger. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Business Manager Jim Hoffbeck. Others present: Matt Lundberg and media Justin Lessman.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Kruger to approve the agenda as presented. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items:

1. Superintendent's Report - Barry Schmidt
2. Principal's Report - High School, Middle School, Pleasantview, Riverside
3. Business Manager's Report - June - July - August (revenues and expenses) - Jim Hoffbeck
4. Facilities/Grounds Director's Report - Mark Steffen
5. Activities Director's Report, Booster Club Flyer - Shelly Hotzler
6. Food Service Director's Report - Kari Rubitschung
7. Community Education Director's Report (Husky Howl) - Jacqueline Knips
8. Preschool Director's Report - Lisa Schensted
9. Director of Curriculum and Assessment Report - Tammy Timko
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Project Oversight Committee Update

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Schultz to approve the consent agenda. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

1. Approve the board minutes from the School Board Meeting on August 23, 2021.
2. Approve the board motion from the Special School Board Meeting on September 13, 2021.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Approve to host the Jason Gray concert. Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz. All members present yes. Approve the JCC Teacher contract for the 2021-23 school year. Motion was made by Thrush-Withers and seconded by Schultz. All members present yes. Approve the para salary contract for the 2021-22 school year. Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Anderson. All members present yes. Approve the Food Service salary contract for the 2021-22 school year. Motion made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Anderson.

3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$, Expenses: September board bills \$167,838.13, August manuals bills \$2,919,350.81, and August Net Payroll \$420,246.42)

4. Approve the resignation of Barb Johnson as Food Service Cashier at the High School.

Business Action Items:

1. Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Polz to approve Tiffany Lahm as PCN Coordinator. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to approve hiring Leah Timmerman as a Paraprofessional at Riverside. All members yes, motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion made by Kruger and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve hiring Crystal Dafeo as a Paraprofessional at the Middle School. All members yes, motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion made by Polz and seconded by Schultz to approve hiring Breanna Wagner as a Paraprofessional at Riverside. All members yes, motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Kruger to approve hiring Ellie Singvongsa as a Paraprofessional at Pleasantview. All members yes, motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Kruger to approve Lori Gilmore as a Paraprofessional at Riverside for 2 hours a day while her student is at school. All members yes, motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Voss to approve hiring Emma DiBrito as a part-time after school assistant at Kids Club. All members yes, motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Polz to approve the resignation of Linda Phaly as a Kids Club Assistant. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve reducing Kim Paulson's contracted hours from 1.0 to 0.8. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to approve Family Medical Leave for an employee. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the promotion of Dani Janning from Lifeguard to Head Lifeguard beginning October 1, 2021 with a dollar raise. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Polz to approve JCC student, Caleb Rubitschung, as a Fitness Center Attendant beginning September 7, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year at January 2022 minimum wage rate of \$10.33 per hour for up to 5 hours per week. All

members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve certifying the proposed 2021 payable 2022 property tax levy at maximum. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to approve the final reading of the following policies. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

410 - Family and Medical Leave Policy

413 - Harassment and Violence

414 - Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse

415 - Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

806 - Crisis Management Policy

New Business:

201 - Legal Status of the School Board - current policy, no changes

205 - Open Meetings & Closed Meetings - current policy, no changes

206 - Public Participation in School Board Meetings - current policy

a. Public Participation in School Board Meetings - suggested changes

207 - Public Hearings - current policy, no changes

208 - Development, Adoption, & Implementation of Policies - current policy, no changes

Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Voss to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Rhonda Moore, Chair
Jody Thrush Withers, Clerk
(Nov. 4)

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Brody Endreson (from left), Jae Bretzman and Jason Bretzman are all dressed up and ready for candy during the Jackson Women of Today-sponsored trunk-or-treat event last Thursday in downtown Jackson.



Diane Torrel (from left), Tasha Diggs, Zemina Diggs and Linda Mohns stir up a witches' brew during the Jackson Women of Today-sponsored trunk-or-treat event in downtown Jackson last Thursday.



Gavin Domonoske (left) and Blake Tusa are all dressed up and ready for candy during the Jackson Women of Today-sponsored trunk-or-treat event last Thursday in downtown Jackson.

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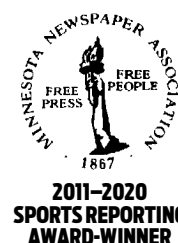
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JCC CROSS COUNTRY

BOYUM, ANDERSON QUALIFY FOR STATE

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the Jackson County Central cross country team will have a boy and girl compete at the Class A state meet.

Andrew Boyum finished fifth in the boys' race at the Section 3A meet last Thursday in Madison and Olivia Anderson finished 12th in the girls' race, sending both to Saturday's Class A meet in Northfield. "That's pretty awesome to have two seniors make it in their last chance," JCC head coach Rafe York said. "They've both been on the team for six years and for them to get this payoff is awesome."

The JCC boys finished fifth in the team standings and the girls placed ninth.



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
 Andrew Boyum sprints toward the finish line of the Section 3A cross country meet last week in Madison. Boyum finished fifth to qualify for state.



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
 Olivia Anderson covers the 5,000-meter course at the Section 3A cross country meet last week in Madison. Anderson finished 12th to qualify for state.

'I bet on myself all year'

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

Jackson County Central senior Andrew Boyum had a lot of confidence entering the Section 3A cross country meet in Madison last Thursday.

He had plenty of reason for it after logging mile after mile, month after month with the goal of making it to state for the second straight year.

"In the summer, I was like, 'I'm going to state,'" Boyum said after finishing

fifth at the section meet in 17 minutes, four seconds, to qualify for state. "I gave up a lot of my summer — I wouldn't say I gave up all my friends, but I took a lot of time out of my summer to run and stay in healthy

See **BCC** on **B3**

'I just wasn't ready to be done'

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

When Jackson County Central senior Olivia Anderson stepped to the starting line for the Section 3A cross country meet last Thursday in Madison, she didn't

want her career to be over. "At the starting line, I was like, 'I really don't want this to be my last race,'" she said. "I really wanted to keep going."

Anderson gets one more race, although it took her nearly an hour to find out. Anderson finished the

section meet in 12th place with a time of 20 minutes, 34 seconds and had to wait until results were tabulated to see if she qualified for state.

The top six individuals not on the two-state qualifying teams advance. See **GCC** on **B3**

JCC FOOTBALL

Huskies headed to section finals

JCC scores just before and after halftime to pull away from Redwood Valley

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

With less than two minutes to go in the first half, the second-seeded Jackson County Central football team clung to an 8-6 lead over third-seeded Redwood Valley in Saturday's Section 3AA semifinals in Jackson.

The Huskies marched 64 yards in less than 90 seconds, then scored to open the second half to turn a two-point lead into a commanding 24-6 advantage.

The two drives that book-ended

halftime were the key to a 38-12 victory, head coach Tom Schuller said.

"That was huge," he said. "Getting the ball to start the second half with a lead and taking it down for a score was huge."

The win advances the Huskies to the Section 3AA championship game Friday night against top-seeded and unbeaten Pipestone (see preview on B4).

Turning point

A long punt return by Payton Handevitd midway through the second quarter gave the Huskies great field position at the

Cardinal 26-yard line, but the Huskies failed to score.

That gave Redwood Valley a chance to take the lead with just more than four minutes left in the half, but the JCC defense rose to the occasion.

Travis Rogotzke intercepted a pass on fourth-and-2 when he was in man-to-man coverage with lanky Carson Woodford. "We

made some nice plays," Schuller said. "Fourth down and 1 or 2 and we defended a fade. Rogotzke picked off a ball when he was one-on-one with Woodford. That's a

See **FB** on **B4**



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
 Gabriel Wolff stiff-arms a defender during Jackson County Central's Section 3AA semifinal win over Redwood Valley Saturday. Wolff ran for a touchdown and caught a touchdown in the 38-12 victory.

JCC VOLLEYBALL

Huskies sweep their way to the sub-section finals

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

A pair of sweeps to open the South Section 3AA volleyball tournament have Jackson County Central halfway to a trip to state.

The top-seeded Huskies opened the postseason with a sweep of St. James Area this past Friday, then took care of fourth-seeded Windom in three sets Monday.

The Huskies are now 25-6 on the season and

will play second-seeded Luverne in the sub-section finals tonight (Thursday) in Worthington (see preview on B5).

Huskies streak to sweep

A pair of streaks in each of the first two sets help the Huskies take a commanding lead over Windom Monday before JCC dominated the third set to finish off the sweep. Set scores were 25-16, 25-13 and 25-9.

"I thought the girls came

See **VB** on **B5**

Firearms deer season expected to be busy

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

The firearms deer season begins Saturday morning and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officer Mike Gruhlke expects Jackson County to be busy.

"The deer opener always brings out a lot of folks in the county," he said. "It brings people back home. It's really a fun weekend." The season runs from

Saturday until Nov. 14. Shooting hours each day are a half-hour before sunrise until a half-hour after sunset.

Gruhlke said a few things to remember are no person can discharge a firearm or arrow within the road right-of-way and all deer must be registered with 48 hours of being harvested. Along with registering the deer, the hunter needs to validate the tag.

See **DEER** on **B4**

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 4
VB - Sub-section finals vs. Luverne at Worthington

Friday, Nov. 5
FB - Section finals vs. Pipestone at SMSU

Saturday, Nov. 6
CC - State meet
VB - Section 3AA finals at SMSU

Sunday, Nov. 7
No events

Monday, Nov. 8
GYM - Practice starts

Tuesday, Nov. 9
No events

Wednesday, Nov. 10
No events

BSC STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL

West Team	BSC	All
Marshall	6-0	29-2
JCC	5-1	25-6
Luverne	3-3	19-6
Pipestone	3-3	17-12
Redwood	2-4	7-16
Windom	1-5	17-12
Worthington	1-5	15-15
East Team	BSC	All
St. Peter	10-0	19-7
New Ulm	8-2	14-10
Waseca	5-5	8-16
Fairmont	3-7	9-15
St. James	3-7	6-16
BEA	1-9	2-24

SECTION 3AA STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

Team	All
Pipestone	10-0
Redwood Valley	7-3
JCC	7-3
MN Valley Lutheran	5-5
LCWM	2-7
Sibley East	1-8
Windom	1-8
St. James Area	0-9

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Greetings from snowy Colorado!

Hopefully you had a fun Halloween. It was comforting we did not have another Halloween blizzard! Once a lifetime for that is more than enough.

If you recall, last year we received a healthy portion of pre-Halloween snow. This fall, Kathy and I did experience some pre-Halloween snow. I had to travel farther than Kathy to see mine though. Kathy drove through a snowfall on her way to Spencer, Iowa, on Oct. 22. I had to wait until we were in Colorado Springs last week.

Last Tuesday afternoon in Colorado Springs, Colo., I was in shorts and a T-shirt enjoying the mid-60-degree temperatures. Tuesday evening it was snowing. We awoke Wednesday morning to a white lawn.

It warmed up slightly on Wednesday. In fact, as I type this, I am sitting in Jacob's backyard, enjoying the 45-degree sunshine and watching the snow melt. Watching snow melt is way more exciting than watching paint dry.

Anyway, as Jacob and I planned to play golf Wednesday morning, I started digging through my golf bag for an orange ball or two. Nope, just white. So, we delayed our round until the afternoon.

Except, when the afternoon came around, the snow was still around.

I want to play in case I cannot get out anymore this fall. The way the weather has turned, I am not so sure I will be playing any more fall golf. Which really is not that big of a deal except I did not end my last round with a par. I like to end

my golf year with a par or better.

So, if you see me out on the golf course trudging through 6 feet of snow on New Year's Eve, know it is because I am trying to par a hole to finally end 2021 golf in style.

You have to have something to build upon when starting the next golf season. Plus, who wants to spend a winter dwelling on the final hole being a bogey? Or worse.

The snow was pretty. But as green is my favorite color, I looked forward to the meltdown. In the meantime, I did throw a couple snowballs. As the grandkids did not come out and join me, I had to pick other targets.

Actually, Jacob Jr. came out later so I made another snowball and prepared to launch. But my maturity kicked in so I nailed a pail instead. Just another moment in time when I wished I was still immature. I had second thoughts when Jacob nailed me in the back a moment later.

So, I saw accumulated snow, I threw a couple snowballs — yeah, I am ready for spring!

We went out to Colorado Springs to spend time with Jacob, Heather and their four kids. We had not been out there for a while and thought it was high time we went back. Now, if we had known it was going to snow on us....

We always enjoy it out there. But then I enjoy any place that has my grandchildren! Plus, Colorado, like the other 49 states, has a lot to offer. But what Colorado has to offer is gorgeous. Simply gorgeous.

I have always been a fan of the mountains, and the ones in Colorado do not disappoint. It is so breathtaking to gaze upon a snowcapped mountain. A sight to behold. Way prettier than gazing at a snowcapped drift running up the middle of your driveway.

Colorado Springs has the added plus of being overlooked by my all-time favorite mountain, Pikes Peak. One thing about Pikes Peak, you can look it over and look it over, but you will never "overlook" it. There is no way you can look at it too much. No overlooking.

On Tuesday evening, at 7 p.m., you can look at our Jackson County Central Middle School musicians as they perform in their fall band and choir concert at the JCC Middle School auditorium.

The JCC gymnastics team can begin practice on Monday. The JCC Middle School girls' basketball practices are scheduled to begin on Monday, Nov. 15, with boys' basketball and wrestling beginning a week later.

Just as my trip to Colorado had to come to an end, this Wide Write must also end. Until next week, remember there is no such thing as over watching our Huskies, or over cheering them on to victory. Go, Huskies!



WIDE WRITE
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Nov. 1, 7:36 p.m.
JCC wins the second set 25-13 to lead Windom 2-0. The Huskies led just 11-10 before finishing on a 14-3 run.

Oct. 30, 4:29 p.m.
Payton Handevitd caps the first drive of the second half with an 18-yard touchdown run and Gabriel Wolff adds the conversion. JCC leads Redwood 24-6.

Oct. 30, 3:57 p.m.
Roman Voss throws a 10-yard touchdown to Gabriel Wolff with 11 seconds left in the half. Payton Handevitd runs in the conversion for a 16-6 JCC lead.

Oct. 29, 7:59 p.m.
I don't know what the record is for ace serves in a set, but Sadie Voss had eight in the third set.

Oct. 29, 12:48 p.m.
Prior to yesterday, the last time the JCC cross country team had a boy and girl qualify for state in the same year was in 2002 when Jacob Kocak and Jessica Schultz accomplished the feat.

Oct. 28, 6:10 p.m.
Olivia Anderson is going to state. She was the final individual qualifier after placing 12th at the Section 3A meet.

Oct. 28, 4:27 p.m.
Andrew Boyum finished fifth at the Section 3A cross country meet and has qualified for the state meet.

Follow for more updates

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Names: Olivia Anderson and Andrew Boyum
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross country
The week that was: Anderson and Boyum both qualified for the Class A state cross country meet, marking the first time since 2002 the Huskies will send a boy and girl to the state meet. Anderson finished 12th (20:34) at the Section 3A meet last Thursday in Madison and Boyum placed fifth (17:04).
Coach's comments: "That's pretty awesome to have two seniors make it in their last chance," Rafe York said. "They've both been on the team for six years and for them to get this payoff is awesome."

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HL-O CORNER

Salenty qualifies for state cross country meet

Tim Salenty is headed to the Class A state cross country meet after finishing eighth at the Section 3A meet last Thursday in Madison. Salenty ran the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 14 seconds to advance to state for the first time.

The Heron Lake-Okabena boys finished 16th in the team standings and the Wildcat girls were incomplete. Trevor Bass finished 74th (19:57), Joshua Eigenberg finished 105th (21:23), Caleb Eigenberg placed 114th (22:30), Daniel Ruthenbeck came in 129th (24:31) and TJ Ostrem finished 133rd (28:46).

Mackenzie Ehlers led the Wildcat girls, finishing 90th in 24 minutes, 29 seconds. Also running for HL-O were Skylar Fisher (116th; 26:26), Renae Salenty (118th; 26:35) and Brooklyn Fisher (119th; 26:36).

Tim Salenty will run in the state meet Saturday in Northfield.

Coyotes to play for sub-section championship

The top-seeded Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda volleyball team will play for the South Section 3A championship tonight (Thursday) against second-seeded Tracy-Milroy-Balaton at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. The Coyotes opened the playoffs with a sweep of Murray County Central last week, then beat Red Rock Central in four sets Monday.

With a win over TMB on Thursday, HL-O/F would play in the Section 3A finals Saturday at SMSU.

HL-O/F won the first set 25-16 against MCC before losing the second 26-24. The Coyotes then won 25-13 and 25-19 to get the win.

Chrissy Hermeling was a perfect 18-for-18 serving with five aces and Emma Rasche was 21-for-23 with five aces. Rasche also had a team-high 27 digs.

Sam Untiedt had 20 digs and she and Marissa Becker each had 10 kills. Taryn Evers had eight kills and four blocks and Emily Madison had seven kills.

Elly Bang had 39 set assists to set up the potent Coyote offense.

In the playoff opener this past Friday, HL-O/F swept eighth-seeded Murray County Central by scores of 25-20, 25-9 and 25-19.

Bang had 31 set assists and was 18-for-18 serving with five aces. Anna Fest was also solid at the service line, going 13-for-14 with four aces.

Untiedt was a perfect 13-for-13 serving with a pair of aces and added eight kills and eight digs. Evers had a team-high 19 kills and Rasche led the Coyotes with 13 digs. Hermeling recorded eight digs and Schumacher had seven kills.

Season ends for football team with first-round loss

The fifth-seeded Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda football team fell behind fourth-seeded Red Rock Central early and never recovered in an 18-8 loss to open the Section 3 nine-man tournament last Tuesday.

RRC scored midway through the first quarter and added a pair of second-quarter touchdowns to lead 18-0.

The Coyotes got on the board less than a minute into the fourth quarter when Parker Murphy threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to Dominic White. Jaxson Tiesler

See **COYOTES** on B4

LEAGUE BOWLING SCORES

Tuesday night men
Team standings: Phillips Agency 14-10, Bowlers Inn 9-15, New Fashion Pork 9-11, Junction 86 8-12
High game: Jerrod Schubert 184, Bruce Bakalyar 162, Tony Jorgensen 162
High series: Jerrod Schubert 490, Tom Johnson 436, Bruce Bakalyar 426

Wednesday night men
Team standings: Schaap Sanitation 17-7, S&J Cleaning 15-9, Elness Livestock 13-11, FCA 12-12, Pocket Pounders 11-13, Left Overs 4-20
High game: Jay Wagner 246, Jerrod Schubert 233, Ben Clark 221
High series: Jerrod Schubert 628, Jay Wagner 593, Dave Svoboda 579

Thursday night women
Team standings: 9th Ave Salon 17-7, Bipolar Rollers 14-10, Lakefield Savings Bank 13-11, Rubis Farms 11-13, Split Personalities 9-15, Pampered Chicks 8-16
High game: Denise Temnitz 192, Carol Hovdet 188, April Krumwiede 172
High series: April Krumwiede 476, Mari Byam 467, Carol Hovdet 435

Friday night mixed
Team standings: Habben 10-2, Miller 9-3, Jorgensen 9-3, Elness 7-5, Potter 5-3, Gerdes 5-3, Kocak 2-10
High game men: Jeremy Potter 243, Tony Jorgensen 188, Brian Kocak 173
High series men: Jeremy Potter 613, Tony Jorgensen 509, David Miller 503
High game women: Bobbi Habben 210, Jordin Elness 167, Jenni Jorgensen 155
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BOYUM FINISHES 66TH IN CROSS COUNTRY SHOWCASE

One year ago, Nov. 5, 2020
Jackson County Central junior Andrew Boyum finished in the middle of the pack in a new race that featured the best cross country runners across the state. The Twin Cities Running Company Cross Country Showcase took place, taking the pace of the Minnesota State High School League state meet. Boyum competed in the small-school race and finished 66th out of 117 runners with a time of 18 minutes, 23.9 seconds. Boyum was invited to the race after finishing 15th at the Section 3A meet, which would've qualified him for the state meet.

BACK TO STATE

Five years ago, Nov. 10, 2016
Jacob Tvinnereim intercepted a pass in the final minute to help the JCC football team seal a 21-14 win over Fairmont to win the Section 3AAA championship. Nico Feroni opened the scoring with a 30-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, but Fairmont scored the next two touchdowns to lead 14-7 after one quarter. Chris Gumto caught a 95-yard touchdown pass from Easton Bahr in the second quarter to get the Huskies within one, then Bahr ran for an 18-yard touchdown in the third quarter and completed a pass to Ryan Christopher for the two-point conversion. Tvinnereim ran for 110 yards and Feroni rushed for 97. Bahr completed six passes for 125 yards, with two going to Gumto for 102 yards.

BEZDICEK FINISHES 27TH AT STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

10 years ago, Nov. 10, 2011
JCC eighth-grader Jadin Bezdicek finished 27th at the Class A state cross country meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Bezdicek finished the 4,000-meter race in 15 minutes, 32.8 seconds. The time is the fastest for a JCC runner ever at the state meet. Bezdicek started the race fast, but was later in 31st place with between 400 and 200 meters left. She passed a group of runners who had just gotten in front of her to finish 27th.

JACKSON BOYS RACE TO SECOND

25 years ago, Nov. 7, 1996 - Jackson County Pilot
The Jackson boys' cross country team capped a brilliant season with a second-place finish at the Class A state meet. Led by a trio of all-staters, Jackson scored 81 points to finish second to Staples-Motley (69). Dan Draine finished fifth and earned a medal with a time of 16 minutes, 53 seconds. Matt Williams finished 20th in 17:05 and Ethan Thurmer was 23rd in 17:10 to give JHS three all-state finishers. Mark Zelinko placed 26th (17:11) and Mitch Olson was 63rd (17:47) to round out Jackson's score. Brian Vr-chota finished 73rd (17:53) and Nathaniel Draine 84th (18:10) for JHS.

SUB-SECTION CHAMPIONS!

25 years ago, Nov. 7, 1996 - Lakefield Standard
HLOL got a first-game scare before answering the bell in knocking off Jackson 4-15, 15-10, 15-10, 15-11 to win the sub-section volleyball tournament. The win sends the 27-1 Silver Bullets to the Section 3A tournament opener against two-time defending state champion Tracy-Milroy. Lindsay Voss finished with 24 ace spikes against Jackson. Stacy Oelke was 23-for-23 serving with four aces and had seven ace spikes. Sue Resch had six ace spikes and Katie Hansen had five. Resch and Oelke each had six ace blocks and Hansen had five. Brittany Liepold had 27 set assists. Resch had 10 ace spikes and Voss had nine in a sweep over Windom in the sub-section semifinals.

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shape. It paid off."

Running all summer got people excited for Boyum's chances this fall, but it also helped Boyum believe in himself.

"I got a lot of fans over the summer," he said. "I became a fan of myself."

Boyum said all the hard work was worth it after crossing the finish line and knowing he was a state qualifier.

"It just felt so good," he said. "I bet on myself all year."

This time felt different for Boyum. A year ago, the section meet was run in three-team pods, with results tabulated at the end of the day. And although Boyum finished well enough to qualify for

state, he never got to run because the meet had already been canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He did run in the Twin Cities Running Company Cross Country Showcase, which replaced the state meet, but it wasn't the same.

"It feels awesome," he said. "The state high school league is hosting it. We're all going to be running in one big pack. When I made it last year I couldn't believe it. It just motivated me to run a lot and keep a positive attitude."

Boyum's adrenaline kicked in early at the section meet as he got off to a fairly fast start — a bit of a change from his usual steady beginning.



Kie Anderson leads a big pack of runners during the Section 3A cross country meet last week in Madison.

PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON

"I wanted to just do the same thing I did in all races: I don't want to start out fast," he said. "I did that last year and I'd lose a lot of ground. I wanted to start off at a solid pace and then pick off guys as the

race went along. I think I maybe went out a little too fast, but I maintained the same pace."

Boyum said he battled through the latter stages of the race, knowing what was at stake.

"I was really tired, because that's how cross country works," he said. "I got really tired, but I kept grinding it out."

Paplow finishes one spot away from state

Sophomore Evan Paplow finished 10th at the section meet with a time of 17 minutes, 24 seconds. That put him on the bubble for an individual spot at state, which go to the top six finishers not on the two state-qualifying teams.

Following his finish, Paplow had to wait more than 90 minutes before finding out he was one spot away from qualifying for state. Olivia Anderson was in a similar spot following the girls' race, but ended up being the final girl to qualify (see story on B1).

"The wait is tough," JCC head coach Rafe York said. "It was worse for Liv and Evan than for me. I just have to make jokes and keep it light. They handled it well. Evan, the first thing he said was, 'If I get in, I get in. If not, I've got two more years.'"

Paplow, who qualified for state a year ago, earned all-section honors by finishing in the top 25, as did senior Kie Anderson, who placed 22nd with a season-best time of 18 minutes, seven seconds.

Nolan Ambrose had a personal-record time of 19

minutes to finish 49th and Clayton Cavness finished his career by placing 54th (19:19). Also running for the Huskies were EJ Peterson (72nd; 19:54) and Brigan McCarthy (98th; 21:13).

"I like how the boys ran," York said. "I don't think we had a lot of PRs, but it's squishy and it's a little hillier than we remembered. Nothing big, but a lot of those smaller ones."

The Huskies finished fifth in the team standings, meeting a goal they had entering the meet. JCC scored 140 to finish one point ahead of Windom.

Lac Qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd won the meet with 75 points and Luverne also qualified for state by finishing second (93). Canby/Minneota (93) and Redwood Valley (127) also finished ahead of the Huskies.

Rounding out the top 10 of the field of 19 complete teams were Mt. Lake Area/Comfrey in seventh (186), followed by Springfield Cedar Mountain (247), Pipestone (261) and Murray County Central (281).

"We said all season we wanted to be top five, so we got in there," York said.

Up next

Boyum and Olivia Anderson will run in the state meet Saturday in Northfield (see preview below).



Evan Paplow nears the finish line of the Section 3A cross country meet last week in Madison. Paplow finished 10th in the race and nearly advanced to state.



EJ Peterson competes in the Section 3A cross country meet last week in Madison.

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so until team results were tabulated, Anderson was left waiting.

"I was really stressed anticipating the results," she said. "I didn't want to jinx myself and be like, 'I might be going.' It was just a waiting game."

"For Liv, it was nerve-racking," JCC head coach Rafe York said. "She finished 12th and it all came down to which teams got in. Olivia was nervous, but she handled it well."

When Anderson was announced as the final in-

dividual state qualifier, it was a moment of joy for the senior.

"It was really great," she said. "I jumped up and down, I was so excited. I'm so happy that I made it."

Anderson's trip to state comes as the result of months — and years, really — of hard work.

"I think that putting in a lot of good miles and starting strong in the beginning of the season and just building on that throughout the season and remembering the little things like stretching, sleeping and eating good helped," she said.

At the section meet, that work helped Anderson start strong and keep a steady pace throughout the 5,000-meter race.

"My strategy was a little different than it normally was," she said.

That meant going out fast — and even hanging with eventual runner-up Tenley Nelson of Luverne at the start.

"We came in knowing she really had to push," York said. "She got out a lot faster than I think she's ever gotten out. She was running with Tenley Nelson for the first half-mile. It was great for it to pay off like that."

Anderson said she felt "pretty good" throughout the race, and then even better when results were announced.

"I'm just really happy," she said. "I just wasn't ready to be done. I'm happy that I get one more

meet."

Girls finish ninth

Sophomore Elise Paplow was the second finisher for the Huskies, coming in 35th place with a season-best time of 22 minutes, 15 seconds.

Freshman Bailee Pohlman placed 61st (23:21) and a pair of eighth-graders rounded out JCC's team score as Cailee Pauling finished 77th (24:00) and Taylor Schultz came in 79th (24:11).

Also running for the Huskies were freshmen Lily Johnson (81st; 24:12) and Astrid Olsem (113th; 25:48), who both set personal records in the race.

Anderson said having a complete team is awesome, especially since that hasn't always been the case during her six years in the sport.

"It makes me really happy that we finally have a girls' team," she said.

"Some middle school girls really stepped up and took spots on the team. I'm really proud to see them doing that. It's really great. I think it's super exciting. Most of my career, it's been kind of on and off, no girls team, girls' team. Whenever I have a team, I'm always happy to have people supporting me and the teamwork. Having the team with you and knowing that you're all pushing each other is great. Cross country is really a team sport."



Lily Johnson runs in the Section 3A cross country meet last Thursday in Madison.

PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON

York said he hopes the upward trend continues for the JCC cross country program.

"I hope it pays off," he said. "I hope boys and girls look at it and say, 'Hey, there's more than just volleyball and football. We can get out here and be part of a good program as well.'"

The JCC girls finished ninth in the team standings at the section meet with a score of 260.

Luverne put all five of its scoring runners in the top 20 to run away with the team title with a score of 50. Murray County Central/Fulda had the individual champion in Amanda Overgaauw (18:01) and three runners in the top 10 to finish second (69) and earn a team trip to state.

Also finishing ahead of the Huskies were Canby/Minneota (78), Redwood Valley (106), Springfield/

Cedar Mountain (133), Pipestone (174), Adrian/Ellsworth (232) and Lac Qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd (233). Central Minnesota Christian (286) rounded out the top-10 of the field, which included 18 complete teams.

York said the ninth-place finish was pretty impressive for a squad that wasn't able to post a team score the first half of the season.

"We had so many freshmen and eighth-graders," he said. "The eighth-graders and freshmen did a great job today. They got us up in the top half, so that's all you can ask. That's a lot better than I thought we would do at the beginning of the season."

Up next

Anderson and Andrew Boyum will run in the state meet Saturday in Northfield (see preview below).



Cailee Pauling keeps a slim lead over teammate Taylor Schultz during the Section 3A cross country meet last week in Madison.

Boyum, Anderson compete at Class A state cross country meet Saturday

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

Last year, Andrew Boyum qualified for the state cross country meet, but never got to compete because it was canceled by the Minnesota State High School League.

This year, he'll get to run in the real thing, as will fellow Jackson County Central senior Olivia Anderson.

The two are the first boy and girl tandem from JCC to qualify for state in the same season since Jacob Kocak and Jessica Schultz did so in 2002.

"I think it's great that we have a boy and girl going," Anderson said. "It's exciting."

The two will run in the Class A state meet Saturday at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Boyum and the boys will run at noon, with

Anderson and the girls starting at 1 p.m.

JCC head coach Rafe York said he doesn't know how either JCC runner stacks up against the competition, but wants them both to run well in their

final high school races.

"I want them to run as well as they can and beat as many people as they can," he said. "To be honest, I don't pay attention to anything outside of the section, so I don't know

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Olivia Anderson

I'm here for business."

For Anderson, the pressure is off now that she has qualified for state in her final season.

"I just want to run my best and have a good time," she said. "There's no pressure because it's going to be the last one, no matter what. I just want to run my best and feel good."

Anderson said she's going to state on a mission.

"I'm not just going to state just to run it," he said. "I want to do really good there. I want to go up there and do my best. I'll be running with a lot of good guys and I want to show them

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great matchup. We wanted to make them throw the ball on fourth-and-2, but you're putting a guy out on an island by himself and he won that matchup. What a great play."

The interception gave the Huskies a chance to build on their lead just before the half and they executed their two-minute offense to perfection.

A run by Levi Lindley picked up 11 yards, then a completion from Roman Voss to Rogotzke picked up 16. Voss hit Gabriel Wolff for another first down, then Lindley ran twice to pick up another first down.

With just 18 seconds left in the half, Voss made a play that would be impressive for a senior quarterback, let alone one in eighth grade. The signal caller narrowly avoided a sack after rolling out to the right, then found Wolff in the end zone for a 12-yard touchdown pass.

"Things started to break apart," Wolff said of the play. "It was a broken play and Roman was scrambling outside. I just hap-

pened to get outside and put my hand out and he saw me and we connected. It was perfect."

Payton Handevitd ran in the two-point conversion to give the Huskies a 16-6 lead with just 11 seconds left in the half.

Huskies take control

Schuller likes to start games on offense, when possible, but said he deferred to offensive coordinator Wade Wacker on Saturday and choose to get the second-half kickoff. That move paid off against the Cardinals.

"I wanted to kick off to start the game because Wade likes coming out of the second half knowing how they're going to play our sets," Schuller said. "I kind of wanted to have the ball first, but I took that into regard."

After taking momentum into the locker room, the Huskies took control of the

game right after the break.

Lindley ran for 8 yards on fourth-and-1 early in the drive, then Will Freking gained 2 yards on fourth-and-1 later in the possession. That set up an 18-yard touchdown run by Handevitd, which was followed by Wolff running in the two-point conversion for a 24-6 lead.

"That changed the game quite a bit," Schuller said of going up by three scores. "They weren't going to run the ball a whole lot anyway, but we felt they were going to have to throw the ball a lot."

The Cardinals answered with a touchdown to cut JCC's lead to 24-6, but the Huskies put the game away on the next drive.

Handevitd caught a 29-yard pass from Voss to open the drive and, five plays later, Lindley was in the end zone. Wolff ran in the conversion to give the Huskies a 32-12 lead.



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
Caleb Vancura (90), Logan Butzon (11), Matt Haley (61) and Ben Dahlin (81) bring down a Redwood Valley ball carrier during Jackson County Central's section semifinal win over the Cardinals Saturday.

Huskies finish off win

The Arrows got into the Red Zone early in the fourth quarter, but the JCC defense forced a turnover on downs.

The Huskies then took exactly seven minutes off the clock as they went 81 yards in 13 plays and scored an insurance touchdown when Freking scored on fourth-and-goal from the 3 for a 38-12 score that proved to be the final.

Strong start

Schuller wanted to start the game with the ball, but decided to receive the second-half kickoff.

It didn't matter much, as the JCC defense forced a punt on Redwood's first possession of the game.

The punt pinned the Huskies on their own 7-yard line, but the Huskies went 93 yards in 12 plays to open the game with a touchdown.

Back-to-back plays picked up 50 of those 93 yards as Lindley broke off a 25-yard run on the second play from scrimmage and Voss hit Caleb Vancura for a 25-yard gain the next play.

Freking capped the drive with a 7-yard touchdown run as he lunged across

the goal line after taking a late option pitch from Voss. Freking added the two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead less than eight minutes into the game.

"I think it's very important when we come down and score early," Wolff said. "It kind of sets the tone. It shows the other team we're here to play."

The Cardinals scored on a 66-yard pass on their next drive, but neither team scored again until the Huskies did in the final seconds of the first half.

Huskies run for 305

The JCC ground game was tough to stop as the Huskies ran for 305 yards on 55 carries.

Lindley (125 yards on 21 carries), Handevitd (114 yards on 10 carries), Wolff (33 yards on 12 carries) and Freking (34 yards on eight carries) each scored a rushing touchdown and kept the defense on its toes.

"Other teams, they know we're coming," Wolff said. "We just say, 'Stop us if you can. We're coming.'"

"We ran the ball really well," Lindley said. "We knew we could take it to them."

Wolff credits the offensive line for making holes

all game long.

"I think the offensive line is really starting to click together," he said. "We knew at the beginning of the season they were going to be really good and we've started to get things working together. Our running backs have started to utilize that good blocking."

Voss completed eight passes for 120 yards and a touchdown. Rogotzke caught two passes for 26 yards, Wolff caught three for 19 yards, Handevitd had a 29-yard catch, Vancura had a 25-yard reception and Tanner Haar caught a 21-yarder.

The Huskies threw the ball just two times in the second half — both completions — as they sealed the win on the ground.

Redwood Valley ran for 53 yards and threw for 248 as JCC outgained the Cardinals 425 to 301.

"I thought that was our best game we've had," Schuller said. "It was a good balance of offense and defense."

Up next

The Huskies play Pipestone in the Section 3AA championship game Friday in Marshall (see preview below).

JCC vs. Redwood

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Scoring
JCC - W. Freking 11 run (W. Freking two-point)
RV - Cooper 66 from Lang (Two-point failed)
JCC - Wolff 12 from Voss (Handevitd two-point)
JCC - Handevitd 18 run (Wolff two-point)
RV - Lang 1 run (Two-point failed)
JCC - Lindley 4 run (Wolff two-point)
JCC - Wolff 2 run (Two-point failed)

JCC leaders
Rushing - Lindley 21-125; Handevitd 10-114
Receiving - Rogotzke 2-26; Vancura 1-25; Haar 1-21; Wolff 2-19
Passing - Voss 8-15 for 120 yards
Interception - Rogotzke



Travis Rogotzke takes the ball away from Carson Woodford for an interception against Redwood Valley.

After regular season 'debacle,' Huskies hoping for better performance against Arrows in section championship game

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

Jackson County Central football coach Tom Schuller said last week's Section 3AA semifinal win over Redwood Valley was his team's best performance of the year.

The Huskies will have to be even better Friday night if they want to knock off undefeated Pipestone in the section championship game.

"I thought Redwood was the best game we've played this year," Schuller said. "I thought we played a good second half at St. Peter and

coupled it with as long as our starters played against Windom. That carried over to Redwood, which was our best game so far, execution-wise."

The top-seeded Arrows (10-0) thumped the second-seeded Huskies (7-3) pretty bad when the teams met Oct. 15 in Pipestone, winning 32-14.

Pipestone threw for 409 yards in that game and Schuller expects the Arrows to try to move the ball through the air again.

"We know Pipestone's going to throw the tarnation out of the ball with a really good quarterback,"

Schuller said. "After the debacle we had at Pipestone giving up 400 yards passing, they'd be foolish not to. They're sitting back there with a Division I quarterback. There aren't many teams around that can say that."

But the Arrows will also try to slip in some running plays when the Huskies bring in extra defensive backs.

"They were able to hit us with some rushing plays when we had to go to a light box," Schuller said.

Slowing the Arrows will require the Huskies to get pressure on quarterback Kellen Johnson without having to bring the house.

"We have to be able to get some four- and five-man pressures," Schuller said. "We can't expose our defensive backs in man coverage."

Senior linebacker Levi Lindley said giving the Arrows different looks will be key this time around.

"I think we're going to mix up our coverages — throw something new at

them," he said. "We're just going to throw our coverages at them and hopefully we win."

Another way to slow the Arrows is to keep the ball away from them. The Huskies will try to do that with a rushing attack that averages 275 yards per game.

The Huskies will use running backs Lindley, Gabriel Wolff and Will Freking on repeat, and mix in carries to do-everything senior Payton Handevitd. They'll rush behind an offensive line featuring Trace Michelson, Zach Rasmussen, Matt Haley, Carter Henning, Cameron Scholten and Braydan Winter that has lived up to expectations.

"The offensive linemen were expected to carry this football team," Schuller said. "They're a strength of this football team and they've been doing really well lately."

Colder temperatures and the potential for 20-mile-per hour winds during the game figure to favor the Huskies.

"The weather is going to play into it big time," Schuller said. "It could be cold and it could be windy. Those are things we're built to handle."

But Schuller said whatever the conditions are, the two teams aren't going to make drastic changes.

"They're not all of a sudden going to run the ball 30 times and we're not all of a sudden passing the ball 30 times," he said. "By this time of the year you are what you are. You're trying to do a few things to exploit things you think the other team is vulnerable to. This is the second time we've played each other and with amount of film we have, there aren't a lot of secrets."

Schuller said the Arrows will likely try to slip in a new set or a few trick plays, but said his team has put together a good week of practice to prepare.

"We've really prepped hard in practice," he said. "We're having some really good practices. We're seeing the team improve on

a week-to-week basis and that's really what you're after."

With steady improvement the last few weeks, the Huskies are in position to get one more shot at the Arrows.

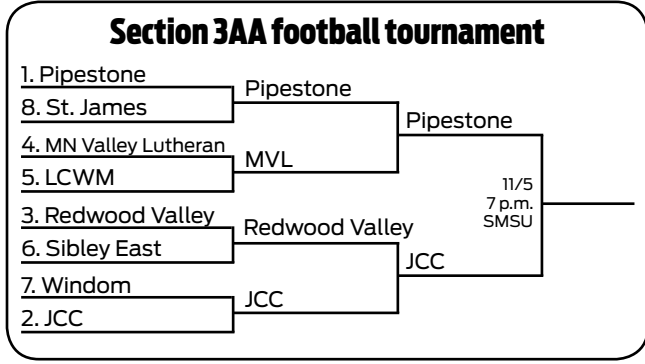
"We're really thankful to get another opportunity to show we can play better than the first time around," Schuller said.

A win would move the Huskies one step closer to a goal Lindley and junior Gabriel Wolff said they've had all season.

"At the beginning of the season, we wanted to get to state," Wolff said. "We're looking at a state championship; it's just the next step toward our goal."

"Our plan all year has been a state title and we haven't lost sight of that," Lindley said. "Hopefully we get it done."

The Huskies and Arrows play Friday night at 7 p.m. at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.



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Gruhlke said licenses can be purchased any time during the season — and prior to it starting — but if it is purchased after shooting hours have begun for that day, it is not valid until the next day.

"I would encourage folks to get their license as soon as possible," he said.

The archery deer season began back in September and Gruhlke said there have been some deer harvested.

"There have been a few folks that have been successful," he said.

Duck hunters have also had some success, Gruhlke said, but they're hoping for more.

"There are a few ducks being taken," he said. "There are still a few wood

ducks around. Duck hunters are hoping for some nasty weather up north to push things our way."

Safety is paramount

Gruhlke said the most important thing to remember during the deer season — and any other, for that matter — is safety.

"It is paramount that we employ everything we've learned at firearms safety classes," he said. "The mentality that it's a deer at all costs should not enter anybody's mind. There should be the idea of, 'What is my target and what's beyond my target and is it a safe shot to take?'"

Blaze orange or pink is required during deer season for everything above the waist, excluding

sleeves and gloves.

"That's simply a way for people to be noticed when they're in the field so an accident does not happen," Gruhlke said.

Youth get in on the action

Youth have had the chance to get an early jump on deer hunting this month with a couple events.

In Jackson County, Kilen Woods served as host again to a youth-specific deer hunt last weekend.

Prior to that, a statewide youth deer hunt took place from Oct. 21-24.

During that hunt, 10-year-old Arya Olson shot her first deer, an eight-point buck on her grandpa Mark Olson's farm north of Jackson.

Olson, who turned 10



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Arya Olson shows off the eight-point buck she shot during the youth hunt season late last month.

within a week of the hunt, used a .410 shotgun for her first deer.

"She was very excited," her dad, Mitch, said.

Gruhlke said the youth hunts are a way to get kids involved in the sport and learn from an adult.

"We encourage kids to give it a thought and go out," he said. "If they're lucky enough or fortunate enough to bag a deer, whether it's a buck or a doe, it's likely they're hooked for life."

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ran in the two-point conversion to get the Coyotes within 10 points, but they never got any closer.

Murphy completed nine passes for 133 yards and Brayden Peil ran 16 times for 95 yards. Tiesler picked up 51 yards rushing on 14 carries.

White had five receptions for 81 yards, Tyson Cotter caught a 21-yard pass and Trevor King caught three passes for 20 yards.

Peil dominated on defense, making a team-high 21 tackles and forcing two fumbles. King made 16 tackles, Ryder Henning had 12 and Cody Hennings and White each had eight stops.

The Coyotes finish the season 3-6.

VB: Pair of sweeps

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out strong,” JCC head coach Deidre Wierson said. “Monday night matches are kind of tough to come out with that high intensity and I thought the girls did a great job on being focused and ready to go.”

The Huskies used a 6-1 run to build a 12-7 lead in the first set and, after the Eagles got back within a point, scored six straight points to lead 20-13. Sadie Voss had a pair of kills during the second run.

Emma Haren had a block and a kill later in the set as the Huskies ended the set on an 11-3 run.

After falling behind 5-4 in the second set, the Huskies scored five straight points — including three straight on Voss kills — to lead 9-5. The Eagles eventually rallied to get back within a point, but just like in the first set, the Huskies went on a run to pull away.

Kills by Georgianna Wenzel, Haren and Taylor Post gave JCC a 17-12 lead and then Voss capped a long volley with a kill for a 19-12 advantage. Post served back-to-back aces to give the Huskies a 21-12 and Wenzel soon finished off the set with an ace.

A pair of blocks by Voss highlighted a 6-0 run early in the third set, which gave JCC an 8-3 lead. Voss had two kills and Haren had one as the Huskies extended their lead to 12-4.

A diving save by Alexis O'Reilly led to a point just moments later and a Wenzel kill put JCC ahead 15-6.

Kills by Hanson and Post gave the Huskies a 20-8 lead and an ace serve by Elese Paplow gave the Huskies match point. Voss, playing in her final match on her home court, ended the night with her 16th kill.

Wierson liked what she saw from her team throughout the entire match.

“I saw a lot more consistency,” she said. “I felt like, especially the last couple matches, we’ve been connecting well with our offense.”

Voss led the Huskies with 16 kills and 14 digs. Wenzel had six kills and four digs and was 15-for-17 serving.

Post had five kills and was good on all 12 of her serves with two aces.

Maci Farmer was nearly perfect serving, finishing 12-for-13. She distributed 31 set assists and added five digs and two kills.

Haren had four kills and four blocks and was nine-for-10 serving. Hanson had two kills and O'Reilly had nine digs.

JCC was 66-for-73 serving to hit at just higher than 90 percent and had seven ace serves — and even more that kept the Eagles out of system.

“If we can throw them out of system, that will

help not being able to utilize their main attackers,” Wierson said.

The match was the last on the home court for seniors Voss, Wenzel, Post and Sydney Osterberg. Going out with a win was fitting for the talented group, Wierson said.

“That was heartwarming to see for these seniors who have invested a lot of time into that gym,” she said. “For them to be able to go out with a win to end their home matches is a memory that’s never going to go away.”

Wierson said the seniors — and the entire team — enjoyed their final home match of the 2021 campaign.

“The fun that was brought to the court by all the players,” she said. “We prep and prep to play some quality volleyball, but all-in-all, this is an awesome game. For them to be able to show their hearts on the floor, that goes a long way.”

Huskies open with sweep

The Huskies opened the postseason with a sweep of St. James Area, winning by scores of 25-18, 25-13 and 25-11.

JCC got off to a slow start in the first set, trailing 12-9 before going on an 11-1 run to take control. Haren started the run with a kill, then got an ace during a string of seven straight points that also included kills by Wenzel and Hanson.

Wenzel and Voss had kills and Post had an ace serve late in the run, which ended with the Huskies leading 20-13.

Wenzel had back-to-back aces and Voss had three kills late to finish off the first-set win.

The Huskies never trailed in the second set, using a Farmer ace and Wenzel kill to jump out to a 3-0 lead.

Voss had four kills in a short stretch for a 10-6 lead and then a trio of kills from Haren later put JCC up 21-9. Hanson had two kills late and Wenzel had one as JCC won the set for a 2-0 lead.

JCC trailed the third set 10-9 before rattling off 13 straight points with Voss serving. Eight of those points came on ace serves by Voss, with Haren and Post adding kills during



Maci Farmer (left) and Peyton Hanson go up for a block against St. James Area this past Friday.



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON

Above: Sadie Voss (from left), Elese Paplow, Peyton Hanson, Maci Farmer, Georgianna Wenzel and Emma Haren celebrate Jackson County Central's sub-section semifinal win over Windom Monday night. Below: Alexis O'Reilly makes a divign save during JCC's playoff-opening win over St. James Area last week. Bottom: Haren hammers a kill in last week's sweep of the Saints.



the streak.

Post had a kill late and Wenzel finished off the set and match with a thunderous kill.

Voss finished the match with 10 kills and six digs and was 14-for-16 serving with eight aces. Haren had eight kills and a team-high 10 digs.

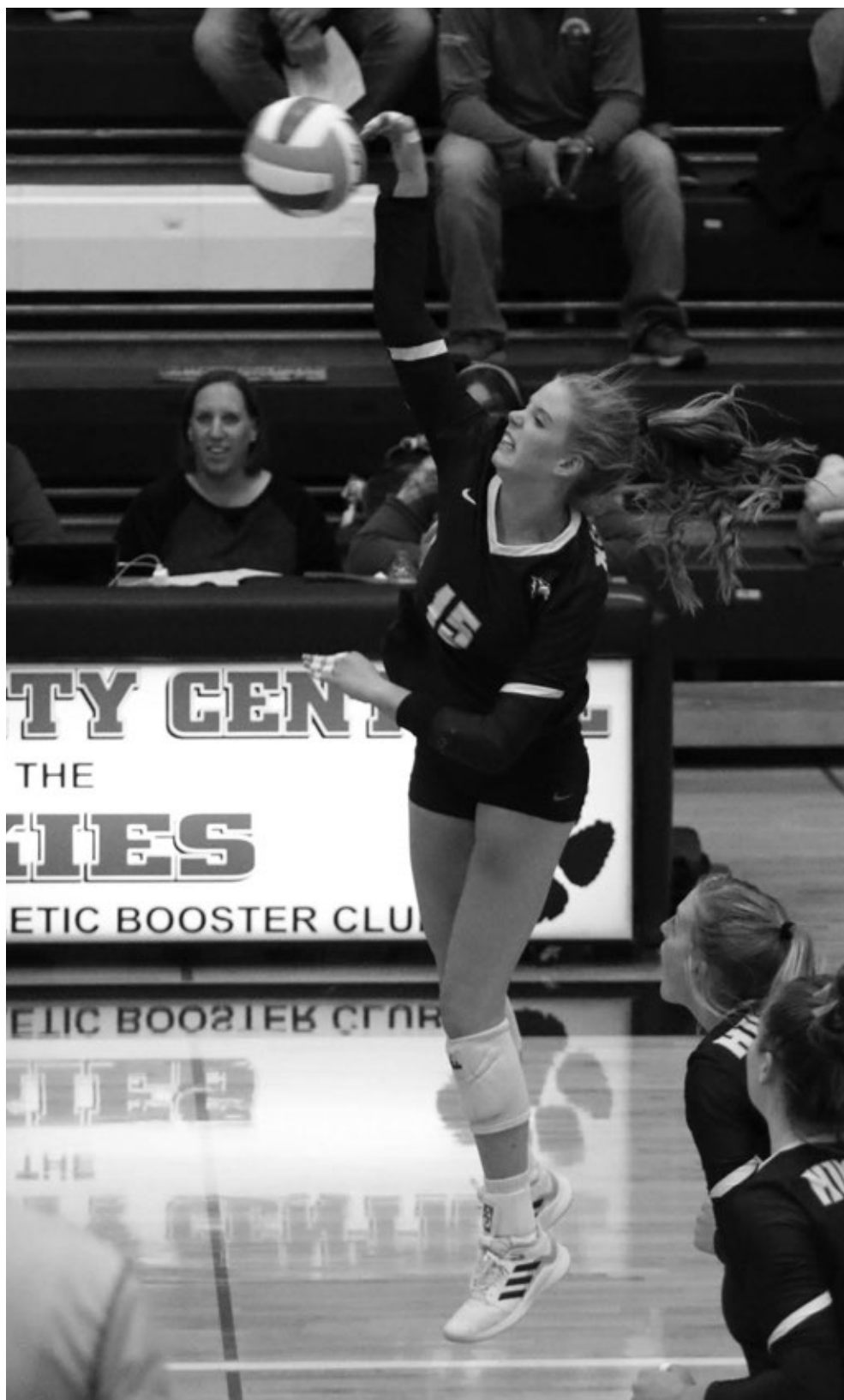
Wenzel was second with nine kills and added five digs and three ace serves. Hanson had six kills and Post had three kills and three blocks and was 10-for-10 serving with two aces.

Farmer distributed 33 set assists and had three digs to go with a 16-for-18 serving performance with three aces.

O'Reilly played well in the back row, recording six digs. Osterberg had a pair of digs.

Up next

The Huskies play second-seeded Luverne in the sub-section finals tonight (Thursday) in Worthington. With a win, the Huskies would play in the section championship game Saturday at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall (see preview below).



Huskies are two wins away from state tournament

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

Jackson County Central has had a long history of success in volleyball. But the Huskies haven't been to the state tournament since winning the Class AA state championship in 2003.

That would change with two more wins this week in the sub-section and section finals.

The top-seeded Huskies take on second-seeded Luverne in the sub-section finals tonight (Thursday) in Worthington. With a win, JCC would play either North No. 1 Paynesville Area or North No. 3 New London-Spicer in the Section 3AA finals Saturday at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. That match starts at 6 p.m.

JCC beat Luverne 3-1 in their only meeting this

season, which was Oct. 5 in Jackson.

Senior outside hitter Elise Ferrell (No. 12) is the main Cardinal to stop, but JCC head coach Deidre Wierson said she's far from the only Luverne player to keep an eye on.

“They have Ferrell on the outside, but their other outside places the ball really well,” she said. “We'll have to play our top game defensively.”

The Cardinals run a 6-2 with a pair of athletic setters, giving them a multitude of options.

“We're going to have to be able to put the ball in system and play some really stellar defense,” Wierson said.

The Cardinals are also good in the back row, keeping plays alive more than usual.

“They make a lot of de-

fensive plays where you would normally see the ball hit the ground,” she said.

If the Huskies are able to get by the Cardinals, they'd face either Paynesville or NL-S on Saturday for a trip to state.

Wierson said she hasn't seen either team play in person, but from watching film and talking to other coaches has an idea of what to expect should the Huskies face either team.

“From watching film, I know Paynesville is outside heavy,” she said. “They push the ball as much as they can to their outside hitters. As far as NL-S goes, I know from other coaches, they're athletic and pretty balanced throughout. They're defensively strong.”

The Huskies have no common opponents with either team.

Wierson said while it's important to know what's on the other side of the net, the Huskies are also focused on making sure they handle things on their side.

“For us, we just need to be aggressive defensively,” she said. “We are really focused in on our defense and options we can provide for our hitters. Like always, we're focused on serving and passing. That's where that first contacts come into play.”

With a plethora of hitters up front, the Huskies will try to be unpredictable on offense.

“When we have teams that know where we're most likely going to put the ball way, it's nice to have those other options,” she said. “Our middles do a fabulous job of getting pulls for our other hitters. What that means is the

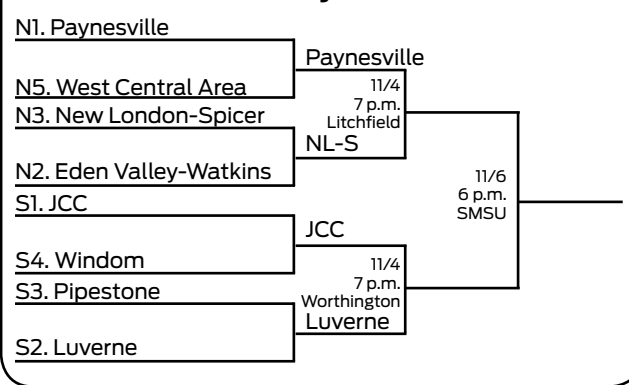
other team will hold on that middle hitter and that leaves an open shot for our right side or outside hitters. If we can switch up where we're running our plays, that opens up options for our middle hitters as well.”

Even though the Huskies

are done playing at home this year, Wierson said the team would love seeing support throughout the rest of the postseason.

“Keep coming out to support us,” she said. “They love it when it's loud in the gym.”

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Board approves revision to request policy

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved guidelines for requested resolutions and proclamations stating requested resolutions will not be issued for matters of ideological controversy — especially those related to positions held by one or another political party — that have no relation to the county's programs, services, policies and budgets.

Citizens may still come to public meetings and express their opinions and desires to board members. The new policy will be applied specifically to requests for resolutions and proclamations a person or group wants placed on the county board agenda. Action Tuesday comes

on the heels of the county board approving a resolution stating the county will protect its citizens' Second Amendment rights and declaring Jackson County a "Second Amendment Dedicated County." The resolution was originally introduced by members of the Jackson County Second Amendment Group, a local citizens' organization dedicated to protecting gun rights.

In other action from Tuesday's board meeting:

BOARD OK'S LOAN

The board approved a \$75,000 loan from the Jackson County Revolving Loan Fund for Round Lake Vineyards and Winery.

The loan will help the winery construct a full kitchen so it can expand its food services.

REIF RECOGNIZED

Board members recognized Jackson County Emergency Management Director Gary Reif for his completion of the state's EMD licensing program.

Reif received his certificate and was congratulated by Jackson County Sheriff Shawn Haken and board chair James Eigenberg, who presented it to him at the meeting.

LEASE APPROVED

The board approved a plan to lease space on the county's radio tower to MIDCO, a company seeking to expand its telecommunications coverage in the area.

The lease will bring \$600 per month in new income for the county.

County marks 13 straight weeks of double-digit caseload increases

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Jackson County recorded 38 new cases of COVID-19 over the last week, marking 13 consecutive weeks of double-digit weekly caseload increases in the county after 14 consecutive weeks of single-digit — or no — increases.

The county's double-digit weekly caseload increase comes as the number of locals vaccinated against COVID-19 continues to increase. As of this past Sunday, 5,078 locals — 59.1 percent of Jackson County residents 12 years of age and older — had received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Of those 5,078, 4,877 — 56.7 percent of the county's population of those 12 years of age and older — have received the number of shots required for maximum efficacy, what the MDH terms a "completed vaccine se-

ries."

In terms of the county's population as a whole, 51 percent have received at least one dose, while 49 percent have received a completed vaccine series. Nearly 86 percent of locals 65 years of age or older have received at least one dose; close to 85 percent have received a completed vaccine series. And as of this past Sunday, 163 locals between the ages of 12 and 15 had received at least one vaccine dose; 147 had received a completed vaccine series.

Despite the increasing vaccination rates, the county remains behind the state as a whole in terms of percentages of residents vaccinated. As of this past Sunday, 73.9 percent of Minnesotans 12 years of age and older had received at least one dose of vaccine, while 70.6 percent had received a completed vaccine series. More than 62

percent of the Minnesota population as a whole has received at least one dose of vaccine, with 59.7 percent fully vaccinated; 95.2 percent of Minnesotans 65 years of age or older have received at least one dose, with 92.8 percent fully vaccinated. Statewide, more than 171,000 people between the ages of 12 and 15 have received at least one dose; more than 155,000 are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus first identified in late 2019. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Minnesota on March 6, 2020, the state has notched more than 805,000 cases of the illness and tallied more than 8,700 deaths. To date, the deaths of 15 Jackson County residents have been attributed to COVID-19.

DVHHS offering free weekly vaccination clinics

Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services-Public Health will host free, weekly Moderna COVID-19 vaccination clinics over the next six weeks in Jackson and Cottonwood counties.

Beginning Friday, the first 200 people who receive their first and/or second-dose COVID-19 vaccine from DVHHS-PH will be eligible for a \$50 grocery store gift card incentive. Booster doses are also available, but not eligible for the incentive.

Upcoming free COVID-19 vaccine clinics will

be located at DVHHS-PH in Windom and the Jackson County Highway Department in Jackson. Clinic dates for Windom are Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3 and Dec. 17; clinic dates for Jackson are Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

"Public health will not be collecting any identifying insurance information from anyone other than what type of insurance one carries — private, Medical Assistance/Medicaid, Medicare or none," said Angela Naumann, public health emergency preparedness coordinator for DVHHS-PH. "Insurance

will not be charged in any way for vaccine or vaccine administration. We want to ensure there are truly no barriers to folks accessing and receiving their COVID-19 vaccines."

Appointment registration is preferred; walk-ins will be accepted. Those looking to register for an appointment may visit prepmod.health.state.mn.us. Those without access to a computer may call the 847-6839 and leave a message.

Local GOP to host candidate meet-and-greet

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

The Jackson County Republican Party will host a candidate meet-and-greet on Saturday, giving the public a chance to meet three candidates for Minnesota attorney general, along with local state Sen. Julie Rosen.

"We're bringing candidates Dennis Smith, Lynn Torgerson and Doug Wardlow, and Sen. Julie Rosen will be at the event," said Jackson County GOP Co-

Chair Nathan Peterson.

Peterson said the local GOP plans to host more candidate meet-and-greets in the lead up to February's caucuses for the 2022 elections.

"We're doing these periodically until February," Peterson said. "It's really a way for people to get the chance to meet the candidates and narrow their choices down for when they vote."

The event will take place at Pillars Pub and Eatery in downtown Jackson from

1 to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be available.

"It's not just a party event; it's a community event," Peterson said. "There will be speeches, followed by a question-and-answer session where people can learn more about the candidates."

Peterson said the party is planning to bring gubernatorial candidates to Jackson County before the 2022 election, though a date has yet to be set.

Booster shots available for eligible patients at Sanford Jackson

Patients can get their booster shot at Sanford Jackson Medical Center to increase their protection from COVID-19.

They're encouraged to call the clinic at 847-2200 to schedule an appointment.

Based on guidance from

the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, certain populations can receive a booster shot of the Moderna vaccine or Pfizer vaccine. People who are 65 or older, those who are 18 or older who have an under-

lying health condition and those who are 18 to 64 with frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2 are eligible to receive a booster dose.

Since the CDC and FDA approved the mixing and matching of booster vaccines, eligible individu-

als may receive a different COVID-19 vaccine as a booster than the one they originally received. Patients who initially received the Pfizer of Moderna vaccine can receive a booster shot at least six months after their second dose. For those who re-

ceived the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, they can receive a booster dose of Moderna or Pfizer's vaccine at least two months after that initial dose.

Patients will be screened for eligibility when they call to make an appointment ahead of time. Masks

must be worn in the clinic.

According to the CDC, a booster dose helps increase protection against COVID-19, helping prevent severe disease for those who are at high-risk for exposure to the virus.



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Jackson County Central FFA Chapter Advisor Adam Manderfeld (left) gathers with members Jamie Edlin, Rachel Mohr, Taryn Lessman, Sylvia Chapman-Neseth, Reese Anderson, Kendal Krumwiede, Samantha Henning and Kylee Wenzel at the National FFA Convention and Expo last week in Indianapolis.



Mackenzie Henning is the 2021 national grain production proficiency winner.



William Pell is the recipient of the American FFA Degree.



JCC FFA Chapter members Taryn Lessman (from left), Kendal Krumwiede, Rachel Mohr, Reese Anderson, Samantha Henning, Kylee Wenzel, Sylvia Chapman-Neseth and Jamie Edlin attend the National FFA Convention and Expo last week in Indianapolis.



JCC FFA Chapter members Sylvia Chapman-Neseth (from left), Taryn Lessman, Reese Anderson, Samantha Henning, Kendal Krumwiede, Kylee Wenzel, Jamie Edlin and Rachel Mohr tour the Broken Wagon Bison Farm in Hobart, Ind., on their way to the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis last week.



JCC FFA Chapter members Kylee Wenzel (from left), Rachel Mohr, Taryn Lessman, Kendal Krumwiede, Reese Anderson, Samantha Henning, Sylvia Chapman-Neseth and Jamie Edlin tour the Ozark Fisheries in Martinsville, Ind., on their way to the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis last week.



JCC FFA Chapter members Taryn Lessman (from left), Rachel Mohr, Kendal Krumwiede, Reese Anderson, Kylee Wenzel, Samantha Henning, Sylvia Chapman-Neseth and Jamie Edlin tour Not Just Popcorn in Edinburg, Ind., on their way to the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis last week.

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JCC schools set to host Veterans Day programs

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Students at Jackson County Central schools will honor America's veterans on Veterans Day with a slate of speakers, programs and other reminders about the sacrifices made by those who took up the call to defend their country. JCC High School social studies teacher Dustin Pautsch said this year's program at the high school was planned by the student council. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the high school's performing arts center in Jackson.

"The public is welcome to attend," Pautsch said. "Our speaker will be Kevin Schmidt, who served in the U.S. Navy."

Schmidt is the brother of JCC High School math teacher Rhonda Schmidt; he served in the Navy for more than two decades.

A POW-MIA table will be set up at the event and speakers will explain its meaning to the audience.

"We'll actually set the table up live and explain what it's about," Pautsch said.

Just ahead of the 10:30 a.m. program at the high

school, Riverside Elementary School students will line North Highway to thank area veterans for their service.

"Riverside students and staff will be gathering on North Highway from Salem Lutheran Church all the way to the Jackson County Central High School from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11," said Riverside music teacher LeAnn Olson. "Veterans are encouraged to drive this route, swing through the Salem Lutheran Church parking lot for a little 'thank you' treat and then proceed to the JCC High School auditorium for a 10:30 a.m. program."

The JCC Middle School and Pleasantview Elementary School will host a joint program at 9:30 a.m. in the middle school auditorium in Lakefield. The public is invited to attend.

Pleasantview music teacher Kari Scheitel said fourth-grade students, along with some middle school students, will perform songs, including "A Grateful Nation" and "The Heart of America." Some fifth-graders will provide instrumental music at the beginning of the program.

If you go...

What: Veterans Day program
When: Thursday, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m.
Where: JCC Middle School Auditorium, Lakefield

If you go...

What: Veterans Day program
When: Thursday, Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m.
Where: JCC Performing Arts Center, Jackson

Fossness keynote speaker at HL-O

Heron Lake-Okabena High School hosts a Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 in Okabena.

Keynote speaker for the day is Steve Fossness of Okabena. The HL-O band and choir will perform.

All students will attend the program, said Paul Bang, superintendent of schools at HL-O, and it is also open to the public.

"We're bringing all of our kids together for this and we welcome the public to attend," Bang said. "We want this to be a full program for the community."

The program begins at 8:15 a.m.

'Threat' that prompted school lockdowns, dismissal originated in Missouri

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

The threat that led to early dismissal at the Jackson County Central High School last Thursday and a districtwide lockdown originated in Missouri the week prior.

That's the determination of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, which assisted the local school district in safely closing the high school in Jackson last Thursday morning.

Jackson County Sheriff Shawn Haken said his office was contacted by JCC officials at around 8:45 a.m. last Thursday regarding a possible threat of violence at

the high school. The sheriff said multiple students had showed school staff a Snapchat image circulating among students. The Snapchat image referenced a threat to "JHS" at 10:30 a.m. that day.

"You can't blame the students for being concerned," Haken said.

The sheriff's office assisted JCC staff in safely closing the high school by around 9:30 a.m. Law enforcement conducted a preliminary search of the

school and found no evidence to support any threat of violence to the school. All other schools in Jackson County were informed of the threat, Haken said, adding an increased law enforcement presence occurred at all other schools in the county that day and the day following.

Haken said his office has determined the Snapchat message that was shared among the JCC students originated in Missouri on Oct. 22, was seen by someone in a neighboring county last Thursday morning and was then shared with a student who attends JCC with no apparent ill intent.

The sheriff last Thursday afternoon commended the students who brought

the image to the attention of teachers, as well as the teachers who reassured the concerned students everything was all right and "made the right call sending them home for the rest of the day."

Haken said arrests have been made in Missouri regarding the original post. The original Snapchat image, however, continues to be shared online — likely across the country. The name of the school continues to be altered to reflect different schools.

Haken said the investigation continues. School at JCC resumed Friday as normal, though deputies were stationed at each school building.



Shawn Haken

JCC Middle School band, choir to take the stage Tuesday

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

The Jackson County Central Middle School band and choir will take the stage Tuesday night and show off their musical talents, performing numerous pieces from different artists, genres and time periods.

Band director Erica Colby said members of the sixth-grade band will play a set of pieces from their band book to demonstrate their progression in music. Then, the seventh- and

eighth-grade band performance will open with a blast from the past as jazz and blues music fills the middle school gym. When that's done, the band will move onto other fun songs, featuring some unique props and instruments.

"The second song is called 'Junkyard Jam,' which is a fun piece where the percussionists play buckets and garbage cans," Colby said. "Our final piece is called 'Revenge of the Dust Bunnies,' which is filled with humor and a vacuum cleaner."

Choir director Lori Grote

said her sixth-graders will start out with a historical piece about American railroads, then transition to pieces from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "The Sound of Music."

Seventh- and eighth-grade choir students will perform a bevy of pieces from folk music traditions and popular movies.

"We will do 'My Heart Will Go On' from 'Titanic,' and we will finish with one of my favorite pieces, 'River in Judea,'" Grote said. "The kids felt it was too hard at first, but they've

If you go...

What: Band, choir concert
When: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
Where: JCC Middle School, Lakefield

come to like it so much that they asked me to keep the doors to the choir room open once so the music would reach the hallways."

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the JCC Middle School auditorium.



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UNITED FOR A CAUSE

Jackson County Central Middle School student Delany Krumweide makes designs on the sidewalk outside the middle school in honor of Unity Day last week.



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JCC Middle School student Grant Ambrose (left) and teacher Keith Eggink (right) bag leaves at North City Park last week.



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