



POST 130 FINISHES SIXTH AT STATE

The Jackson American Legion Post 130 baseball team played a trio of tight games at the state tournament, winning one to finish in sixth place.

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JACKSON COUNTY PILOT

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One day, two elections for local voters

Special election, state primary set for this Tuesday

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Jackson County voters will be asked to vote in two different elections on one day next week.

Not only is Tuesday the date of the statewide primary election, but it is also the day of the special election to fill the remainder of the term of local congressman Jim Hagedorn, who died earlier this year.

Polls open across the county either at 7 a.m. or 10 a.m. Tuesday — 7 a.m. in municipalities and at the county courthouse for precincts that conduct elections exclusively by mail, 10 a.m. in townships that do not — and close at 8 p.m.

Twelve of Jackson County's 20 townships — plus two cities — are conducting next week's elections by mail. Mail-in ballots and absentee bal-

lots must be received by the Jackson County Auditor/Treasurer's Office by end of day Tuesday. As of this past Monday, Jackson County Auditor/Treasurer Kevin Nordquist, said his office had received 402 mail-in ballots and 36 absentee ballots.

Local voters casting ballots early and in person next week will not only be asked to fill the open local seat in Congress, but also to narrow the field of those running for a full term in the position in November. Candidates in the special election include primary victors Jeff Ettinger, a Democrat; Brad Finstad, a Republican; Haroun McClellan of the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party of Minnesota; and Richard Reisdorf of the Legal Marijuana Now Party. Candidates for the full congressional term include Democrats Ettinger, George H. Kalberer and James Rain-

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Those interested in serving on the Jackson County Central Board of Education or in city government in Jackson or Alpha have until Aug. 16 to file their candidacy.

A BLUE-RIBBON COUNTY FAIR

Photos by Pilot staff



Above: Digging into some fried food last Wednesday evening at the Jackson County Fair are (front, from left): Emma Bergeron and Lennix Bergeron. Back: Ryley Peterson and Ryker Reinitz. Left: Gayle, Chad and Carson Schneekloth ride in the fair's car and tractor parade on Saturday.



Left: Kade Tewes competes in the Jackson County Fair's 4-H premier showmanship event this past Saturday. Right: Golden Gopher hams it up with University of Minnesota mega-fan Charlie Arlandson during a special visit to the Jackson County Fair this past Friday.



A wetter July keeps county drought-free

Moderate temps have also helped

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

As much of the lower half of Minnesota slips back into drought conditions, Jackson County remains right where it needs to be in terms of moisture.

That's according to the latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor, a joint effort of the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

As of this past Thursday, the entirety of Jackson County was listed as free of drought conditions, even as all neighboring counties to the north and portions of Martin County to the east were listed as abnormally dry.

Jackson County's drought-free status is a product, in part, of a wetter-than-normal July. Ac-

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See the full weather summary — including daily highs and lows, precipitation totals and historical averages — for July.

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See this week's B Section for 11 pages chock-full of Jackson County Fair coverage, results and photos.

Online...

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Thousands of photos from last week's Jackson County Fair are online at jacksoncountypilot.com.

Quilts, hugs and recognition for a group of local veterans



by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

One by one on Friday afternoon the names of local heroes were called.

Ron Anderson.
Terry Fife.
James J. Hall.
Harry Knutson.
Don Kuehl.

One by one, they came forward, received a handmade quilt, a hug and — in some cases — recognition long overdue.

Members of the Riverbend Quilters' Guild distributed 21 handmade quilts to local veterans of the armed forces this past Friday at the Jackson County Fair. The distribu-

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Kruse, Vanderheiden top seniors



by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Ken Kruse of Jackson and Mavis Vanderheiden of Heron Lake are Jackson County's 2022 Outstanding Senior Citizens.

The two were recognized at a special ceremony Friday morning at the Jackson County Fair in Jackson.

The man behind the fort

Kruse was honored for his long involvement with Fort Belmont in Jackson, as well as his service to various other community organizations and activities, including the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council and Jackson's Holiday Fest celebration.

While he's helped with

Sharon Smith presents Ken Kruse with the 2022 Outstanding Senior Citizen Award this past Friday at the Jackson County Fair.

PHOTO BY JEN TEWES

WEATHER This week

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
86 | 65

Friday
Mostly Sunny
92 | 72

Saturday
Scattered
Thunderstorms
82 | 63

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
81 | 61

Monday
Scattered
Thunderstorms
83 | 64

Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
83 | 61

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
83 | 61

LAST WEEK

Tuesday, July 26
79/58

Wednesday, July 27
83/54

Thursday, July 28
75/53

Friday, July 29
79/57

Saturday, July 30
83/60

Sunday, July 31
86/60

Monday, August 1
81/64

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Betty Mae Johnson, 87
Betty Mae Johnson, 87, went to be with her husband Tom and her Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 24th, 2022.

Betty was born on December 17th, 1934, in Sioux Falls, SD to Vern and Bernice Stoner. Betty is the oldest of 3 siblings. She has 2 younger brothers, Delbert (Orinne) Stoner and Bob (Jean) Stoner. She graduated from Fairmont High School in 1953. Fairmont High School is also where she met Tom, her Husband. They were married shortly after they graduated from High School and they went on to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

Betty and Tom moved to Jackson in the mid-'60s where she supported Tom in the Culligan business for over 40 years. She also held a few different jobs doing everything from Bookkeep-

ing to being a librarian, all while raising 4 children. She was very active in the First Baptist Church, and the Jackson Golf Club and played cards and games with friends.

Betty was very dedicated to her family. She was a big advocate for large extended family gatherings. She was always planning the next big family reunion. That seemed to be what made Betty the happiest when all her family was together in one place and taking lots of pictures.

Once Betty and Tom retired, they spent their winters at Trophy Gardens in Alamo, TX. There they met more life-long friends. In 2012 they moved from Jackson to Apple Valley, MN where they lived in a senior living apartment complex called the Timbers. Betty continued to live there, independently, after Tom's Death in 2019 until May of 2022.

Betty was preceded in death by her Husband Tom Johnson. She is sur-

Tom Pribyl Jr., 83
Tom Pribyl Jr., age 83 of Jackson, Minnesota, passed away with his family by his side on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at the Sunset Hospice



Cottage in Worthington. Visitation was held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at the Osterberg Funeral Home in Jackson, with a Celebration of Life service to follow, officiated by Pastor Russ Steele.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Condolences may be sent to the family online at OFH. Care.

Tom was born on February 16, 1939, in Jackson, Minnesota, to Tom Sr and Lillian (Macek) Pribyl. He attended Peace Memorial School (grades 1-8) and graduated from Jackson High School, where he excelled in basketball. He served in the National Guard for three years. He received his Associate of Arts degree from Worthington Community College, where he continued to play basketball. He briefly attended Mankato State University, before beginning work with the family plumbing business. He

worked with his father and brother, Larry for 53 years.

Tom and Marilyn Waswo united in marriage on November 4, 1961. They had three children: Rich, Wendy, and Mike. The marriage dissolved after 27 years.

Sports were a huge part of Tom's life; from playing basketball and baseball in high school, including being a co-captain of the 1957 basketball season, to coaching his sons in JAY basketball and baseball. He never missed his children's extracurricular activities. Tom was a big fan of the Atlanta Braves and Minnesota Gophers football and basketball teams and watched with great joy.

Tom was an avid hunter and fisherman and participated in duck, goose, deer & turkey hunting, as well as ice and boat fishing with many family members. He wrote fishing and hunting columns in the Worthington Daily Globe and the Jackson County Pilot, and always closed each column by saying, "Good Luck and take someone fishing!"

Tom celebrated his 23rd year of sobriety in March 2022. He enjoyed being an AA sponsor to many. He helped to start the Alumni Recovery Group at Ashley House in Jackson. He chaired the meetings for a long time until his health

DEATHS

Jane Kay Henning, 80
Jane Kay Henning, age 80, of Jackson, passed away Monday evening, July 25th at the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington. Per Jane's request services will be held privately.

Arrangements are under the care of the LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center in Jackson. Condolences and memories of Jane may be sent online to www.lacannefuneralhome.com.

Jane Kay Henning was born on January 17th, 1942, to the late Louis and Lydia (Libra) Boell, in Jackson, MN. Jane was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Jackson. Jane attended Jackson schools and graduated from Jackson High School in 1960. Jane continued her education at DeLyles Academy in Fairmont obtaining her cosmetology license in 1961.

Jane was united in marriage to Arnold Henning at the United Methodist Church in Jackson on October 24th, 1964. Together they were blessed with two children, Molly and Brad. Jane and Arnold raised their family on an acreage north of Jackson until moving to a farm in Enterprise Township in 1978.

In 2010, Jane and Arnold moved into Jackson, where they remained until Jane became a resident of the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington. Jane passed away peacefully on Monday night, July 25th, 2022, at the age of 80 years.

Jane was a hairdresser for 46 years and retired in 2008. Jane was an active member of the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson where she volunteered her time to teach Sunday school, work on the altar committee, and Ladies Aide. Jane had many enjoyments in her life which included scrapbooking, card making, embroidery, and sewing. Jane's greatest joy was spending time with her 3 granddaughters.

Left to cherish Jane's memory are her husband Arnold Henning of Jackson; children, Molly Hunt of Jackson; Brad (Ann) Henning of Jackson; grandchildren, Mackenzie, Samantha, and Isabelle Henning; and brother, Bill Boell of Jackson.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents; Louis and Lydia Boell; brother, Howard Boell; sister, Bonnie Mikkelsen, and mother and father-in-law, Martin and Ella Henning.

Blessed be the memory of Jane Kay Henning.

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DEATH NOTICE

Mike Gilmore, 76

Mike Gilmore, age 76 of Jackson, Minnesota, passed away on

Wednesday, July 6, 2022, with Jo by his side at St. Paul Regions Hospital.

A private family graveside service was held on Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery.

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WETTER

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cording to official weather statistics recorded and maintained by Jackson-based Federated Rural Electric, more than 6.2 inches of rain fell across the county in July, nearly 2.5 inches more than the historical average for the month. Around a half-inch of rain fell across a swath of the county last Wednesday, even as many surrounding counties missed the much-needed moisture.

Moderate temperatures have also helped. The average high for the month of July was around 84 degrees, just less than the historical average high, while the average low last month was 63 degrees, not far off the historical average low for the month. High temp for the month was 91 degrees, recorded on July 5; low for the month was 52, hit on July 24.

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WEATHER July Summary

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow
1	83	62		
2	80	62		
3	87	68		
4	88	70	0.75	
5	91	64	2.07	
6	81	67		
7	85	66		
8	83	67	2.65	
9	82	67		
10	90	69		
11	81	59	0.12	
12	83	60		
13	83	63		
14	90	69		
15	84	65		
16	79	61	T	
17	86	66		
18	90	71		
19	88	65	T	
20	87	63		
21	83	66		
22	89	67	0.03	
23	88	62	0.09	
24	77	52		
25	74	59	0.02	
26	79	58		
27	83	54	0.51	
28	75	53		
29	79	57		
30	83	60		
31	86	61		

Month	2022	Normal
July		
July High	91	
July Low	53	
Avg. High	83.77	84.36
Avg. Low	63	60.21
Total Precip.	6.24	3.75
Total Snow	0	0

FINES

\$140.00
Stern, Samantha R., Montevideo, Speed \$230.00
Vargas, Valeria L., Blue Earth, Speed \$230.00
Vilayanur Sivaram, Swaroop, Woodbury, Speed \$150.00
Jackson County Sheriff's Office
Ayers, Taylor D., Jackson, Failure to obey traffic control device \$140.00
Barnes, Deborah M., Blue Earth, Passing parked authorized vehicle -2 lanes in same direction \$140.00
Chavez Velasquez, Yoni A., Worthington, Speed \$150.00
Kelley, Malcolm A., Jack-

son, Domestic Assault \$90.00. Obey all laws. Follow all instructions of probation. No alcohol/controlled substance use. No misdemeanor violations. Remain law-abiding. Complete Chemical Assessment.

Reisdorfer, David W., Mountain Lake, Disorderly Conduct - offensive/abusive/boisterous/noisy/obscene \$490.00. Credit for time served: 2 days
Stammer, Nicholas J., Lakefield, Liquor-consumption by persons under 21 \$190.00

SHERIFF'S REPORT

July 25
A deputy responded to a juvenile curfew issue in Jackson.

A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a crash involving two semis on Highway 264 at I-90. The deputy was on scene for more than two hours.

A deputy responded to a juvenile issue in Jackson.

July 26
Deputies conducted a welfare check on an individual seen standing on the I-90 overpass at Alpha. The party was transported to the Sanford Jackson Medical Center.
Deputies responded to a report of several horses and goats wandering around in yards in Wilder.
A deputy responded to a report of harassment.
Deputies assisted the Lakefield Police Department with a disturbance.

July 27
A deputy assisted a motorist with vehicle issues at the intersection of County Road 34 and County Road 29.
A deputy responded to a theft report in Jackson.
A deputy responded to a juvenile issue in Jackson.
The Jackson Fire Department was paged to a pickup fire in Enterprise Township. Crews were on scene for about 30 minutes.
A deputy responded to a report of harassment in Jackson.

July 28
Deputies and the Jackson Fire Department escorted the Jackson Legion baseball team out to I-90 for its trip to the state tournament in Luverne this weekend.
A jailer transported a 26-year-old male from the Carver County Jail back to the Jackson County Jail. Jackson County had a warrant for the male for first-degree aggravated robbery, first-degree burglary, kidnapping, theft of a motor vehicle, fleeing a peace officer on foot and ineligible person in possession of a firearm.
A deputy investigated a computer scam.
Deputies conducted a requested welfare check on an individual.
A deputy responded to what was determined to be a civil issue over the sale of a vehicle in Heron Lake.
A deputy responded to a juvenile issue.

July 29
Deputies responded to a commercial fire alarm in Jackson. It was determined to be a false alarm.
Deputies worked at the sheriff's office booth at the fair all day. Deputies also patrolled the fairgrounds periodically throughout the day.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on County Road 29 in Petersburg Township. As a result, a citation was issued to the driver for speed - 70 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone.

A deputy responded to a landlord/tenant issue.

July 30
A deputy responded to a report of a stolen all-terrain vehicle. A 2006 white 350 Yamaha Raptor was stolen from River Street in Jackson. The matter remains under investigation.
Deputies worked at the sheriff's office booth at the fair all day. Deputies also patrolled the fairgrounds periodically throughout the day.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on I-90 near Jackson. As a result, a citation was issued to the driver for speed - 91 miles per hour in a 70-mph zone.
Deputies responded to a commercial fire alarm in Jackson. It was determined to be a false alarm.

July 31
A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a one-vehicle rollover on I-90 west of Jackson. There were no injuries.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on Highway 71 in Jackson. As a result, a citation was issued to the driver for speed - 62 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on County Road 9 south of Okabena. As a result, the driver was issued a citation for speed - 76 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone.
Deputies worked at the sheriff's office booth at the fair all day. Deputies also

patrolled the fairgrounds periodically throughout the day.

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on I-90 near Jackson. As a result, the driver was issued a citation for speed - 89 miles per hour in a 70-mph zone.

A set of lost keys at the fairgrounds were brought to the sheriff's office. A deputy determined who the owner was and was able to return them.

Deputies responded to a driving complaint on I-90 of a black Mercedes traveling westbound at a high rate of speed. Deputies assisted the Sherburn/Welcome Police Department with a traffic stop on the vehicle and subsequent citation for speed - 117 miles per hour in a 70-mph zone.
Deputies assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.
Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in Weimer Township.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local optometrist marking 40 years of service to the Jackson community

A local optometrist is celebrating 40 years of service to the Jackson community this week with an eyewear frame show and special discounts.

Optometrist David M. Kruse hosts the eyewear frame show from 3 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at his Main Street clinic. Ray Ban and Tura representatives will be on hand that day to show the latest styles.

All frames and lenses — excluding economy eyewear — will be available for 30 percent off the day of the show and for 25 percent off the rest of the week.

Kruse has served the Jackson community since 1982.

Downtown Jackson is gearing up to host summer block party on Aug. 18

Downtown Jackson is gearing up to host a summer block party later this month.

Scheduled as part of the Jackson Days community festival, the block party runs from 4 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 18.

Plenty of activities are scheduled, including a farmers market, sidewalk sales and a craft vendor fair.

The party is being organized by the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jackson will transform into hub of curbside commerce later this year

Jackson will transform into a hub of curbside commerce next month as the city hosts its annual summer citywide garage sales in conjunction with the Jackson Nationals and Jackson Days community festival.

Dates of the summer citywide sales are Aug. 18-20.

Details on how to register sales are included in the July 31 edition of the Livewire, Jackson County's largest circulation newspaper.

MnWest looks to team with local businesses as school year begins

The Jackson campus of Minnesota West Community and Technical College is interested in partnering with Jackson area businesses as the start of the 2022-2023 school year fast approaches.

College officials invite businesses to be a part of a "Bluejay Days with the Jackson Community" event at the local campus on Aug. 24 and also encourage them to offer a business discount to MnWest students this school year.

"We are excited for our students to return and for the increased activity they will bring to the campus and community," said Celina Fonseca, resource specialist with MnWest in Jackson. "Many of our students live and work here, and those that commute often patronize local businesses. It remains our goal to get our students into the community."

Businesses that are a part of the "Bluejay Days with the Jackson Community" event are invited to set up a table at the Jackson campus on Aug. 24 and introduce themselves to students. The discount program allows students presenting a student ID card to take advantage of whatever discount a business may wish to offer, Fonseca said.

Local business representatives interested in participating in either the event or the discount program may contact Fonseca at celina.fonseca@mnwest.edu or by phone at 847-7921.

The new academic year at MnWest begins Aug. 22.

Local businesses are collection points for library used book sale

Two local businesses are collection points for gently used books and audiobooks, music CDs, movies, puzzles and games able to be offered for sale at the annual used book sale hosted by the Friends of the Jackson County Library.

Drop-off sites for donated items include Sunshine Foods and the Historic State Theatre in Jackson, as well as the Lakefield library.

All donations are welcome, with the exception of magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, VCR movies and cassette tapes.

The book sale will take place Sept. 15-17 in the blue building at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Proceeds of the sale provide supplemental funds for programs, materials and other extras for the Jackson County Library System.

ELECTIONS: Tuesday

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water; Republicans Finstad and Jeremy Munson; Brian Abrahamson of the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party; and Reisdorf.

Local Republicans voting in the primary election will choose between incumbent state Sen. Bill Weber, R-Luverne, and Brad Hutchison of Mt. Lake for the Senate District 21 seat, as well

as between Marj Fogelman of rural Fulda and Jayesun I. Sherman of Windom, who are running for the Republican nomination in the new House District 21B.

Primary voters will also be asked to help narrow the fields of those running for governor and lieutenant governor, and secretary of state and attorney general.

Relay offers locals chance to celebrate, remember and continue to fight cancer

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Locals will have the opportunity to honor cancer survivors, those who have lost their lives to the disease and those still fighting it at the annual Jackson County Relay for Life this Friday.

This year's local fundraiser for the American Cancer Association will take place at Lakefield's North City Park and will include live entertainment and food for attendees. Relay coordinator Sarah

Thompson said team registration and survivor

registration will start at 4 p.m., the same time the silent auction fires up in the auction tent. The local cattlemen's association and the Delafield Diggers 4-H Club will team up to host a burger feed, with serving scheduled from 5 to

7:30 p.m.

Live entertainment will be offered from 5 to 8 p.m. by a host of locals — Caitlyn Lillquist and James VanWesten from 5 to 5:30, the Hedstrom family from 5:30 to 6:30, Janelle Untiedt from 6:30 to 7 and Heron Lake-Okabena students from 7 to 7:30.

Rachel Sheldahl will sing

the national anthem at 7:30 p.m. as the evening winds down.

"The national anthem will be sung by Rachel Sheldahl, followed by a short closing ceremony to remember those who have passed away this last year, honor our survivors and recognize our teams and committee members," Thompson said.

The fundraising goal for this year's relay is \$12,000.

"We encourage everyone to come out and help us celebrate," Thompson said.

If you go...

What: Jackson County Relay for Life

When: Friday, Aug. 5, 4 to 8 p.m.

Where: North City Park, Lakefield

School board, council filing period now open

Aug. 16 last day to file candidacy

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Those interested in serving on the Jackson County Central Board of Education or in city government in Jackson or Alpha have until Aug. 16 to file their candidacy.

Filing periods for the three governing boards opened Tuesday morning. Affidavits of candidacy must be filed by 5 p.m. on Aug. 16.

Three four-year seats on the JCC Board of Education are up for vote this November, with the terms of Brad Anderson, Eric

Kruger and Rhonda Moore set to expire. Affidavits of candidacy are available from the district office located at the JCC High School in Jackson.

Jody Thrush Withers, school district clerk, said a candidate for the JCC Board of Education must be an eligible voter, have no affidavit on file for any other office in the same general election, be 21 years of age or older upon assuming office and have been a resident of the school district for 30 days before the general election. Minnesota state statute also requires candidates to not have been convicted of an offense for which they are required to register as a predatory of-

fender. The school board filing fee is \$2.

Three four-year seats are up for vote on the Jackson City Council — one in the first ward and two in the second — as well as one two-year seat in the city's first ward and the office of mayor.

A first-ward seat currently held by Jerry Palmer is up for election — this is a four-year term — as is another first-ward seat currently held by Michael More — a two-year term. The terms of current second-ward council members Nathan Peterson and Dave Cushman are set to expire, as is the term of Jackson Mayor Wayne Walter. Cushman and Walter have already stated they will not

seek re-election. Affidavits of candidacy are available at Jackson City Hall.

Jackson City Clerk Dave Maschoff said a candidate for municipal office must be an eligible voter, 21 years of age or older, a resident of the city for at least 30 days prior to the general election and not currently a full-time employee of the city. A candidate for the council must also be a bona fide resident of the ward in which he or she is seeking election. The municipal office filing fee is \$4.

The office of Alpha mayor and two seats on the Alpha City Council are also up for vote. Affidavits of candidacy are available at Alpha City Hall.

Hamilton receives CGMC Minnesota Legacy Award

Retiring state Rep. Rod Hamilton was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities with the Minnesota Legacy Award on July 28 during the coalition's three-day summer conference in Red Wing.

This award is given, upon retirement, to legislators who had a particularly positive effect on Greater Minnesota cities during their legislative careers.

Hamilton, R-Mt. Lake, will conclude his tenure in the Legislature after his ninth term in the Minnesota State House of Representatives.

Pat Baustian, mayor of Luverne and president of the CGMC, said Hamilton has been a tireless advocate for legislation that strengthens Greater Minnesota communities. In his

positions a representative, House Minority Whip and Republican lead of the Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy Committee, Hamilton played a vital role in passing legislation that improved highways, drinking water, and childcare in his community, Baustian said. For years, his work, both publicly and behind the scenes, was instrumental in building support and advancing the CGMC's economic development proposals, Baustian said.

"At the Legislature, Rep. Hamilton always put his constituents first," Baustian said. "His work was instrumental in advancing Local Government Aid and the CGMC's economic development, transportation and environmental



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pat Baustian (right), president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, presents retiring state Rep. Rod Hamilton with the Minnesota Legacy Award during the coalition's summer conference in Red Wing last month.

priorities."

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities out-

side of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

SENIORS: Kruse, Vanderheiden recognized

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Jackson's Holiday Fest celebration for the last 10 years — specifically, decorating and pulling Santa's sleigh in the lighted parade — and has served numerous terms over several years on the OSLC council, it's his involvement with Fort Belmont for which he's perhaps most well-known.

Kruse first visited Fort Belmont when he was 9 years old during a family vacation and was enthralled. When he moved to Jackson in the 1980s, he volunteered to help reopen the then-shuttered tourist attraction. He was instrumental in its relocation to its current interstate-side spot and has poured 35 years of his life into making the fort what it is today.

A "good community person" Vanderheiden was lauded Friday as a "good community person" who "really cares for people."

She worked as a telephone operator and later

at the Heron Lake State Bank, all while raising four children with her husband and regularly hosting neighborhood kids in her backyard with a sandbox, treehouse and swing set the draw in the summer and a skating rink in the winter.

She has been a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Heron Lake for decades and, over the years, has cohosted an evening Bible study and served as a guild member who helped served funeral lunches.

At age 50, she went back to school and became a registered nurse. She worked at the Lakeview Nursing Home for five years and then in health service at Swift/JBS for another 10, while also serving as a Red Cross first aid trainer.

After retiring, she joined the Heron Lake Senior Citizens Club, serving as an officer for nearly 15 years and helping with volunteer activities, such as baking



PHOTO BY JEN TEWES

Carol Wagner (right) presents Mavis Vanderheiden with the 2022 Outstanding Senior Citizen Award this past Friday at the Jackson County Fair.

and serving rolls and coffee on farmers' market day and other fundraisers.

In a letter nominating Vanderheiden for the award, Carol Wagner

wrote, "Mavis has always helped anybody who needed her. She totally deserves this honor."

HELP WANTED: PART-TIME LIQUOR STORE CLERK

The City of Jackson is accepting applications for a part-time Liquor Store Clerk. Evening and some weekend availability required. Weekend work typically involves 4-5 hour shifts on two Saturdays a month. Duties include operating the cash register, providing customer service, cleaning, dusting bottles, assisting with stocking coolers and shelving products, performing carry out services, and other duties as needed. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or GED, experience in a retail or similar setting, ability to lift up to 50 pounds on a regular basis, stand for a long period of time, have strong customer service skills, and be able to clean and have a general knowledge of cleaning practices. The position is considered "critical/essential" and employees are required to work during emergencies such as pandemics.

For an application and complete job description visit www.cityofjacksonmn.com or pick up at City Hall or Liquor Store. Questions about the position shall be directed to Liquor Store Manager Michelle Bratrud at 507-847-2826.

Wage: \$14.59/hr. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19th to the following address:

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OPINION



PILOT EDITORIAL

Future is in good hands, if our kids at the county fair are any indication

Anyone who thinks the future looks bleak in the hands of the next generation should have attended last week's Jackson County Fair. Our great county get-together was proof positive the future is indeed in good hands.

Everywhere you looked at the fair last week were local kids doing good.

Handshakes in the showring.

Friendly service in the 4-H food stand.

Older kids helping younger kids with exhibits.

Words of thanks here; thank-you cards there.

It was refreshing and encouraging to see.

Yes, last week's Jackson County Fair was tons of fun. But it was also a great opportunity to see our kids shine.

And they did.

The spiritual crisis at the heart of all our problems

The unraveling of American society, visible in our country's rising rates of crime, mental illness, drug overdoses, broken families, cynicism and political violence, is puzzling to people who look back at their lives and see nothing but rising standards of living, and greater access to goods and services of different kinds.

But these things don't make a society. Social interaction is what makes a society, and young people in this country sorely lack it. Last year, the Survey Center for American Life published an alarming finding: 49 percent of Americans reported having fewer than three close friends, with 12 percent reporting having none. Those numbers were 27 percent and 3 percent, respectively, in 1990. The pandemic didn't help; 47 percent of people reported having lost touch with a friend during the lockdowns.

A survey conducted last year by Harvard University found a mind-boggling 61 percent of young adults feel "serious loneliness," with 43 percent stating the pandemic had made it worse. A U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study conducted around the same time found roughly the same percentage suffering serious symptoms of anxiety and depression.

If you're below the age of 30 and reading this, you're probably thinking, "Josh, you're stating that water is wet." And

you'd be right. Broadly speaking, loneliness is the water in which young people swim, and it is killing our society — literally. Another CDC study, conducted in 2020, found a quarter of young people suffer from suicidal ideation. In 2020, 46,000 people died by suicide, while 100,000 people died from opioid overdoses. Our loneliest year, as it turned out, was quite deadly.

Loneliness is a form of truly inhuman suffering. It is the absence of one of our most basic needs — closeness to our fellow human beings. If man is a social animal, as Aristotle said, then loneliness is a dehumanizing force that tortures the soul. It is a thing of hell.

How did we get here? America used to have auxiliary institutions that encouraged family formation among young people — civic associations, church organizations, community clubs and other opportunities. At the same time, families had larger social networks — both because they were bigger and because they were more plugged into their communities.

But over time, we dismantled those institutions. Irreligiosity has risen, many of those auxiliary leagues were abolished, the dance halls closed and more forms of social interaction were pushed online.

Online dating and friendship have their benefits, but they are lackluster substitutes for

the real thing. All things being equal, most people make friends through organizations or social networks of which they are a part. The same is true for dating.

An interlocking feature with this is safetyism. We've pushed the idea of safety to such an extent as to guard all social interaction. Striking up a conversation with someone often feels awkward as a result. Everyone has his or her walls up much of the time, and there's little one can do about it. Not only do people lack social networks, but our social norms also make it increasingly difficult to build one.

Many people stop trying. They stick with the social networks they have, even if those networks are unhelpful. When faced with the choice of hanging out with a bad crowd or being lonely, many — if not most — of us choose the bad crowd.

It links in with the opioid crisis as well. Opioid addiction is a slow form of suicide. There are no long-term fentanyl users, and for some the risk of death may be a feature, not a bug.

Worse yet, loneliness often leads people to lash out toward others. People need something — someone — for which to make sacrifices. The political unrest that's wracked our country for the past two years cannot be separated from the rising loneliness in our society. That entire neighborhood ended up immolated after we forcibly severed social

bonds for months on end is unsurprising. Saddening, yes, but unsurprising.

Loneliness is a form of torture, and one that huge numbers of Americans — especially young people — experience as a core fact of daily life. To those of you who have strong social networks, that seems inconceivable, but it is the lived reality of tens of millions. Until we fix that, expecting any positive changes at a societal level is folly. You can't have societal improvement if you don't have a society. Increasingly, we do not.

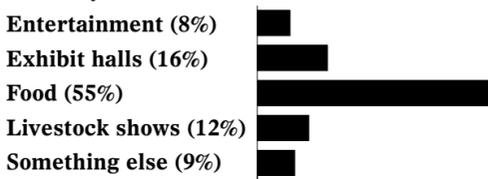
I don't know how to fix this. The enormity of the problem makes any of the advice I give futile. I'll give it anyway. Reach out to people. If you've lost touch with a friend, check in. Don't have your walls up all the time — be open to others. Be a part of an organization, or something that can bring you into contact with others in your community. Find the lonely people around you and try to help them just as you would help an injured person bleeding out on the side of the road. The conditions have more in common than you may think.



JUST JOSHIN'
Joshua Schuetz

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: What's your favorite part of the Jackson County Fair?



Source: Jackson County Pilot Website

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: Who is your preferred candidate in the Aug. 9 special congressional election?

Vote online at jacksoncountypilot.com.

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It seemed a simpler time

As a young boy growing up on the farm in the early 1950s, one of the few social activities when the weather was nice was to go to town on a Saturday night.

Getting myself and my brothers ready for that excursion was a project for my mother. Boys who had been running about the farm shoeless and shirtless through the mud and the manure required some serious scrubbing. Water was heated for the bath in the cookstove reservoir or on the two-burner kerosene stove and then dumped into a round metal tub that served as the shared bathing place for three boys. The

bathwater would later be taken to the garden to be used on some growing vegetables. Nothing was wasted.

Going with us to town was the grocery list and a can of cream separated from the milk of a couple of cows that inhabited the small barn. The cream would pay for some of the needed groceries. Usually when we made it to town, Main Street would be filled, and we parked on a side street.

Dad would give me a quarter to spend as I so chose. I tried not to spend all of it so I could bring a part of it home to put in my piggy bank. Sometimes I would go to

the Shell gas station and spend a dime on a bottle of Nesbitt's Orange soda pop. We had no pop at home. The closest thing to pop on a hot summer day was when Mom would make a pitcher of Kool-Aid.

Other times, my quarter might take me to the ice cream shop where a dime would get me a two-dip ice cream cone. On occasion, I would venture into the Ben Franklin store to view the comic books that cost a dime. Sometimes I got my favorite Donald Duck comic book to catch up on the antics of Donald and his nephews — Huey, Louie and Dewey — as they said and did crazy

things. These days, we have another Donald saying and doing crazy things.

On the way home, Dad might stop at the Dairy Queen on the south edge of town where a quarter would buy the five people in the car an ice cream cone.

Sunday morning completed the social activities of the weekend when we headed off to church.

(About the author: Gary Natterstad is a retired Jackson math teacher and coach. He lives north of Jackson.)

GUEST COLUMNIST
Gary Natterstad

A stop sign is not a 'stopping' sign

Question: What is the definition of "stop"? I think a slight pause is good enough. I look at it as I am stopping, but everything is clear, so I can proceed.

Answer: To answer your question, it is called a "stop sign" not a "stopping sign."

According to Minnesota state statute, the definition of "stop" is a complete cessation

from movement. "Stopping" means any halting — even momentarily — of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

Look twice at intersections when turning and changing lanes. Drive smart and

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

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News from years gone by

10 years ago
Aug. 2, 2012
A blue-ribbon fair
 The leaders most familiar with the running of the 2012 Jackson County Fair judged it deserving of a big blue ribbon and more this week after an action-packed seven days of contests and activities. "I think since I've been on the board, this is the top one that we've had," said fair board president Mike Stade, factoring great attendance, good weather and satisfied participants into his evaluation. "I heard a lot of comments that they totally enjoyed what we had."

Spam-tastic
 Add a couple slices of grilled Spam to a beef sandwich and it's a real winner. Griller Curt Chergosky discovered that when he entered his "Spilly" creation in the inaugural Jackson County Fair Spam Contest and won the \$30 grand prize. The inspiration for his winning recipe was simple. "I do the Phillies for the 4-H stand, and I just put some Spam on there," Chergosky said. **Obituaries:** Alice L. Lehman, Everett E. Brown, Robert H. Haines, Wilma M. Vachuska

20 years ago
Aug. 1, 2002
It's fair time
 Jackson County Fair Board President Don Benda stopped into the Pilot office on Monday to inform the public the Herr Show carnival's appearance at the fair may be delayed by 12 hours or so. "They were scheduled to have their rides up and ready to go by noon on Wednesday," he said. "Now, they may not be ready to go until Thursday, but they are still coming." *Local churches get new pastor*
 Rachael Christianson is the new minister at Belmont and Bethany Lutheran churches north of Jackson.

Christianson was ordained on Saturday, July 20, at the church she belonged to in Hanover, and was installed at the local churches on Sunday, July 21, by the Rev. Marcus Kunz, an assistant to the bishop. **Obituaries:** Fern L. Stump, Grace V. Nelson

30 years ago
Aug. 6, 1992
New faces a sure thing on Jackson City Council
 There will be at least two new faces on the Jackson City Council next year. Three council posts are up for election in the Nov. 3 balloting, and two aldermen say they don't plan to run for re-election. The possibility exists that a fourth seat may be voted upon as well. The terms of first-ward aldermen Robert Vee and David Kult, along with that of second-ward councilman David Lovell, are expiring this year. *Jackson County Fair runs through Sunday*
 The Jackson County Fair is on. The fair's 124th run started Wednesday morning and continues through Saturday. The 4-H sheep show opened the fair, and also on tap for Wednesday are the 4-H horse show, FFA beef, dairy and sheep shows and the evening 4-H fashion revue and awards ceremony. **Obituaries:** Maxine Hanson, Minnie Hodnefield, Clarence Tusa, John Mulligan, Ruth Knox Strenger

40 years ago
Aug. 5, 1982
City officials urge power conservation
 At Tuesday night's Jackson City Council meeting, administrator Dave Hartley and alderman Sam Erickson, a member of the utilities commission, stressed that citizens of Jackson should conserve power. On Monday and Tuesday, power outages, due to the hot weather were reported.

Board approves lease on armory, advances revenue-sharing plan

In a brief afternoon meeting July 13, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners approved a rental lease between the county and state for the use of the Jackson National Guard Armory during county fair week. The 4-H clubs use the large, main drill hall to display various project exhibits. **Obituaries:** Edna R. Burns, Bessie Seim, Mary Burrows, Lyle Stall

50 years ago
Aug. 2, 1972
2,400-2,500 4-H entries expected at annual fair
 Around 625 of the 662 4-H members in Jackson County have already turned in their 4-H entries for the Jackson County Fair to the county extension office in Lakefield. "Even though the entries have not all been processed to date, it is quite evident at this time that the usual number of 4-H exhibits will certainly be on display during the five days of the fair, Aug. 16-20," county agent Ray Palmby said. "Somewhere in the area of 2,400 to 2,500 individual 4-H exhibits will be displayed,"

164 pints collected by bloodmobile
 A total of 164 pints of blood were collected Thursday and Friday at the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Nearly 185 donors came through the door, leaving only 20 various rejections for the two days. According to blood drive chairman Jeanne Olson, the total was only eight short of the quota of 172 pints, a good turnout considering the new recruitment method and some possible misunderstandings. The fact only townspeople donated the entire quota instead of relying on vocational students as in the past was also encouraging. **Obituaries:** Walter Hummel

Area faith and worship schedule

Belmont Lutheran Church
Rural Lakefield,
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 8 a.m. Worship Service
 Wednesday, Aug. 10: No Bible Study
 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
 Friday, Aug. 5: 1 p.m. LSS Counseling
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 9 a.m. Worship Service
 Monday, Aug. 8-Thursday, Aug. 11: 9 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Church of the Good Shepherd
 311 Sverdrup, 847-2504
Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht - Pastor
 Thursday, Aug. 4: No Mass; Camp Summit Middle School Event
 Saturday, Aug. 6: 5 p.m. Mass - @ St. Luke, Sherburn
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 8:30 a.m. Mass @ Good Shepherd, Jackson; 10:30 a.m. @ St. Joseph, Lakefield
 Monday, Aug. 8: Holy Communion - 1 p.m. In-home, 1:30 p.m. Valley View, 2 p.m. Colonial Manor; 6 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

First Baptist Church
 921 Hills Ave., 847-2369
Pastor: Nathan Janzen
 Youth & Family Pastor: Thor Kurtz
 Thursday, Aug. 4: 3-4 p.m. JOY (Just Older Youth); 4:30-5:30 p.m. Elder Led Prayer Group
 Saturday, Aug. 6: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Canoe the Des Moines.
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 8:30-9 a.m. Upper Room Prayer/Worship Service; 9-10:45 a.m. Children's Church; 9:30-10:40 a.m. Worship Service; 5-7 p.m. Baptism Service and Potluck Picnic
 Monday, Aug. 8: Camp Grace Camp (Grades 6-8th) from Monday, Aug. 8 to Friday, Aug. 12; 6-8 p.m. Awana Connect Meeting; 7-8:30 p.m. College/Young Adult Connect Group
 Thursday, Aug. 11: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Elder Led Prayer Group

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
 101 Kimball Ave., 847-3693
Pastor: John Schuetz
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
 Tuesday, Aug. 9: 8:30 a.m. Quilting Workshop
 Wednesday, Aug. 10: 3 p.m. LWML Meeting at The Pines, Room 204
Worship services streamed at 9 a.m. on our Facebook page.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
 614 Logan, 847-2856
Pastor: Ted Carnahan
 Thursday, Aug. 4: 8 a.m. Men's Study - Benson's cabin

Grace Lutheran Church
Spirit Lake, 712-336-2446
 Thursday, Aug. 4: Grace to Go Online
 Saturday, Aug. 6: 4 p.m. Worship Service
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 10 a.m. Worship Service In-Person and Facebook Live; 10 a.m. Connect: Grades K-5
Messages may be heard at our website: gracelutheranspiritlake.org. All services can be viewed Facebook Live or YouTube.com until further notice.

Salem Lutheran Church
 500 N. Hwy., 847-3861
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
 Sunday, Aug. 10: No Bible Study
 Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page.

Sheldon Jackson Outreach Center
 603 Fourth Street
 Thursday, Aug. 4: 6-7 p.m. Jackson Sobriety AA Group; 6:15-7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Meal; 7-8:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery
 Monday, Aug. 8: 6-7 p.m. Jackson Sobriety AA Group
 Tuesday, Aug. 9: 12:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Youth Gathering
 Thursday, Aug. 11: 6-7 p.m. Jackson Sobriety AA Group; 6:15-7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Meal; 7-8:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Alpha, 236-7165
Pastor: Rick Bremseth
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 9 a.m. Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
 Live stream videos and links can be found on Trinity's live stream page.

Union State Line Lutheran Church
Petersburg, 847-2068
Pastor: Nancy Isaacson
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 10 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service in summer months
 Drive-in Worship Service & Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

United Methodist Church
 900 North Highway, 847-2681
Pastor: Russ Steele
 Thursday, Aug. 4: Pastor Russ in Lakefield.
 Sunday, Aug. 7: 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service at Lakefield City Park, Potluck to follow. Come join the time in fellowship and fun.
 Monday, Aug. 8: Pastor Russ in Jackson
 Tuesday, Aug. 9: Pastor Russ in Lakefield. 1 p.m. Garden Club; 4:30 p.m. Ad Board, Lakefield.
 Wednesday, Aug. 10: Pastor Russ in Jackson. 10 a.m. Bible Study
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Called to sow seed that will grow
 One of the parables Jesus told was about the mustard plant, which grows like a bush and spreads as a weed. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a plant that constantly and inevitably keeps growing and spreading. Have you ever seen ivy on an old house, taking it over completely? That's what the Kingdom of Heaven is like — at least, that's the endgame. Jesus' point is the beginnings of the kingdom are tiny. But when the kingdom comes into its own, it is everywhere, and you can't miss it. We are part of that kingdom, whether anyone recognizes us or not. The important thing is God knows. What is valuable in God's kingdom may be seen as insignificant. Sometimes we buy into this attitude on Sundays when we come to church to see Jesus for a little while, only to leave him behind. We may go about our lives the rest of the week forgetting we follow Jesus. We might think, "I'm just one person; I can't do much, so why bother?" When we focus on ourselves, rather than the gospel, it's likely that ministry will not get very far. Why bother indeed? Because God bothers; then God asks us to bother too. Jesus says the kingdom starts small like a mustard seed and grows into a tree that shelters and nurtures life. As Christians, we are called to sow seed. Through it all, we must trust God, who uses what others think is unusable — God who calls us to love others as ourselves, God who sees in us what others cannot see. Living this way, we become part of the Kingdom of Heaven.
Pastor Nancy Isaacson, Union State Line Lutheran Church

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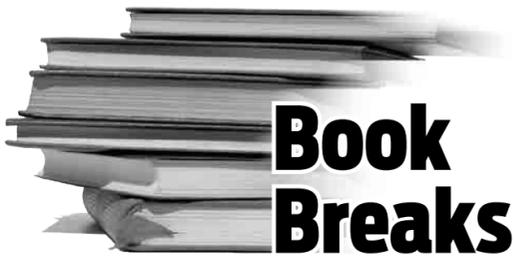
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FAMILY BINGO NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

Bring the whole family for a fun night of bingo. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. The event will take place on Monday, Aug. 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. Space is limited. Please call the library and register to ensure enough space for everyone.

BEDTIME STORYHOUR

Bedtime Storyhour will take place on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. Children and families are welcome to attend. The story hour will feature stories, rhymes, music, a craft and a snack. Children may come in pajamas with their favorite bedtime buddy or blanket. Registration is requested. Call 847-4748.

TEEN ADVISORY MEMBERS NEEDED

Teen advisory members are needed at the Jackson library. Students in eighth through 12th grades are welcome and encouraged to become a part of the group. The group meets monthly and participates in various aspects of the library. Members plan teen events, make recommendations for purchases, help with library programming events and other various library duties. This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours, as well as fun fellowship with other teens. Anyone interested in joining the group may stop in the library or call Mackenzie Schley with questions.

TINY ART KITS

Tweens and teens — those in fifth through 12th grades — are encouraged to participate in a tiny art challenge. Registration is required. Each kit includes a tiny art canvas, paint and two paintbrushes. Artwork is due back to the library by 5 p.m. on Aug. 12. All artwork will be displayed for voting by patrons from Aug. 17-26. The tween and teen with the most votes will receive an Amazon gift card! Kits are limited. Register by calling 847-4748 or by stopping by the library.

SUMMER PROGRAM INCENTIVE DATE

For those who are participating in the summer library program, you have through Aug. 26 to collect your prizes. Be sure to stop in the library to pick up your prizes!

CRAFT KITS

Craft kits for all ages are available while supplies last. Kits can be reserved one week prior to the first day of each month and can then be picked up after the first of the month. Kits available include Toddler-PreK Storytime Kits, including bedtime story time; Kindergarten-Grade 4 Kits; Tween Kits; and Teen and Adult Kits. The August kits for K-4 are "Cork Sailboat" and "Shark Painting." The tweens will be making a "Mosaic Art" piece, while the teen and adult kit is Pom Pom Cacti.

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BOOK SALE COLLECTION

The Friends of the Jackson County Library are collecting books for the annual used book sale. Dropoff sites for donated books include Sunshine Foods and the Historic State Theatre. All donations are welcome, with the exception of magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks or books in poor condition. In addition to books, other items that may be donated include puzzles, games, movies and music CDs. The book sale will take place Sept. 15-17 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in the blue building.

BOOK DISCUSSION

"A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult will be discussed on Monday, Aug. 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.

Local lawmaker lauded as an 'energy champion'

The Coalition for a Secure Energy Future has awarded its Energy Champion Award to local state Sen. Bill Weber.



Sen. Bill Weber

Recipients of the award have championed an all-of-the-above energy strategy for Minnesota to ensure consumers and businesses have access to affordable and reliable electricity. This is the second time Weber, R-Luverne, has received the award.

"The coalition is proud to recognize Sen. Bill Weber for the second time as a passionate advocate to

protect Minnesota families from higher energy costs," said Luke Hellier, director of the Coalition for a Secure Energy Future. "As a two-time recipient of the Energy Champion Award, Sen. Weber has consistently led the discussion in St. Paul to ensure Minnesota continues to utilize its diverse set of energy resources to safeguard the grid and provide affordable energy to homes and businesses."

"Minnesota consumers and businesses are getting crushed by rising energy costs," said Weber, who represents Jackson County in the state Legislature. "Part of the reason is the result of flawed policy choices and politics that have created an overreli-

ance on wind and solar energy, both of which remain too expensive compared to their return. Minnesota cannot afford to become one-dimensional with its energy strategy. Instead, we must embrace an 'all of the above' plan that delivers a safe, affordable and reliable energy supply while moving to make it cleaner and more efficient in the future."

The Coalition for a Secure Energy Future was founded in 2014 to enhance, preserve and protect the state's diverse set of energy resources, including coal-based electricity, to ensure a continued affordable and reliable energy supply for families and businesses in Minnesota.



Birthday wishes and anniversary greetings go out to the following this week:

- Aug. 1:** Happy belated birthday to Bradley Henning, Matthew Nielsen. Belated anniversary to David and Becky Kruse, Curt and Cec Handevitd.
- Aug. 2:** Happy belated birthday to Kyle Edlin, Sarah Withers. Belated anniversary wishes go to Wayne and Janet Fischer.
- Aug. 3:** Happy belated birthday to Taylor Briggs, Kayla Daberkow, Ashley Heinrichs, Justin Koskovich, Jenna Stade, Landon Tusa, Curt Sommerland, Jon Harmening.

BIRTHDAYS • ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug. 4:** Happy birthday to Adam Thurmer, David Hansen, Alexa Hanson, Ethan Withers.
- Aug. 5:** Happy birthday to Tyler Rettig, Stacey Westby, Stacey Tweedt, Brett Sommerland. Anniversary wishes go to Pastor Russ and Chris Steele, Dean and Brenda Anderson, Gary and Gayl Berkner.
- Aug. 6:** Happy birthday to Kylin Bass, Jessica Sathoff-Haukoos. Anniversary wishes go to Brent and Terry Chozen, Paul and Tara Hansen.
- Aug. 7:** Happy birthday to Kevin Ahrens. Anniversary wishes go to Nathan and Hollie Holmes, Carey and Nancy Gazda, Greg and Marcy Ahrens.
- Aug. 8:** Happy birthday to Lucas Beseke, John Schwartz, Joel Austin,

- Paul Clymer Anniversary wishes go to David and Suzanne Lovell, Jerry and EvVie Linscheid.
- Aug. 9:** Happy birthday to Parker Kolander, Landen Mohns, Kim Hinkeldey, LaVonne Kruse, Cooper Lusk, Freeman Scott, Barbara Seim, Blake Tusa, Deb Bonnicksen. Anniversary wishes go to Brandt and Leah Berkner, Robert and Arlene Vee, Mike and Sue Buresch.
- Aug. 10:** Happy birthday to Kristen Oldenburg, Brady Place, Addison Thurmer, Luke Anderson, Leah Berkner, Steven Henderson, Julia Rossow, John Sathe, John Anderson. Anniversary wishes to John and Terri Svoboda, Jerome and Tammy Haskin.

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WOW!

What a surprise welcome I received at the Jackson County Fair. I no more than got in the gate and people came to wish me well and how glad they were to see me. After 50-plus days in the hospital after successful heart surgery with some setbacks, I'm doing well. Attending the county fair was my goal and I made it!

I want to thank all my family and friends for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and concerns for me over the past couple of months. It means so much to me and I thank the Lord for being with me.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 7, 2018
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$103,098.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Vernie Osburn, a single man
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. its successors and assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: September 10, 2018 Jackson County Recorder; Document Number: A282359
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Rocket Mortgage, LLC fka Quicken Loans, LLC; Dated: May 16, 2022; Recorded: May 17, 2022 Jackson County Recorder; Document Number: A292531

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100039034086799980; Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: Quicken Loans, Inc.; Residential Mortgage Servicer: Rocket Mortgage, LLC
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Jackson Property Address: 515 South Hwy, Jackson, MN 56143-1716; Tax Parcel ID Number: 230252000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A tract of land lying and being in the County of Jackson and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:
 Commencing at a point 810.40 feet East and 62.0 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section Twenty-five (25), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Thirty-five (35) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian (which point is also 810.40 feet East of the North-

west corner of said Section Twenty-five (25) and Sixty-five (65) feet South of the Centerline of U.S. Highway 16 & 71), thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes East a distance of 100 feet, thence South 0 degrees 9 minutes West a distance of Seventy (70) feet, thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes West a distance of One Hundred (100) feet, thence North 0 degrees 9 minutes East a distance of Seventy (70) feet to the point of commencement
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$107,775.96
 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that this is registered property;
 PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described

property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 21, 2022 at 1:00 PM
PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, Law Enforcement Center, 400 Sherman Street, Jackson, Minnesota
 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
 If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 21, 2023, or the next business day if March 21, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
 Mortgagor(s) released

from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
 THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS,

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DATED: July 28, 2022
MORTGAGEE: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.
 Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A. Attorneys for Mortgagee 7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200 Woodbury, MN 55125 (651) 209-3300
 File Number: 051397-F1 (Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1, 8)



NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION

State of Minnesota Kevin Nordquist
 County of Jackson County Auditor/Treasurer

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE
 You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Jackson County Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the state of Minnesota because of nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on those parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by 60 days after service of this notice by the Sheriff on all persons having an interest in the parcels.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the county auditor; the legal description and the parcel identification number of each parcel; and the amount necessary to redeem a parcel as of the date listed below.

Names of Owners, Taxpayers, & Interested Parties Bid into State 5/13/2019				
Parcel Description				
Amount Due				
R 11.036.0400 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$7565.20				
PRI - 000010877 Justin Eidhammer 36128 880 th St Heron Lake, MN 56137				
The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 36, Township 104, Range 38.				
R 14.021.1000 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$1666.73				
PRI - 000014146 Dain P & Amber L Dahlsten 71987 Petersburg Rd Jackson MN 56143	Interested Party Doc #270722 Fulda Area Credit Union 866 1 st Ave N. Windom, MN 56101			
Commencing at a point 1359 feet West and 33 feet North of the southeast corner of Section 21 in Township 101, North of Range 34, West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, running thence West 300 feet; thence North 87 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence South 87 feet to the point of commencement.				
R 22.200.0140 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$3448.92				
PRI - 000015957 Jeremy C Holder 238 South Bend Road Oldtown ID 83822	Contract Holders: Donald J. Hensel & Joyce A. Hensel - Husband & Wife 491 NW 10th St. Heron Lake, MN 56137			
Parts of Lot One (1) and Two (2), Block 6 (6), Original town, Heron Lake, according to the record thereof in the office of the County Recorder in and for said County and State Also described as: Beginning at the most Westerly corner of Block 6: Six (6), First Addition to the village of Heron Lake, thence in a Northeasterly direction on the Northwest line of said Block Six (6), Ninety Feet (901); thence at right angles in -a Southeasterly direction One Hundred Five Feet (105); thence at right angles in a Southwesterly direction Ninety Feet (901); thence at right angles in a Northwesterly direction along the southwest side of Block Six (6), One Hundred Five Feet (105) to the place of beginning.				
R 22.200.0440 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$540.85				
PRI - 000013278 Ronald Bappoo PO Box 154 Heron Lake, MN 56137	Interested Parties Doc #261141, 266967, 270162 City of Heron Lake PO Box 315 Heron Lake MN 56137	Interested Parties Doc #266968 Southwest Regional Development Commission 2401 Broadway Ave Ste. 3 Slayton MN 56172		
The Northwesterly 29 feet 10 inches of Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, and the Southwesterly 75 feet of the vacated alley butting the Southeasterly side of Lot 7 and the Northwesterly 29 feet and 10 inches of the vacated alley between Lots 9 and 10, all in Block 8, Original Plat of the City of Heron Lake, Jackson County, Minnesota.				
R 23.024.7450 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$ 699.00				
PRI - 000013444 Matthew R. & Cassie C Burgoyne 106 State Street Jackson MN 56143				
Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section 24, Township 102 North, Range 35, West of the 5th P.M., in the City of Jackson, Jackson County Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at a point 157 1/2 feet North and 100 feet West of the center of said Section 24; running thence West 275 feet; thence North 22 degrees 40 minutes East along the east side of State Road 50 feet to the Point of Beginning; running thence North 22 degrees 40 minutes East along the East Line of State Road 50 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence South 47.6 feet; thence West 115.5 feet to the point of beginning.				
R 23.201.0170 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$2098.11				
PRI - 000017388 Ivan Buhr c/o Douglas & Dawn Willner PO Box 147 Fairmont MN 56031	Interested Party Doc #231619 Douglas Willner and Dawn Willner PO Box 147 Fairmont MN 56031			
The West 90 feet of Lots One (1) and (2), Block Three (3) in Anderson and Lindsley's Addition to the City of Jackson, Jackson County, Minnesota				
R 24.200.0960 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$1967.11				
PRI - 000013484 Black River Trucking LLC 310 Broadway Ave Lakefield MN 56150	Contract Holders: Ernest & Trudy Malchow 116 South Griffin St. Lakefield, MN 56150	Interested Party Doc #186754 First National Bank 406 Main Street Lakefield, MN 56150	Interested Party Doc #234373 First National Holding Company PO Box 2 Lakefield MN 56150	Interested Party Doc #279407, #279221, #279222 Internal Revenue Service Stop 8420 G PO Box 145595 Cincinnati, OH 45258-5595

Commencing at a point 140 feet East from the Northwest corner of Block Eight (8), Village (now City) of Lakefield, thence running East 80 feet, thence running Southwest 165 feet, thence Northwest 28 feet or more to a point straight South from the point of beginning, thence North 132 feet to place of beginning; the Westerly half of the vacated alley appurtenant to the above described tract of land lying in Block Eight (8) and Southerly of the South line of the North Half (N 1/2) of Lot Two (2) in Block Nine (9).				
R24.321.0010 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$5500.27				
PRI - 000013148 Lori Ann Kolander 310 Broadway Ave Lakefield MN 56150	Interested Party Doc #239587 & 239588 Western Community Action Inc 400 W Main St. Suite #201 Marshall, MN 56258	Interested Party Doc #260266, 261733, 263418, 264617 Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Alpha PO Box 8 Alpha, MN 56111		
Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Number Nine Village of (9), in Griffin's Addition to the Lakefield, thence running West Sixty -six (66) feet, thence running South Sixty -four (64) feet, thence running East Eighteen (18) feet, thence running South Sixty -one (61) feet, thence running East Forty -eight (48) feet to the East line of Lot Number Two (2) In said Block, in said Addition, thence running North One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet to place of beginning; in Jackson County, Minnesota.				
R 24.321.0020 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$714.00				
PRI - 000013484 Black River Trucking LLC 310 Broadway Ave Lakefield MN 56150	Contract Holders: Ernest & Trudy Malchow 116 South Griffin St. Lakefield, MN 56150	Interest Party Doc #186754 First National Bank 406 Main Street Lakefield, MN 56150	Interested Party Doc #234373 First National Holding Company PO Box 2 Lakefield MN 56150	Interested Party Doc #279407, #279222, #279221 Internal Revenue Service Stop 8420 G PO Box 145595 Cincinnati, OH 45258-5595
Lot One (1) and the North Half (N 1/2) of Lot Two (2), Block Nine (9), Griffin's Addition to the Village (now City) of Lakefield, and the 20 foot vacated alley, lying between said above described tracts; the Westerly half of the vacated alley appurtenant to the above described tract of land lying in Block Eight (8) and Southerly of the South line of the North Half (N 1/2) of Lot Two (2) in Block Nine (9); excepting therefrom the following described tract of land, to-wit: Starting at the Northeast corner of Lot One (1), Block Nine (9), of said Griffin's Addition to the Village (now City) of Lakefield, thence West 66 feet, thence South 64 feet, thence East 18 feet, thence South 61 feet, thence East 48 feet, to the East line of Lot Two (2), in said Block, thence North 125 feet to the place of beginning.				
R 24.401.0690 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$7677.48				
PRI - 000016126 Beverly J Roland PO Box 636 Lakefield MN 56150	Interest Party Doc #214647 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency 400 Sibley St., Suite 300 St. Paul MN 56101			
Lot Number Seven (7) in Block Number Eight (8) and South Half (S 1/2) of Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number (8), all in A. R. Kilen's Addition to the Village (now City) of Lakefield, Minnesota.				
R 24.501.0140 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$3025.82				
PRI - 000013347 John E & Julie A Farber 111 Funk Ave Lakefield MN 56150				
Lot 1 and Lot 2 except the West 25 feet of said Lot 2, all in Block 38, Park Addition to the Village (now City) of Lakefield, Minnesota.				
R 24.561.0280 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$2491.95				
PRI - 000011008 Jonathan Bass PO Box 432 Lakefield, MN 56150	Interest Party Doc #254972 City of Lakefield 301 Main Street PO Box 900 Lakefield, MN 56150			
Lot 10, Block 3, Village of South Lakefield, City of Lakefield, Minnesota.				
R 24.561.0940 Total Amount Due as of 08/31/2022 \$4555.32				
PRI - 00016723 Dawn Davis 517 1 st Ave S Lakefield, MN 56150	Interested Party: Contract Holder Helen Smith PO Box 26 Lakefield, MN 56150			
Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), Block Eight (8), South Lakefield, City of Lakefield, Minnesota, including a utility easement granted to the City of Lakefield under and through the Easterly 15 feet of Lots 6 and 7, Block 8, South Lakefield, City of Lakefield.				

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LANDS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.
 The amounts listed above are correct if paid on or before August 31, 2022. Please contact Jackson County Auditor's Office to verify the amount due as of the date of payment if paid after that date. **If paid after August 31st, additional fees such as publication fees, mailing fees and service fees may be added.** Inquiries about the delinquent tax proceedings described above can be made to the Jackson County Auditor at the address listed below.
 Witness my hand and official seal this 25th Day of July, 2022.
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PHOTOS BY JUSTIN LESSMAN
Riverbend Quilters' Guild member Gail Swenson presents local veteran Don Kuehl with a handmade quilt during a special ceremony this past Friday at the Jackson County Fair.

Local veteran Barney Olson gets a hug from Riverbend Quilters' Guild member Judy Nelson during a special recognition ceremony this past Friday at the Jackson County Fair.

Riverbend Quilters' Guild member Shelly Tewes presents a handmade quilt to local veteran John Schultz during a special ceremony this past Friday at the Jackson County Fair.

QUILTS: Special recognition for group of Jackson County veterans

Continued from A1

tion was the culmination of a community service project two years in the making.

"We knew of other quilters groups that had done this and we felt it would be a good project to recognize local people who have served or are serving in the military," said guild member Darla Harries.

Quilting stores across the area lent a hand, with two in particular offering discounts on materials for the project. Donors stepped up to get materials to the group and 21 quilts — each unique in its own way — were pieced together.

The guild began soliciting names of potential recipients earlier this summer. The results of that solicitation were overwhelming.

"We had 21 quilts," said guild president Eunice Woodberry. "We had more than 21 names submitted."

Guild members randomly drew 21 names from the long list of nominations, and it was those 21 who received quilts last week at the fair.

Doug Nestegard.
Barney Olson.
Bill Yoder.
John Schultz.
Alan Stammer.

As the names of the lucky veterans were called last Friday — veterans of all ages, from a host of branches, who served in a variety of eras — rounds of applause went up from the crowd gathered, quilts were presented, hugs were given and a few tears fell.

Richard Seim.
Don Swanson.
Joe Wieskus.

Jeff Johnson.

One local veteran, Denny Earhart, told the crowd he was particularly touched by the sentiment.

"This is the first time I've ever been recognized for my service, and I think that's true for a lot of us guys," he said.

Woodberry said in light of such an overwhelming response to the guild's solicitation of nominations, more quilts will likely be given out next year and in years to come.

"Those on the list whose names weren't called will be on the top of the list for next year," she said. "This promises to be the first of many years of doing this. Some of our veterans have never been thanked for their service. This is one way we can help."



Riverbend Quilters' Guild member Karla Kuipers presents a handmade quilt to local veteran Don Swanson during a special ceremony this past Friday at the Jackson County Fair.

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
 Payton Handevitd gets a high-five after scoring a run in Saturday's consolation championship game against Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton at the Division II American Legion state tournament.

Hansen goes back-to-back in Lakefield

Wilson wins yet another women's club championship

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

Jerrod Hansen has added another checkmark to his growing list of golf accomplishments: win back-to-back club championships at North Valley in Lakefield.

Hansen shot a 36-hole score of 144 this past weekend to dominate the club title. It's the second straight win for Hansen, making him just the fifth person to win two straight titles in Lakefield. Dick Dawson accomplished the feat twice and Kevin Pomerence, Bill Vangness and Mark Elmer each did it once.

Hansen now has four career championships in Lakefield, putting him in a tie with Brad Langstraat and Dawson. They sit just one behind Vangness and Elmer, who each have five total titles.

Another goal remains
 Now that Hansen

knocked off one of his goals, he has another big one left: win the club title at the Jackson Golf Club later this month.

Along with his four titles in Lakefield, Hansen has one club championship at the Loon Lake Golf Course and was the individual champion at the inaugural Jackson County Tournament of Champions in 2020.

"Jackson is definitely the next priority," he said. "I don't think anybody has won all three of them. I want to check that goal of getting all three. And after getting the county one, that would be the grand slam."

Big winner

Hansen opened this year's club tournament by shooting 73 on Saturday, giving him a four-shot lead over Trevor Hage and five-stroke advantage over Ben Hansen.

"I played pretty steady," Hansen said of his first-day round. "I was hitting the ball well. The pins were in tough positions. A few of my bogeys were the result of three-putts."

There weren't many bogeys though, and Hansen didn't have a single double-bogey all weekend.

"I went out there and

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SIXTH AT STATE



Ben Spaeth points to his teammates after hitting a run-scoring double in the seventh inning of a win over Chatfield at the American Legion state tournament.

Post 130 wins one of three tight games in first trip to state since '04

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

Games for the Jackson American Legion Post 130 baseball team tended to come down to the wire all season long — and especially in the postseason.

So three games that all came down to the final at-bat at the Division II state tournament in Luverne this past weekend were par for the course for the Tarantulas.

Jackson opened the state tournament this past Friday with a 5-4 loss to Sibley East in extra innings, then hung on to beat Chatfield 8-6 Saturday morning in the consolation semifinals. In the consolation championship, Jackson took the lead with two outs in the top of the seventh, only to have Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton score two runs in the bottom of the inning for a 7-6 walk-off win.

That final game — which went back and forth several times — was a fitting way for the Tarantulas to end their season, manager Blaise Jacobsen said.

"We get up, it's back and forth, we get down, we keep battling all the way through," he said. "It's a perfect way to show the heart and determination we have and the belief we have in each other."

Thriller for fifth

Jackson scored early in all three tournament games and Saturday afternoon's consolation final was no different.

The Tarantulas plated a run in each of the first two innings, but quickly found themselves behind.

Payton Handevitd doubled and scored on a Bryson Powers single in the first, then Brett Rossow singled and scored on a Damien Phaly single in the second.

DGF scored four runs in the second and another in the fifth to lead 5-2, but Jackson rallied late.

Rossow and Runge both scored on a single by Phaly to get Jackson within a run in the sixth, then Post 130 went ahead in the seventh.

Powers singled to start the inning and Ben Spaeth singled with one out, but both were in scoring position with two outs. Brenan Runge came through with a two-run single to plate both and give Jackson a 6-5 advantage.

Rossow struck out the first batter in the bottom of the seventh, but had to exit after reaching the pitch limit.

"Brett maxed out," Jacobsen said. "He was at 104 pitches at the end of the sixth and I said, 'That means you get one more batter' and he struck out the guy who hit a homer off him earlier. That was kind of a nice exclamation point on his pitching season."

DGF scored a run be-

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PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHEN CONDON
 Jerrod Hansen (right) is back-to-back club champion at North Valley in Lakefield, finishing ahead of Trevor Hage (left) and Ben Hansen.

Jackson Days Golf Tournament returns ahead of the Nationals

A golf tournament that proved to be popular in its debut last year is back again this month.

The Jackson Days Golf Tournament will take place Aug. 17 at the Jackson Golf Club — just ahead of the AGCO Jackson Nationals at the Jackson Motorplex.

Teams can enter as groups of four, or enter as threesomes and have their completed with a

World of Outlaws driver. The nine-hole tournament starts at 1 p.m., right after an 11:30 a.m. social and lunch.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top two teams, as well as individuals for longest drive, longest putt and closest-to-the-pin.

To register, contact the Jackson Chamber of Commerce office at 847-3867 or chamber@jacksonmn.com.

BULLS BASEBALL

Heartbreak in Hadley — again

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

Scott Bahr knew his fifth-seeded Jackson Bulls and the fourth-seeded Hadley Buttermakers were about as evenly matched as possible entering their best-of-three series to open the Region 13C tournament.

Bahr predicted the teams would split 100 matchups and their series proved that was pretty much spot on.

Two games were decided by a single run and the other was still very much in doubt until the final out.

The Bulls, though, came out on the wrong end of the series, losing Game 3 on a walk-off to the Buttermakers for the second straight season.

The difference in Sunday's do-or-die Game 3 came in the ninth inning,

when two bang-bang plays at the plate both went against the Bulls — although both appeared to be called correctly by home plate umpire Tom Bromeland.

Trying to build on a 9-8 lead with one out and Evan Olesen on third, Bahr put on a bit of a trick play. He had Olesen steal third, then keep sprinting home after Ryan Rasche put down a bunt toward first base. The Buttermakers recorded the out at first, then fired home just in time to get a head-first-sliding Olesen to end the inning.

In the bottom of the inning, Hadley's first run came on a single, with the tying run scoring milliseconds ahead of a tag by Jackson catcher Mason Pohlman. Two batters later,

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SUN SETTING ON RACING SEASON

The sun sets during racing action last Tuesday at the Jackson Motorplex. After two nights of racing last week, the only remaining action this summer at the track is the AGCO Jackson Nationals, which are scheduled for Aug. 18-20. For coverage of last week's races, see **B2**.

PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

It was another enjoyable fair week

I was a little amiss last week. Not a swing and a miss, just amiss. In last week's Wide Write, I should have reminded you to go to the Jackson County Fair. But I did not.

And now it is too late; the fair is over. Oh, you can still go to the fairgrounds, but looking at empty stalls, cages and buildings just is not quite as much fun. Unless you like emptiness. Then it is fun.

The fair kind of snuck up on me. Just yesterday it was the Fourth of July and it was still three weeks from fair week. It did not hit me that last week was fair week until it was fair week. Those three weeks flew by faster than Usain Bolt. And that is fast.

But that is understandable; they say time flies when having fun and I was having a lot of fun on our family vacation in the Black Hills. So time flew. Faster than Usain Bolt.

The fun did not stay in the Black Hills; the fun continued at the fair. That is, once I realized it was already fair week.

Part of my daycare duties last week was taking the daycare kids to the fair each morning. This year, I brought some of the kids to the fair on Wednesday, a second group on Thursday and a third on Friday.

Plus, Kathy and I went back in the evenings, those times without the daycare kids.

I enjoyed seeing the joy in the daycare kids' eyes as they looked at the various entries, whether livestock or non. They also enjoyed seeing the old-time buildings, antiques and the train depot. Basically, the whole fair. It was a whole fair affair.

And now the fair is over. That is just not fair,

but then, who ever said life is fair? Not I, said the bear. Now we have the next 51 weeks to prepare for next year's fair. With the way time flies, it will be here tomorrow.

Time did fly fast while we were out of town. It had to have. How else could one explain the changes that took place in our absence?

When we left town, the beans were only knee high to a grasshopper and the corn was only thinking of shooting a tassel. A week later we returned to beans knee high to Robert Wadlow (the world's tallest man) and the corn was fully tasseled and pushing ears.

Even our gardens responded to our absence. Our pumpkins outgrew their plot, plopping pumpkins all over the place. The sweet corn started pushing ears. The potatoes and sweet potatoes needed dirt to cover the new potatoes pushing above ground.

The tomatoes have outgrown their cages, reaching well above the top. Now if they can outgrow the blight. I spent an afternoon grooming the plants into palm trees by clipping away blighted leaves and branches. Now if they can add a few coconuts to the tomatoes...

If we would have known the crops and our gardens would have responded to our absence in such a positive way, we would have helped the farmers out by leaving a week or two earlier. And staying away longer.

Who does not want to see positive growth? As a teacher, I always looked for positive growth in my students. Now in my retirement I am just hoping to see positive growth in plants.

Now I am starting to wonder the affect our ab-

sence had on the general population of Jackson County! Generally speaking, our absence brought about stress. Or maybe it was the final fair preparations that brought on the stress.

I cannot stress enough how I hope the stress was from the fair preparations and not from our absence. I tend to think people are generally happier when I am not around.

Even though I am a positive person, I am not positive people are happier when I am not around. Obviously, if I am absent, I am not around to check their mood. That I am positive of.

But there are clues. Like when someone wishes me a safe trip. And then adds they hope I enjoy the trip so much I stay longer. Or, when someone says, "You are back already?" And then silently adds, "Damn!" Just little clues.

No matter the affects, our vacation is over and we are back. And, whether fair or not, the fair is over. For this year. On the positive side, August is here! What better month is there than August? You get 11 guesses, and all will be wrong. According to me, anyway.

With that, Wide Write shall be like the fair and close for this week. Until next week, enjoy the onset of August as you go out and cheer on our summer athletes.



WIDE WRITE
Stephen A. Condon



SEASONS END FOR FROGS, BULLS IN REGIONS

One year ago, Aug. 5, 2021

The seasons for the Lakefield Frogs and Jackson Bulls came to an end in the first round of the Region 13C tournament. Lakefield was swept by the Milroy Irish and Jackson lost in three games to the Hadley Buttermakers. Milroy won Game 1 13-1 over the Frogs, scoring 12 runs in the final three innings. The Irish also had three big innings to win Game 2 13-5. Nolan Luhmann and Bryce Christopher both had four hits in the series. Jackson won Game 1 3-2 over Hadley, then lost 9-3 and 6-5. The Bulls gave up three runs with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to lose the decisive game. Blaise Jacobsen drove in four runs on three hits in Game 3.

HUSKIES EARN BIG AWARD FOR SECOND STRAIGHT SUMMER

Five years ago, Aug. 10, 2017

For the second straight year, all of the Jackson County Central summer softball teams have earned the Youth 1st Award. Players on the 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s teams received awards and a ticket to a Minnesota Twins game. The Youth 1st Team Award recognizes positive behavior from players, coaches and everyone associated with the team, including parents, fans and spectators.

BULLS HEADED BACK TO STATE

10 years ago, Aug. 9, 2012

In the decisive third game against Wilmont, the Jackson Bulls trailed 1-0 in the sixth inning, had already struck out 10 times and had on of their leaders head to the hospital with a dislocated elbow. But the Bulls fought back with a run in the sixth, three in the seventh and another in the ninth to win 5-3 and advance to the state tournament. Pat Rients hit a homer to tie the game, then Ryan Rasche hit a two-run single to put Jackson ahead for good. Jackson won 5-0 in game 1 behind six innings from Ryan Rasche and three from draftee Brennan Holm. Rients had three hits and two RBI in the win. After losing 3-2 in Game 2, Mike Wierson and Ethan Welter both had thee hits and Rasche had two in the Game 3 win.

WACKERS LEAD BULLS TO STATE

25 years ago, Aug. 7, 1997 - Jackson County Pilot

Wade Wacker hit a game-tying three-run home run in the eighth inning to support brother Lincoln's stellar pitching performance as the Jackson Bulls beat Windom 7-5 to advance to the state tournament. The win came after Jackson beat Welcome 4-3 behind a 14-strikeout performance by Fairmont draftee Cory Hainy. Kip Wachal hit a two-run homer and Lincoln Wacker hit a solo shot before Tom Schuller drove in what proved to be the winning run with a ground out in the eighth. Lincoln Wacker was the key against Windom, coming on in relief to strike out 11 batters while allowing just one hit in five and one-third innings. Wade Wacker had four RBI in the win and Lincoln Wacker had two hits to go with his fifth mound win.

COMING UP ACES

25 years ago, Aug. 7, 1997 - Lakefield Standard

Lakefield resident Bruce Hochstein experienced the thrill of a hole-in-one twice last week when he carded two aces with two sings on the 145-yard par-three third hole at Vallebrook. Starting on the third hole, Hochstein's first swing was a line drive that landed short of the green and rolled into the hole. As he does when he plays alone, Hochstein hit a second shot, which went high, bounced in the middle of the green, rimmed the cup and went in. Because he was playing alone, Hochstein had to find a witness to go to the green with him. He flagged down Leland and Elaine Pohlman as they drove down the street and they joined him to find the two balls resting in the cup.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, August 4

No events

Friday, August 5

No events

Saturday, August 6

No events

Sunday, August 7

No events

Monday, August 8

No events

Tuesday, August 9

No events

Wednesday, August 10

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July 30, 4:24 p.m.
Bryson Runge hits a two-out single to score Bryson Powers and Ben Spaeth and give Jackson a 6-5 lead heading to the bottom of the seventh.

Follow for more updates

Thram and Rosenboom earn sprint car wins

Christopher Thram and Jody Rosenboom posted victories this past Friday during New Fashion Pork Night at the Jackson Motorplex.

Thram captured the Midwest Power Series and Midwest Sprint Touring Series main event as the track hosted the Barb Wieskus Memorial. He became the third different feature winner in three 360ci winged sprint car events at the track this season.

Troy Schreurs scored a season-best runner-up result with Matt Juhl placing third. Kaleb Johnson was the fourth-place finisher and Thomas Kennedy rounded out the top five.

Thram opened the night by setting quick time out of the 27 drivers before Skylar Prochaska, Johnson and Chris Martin each won a heat race.

Rosenboom held off Trevor Serbus to garner his third Wyffels Hybrids RaceSaver Sprint Car Series triumph at Jackson Motorplex this season. Trevor Smith ended third, with 10th-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROB KOCAK
Christopher Thram celebrates winning the Barb Wieskus Memorial race this past Friday at the Jackson Motorplex.

starting Matt Johnson finishing fourth and Bill Johnson fifth.

The heat races were won by Koby Werkmeister and Matt Johnson.

Nationals coming later this month

The final event of the season at the Jackson Motorplex is Aug. 18-20 when

the track hosts the 44th annual AGCO Jackson Nationals. The event features the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series as well as the Wyffels Hybrids RaceSaver Sprint Car Series (Aug. 18-19 only) and the Upper Midwest Renegades Sprint Car Series (Aug. 20 only).



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
Jaedon Erickson celebrates his second straight IMCA sport compacts win last Tuesday at the Jackson Motorplex.

Luinenburg, Menk, Probst, Looft and Erickson triumphant during Fan Appreciation Night

Justin Luinenburg, Dan Menk, Cory Probst, Matthew Looft and Jaedon Erickson captured feature victories last Tuesday at the Jackson Motorplex, which hosted Fan Appreciation Night.

Luinenburg charged from the furthest in the field of the five Bank Midwest IMCA Series winners as he advanced from fifth to earn the \$1,000 top prize during the Stock Car Challenge featuring the IMCA stock cars. Jeffrey Larson hustled from seventh to second, with Elijah Zevenbergen maneuvering from 12th to third. Derek Green placed fourth and Roger Verdoorn was fifth.

Colton Arends, who led the feature early, was a heat race winner along with Curt Lund and Larson.

Menk was victorious during the IMCA modifieds A Main with Zach Dockter finishing second, Don Gerritsen Jr. third, Brandon Beckendorf fourth and Chad Porter fifth.

The heat races were won by Trent Loverude and Beckendorf.



Cory Probst (second from right) celebrates his IMCA hobby stock feature win in Victory Lane last Tuesday at the Jackson Motorplex.

Probst garnered the IMCA hobby stocks feature victory after holding off 10th-starting Malik Sampson. Brandon Nielsen rounded out the podium, with Blake Luinenburg posting a fourth-place finish and Drew Barglof ending fifth.

Josh Sidles and Sampson each recorded a heat race victory.

Looft outlasted Brayden Ahlers and ninth-starting Jared Boumeester to win

the IMCA sport mods feature. Jared Nytroe was fourth and Eric Bassett placed fifth.

Boumeester and Looft captured the heat races.

Erickson scored his second straight IMCA sport compacts triumph at the Jackson Motorplex. Megan Sandvig, Jason Bolte, Logan Kelly and Brandon Hartmann also recorded top fives, respectively.

Kelly and Erickson were the heat race winners.



Dan Menk (second from right) celebrates his IMCA modified feature win in Victory Lane last Tuesday at the Jackson Motorplex.

BULLS:

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the Buttermakers won 10-9 with a walk-off single.

“Those were two close plays at the plate,” Bahr said. “The whole series was that way.”

Jackson’s season ends with a record of 19-10.

Tough series

Despite losing both regular-season matchups to the Bulls, Hadley earned the No. 4 seed based on its overall regular-season record.

Bahr said a loss to Mt. Lake proved costly in the seeding process.

“We had one bad loss,” he said. “Because of that one bad loss, we had to play Game 3 here. In my opinion, Hadley earned the four seed and, because they had the four seed, they got to play Game 3 here. That shows what the emphasis on the regular season is.”

Game 1 was in Jackson because Hadley doesn’t have lights and can’t host night games. That meant Game 2 was in Hadley on Saturday, with Game 3 back at Laurie Mahon Field Sunday.

Playing in Hadley is tough, Bahr said, when combining a short left-field fence and skinned infield that makes everything feel hotter, but he loved the way the Bulls battled.

“Playing here is tough,” he said. “It’s tough on your body. To do it two days in a row, I can’t say enough about our team. They battled their butts off and competed. We had two guys pitch on back-to-back days. We had a catcher catch two days in a row here. Every guy one through 20, they battled their butts off.”

That’s been the case all season, Bahr said.

“I’m proud of the way we battled today and I’m proud of the way we battled and what we did all year long,” he said. “We maybe don’t always have the talent everybody else does, but we always find a way. You look at the dugouts, there’s one guy keeping the book or there’s a girlfriend keeping the book because they don’t have anybody. They show up with nine, 10, 11 guys. I had 21 guys here on July 31st and it’s 90 degrees and an hour from home.

“I had a lot of managers ask me, ‘How do you get so many people?’ I’m not going to put my playbook out there, but we create a culture. That culture is to play baseball for the Jackson Bulls is a big deal.”

Hadley walks off again

For the second straight season, the Bulls took a lead into the bottom of the



Easton Bahr slides safely into home for a first-inning run Sunday in Game 3 at Hadley.

PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON

ninth inning at Hadley.

And for the second straight season, the Buttermakers rallied to win the game and series.

This time, the Bulls led 9-8 after failing to score an insurance run in the top of the ninth. Rasche struck out the first batter of the inning, but a walk to slugging Nick Bruning — who was limited

to a ninth-inning pinch hitting appearance in Game after getting hurt in Game 1 — and hit batter put the potential game-winning run on base and brought Olesen to the mound.

The Buttermakers tied the game with a single — scoring on a close play at the plate — then won it two batters later with another single.

“It’s exactly the same way as last year,” Bahr said. “We had a lead in the bottom of the ninth inning.”

The game had six lead changes and even more momentum shifts.

Jackson struck first when Easton Bahr and Andy Wolf led off the top of the first inning with singles. Bahr scored on a sacrifice fly by Olesen, then Wolf raced home on a single by Chris Gumto.

Hadley scored a run in the first and another in the second to tie the game, then took its first lead with three runs in the bottom of the third.

Jackson went back on top with four runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Gumto, Lucas Gardner and Rasche all walked to load the bases with one out. Blaise Jacobsen hit a pinch-hit single to plate Gumto and Gardner, then Payton Handevitd and Easton Bahr followed with run-scoring singles to put Jackson ahead 6-5.

Bruning, who was three-for-three with two walks and four runs scored despite hobbling around on

a bad leg, put Hadley back on top with a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth.

Jackson tied the game in the top of the seventh when Wolf singled and scored on a two-out single by Gumto, but Hadley went back on top with a run in the bottom half.

The Bulls took their final lead of the game with two

runs in the eighth inning. Gardner walked and pinch-hitter Nate Monson singled to start a one-out rally. Easton Bahr put Jackson ahead 9-8

with a two-strike, two-out, two-run single, but the Bulls stranded two runners in the inning and then couldn’t add an insurance run in the ninth.

“I said we’re going to need 10,” Scott Bahr said. “You’re going to need 10 in the situation we had today. That’s what they got and we didn’t.”

Bahr said the game was a perfect example of how the entire series went. “Give credit to Hadley,” he said. “They got down; they battled back. We got down; we battled back. There’s a reason we’re the four and five seeds.”

Easton Bahr had three hits and three runs batted in and Gumto had three hits and two RBI. Gumto also walked twice to reach base in all five trips.

Wolf had two hits and scored two runs. Gardner scored twice and Jacobsen drove in two runs. Will Larson pitched the first two and one-third innings before Sean Minder went four and two-thirds innings. Rasche got four outs before Olesen faced the final three batters.

Bulls keep season alive

Jackson went to Hadley

“I’M PROUD OF THE WAY WE BATTLED TODAY AND I’M PROUD OF THE WAY WE BATTLED AND WHAT WE DID ALL YEAR LONG.”

Scott Bahr

Bulls baseball Game 3

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	AB	R	H	RBI
Bahr, SS	5	1	3	2
Wolf, 2B	4	2	2	0
Wacker, CF	5	0	1	0
Olesen, 3B	4	0	1	1
Gumto, 1B	3	1	3	2
Gardner, RF	3	2	1	0
Rasche, DH	2	1	0	0
Monson, PH	1	0	1	0
Phaly, PR	0	1	0	0
Pohlman, C	3	1	0	0
BJacobsen, PH	1	0	1	2
Handevitd, LF	4	0	1	1
Bulls	35	9	14	8

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Larson	2.1	3	5	4	3	3
Minder	4.2	3	2	2	2	1
Rasche (5-5)	1.1	0	2	2	1	0
Olesen	0	2	0	0	1	0
Bulls	8.1	7	10	9	6	6

Bulls baseball Game 2

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	AB	R	H	RBI
Bahr, SS	4	1	1	0
Wolf, 2B	3	0	0	0
Wacker, CF	5	1	1	1
Olesen, 3B	3	1	0	0
Gumto, 1B	4	2	2	2
Gardner, RF	4	2	2	2
Monson, DH	3	0	0	0
Pohlman, C	4	1	2	0
Rasche, LF	4	0	1	0
Bulls	34	8	9	5

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Gjacobsen (7-2)	6	4	4	3	2	4
Olesen	3	2	1	1	4	2
Bulls	9	6	5	4	6	6



Andy Wolf rips a single in Sunday’s Game 3 in Hadley.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEPHEN CONDON
Merlin Jurgens (left) and Steve DeWall are the top two seniors at the North Valley club tournament.

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tried to play par,” he said. “Routine golf: You hit fairways, hit the greens and make some putts.”

Hansen had a bit of trouble the first two holes Sunday, but quickly made up for it.

His second shot on the first hole found the hazard, leading to a bogey that allowed Ben Hansen and Hage to gain a stroke.

On hole No. 2, Jerrod Hansen’s second shot nearly went out of bounds, but he was safe by inches — or less.

“I went long and was on the out-of-bounds line,” Hansen said. “It was a group decision that my ball was in. That kind of saved me there.”

Hansen ended up saving par on the hole and chipped in the next hole to get back on track.

“That got me settled back in,” he said. “That got me back to hitting fairways and greens and giving myself a chance to come away with par.”

Hansen finished the first nine holes at 1-over par, then was even the final nine to shoot 71 on the day and 144 for the tournament.

“I felt like I played better Saturday, but the score shows otherwise,” he said. “Scoring was tough Saturday. I had two birdies on Saturday and seven on Sunday. I felt Sunday was more of a challenge because the wind picked up, but I had a seven-shot lead going into the last nine so I just tried to play for par.”

Winning a second straight title was a big accomplishment, Hansen said. “This year was a good win to have to go back-to-back,” he said. “I had never been able to win back-to-back championships in Lakefield, so it was good to check that off the goal list.”

Ben Hansen (78-78) and Hage (77-79) both shot 156 for the tournament to finish second and third, respectively.

Gumto and Gardner both had two hits, two RBI and two runs scored. Pohlman also had a pair of hits for the Bulls.



Tom Timko chips onto the green Sunday during the North Valley club tournament.

Wilson wins again

Carol Wilson is the winningest golfer in Lakefield’s history.

Unofficial and incomplete records kept by the Lakefield Standard list her with six club championships, but she thinks there are likely even more.

Wilson won another club championship on Saturday, giving her a club title in five decades.

She won her first title in 1978, then won again in 1986, 1990, 2016 and 2019 — and there might be others mixed in there as well.

Wilson opened this year’s tournament with a 45 on the front nine Saturday, putting her one shot behind Marsha Haar.

But she had no idea, as the two weren’t in the same group and Haar was playing behind Wilson.

“I had 45 the first round and didn’t know what she shot until I came in on my second nine,” Wilson said. “I saw she shot a 44 on her first nine and that’s what I had on my second. But I had no idea how she was doing on her second nine.”

The biggest hole on the back nine was the hardest hole on the course. Wilson made par on the seventh hole and Haar had a double-bogey. The two were even up to that point, though they didn’t know it.

“No. 7 is supposedly the hardest hole and I parred it both rounds,” Wilson said. “That’s unusual for me. Things just fell into place.”

Wilson, who plays about three times a week at age 78, said winning again is still thrilling.

“It’s exciting,” she said. “My boys were still impressed.”

Jurgens wins senior title

Merlin Jurgens shot a net score of 65 to win the senior championship by one stroke over Steve DeWall.

Dave Miller had a 36-hole score of 169 to win the presidential flight and Eric Kruger came in second (173).

Alex Baumann was the winner of the senator flight and Todd Place finished second.

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fore Andrew Boyum got a strikeout for the second out. A single followed, though, and DGF had a walk-off win.

Jacobsen said the game was a fitting way for the season to end, though he would've preferred the Tarantulas coming out on top.

"That's just how we are," he said. "We've lost ones like that and we've won ones like that. We've got a flair for the dramatic."

Rossow struck out six batters in his six and one-third innings to give Post 130 a chance.

Powers had three hits for Jackson and also reached on an error.

Runge kept his strong tournament going, finishing with two hits and two runs batted in. Phaly also had a pair of hits and Rossow scored twice.

Post 130 hangs on

After losing the tournament opener in extra innings, Jacobsen wasn't sure how his team would respond early the next day.

They gave him an answer early, scoring two runs in the first inning and five total in the first three.

"You lose that first game and a lot of teams might fold," he said. "We come back and have to play at 9 in the morning. I didn't know what I'd get, but they came after it right away and got the win."

Spaeth said the team came back focused.

"I think we just needed to reset with everybody," he said. "Everybody went back and refreshed and got our minds reset. You can't change the past. Whatever happens, you've just got to move on."

Spaeth had a big hand in the team's win, scoring a run in the third inning and then delivering a run-scoring double and later scoring in the seventh.

"It was tough waking up this morning, but you've got to be ready for the opportunities in front of you," he said.

Handevitd tripled in the first inning and scored on a single by Trace Michelson. Powers later singled and scored on a Cameron Scholten for an early 2-0 lead.

Chatfield scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning to tie it, but Michelson then settled down and didn't allow any more runs until the sixth inning.

Michelson was a bit of a wild card, having left after two innings of his previous start a week earlier with a sore arm.

"I was worried about that because he only gave us two innings and said it was hurting," Jacobsen said. "He was great today and that made a huge difference in our rotation."

Michelson said after leaving early his previous start, he was confident he'd be good to go at state.

"My arm didn't feel great throwing those first two innings, so I had to call it," he said. "Normally if I get about a week off from strenuous pitching, my arm feels pretty good. I knew I was probably going to be fine."

He knew early on Saturday he was ready.

"Playing catch, I was throwing hard like normal, so I knew I'd be fine," he said.

After Chatfield tied the game in the bottom of the first, Jackson regained the lead when Phaly doubled and scored on an error in the second.

Spaeth singled and scored on a Runge single in the third, which also saw Gabriel Wolff reach on an error and score on a Logan Butzon single for a 5-2 lead.

Chatfield scored a run in the bottom of the sixth, but Jackson got some much-needed insurance in the top of the seventh.

Powers singled and Scholten walked before Spaeth ripped a double to bring in Powers. A squeeze bunt by Wolff scored pinch-runner Ben Gallagher, then a single by Runge drove in Spaeth.

"Somebody's got to step up and do it and I was lucky to be the person to do it," Spaeth said, adding his approach was to look for the hit.

"Just sit fastball — that's always my approach. Sit fastball and adjust to the offspeed."

The three runs proved to be critical as Chatfield rallied in the bottom of the seventh.

Chatfield scored three runs and had the potential tying run on base when Boyum got a strikeout to end the game.

Jacobsen said getting the win showed Jackson fit right in at state.

"We're with the eight best teams in the state and we're competing," he said. "That's pretty exciting. That shows we're meant to be here and it wasn't an ac-



Dylan Withers makes a play for an out at home during the Jackson American Legion Post 130 baseball team's consolation championship game against Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Saturday.

cident. Our program is going to be exciting to watch. It's a big boost for us."

Powers, Spaeth and Runge each had two hits in the win, with Powers and Spaeth each scoring twice and Runge driving in two runs.

Michelson went the first six and one-third innings before reaching his pitch maximum. He fanned seven batters and allowed just three runs.

Sibley East rallies in tournament opener

Jackson led Sibley East 4-0 early in the tournament opener this past Friday, but Sibley East scored the final five runs to win in walk-off fashion.

Spaeth, Dylan Withers, Phaly and Butzon all scored in the top of the second, with the biggest hit a two-run double by Handevitd.

Sibley scored a run in the third inning, but left the bases loaded against Scholten. Scholten worked out of jams each of the next three innings before Sibley East scored a run in the sixth to cut Jackson's lead to 4-2.

Butzon came on in relief to get the final out of the sixth, but Sibley East tied the game with a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh and won it with a walk-off sacrifice fly in

the bottom of the eighth inning.

Jacobsen said despite the narrow loss — as well as another the next day, with a win in between — the local baseball team is well off.

"Our program is in good shape," he said. "I'm looking forward to seeing these guys next spring and seeing what kind of damage we can do. I think us playing these kind of games and us getting this far is going to get a lot of guys excited about next season."

Fun run for the team

Jacobsen said a win over Luverne in the sub-state tournament really set the gears in motion for the Legion team, but he knew they were good long before then.

"We just try to win one game at a time," he said. "There was no, 'Let's go on a run.' We played teams like Fairmont and Luverne competitively and the games against Springfield were close. We knew we were good, we knew we had a chance to go a long ways. That helped us develop our confidence."

Then came three straight wins to open the sub-state tournament, including one against Luverne.

"The sub-districts, when we advanced, we started to get excited," Jacobsen said. "At the sub-state, we started to go on a little run. When we beat Luverne, that was the turning point where we knew we had a chance to do something at state."

Spaeth said he's glad he and his teammates got hot late.

"You're always looking to win and go as far as you can," he said. "If you get the opportunity to go, you gotta take it."

Jacobsen, who has said this will be his last season as the Legion coach, said a trip to state was the perfect ending.

"I love the community support," he said. "We got a firetruck and police escort out of town. I'm glad I drove by myself because I was crying all the way to Lakefield because it was so sweet and sincere and awesome that they did that. I love the support. All the fans we had here were great. That made a big difference. It's a great way to end my career as Legion coach."



Damien Phaly gets a high-five after a two-run single at the American Legion state tournament.



Assistant coach Alex Bretzman (left) and head coach Blaise Jacobsen watch the action at the state tourney.



Brenan Runge snares a line drive at state.



Andrew Boyum, in his fourth different state tournament since last fall, gets a hug from Blaise Jacobsen after recording the final out in a win against Chatfield.



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BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Zach Bargfrede goes up for a shot between a pair of defenders as a big crowd watches during last week's three-on-three basketball tournament. The tournament was pushed back a day to last Tuesday and moved indoors because of the weather, but still featured a dozen teams of current and former Jackson County Central basketball players and coaches, as well as other JCC alumni.



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The team of Jon Harmening (from left), Carter Heinrichs, Carter Ahrens and Jordan Hutzler is the winner of the second annual three-on-three basketball tournament, which was postponed one day and moved indoors because of the weather last week. Finishing second was the team of Shane Sether (from right), Eric Kruger, Kyle Gruhlke and Trey Diggs. The tournament was hosted by the Jackson County Central boys' basketball team and its head coach Alex Hein — with help from his daughter, Charlotte.

New building could house sheriff's office/jail, host of government offices

Project moving into next phase of development

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

A new 60,000-square-foot building to the south of the Jackson County Courthouse with a price tag in the tens of millions of dollars.

The new home of the county auditor/treasurer's office, recorder's office, assessor's office, veterans services office, driver's license bureau, administrator's office, emergency management office, sheriff's office and jail?

Maybe. That's according to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, which on Tuesday reviewed preliminary schematics of such a structure and authorized a St. Paul-based architectural firm to proceed with the design development phase of the project.

The building, as proposed, would be constructed on the site of the current 1962 government center east building. It would consist of two parts — a government services area connected to the existing government center west building, and a law enforcement center and jail area connected to that.

The government services area could house offices currently located in the government center east building — among them veterans services, emergency management and driver's license — as well

as offices currently located in the historic courthouse, including the auditor/treasurer's office, recorder's office, assessor's office and administrator's office. The law enforcement center and jail area could also house the county's information services office, which is also currently in the courthouse.

As proposed, the building would have two public entrances — one to the law enforcement center, and one to the government services area, the latter served by what Jackson County Administrator Ryan Krosch termed a "one-stop-shop service counter."

The new building would solve a number of issues the county is currently facing, Krosch said — among them a jail that is among the oldest in the state and on the verge of being decommissioned, a costly-to-maintain existing government center building, a cramped courthouse and a pair of boilers that are well past their life expectancy.

Overall project budget at this point is pegged at around \$38.6 million, with a construction budget of \$29.6 million. Krosch said several funding avenues exist, including seeking state bond funding; using federal American Rescue Plan Act fund, wind production tax revenue and cash reserves; and looking at local property tax revenue adjustments.

Commissioners on Tuesday said they were impressed with the schematics, but even more so with the efficiency of design.

Trio of local youth equestrians featured in regional ag publication

Three Jackson County youth equestrians are featured in the latest edition of the Farm Market News, a regional ag publication reaching more than 18,500 rural homes and businesses across the tri-state area.

Jessica Dvorak, Josie Dvorak and Sadie Hotzler are the subjects of the cover story in the Aug. 1 Farm Market News. The three fared well at the National Junior High School Rodeo finals in Perry, Ga., earlier this summer. The article outlines their journey to the national competition after each finished in the top four at the Minnesota Junior High School Rodeo finals in Fergus Falls back in May.

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The Farm Market News may also be read for free online by article at jacksoncountypilot.com and lakefieldstandard.com and in its entirety online at farmmarketnews.com.



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Josie Dvorak (from left), Sadie Hotzler and Jessica Dvorak celebrate qualifying for the National Junior High School Rodeo finals earlier this year. The three are featured in the latest edition of the Farm Market News.



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TOP FARM FAMILY

The Marlene Baumgarn family of rural Round Lake is the 2022 Jackson County Farm Family of the Year. The family was recognized at a special ceremony during the Winner's Circle program last Tuesday evening at the Jackson County Fair in Jackson. Family members on hand for the ceremony include Lowell Baumgarn (from left); Marlene Baumgarn; Tim and Sherri Baumgarn; and Samantha, Colton and Travis Vande Kamp. The Baumgarns, along with all other top farm families from across the state, will be officially honored by the University of Minnesota at ceremony at the annual Farmfest near Redwood Falls this week.

Public input sought as county updates multi-hazard mitigation plan

Jackson County residents, business owners, nonprofit members and community leaders now have an organized opportunity to share how severe weather events affect their property and lives.

There is also an opportunity to share their ideas on how to reduce the effect in the future.

The Jackson County Office of Emergency Management is working with U-Spatial at the University of Minnesota Duluth to update the Jackson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan assesses the natural hazards that pose risk to the county, such as tornadoes, straight-line winds, ice storms, blizzards, wildfire, flooding and extreme temperatures, and identifies ways to minimize the damage of future events. As the county works to update the plan, it wants to hear from the public.

The Jackson County

MHMP is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers Jackson County, including the cities of Alpha, Heron Lake, Jackson, Lakefield, Okabena and Wilder. The Jackson County MHMP also incorporates the concerns and needs of townships, school districts and area agencies or organizations participating in the plan. The plan will be updated by a planning team made up of representatives from county departments, local municipalities, school districts and other key stakeholders.

"Hazard mitigation planning is a central part of our emergency management program," said Gary Reif, Jackson County emergency management director. "Understanding the natural hazards that can cause serious impact to our communities and taking action to reduce or eliminate the impact of future disasters makes us more resilient. Hazard mitigation helps us to break the cycle of damage and repair caused by things like flooding, ice

storms and severe wind events that can damage property, stress economies and threaten life safety in our county."

Examples of hazard mitigation include improvement of roads and culverts that experience repetitive flooding; construction of safe rooms at campgrounds, public parks, mobile home parks or schools to protect lives in the event of tornados or severe wind events; burying powerlines that may fail due to heavy snow, ice or windstorms; ensuring timely emergency communication to the public through warning sirens and mass notification systems; and conducting public awareness and education campaigns to help people be prepared to take safe action before, during or following a hazard event.

Some mitigation activities may be eligible for future Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding.

Public input is an essen-

tial part of the plan update. As part of the planning process, Jackson County is seeking feedback from residents and businesses from across the county to incorporate into the plan.

Comments, concerns or questions regarding natural disasters and potential mitigation actions to be included into the plan update process should be submitted to the Jackson County Emergency Management Office by phone or email.

There will be additional opportunities for public feedback throughout the planning process. A draft of the plan will be made available for public review prior to submission of the plan to the state of Minnesota.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires counties to update their plan every five years to maintain eligibility for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.



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COOKOFF CHAMPS

Winners of the Jackson County Fair's inaugural BBQ contest are Jake Stade (from left) and Kevin Brockmueller, first place and people's choice winner; Joe Micklos, second place; and Chad Tweedt, third place.

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 Champion: Renae Vancura
 Reserve Champion: Zoey Hall
Junior Showmanship
 Champion: Kirbee Mulder
 Reserve Champion: Layden Larson
Senior Interview
 Champion: Meta Tewes
 Reserve Champion: Noah Thompson
Intermediate Interview
 Champion: Renae Vancura
 Reserve Champion: Landon Carter
Junior Interview
 Champion: Kirbee Mulder
 Reserve Champion: Layden Larsen

New Vision Feeder Calf Project
Rate of Grain
 Champion: Teagan Swenson
 Reserve Champion: Mackenzie Ehlers
Showmanship
 Champion: Michael Hansen
 Reserve Champion: Teagan Swenson
Interview
 Champion: Teagan Swenson
 Reserve Champion: Micheal Hansen



Kirbee Mulder, champion junior interview



Layden Larsen, reserve champion junior interview



Noah Thompson, reserve champion senior interview



Kirbee Mulder, champion market steer and champion market animal



Meta Tewes, champion senior interview



Landon Carter, reserve champion intermediate interview



Braden Yonker, reserve champion market heifer



Renae Vancura, champion intermediate showmanship and champion intermediate interview



Zoey Hall, champion prospect market heifer and champion prospect calf



Teagan Swenson, champion rate of gain, champion interview and reserve champion showmanship



Layden Larsen, reserve champion junior showmanship



Meta Tewes, champion cow/calf pair



Eli Hedstrom, champion prospect market steer and reserve champion prospect market calf



Michael Hansen, champion interview and champion showmanship



Meta Tewes, reserve champion market animal



Kirbee Mulder, champion breeding heifer



Meta Tewes, champion market heifer



Mackenzie Ehlers, champion rate of gain



Cody Vancura, reserve champion prospect market steer



Layden Larsen, reserve champion breeding heifer



Renae Vancura, reserve champion market steer



Zoey Hall, reserve champion intermediate showmanship



Kirbee Mulder, champion junior showmanship



Cameron Brunk, reserve champion prospect market heifer



Meta Tewes, champion senior showmanship



Caleb Vancura, reserve champion senior showmanship

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Payten Benda, reserve champion senior interview



Paige Benda, reserve champion intermediate interview



Thomas Bidne, champion intermediate interview



Daniel Staples, champion junior interview



Meta Tewes, champion senior interview

SHEEP RESULTS

Breeding Ewe
 Champion: Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth
 Reserve Champion: Payten Benda
Overall Market Lamb
 Champion: Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth
 Reserve Champion: Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth
Lightweight Market Lamb
 Champion: Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth
 Reserve Champion: Meta Tewes
Middleweight Market Lamb
 Champion: Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth
 Reserve Champion: Kiana Erickson
Heavyweight Market Lamb
 Champion: Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth
 Reserve Champion: Kiana Erickson
Senior Showmanship
 Champion: Sylvia Nesseth
 Reserve Champion: Payten Benda
Intermediate Showmanship
 Champion: Paige Benda
 Reserve Champion: Cael Entriiken
Junior Showmanship
 Champion: Will Staples
 Reserve Champion: Cooper Nelson
Senior Interview
 Champion: Meta Tewes
 Reserve Champion: Payten Benda
Intermediate Interview
 Champion: Thomas Bidne
 Reserve Champion: Paige Benda
Junior Interview
 Champion: Daniel Staples
 Reserve Champion: Ella Nesseth



Meta Tewes, reserve champion lightweight market lamb



Cael Entriiken, reserve champion intermediate showmanship



Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth, champion senior showmanship



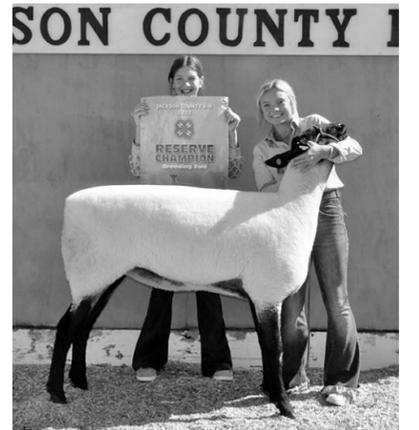
Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth, reserve champion market lamb, champion lightweight market lamb



Will Staples, champion junior showmanship



Cooper Nelson, reserve champion junior showmanship



Payten Benda, reserve champion breeding ewe



Paige Benda, champion intermediate showmanship



Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth, champion middleweight market lamb



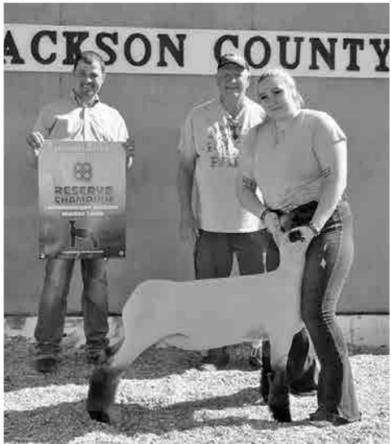
Payten Benda, reserve champion senior showmanship



Kiana Erickson, reserve champion heavyweight market lamb



Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth, champion breeding ewe



Kiana Erickson, reserve champion middleweight market lamb



Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth, champion market lamb, champion heavyweight market lamb

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GOAT RESULTS

Lightweight Market Goat
 Champion: Lucas Ahrenstorff
 Reserve Champion: Bradley Beranek

Middleweight Market Goat
 Champion: Jada Milbrath
 Reserve Champion: Cameron Brunk

Heavyweight Market Goat
 Champion: Daniel Staples
 Reserve Champion: Will Staples

Overall Market Goat
 Champion: Daniel Staples
 Reserve Champion: Lucas Ahrenstorff

Junior Meat Breeding Doe
 Champion: Reece Johnson
 Reserve Champion: Mackenzie Ehlers

Senior Meat Breeding Doe
 Champion: Reece Johnson
 Reserve Champion: Thomas Freking

Yearling Meat Breeding Doe
 Champion: Reece Johnson
 Reserve Champion: Michael Hansen

Overall Meat Breeding Doe
 Champion: Reece Johnson
 Reserve Champion: Thomas Freking

Senior Showmanship
 Champion: Landin Warmka
 Reserve Champion: Noah Thompson

Intermediate Showmanship
 Champion: Sadie Hotzler
 Reserve Champion: Levi Thompson

Junior Showmanship
 Champion: Will Staples
 Reserve Champion: Daniel Staples

Senior Interview
 Champion: Reece Johnson
 Reserve Champion: Ian Titterington

Intermediate Interview
 Champion: Jacob Zuehlke
 Reserve Champion: Raeleigh Hill

Junior Interview
 Champion: Regan Hill
 Reserve Champion: Bradley Beranek



Bradley Beranek, reserve champion junior interview



Raeleigh Hill, reserve champion intermediate interview



Regan Hill, champion junior interview



Reece Johnson, champion senior interview



Daniel Staples, champion market goat



Mackenzie Ehlers, reserve champion junior meat breeding doe



Thomas Freking, reserve champion meat breeding doe, reserve champion senior meat breeding doe



Reece Johnson, champion meat breeding doe, champion senior meat breeding doe



Jada Milbrath, champion middleweight market goat



Daniel Staples, champion heavyweight market goat



Lucas Ahrenstorff, reserve champion market goat, champion lightweight market goat



Sadie Hotzler, champion intermediate showmanship



Bradley Beranek, reserve champion lightweight market goat



Michael Hansen, reserve champion yearling meat breeding doe



Daniel Staples, reserve champion junior showmanship



Levi Thompson, reserve champion intermediate showmanship



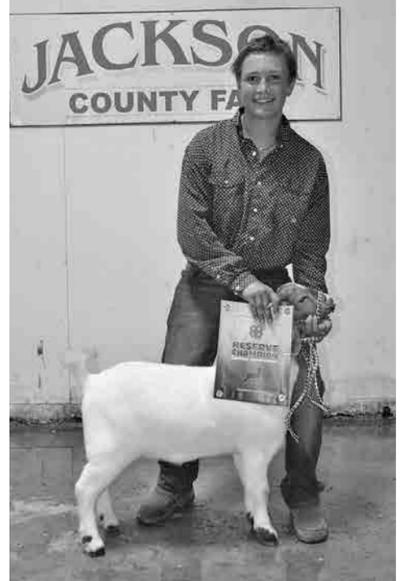
Cameron Brunk, reserve champion middleweight market goat



Landin Warmka, champion senior showmanship



Reece Johnson, champion junior meat breeding doe



Ian Titterington, reserve champion senior interview



Will Staples, reserve champion heavyweight market goat



Reece Johnson, champion yearling meat breeding doe



Will Staples, champion junior showmanship



Noah Thompson, reserve champion senior showmanship

POULTRY RESULTS

Duck-Bantam Breeding Pen
 Champion: Kain Titterington
 Reserve Champion: Jack Blundell
Chickens-Market Pen
 Champion: Aralia Ruby
 Reserve Champion: Aubriella Zittritsch
Chickens-Egg Production, Brown Eggs
 Champion: Aralia Ruby
Chickens-Egg Production
 Champion: Aralia Ruby
Chickens-Breeding Pen
 Champion: Aralia Ruby
 Reserve Champion: Aralia Ruby
Turkeys-Market Pen
 Champion: Noah Thompson
 Reserve Champion: Michael Hansen
Overall Poultry
 Champion: Aralia Ruby
 Reserve Champion: Kain Titterington
Senior Showmanship
 Champion: Sarah Hedstrom
 Reserve Champion: Ian Titterington
Intermediate Showmanship
 Champion: Kenneth Hotzler
 Reserve Champion: Aralia Ruby
Junior Showmanship
 Champion: Mason Haar
 Reserve Champion: Reid Carter
Senior Interview
 Champion: Ian Titterington
 Reserve Champion: Trey Rossow
Intermediate Interview
 Champion: Aralia Ruby
 Reserve Champion: Landon Carter
Junior Interview
 Champion: Mason Haar
 Reserve Champion: Reid Carter



Mason Haar, champion junior interview



Reid Carter, reserve champion junior interview



Landon Carter, reserve champion intermediate interview



Aralia Ruby, champion poultry; reserve champion intermediate showmanship; champion intermediate interview; champion chickens-market pen; champion chicken-egg production, brown eggs; champion chickens-egg production; champion chickens-breeding pen; reserve champion chickens-breeding pen



Aubriella Zittritsch, champion chickens-market pen



Mason Haar, champion geese breeding pen



Ian Titterington, reserve champion senior showmanship



Ian Titterington, champion senior interview



Reid Carter, reserve champion junior showmanship



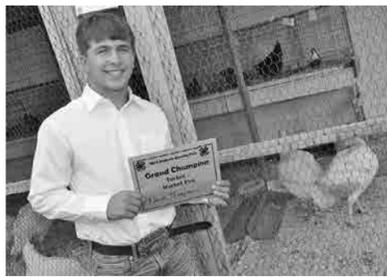
Aubriella Zittritsch, champion chicken-egg production, white eggs



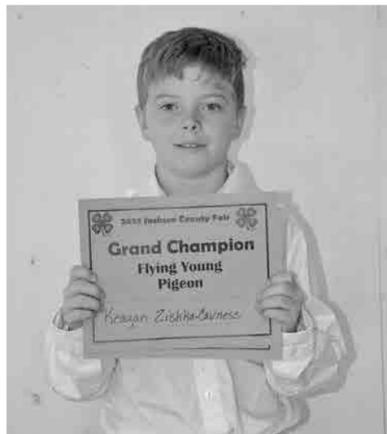
Sarah Hedstrom, champion senior showmanship



Trey Rossow, reserve champion senior interview



Noah Thompson, champion turkeys-market pen



Keagan Zishka-Cavness, champion flying young pigeon



Kenneth Hotzler, champion intermediate showmanship



Kain Titterington, champion duck-bantam breeding pen



Keagan Zishka-Cavness, reserve champion chicken-bantam breeding pen



Mason Haar, champion junior showmanship



Keagan Zishka-Cavness, champion chicken-bantam breeding pen



Jack Blundell, reserve champion duck-bantam breeding pen



Aubriella Zittritsch, champion chicken-egg production, colored eggs



Michael Hansen, reserve champion turkeys-market pen



Kain Titterington, reserve champion poultry

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Club projects

Banner
 Champion: Heron Landers
 Reserve Champion: LaCrosse Loyal Workers
 Honorable Mention: Petersburg Willing Workers
Community Pride
 Champion: Delafield Diggers
 Reserve Champion: Rost-Sioux Valley Hustlers
Flower Box
 Champion: Enterprise Earners
 Reserve Champion: Heron Landers
Scrapbook
 Champion: Middletown Livewires
 Reserve Champion: LaCrosse Loyal Workers

Presentation day

Demonstrations
 Champion: Ashlyn Rasche
Presentations and speeches
 Champion: Aralia Rudy
Creative Writing
 Champion: Anna Hedstrom
 Reserve Champion: Tressa Withers
 3-5 Champion: Charlee Hansen
 3-5 Reserve Champion: Simeon Peterson
 6-8 Champion: Anna Hedstrom
 6-8 Reserve Champion: Tressa Withers
 9+ Champion: Kylie Zishka

Food Revue

Champion: Aralia Ruby
 3-5 Champion: Ashlyn Rasche
 3-5 Reserve Champion: Abigail Ackermann
 6-8 Champion: Aralia Ruby
 6-8 Reserve Champion: Ellie Rasche
Purchased Clothing
 Champion: Tressa Withers
 Reserve Champion: Alivia Ackermann
Purchased Clothing Fashion Revue
 Champion: Tressa Withers
 Reserve Champion: Ellie Rasche
 3-5 Champion: Alivia Ackermann
 6-8 Champion: Tressa Withers
 6-8 Reserve Champion: Ellie Rasche
Constructed Clothing
 Champion: Kylie Zishka
 Reserve Champion: Rachel Mohr
 3-5 Champion: Alivia Ackermann
 9+ Champion: Kylie Zishka
 9+ Reserve Champion: Rachel Mohr
Constructed Clothing Fashion Revue
 Champion: Rachel Mohr
 Reserve Champion: Kylie Zishka
 3-5 Champion: Alivia Ackermann
 9+ Champion: Rachel Mohr
 9+ Reserve Champion: Kylie Zishka
Sewn Non-Garment

Champion: Ellie Rasche
 Reserve Champion: Aralia Ruby
 3-5 Champion: Abigail Ackermann
 6-8 Champion: Ellie Rasche
 6-8 Reserve Champion: Aralia Ruby
\$20 Challenge
 Champion: Tressa Withers
 Reserve Champion: Erica Hotzler
 3-5 Champion: Erica Hotzler
 3-5 Reserve Champion: Abigail Ackermann
 6-8 Champion: Tressa Withers
Performing Arts
 Champion: Anna Hedstrom
 Reserve Champion: Sarah Hedstrom
 3-5 Champion: Alivia Ackermann
 3-5 Reserve Champion: Erica Hotzler
 6-8 Champion: Anna Hedstrom
 6-8 Reserve Champion: Aralia Ruby
 9+ Champion: Eli Hedstrom
 9+ Reserve Champion: Sarah Hedstrom

Aerospace

Champion: Carter Milbrath
 Reserve Champion: Cody Vancura
Agronomy
 Champion: Landen Carter
 Reserve Champion: Teagen Swenson
Corn
 Champion: Landen Carter
 Reserve Champion: Teagen Swenson
Soybeans
 Champion: Teagen Swenson
 Reserve Champion: Gavin Tusa
Child and Family Development
 Champion: Alivia Ackermann
 Reserve Champion: Aubriella Zitritsch
Consumer Education and Money Management
 Champion: Teagen Swenson
 Reserve Champion: Julia Bidne
Crafts Grades 3-5
 Champion: Mason Haar
 Reserve Champion: Carter Milbrath
Crafts Grades 6-8
 Champion: Zadie-Ann Johnson
 Reserve Champion: Cameron Brunk
Crafts Grades 9+
 Champion: Aubree Tidyman
Overall Craft
 Champion: Zadie-Ann Johnson
 Reserve Champion: Mason Haar
Fine Arts Grades 3-5
 Champion: Ashlyn Rasche
 Reserve Champion: Brynn Erickson
Fine Arts Grades 6-8
 Champion: Abigail Mohr
 Reserve Champion: Mackenzie Bass
Fine Arts Grades 9+
 Champion: Anna Fest
 Reserve Champion: Rachel Mohr

Overall Fine Arts

Champion: Abigail Mohr
 Reserve Champion: Mackenzie Bass
Exploring Animals
 Champion: Thomas Bidne
Foods Grades 3-5
 Champion: Carter Milbrath
 Reserve Champion: Simeon Peterson
Foods Grades 6-8
 Champion: Aralia Ruby
 Reserve Champion: Lydia Fest
Foods Grades 9+
 Champion: Sarah Hedstrom
 Reserve Champion: Anna Fest
Overall Foods
 Champion: Sarah Hedstrom
 Reserve Champion: Anna Fest
Nutrition Grades 9+
 Champion: Sarah Hedstrom
Overall Nutrition
 Champion: Sarah Hedstrom
Food Preservation Grades 3-5
 Champion: Carly Clark
 Reserve Champion: Carter Milbrath
Food Preservation Grades 6-8
 Champion: Ashton Reirson
 Reserve Champion: Landen Tidyman
Food Preservation Grades 9+
 Champion: Isabella Costello
 Reserve Champion: Jamie Edlin
Overall Food Preservation
 Champion: Isabella Costello
 Reserve Champion: Ashton Reirson
Global Connections
 Champion: Jamie Edlin
 Reserve Champion: Lydia Fest
Health and Wellness
 Champion: Brynn Erickson
 Reserve Champion: Carly Clark
Home Environment
 Champion: Carter Milbrath
 Reserve Champion: Alivia Ackermann
Overall Horticulture
 Champion: Mackenzie Bass
 Reserve Champion: Lydia Fest
Flower Gardening
 Champion: Lydia Fest
 Reserve Champion: Aubrey Erickson
Indoor Gardening
 Champion: Mackenzie Bass
 Reserve Champion: Bradley Beranek
Overall Industrial Technology
 Champion: Dylan Withers
 Reserve Champion: Jamie Edlin
Metal Work
 Champion: Dylan Withers
 Reserve Champion: Tressa Withers
Woodworking
 Champion: Jamie Edlin
 Reserve Champion: Caden Tusa

Overall Natural Resources

Champion: Mackenzie Bass
 Reserve Champion: Kenzie-Ella Johnson
Entomology
 Champion: Mackenzie Bass
Exploring the Environment
 Champion: Kenzie-Ella Johnson
Forest Resources
 Champion: Teagen Swenson
Needle Arts
 Champion: Sarah Hedstrom
 Reserve Champion: Ellie Rasche
Overall Pets
 Champion: Gage Mandelkow
 Reserve Champion: Ellie Rasche
Dogs
 Champion: Ellie Rasche
 Reserve Champion: Aralia Ruby
Pets
 Champion: Gage Mandelkow
Elements of Photography Grades 3-5
 Champion: Regan Hill
 Reserve Champion: Ashlyn Rasche
Elements of Photography Grades 6-8
 Champion: Anna Hedstrom
 Reserve Champion: Abigail Mohr
Elements of Photography Grades 9+
 Champion: Anna Fest
 Reserve Champion: Anna Fest
Overall Photography
 Champion: Anna Fest
 Reserve Champion: Anna Hedstrom
Quilting
 Champion: Aubrie Nelson
Self-Determined
 Champion: Abigail Mohr
 Reserve Champion: Simeon Peterson
Vegetable, Fruit and Herb Gardening
 Champion: Ashton Reirson
 Reserve Champion: Michael Hansen
Fruit
 Champion: Aubree Tidyman
 Reserve Champion: Landen Tidyman
Herb Gardening
 Champion: Kenny Hotzler
 Reserve Champion: Ashlyn Rasche
Potatoes
 Champion: Michael Hansen
Vegetable Gardening Box
 Champion: Ashton Reirson
 Reserve Champion: Colton Reirson
Largest Vegetable
 Champion: Aralia Ruby
Video/Filmmaking
 Champion: Anna Hedstrom
Wildlife Biology and Management
 Champion: Carter Milbrath
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Youth Leadership
 Champion: Ellie Rasche



Ashton Reirson, reserve champion food preservation



Simeon Peterson, reserve champion self-determined



Mackenzie Bass, champion horticulture



Ellie Rasche, reserve champion purchased clothing fashion revue



Michael Hansen, reserve champion vegetable, fruit and herb gardening



Lydia Fest, reserve champion horticulture



Ashton Reirson, champion vegetable, fruit and herb gardening



Anna Hedstrom, champion video/filmmaking



Ellie Rasche, reserve champion pets



Ellie Rasche, champion youth leadership



Ellie Rasche, reserve champion needle arts



Erica Hotzler, reserve champion \$20 challenge



Mackenzie Bass, champion entomology



Landon Carter, champion agronomy



Aralia Ruby, champion food revue, champion presentation and speeches



Ellie Rasche (left), champion sewn non-garment, and Aralia Ruby, reserve champion sewn non-garment



Thomas Bidne, champion exploring animals



Sarah Hedstrom, champion needle arts



Anna Hedstrom (left), champion creative writing, and Tressa Withers, reserve champion creative writing



Jamie Edlin, reserve champion industrial technology



Jamie Edlin, champion global connections



Cater Milbrath, champion wildlife biology and management



Tressa Withers (left), champion purchased clothing, and Alivia Ackermann, reserve champion purchased clothing



Abigail Mohr, champion fine arts



Sarah Hedstrom, champion foods



Anna Hedstrom, reserve champion photography



Zadie-Anne Johnson, champion crafts



Carter Milbrath, champion aerospace



Kylie Zishka (left), champion constructed clothing and reserve champion constructed clothing fashion revue, and Rachel Mohr, champion constructed clothing fashion revue and reserve champion constructed clothing



Dylan Withers, champion industrial technology



Abigail Mohr, champion self-determined



Sarah Hedstrom, champion nutrition



Anna Hedstrom (right), champion performing arts, and Sara Hedstrom, reserve champion performing arts



Tressa Withers, champion purchased clothing, champion purchased clothing fashion revue



Cody Vancura, reserve champion aerospace



Tressa Withers, champion \$20 challenge



Julia Bidne, reserve champion consumer education



Ashlyn Rasche, champion demonstration

DAIRY RESULTS

Spring Calf
 Champion: AJ Hansen
 Reserve Champion: Deja Harris
Junior Dairy Calf
 Champion: Aubree Tidyman
 Reserve Champion: AJ Hansen
Three-Year-Old Cow
 Champion: Levi Thompson
Senior Dairy Animal
 Champion: Noah Thompson
 Reserve Champion: Joshua Thompson
Overall Dairy Animal
 Champion: Noah Thompson
 Reserve Champion: Joshua Thompson
Senior Showmanship
 Champion: Noah Thompson
 Reserve Champion: Aubrey Tidyman
Intermediate Showmanship
 Champion: Joshua Thompson
 Reserve Champion: Levi Thompson
Junior Showmanship
 Champion: Deja Harris
 Reserve Champion: AJ Hansen
Senior Interview
 Champion: Noah Thompson
Intermediate Interview
 Champion: Joshua Thompson
 Reserve Champion: Levi Thompson



Noah Thompson, champion senior showmanship, champion senior interview, champion overall dairy animal, champion senior dairy animal



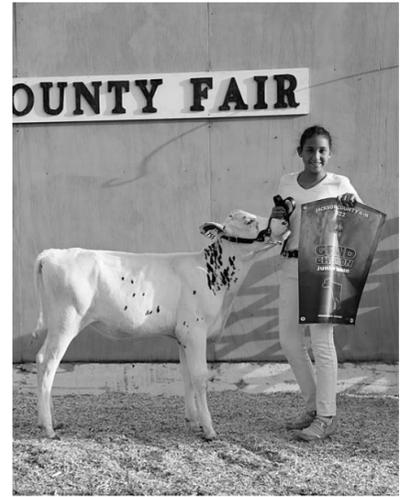
Joshua Thompson, reserve champion overall dairy animal, reserve champion senior dairy animal, champion intermediate showmanship, champion intermediate interview



Aubree Tidyman, reserve champion senior showmanship



Levi Thompson, reserve champion intermediate showmanship, reserve champion intermediate interview, champion 3-year-old cow



Deja Harris, reserve champion spring calf, champion junior showmanship



AJ Hansen, reserve champion junior dairy calf



AJ Hanson, reserve champion junior showmanship



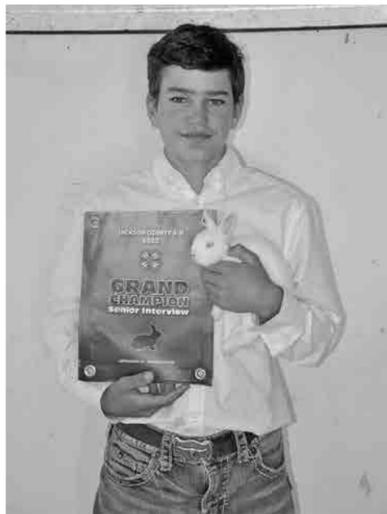
Aubree Tidyman, champion junior dairy calf

RABBIT RESULTS

Overall Breeding Rabbit
 Champion: Kallee Nelson
 Reserve Champion: Mason Haar
Senior Showmanship
 Champion: Michael Hansen
 Reserve Champion: Kylie Zishka
 Honorable Mention: Jamie Edlin
Intermediate Showmanship
 Champion: Kallee Nelson
 Reserve Champion: Mackenzie Bass
 Honorable Mention: Mackenzie Ehlers
Junior Showmanship
 Champion: Aubrie Nelson
 Reserve Champion: Jada Milbrath
 Honorable Mention: Reagan Hill
Senior Interview
 Champion: Jack Blundell
 Reserve Champion: Kylie Zishka
 Honorable Mention: Michael Hansen
Intermediate Interview
 Champion: Kallee Nelson
 Reserve Champion: Mackenzie Bass
 Honorable Mention: Raleigh Hill
Junior Interview
 Champion: Aubrie Nelson
 Reserve Champion: Jada Milbrath
 Honorable Mention: AJ Hansen



Kylie Zishka, reserve champion senior interview



Jack Blundell, champion senior interview



Kallee Nelson, champion intermediate showmanship



Jada Milbrath, reserve champion junior showmanship



Mackenzie Bass, reserve champion intermediate showmanship



Aubrie Nelson, champion junior interview



Mackenzie Bass, reserve champion intermediate interview



Kylie Zishka, reserve champion senior showmanship



Kallee Nelson, champion intermediate interview



Jada Milbrath, reserve champion junior showmanship



Michael Hansen, champion senior showmanship



Mason Haar, reserve champion breeding rabbit



Aubrie Nelson, champion junior showmanship



Kallee Nelson, champion breeding rabbit

HORSE RESULTS

Overall Points Horse
 Champion: Sadie Hotzler
Junior Pleasure Horse
 Champion: Keagan Zishka-Cavness
 Reserve Champion: Erica Hotzler
Intermediate Pleasure Horse
 Champion: Sadie Hotzler
 Reserve Champion: Aralia Ruby
Senior Pleasure Horse
 Champion: Ian Titterington
Junior Games Horse
 Champion: Erica Hotzler
 Reserve Champion: Keagan Zishka-Cavness
Intermediate Games Horse
 Champion: Sadie Hotzler
 Reserve Champion: Jessica Dvorak
Senior Games Horse
 Champion: Kylie Zishka
 Reserve Champion: Ian Titterington
Senior Horse Showmanship
 Champion: Ian Titterington
Intermediate Horse Showmanship
 Champion: Jessica Dvorak
 Reserve Champion: Sadie Hotzler
Junior Horse Showmanship
 Champion: Grace Larson
 Reserve Champion: Erica Hotzler
Senior Horse Interview
 Champion: Ian Titterington
 Reserve Champion: Kylie Zishka
Intermediate Horse Interview
 Champion: Josie Dvorak
 Reserve Champion: Jessica Dvorak
Junior Horse Interview
 Champion: Erica Hotzler
 Reserve Champion: Keagan Zishka-Cavness



Sadie Hotzler, overall points horse, reserve champion intermediate showmanship, champion intermediate pleasure horse, champion intermediate games horse

PREMIER SHOWMANSHIP

Premier showmanship
 Champion: Ladin Warmka
 Reserve champion: Noah Thompson
Junior stockman
 Champion: Levi Thompson
 Reserve champion: Joshua Thompson



Ladin Warmka (left), champion premier showman, and Noah Thompson (right) reserve champion premier showman



Joshua Thompson (left), reserve junior stockman, and Levi Thompson, champion junior stockman

PET RESULTS

Champion: Walker Christoffer, champion pet
Reserve champion: Ellie Rasche



Walker Christoffers and "Budy," champion pet



Ellie Rasche and "Izzy," reserve champion pet



Erica Hotzler, reserve champion junior showmanship, reserve champion junior pleasure horse, champion junior interview, champion junior games horse



Kylie Zishka, champion senior games horse, reserve champion senior interview



Aralia Ruby, reserve champion intermediate pleasure horse



Keagan Zishka-Cavness, champion junior pleasure horse, reserve champion junior interview, reserve champion junior games horse



Ian Titterington, champion senior showmanship, champion senior pleasure horse, champion senior interview, reserve champion senior games horse



Josie Dvorak, champion intermediate interview



Jessica Dvorak, champion intermediate showmanship, reserve champion intermediate interview, reserve champion intermediate games horse

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FINE FAIR

Above: Jackson Voehl celebrates during the New Vision 4-H feeder calf show during the Jackson County Fair. Right: Joe Micklos competes in the fair's inaugural BBQ contest on Saturday.



Above: Zoey Hall is all smiles as she shakes judge Grady Ruble's hand during the 4-H beef show last Thursday at the Jackson County Fair. Top right: Cody Vancura keeps his full attention on Ruble during the beef show. Right: Niko Nesseth wins an arm wrestling contest against Goldy the Gopher. Below: Clay Malchow plunges into the mud while running the youth obstacle course at last week's fair. Bottom: Aliya Mitchell has a look of determination on her face as she competes in the Jackson County Fair's pedal tractor pull last Tuesday evening.





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FAIR FUN

Above: Julia Bidne flashes a smile during the 4-H premium auction on the final day of the Jackson County Fair Saturday. Below: Poultry show judge Wayne Fischer evaluates Keagan Zishka-Cavness' pigeon last Wednesday morning. Left: Ella Nesselth hangs with her lambs during a break in the 4-H sheep show last Wednesday afternoon. Top left: Benjamin Ackermann keeps his eyes on judge Justin Tibbits during the swine show this past Friday.



Above: Kirbee Mulder is all smiles after winning champion breeding heifer at the Jackson County Fair. Right: Raeleigh Hill (left) and sister Rowan Hill get their rabbit ready to be judged last Wednesday morning.



Above: Toz bandmates David Ellefson (from left), Greg Handevit and Shawn Williams rock the fair Friday night. Top right: Little Gopher fan Blakley Hummel enjoys a slice of watermelon during Gopher Rally Day at the fair this past Friday. Bottom right: Payten Benda gets up close with her pig during the swine show this past Friday.



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