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The Jackson County Central volleyball team swept Fairmont Monday for its 23rd win of the season.
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County board takes a stand on the Second Amendment

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved a resolution stating the county will protect its citizens' Second Amendment rights and declaring Jackson County a "Second Amendment Dedicated County."

The action comes two months after commissioners declined to act on a similar resolution, citing a fear of politicizing the board.

The resolution presented Tuesday by board member Phil Nasby and approved on a unanimous vote is a revised version of the original. The revised resolution removed language commissioners felt would require them to go beyond the scope of their authority with respect to state and federal law.



Phil Nasby

The resolution was first introduced by members of the Jackson County Second Amendment Group, a local citizens' organization dedicated to protecting gun rights. The original version of the resolution was earlier approved by councils in Jackson, Lakefield, Okabena and Alpha.

In other action from Tuesday's board meeting:

TILE CONSULTANT PRESENTS INFO

Board hears from NextEra tile consultant
Representatives from Ellingson Infrastructure Management, a construction solutions company
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Right: Workers with Building Restoration Corp. raise a recently restored Lady Justice back atop the Jackson County Courthouse dome Monday afternoon.
Below: The statue is carefully hoisted up from the courthouse roof.



BACK ON TOP

Photos by
Justin Lessman
and Joshua Schuetz



Above: Workers with Building Restoration Corp. play their individual parts as a recently restored Lady Justice is raised to the top of the courthouse dome. Left: The statue is back atop the dome after a nearly four-month absence.



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ

Teresa Chonko (left) of the Loon Lake Cemetery Restoration and Preservation Committee talks with authors Dennis and Michele Waskul about a pioneer grave at the cemetery.

A NEW LOOK

Author duo who once lamented devastation of cemetery marvel at its restoration

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Five years ago, two Minnesota authors lamented the destruction done at Jackson County's Loon Lake Cemetery.

Earlier this month, they
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Authors Dennis Waskul (third from left) and Michele Waskul (second from left), along with their daughter, Mikayla Waskul (left), gather with members of the Loon Lake Cemetery Restoration and Preservation Committee, including Allen Weinzetl (from right), Teresa Chonko, Bill Hanson, Mary Chonko and Mark Guritz, following a recent visit to the cemetery.

Local banks cool on proposed IRS tracking

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

A recent proposal by the Internal Revenue Service to increase monitoring of most Americans' bank accounts has caused turmoil on Capitol Hill, public outrage across the country and concern among local bankers.

Under the policy, which is included as part of President Joe Biden's proposed American Families Plan, banks would be required to submit reports on any account with a balance in excess of \$600 or with transactions totaling more

than \$600 over the course of a year. While federal officials — including U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen — have said the goal of the policy is to prevent tax fraud by wealthy individuals, Republicans — along with some Democrats — countered the proposal would significantly impair Americans' financial privacy.

That's the view taken by local banks.

Paul Meium, president of Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Alpha, said the proposal would affect just about every account at his bank — and in the

country, for that matter. "I can understand wanting reports when you have \$10,000 in currency transactions, but the \$600 threshold would mean tracking virtually every account," he said. "I think it would end up including a lot of people in those reports who do not need to be included."

One major concern for Meium is the policy could lead people without bank accounts to not secure their money, leading them to miss out on interest and other benefits provided by banks.

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Ten JCC FFA members to convention

Henning national finalist, Pell to be awarded degree

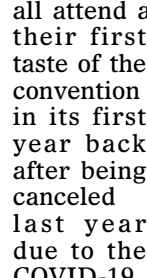
by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Ten members of the Jackson County Central FFA Chapter will be Indianapolis next week at the 94th annual National FFA Convention and Expo.

Eight will get their first taste of the convention, one will compete and one will be honored.

Reese Anderson, Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth, Jamie

Edlin, Samantha Henning, Kendal Krumwiede, Taryn Lessman, Rachel Mohr and Kylee Wenzel will all attend as delegates — their first taste of the convention in its first year back after being canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



William Pell

Mackenzie Henning attends as a top-four finalist for the national grain production proficiency award.

And William Pell attends as a recipient of the prestigious American FFA degree.

JCC FFA Chapter Advisor Laura Bidne said the locals leave Jackson Monday evening and return early the morning of Oct. 29. Grain production proficiency awards are announced the Friday of the convention;



Mackenzie Henning

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WEATHER

This week

Table with weather forecasts for Thursday through Wednesday, including conditions like 'Partly Cloudy', 'Showers', and temperatures.

LAST WEEK

Table with weather forecasts for last week from Tuesday to Monday, including conditions like 'Partly Cloudy' and temperatures.

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Beulah D. Erickson, 90



A Celebration of Life Service for Beulah D. Erickson, 90, of Sherburn, Minnesota. She passed away on October 19, 2021.

Buchan. She was baptized and confirmed in the Alpha Presbyterian Church.

The Lord provided Beulah the gift to teach. She spent her career as a school teacher, teaching in Worthington, MN, Armstrong, IA, and Sherburn, MN.

with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of fifty-one years, Dorothy Rosa of Fairmont, MN; sons, Joe (Angel) Rosa of Sauk Rapids, MN, Bill (Lynn) Rosa of Windom, MN and Jim (Stacey) Rosa of Clear Lake, MN.

State of Minnesota

- List of traffic citations from the State of Minnesota, including names like Aguilar Castro, Albrecht, Amonett, Amuor, Anderson, Arias Guardado, etc.

McCoid, Robert R., West Alexander, Pa., Speed \$140.00

- List of traffic citations from other jurisdictions, including names like McCoid, Alexander, Moreno, Martin, Worthington, etc.

Raymond A. Rosa, 79



Mass of Christian Burial for Raymond A. Rosa, age 79, of Fairmont, MN. He passed away on October 21, 2021.

Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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Carol L. Sohn, 74

A Service of Remembrance for Carol L. Sohn, 74, of rural Jackson, Minnesota. She passed away on October 29, 2021.

Russell Fransen, 97

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Emmet County, Iowa, Sheriff's Office with a homicide investigation and subsequent arrests. A deputy responded to an ordinance violation in Jackson.

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CORRECTION

An article in the Oct. 14 Fall Ag Update about the Tim and Wendy Tungland tractor collection should have stated many of their tractors are poised to sell.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mayor addresses meeting of local business and community leaders

It takes a lot of work by a lot of people to make a prosperous community.

That's the word from Jackson Mayor Wayne Walter, who met with business and community leaders gathered Monday for the biweekly meeting of the Jackson Kiwanis Club and served as the day's guest speaker.

Walter, who is in his third term as mayor of Jackson, said while elected officials do what they can to make Jackson the best place it can be, much of the heavy lifting is done by volunteers — both individuals and groups.

"In a town this size, we rely heavily on the contributions of good groups and committees," he said, among them the Jackson Economic Development Corp., the Jackson Business Development Committee and even the Jackson Kiwanis Club itself.

"I thank the Kiwanis for all the community functions you do," Walter said.

The Jackson Kiwanis Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

Downtown business is local outlet for tickets to Opry Christmas show

A downtown Jackson business is the local outlet for tickets to the 2021 Opry Christmas Jackson Style live musical extravaganza, which returns for its 12th year this December after taking last year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tickets for reserved seating to the two Dec. 4 shows are available now at Colleen Anderson Insurance Agency on Jackson's Main Street or by calling 847-3891 or 847-2009.

Prospective entrepreneurs invited to apply for '22 business challenge

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

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

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

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

COUNTY: Resolution

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based out of West Concord, appeared before the board to present information about their company, which is working with NextEra Energy on the Three Waters Wind Project, a major wind farm project recently acquired by the company.

Ellingson will work with NextEra and local landowners on concerns related to tile drainage systems, providing digital maps and ensuring the project can move forward in a way that works for NextEra and local landowners. The company has extensive experience in agricultural drainage, which accounts for about one-third of their projects.

MILLER HONORED

The board recognized Jackson County Court Services support worker Trudy Miller for her work with the county, which was described as exceptional and going beyond the call of duty.

Miller, who works in several different positions at the county courthouse,

was awarded the Minnesota Association of County Probation Offices Spotlight Award for her service at the association's most recent conference.

POLICY REVISED

The board approved a proposed amending of the county's contracting policy to streamline review turnaround time.

The proposal, brought forward by Jackson County Administrator Ryan Krosch, would allow additional contract review options, including the use of private law firms, to review contracts.

Currently, all contracts are reviewed by the Jackson County Attorney's Office. A backlog in the judicial due to the pandemic and understaffing has led to longer turnaround times for contract review. Commissioners approved the policy change and expressed a desire to move back to in-house contract review as the backlog eases.

Health care foundation accepting grant applications

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Applications are now being accepted for grants from the Jackson Health Care Foundation.

Emily Anderson, Jackson Health Care Foundation secretary, said the foundation typically awards around \$65,000 in grant funds annually to local organizations for health- and wellness-related needs.

Last year, the foundation distributed \$69,538.90. Money went to support gar-

den plots for a community garden, markers for the local trail system, ramps, medical bags for the sheriff's office, equipment for the school athletic trainer, oximeters for anatomy classes, nets for physical education classes, the purchase of an automated external defibrillator for the local pool, softball gear for the community education program, a stair chair for the local ambulance service, accessibility updates at a local park and a trainer for The Pines fit-

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ness center.

Since 2003, the foundation has awarded more than \$1.2 million in grant funds.

Applications for grants will be accepted through Nov. 19, with awards being determined in December. Application forms are available at local banks and online at forms.gle/2iKdz6JNeb3wrvVu6.

The Jackson Health Care Foundation is a nonprofit community-based organization that raises funds and provides grants in support of health awareness and improving the health of the Jackson area community. Applicants must directly benefit the health and wellness of the Jackson area community.

NEW LOOK: Authors marvel at restoration

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marveled its restoration.

In 2016, Dennis Waskul, sociology professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and his wife, Michele, published a book titled, "Ghostly Encounters: The Hauntings of Everyday Life." In it, they explored numerous sites said to be haunted, investigated the stories behind them and studied the community response to those stories.

One of their subjects was Loon Lake Cemetery, famed for its pioneer history, the Civil War veterans buried in its soil and a fallacious witch legend invented by a dishonest mill owner.

In the book's chapter on Loon Lake, the Waskuls debunked the old yarn about Mary Jane Terwilligar, who is buried at the site, and explored the legends in connection with local

metal star David Ellefson. The authors lamented the amount of destruction done to the cemetery, which has resulted in the loss of dozens of headstones from the property, as well as the neglect the site suffered over the years.

Now, they've had a chance to visit the cemetery again and see the work of the Loon Lake Cemetery Restoration and Preservation Committee,

a local group dedicated to preserving, studying and restoring the site. The Waskuls met earlier this month with numerous committee members, including Teresa and Mary Chonko, and got the chance to sign members' copies of their book. Both authors said they were impressed by the improved state of the cemetery, which the committee has worked hard to restore.

TRACKING: Concerns are raised

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"There are unbanked people who may not want to open up a bank account if this was enacted," Meium said. "We're strongly against this policy for the sake of our customers' privacy and trust and we would encourage everyone concerned about it to email or call their representatives."

Some local banks have gone so far as to email all of their customers about the policy, to prevent them from being blindsided.

"We have an email that we're sending to all of our customers regarding it," said Doug Anderson,

branch manager of First National Bank of Lakefield.

Security State Bank Market President Kent Bargfrede said the measure would increase costs for banks in general and independent banks in particular. Security State Bank, which maintains branches in Jackson and Heron Lake, is a member of the Minnesota Bankers Association, which has voiced its opposition to the provision in recent weeks.

"We're all against it because it's another way to break into peoples' accounts," Bargfrede said. "We do have a voice to

lobby for our customers and we have complained about it to legislators."

Far from only targeting the wealthy, Bargfrede, like Meium, said the policy would allow the tracking of nearly every bank account and burden smaller banks with large amounts of paperwork, creating frustration for financial institutions and their customers.

"If they pass it, it will be very costly for independent banks and their customers," Bargfrede said. "It used to be that large transactions were the ones reported, so it doesn't really make sense."

FFA: JCC

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American degrees are presented the following day.

While at the convention, members will take part in leadership development sessions; take in the massive career show and expo; visit Broken Wagon Bison Farm, Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Ozark Fisheries; and attend a rodeo, hypnotist show and country music concert.

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Court File No. 32-PR-21-40
Estate of

Mark A. Whisney,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 8, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 405 4th St., Jackson, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Gary D. Whisney and Donald L. Whisney, whose addresses are 49396 770th St., Jackson, MN 56143 and 135 2nd Ave., Jackson, MN 56143, respectively, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the

petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: October 8, 2021
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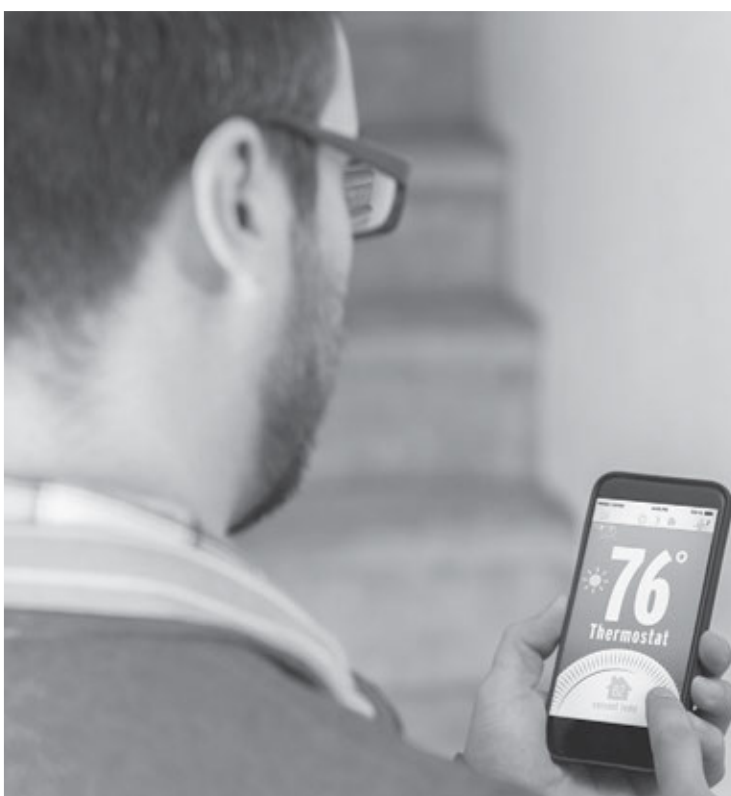
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OPINION



PILOT EDITORIAL

Loss of local mental health center location a blow to community

The rise of telemedicine and a shortage of clinicians are being blamed for the upcoming closure of Jackson County's Southwest Mental Health Center location, along with that of Cottonwood County. Whatever the ultimate causes, there's no question the move to close the Jackson location will harm the county's most vulnerable.

Nobody can deny telemedicine is a blessing — it's a great way to see therapists and doctors more conveniently at a lower cost — nor can anyone deny labor shortages have popped up just about everywhere these days.

Center executives claimed most clients prefer telemedicine and that is probably true. At the same time, telemedicine is often insufficient for the people most in need. Those suffering from more severe mental illnesses will likely have a much harder time acclimating to it. Some may not acclimate at all and lose access to mental health care altogether. While in-person therapy will still be offered at some locations, people here — and in Cottonwood County — will have to travel farther to access that option, which may not always be viable depending on work schedules and the conditions experienced by those individuals.

Arguing about motivation does little good. It's easy to blame a particular person for a problem, but quite another to solve it.

At the end of the day, we're seeing a service important to a large number of people in our county being reduced significantly. That's a cause for concern regardless of the reasoning or circumstances. As a community, it's important to take care of those who struggle the most. Losing a mental health center makes it a lot tougher to do that.

We need to figure out a creative solution to this problem. Seeking more state or local government funding might be one option, or a joint system in which the county, school and cities chip in to keep a location in Jackson viable. More young people are suffering from depression and suicidal ideation, as per national statistics and local student surveys. Whatever keeping a mental health center here looks like, it would be well worth a try.

Extra caution required in low-visibility conditions

Question: Recently, it has been extremely foggy on the morning commute; can you give some advice on driving in fog?

Answer: Driving when the weather limits your visibility can be a challenge for all of us on the road. You can reduce your chances of being involved in a crash by eliminating distractions and by following a few safety tips.

Minnesota law states every vehicle on a roadway shall display lighted headlamps, lighted tail lamps and illuminating devices from sunset to sunrise. The law also applies when it's raining, snowing, sleeting or hailing and at any time when visibility is impaired by weather or insufficient light, at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

Basic automatic headlights work through sensors that detect how much light is outside. These sensors are located on the dash of the vehicle. The headlights turn on when the sensors detect a certain level of darkness or the level of ambient light.

The problem is there are limitations to automatic headlights. Sometimes they do not turn on during heavy rain, snow or fog, as the light sensor still detects some light.

Many drivers fail to physically turn on their headlights, which will also activate the rear taillights and marker lights. Some drivers assume the sensors will activate all of the vehicle's lights in reduced visibilities, but that is not always the case. We recommend what's

called the three-second-plus following distance rule. Watch the vehicle in front of you. When that vehicle passes an object such as a sign, pole, bridge, etc., count off three seconds. You should not arrive at that spot sooner than your count to three. If you do, you are following too close! Also, you must add one second for every hazard that exists. Hazards include heavy traffic, rain, snow, fog, driving into the sun, etc. In some cases, you might have to allow six or seven seconds — or even more — to be safe because of existing hazards.

When visibility is reduced, slow down, increase your following distances, manually turn on your lights and eliminate all distractions. You can avoid a ticket

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

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol, at 2900 48th St. NW; Rochester, MN 55901-5848. Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.



ASK A TROOPER
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HANDPICKED CORN

Jackson County farmers show off two loads of handpicked corn back in the fall of 1927. Ninety-four years later, the county's corn harvest is in its final stages.

READERS WRITE

America gone in 60 seconds?

To the editor:
Remember the movie, "Gone in 60 Seconds"? That's how long it feels it took for our country to sink into total anarchy, even though the Biden administration has been in charge for 10 months.

Notice how everything coming out of the federal government is a "mandate"? The administration wants the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to "mandate" vaccines for companies employing more than 100 people or be fined or lose government contracts. People will lose their jobs, pensions and livelihoods. This never went through Congress. This is only another avenue to destroy the infrastructure of this country.

It was horrifying to see the way this administration pulled out of Afghanistan, letting 13 servicemen get killed and leaving \$80 billion-plus worth of equipment for our enemies to use against us directly, or to reverse-engineer it to create more, not to mention the torture and murder the terrorists are employing there.

From 80,000 more coming through Panama from Haiti to an open border to a \$3.5 trillion — actually \$5 trillion — social welfare bill, from abortion on demand up to birth to critical race theory, from trying to form a civilian climate corporation to forcing military members to be vaccinated or quit and pushing gender identify, it seems there is no end to what this administration is trying to do to weaken the military and destroy the economy.

We are in a time when deviant behavior is praised, and more rights are given to people entering this country illegally than the citizens within this country. Anyone who cares about a constitutional republic would not allow us to continue down this path of destruction.

This country will not last if we do not reverse the direction we are going, nor will our children or grandchildren be able to embrace what was once a free America.

Mike Handzus
Lakefield

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: What's your favorite kind of pie?



Source: Jackson County Pilot Website

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: If you could time-travel, which time period would you visit first?

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News from years gone by

10 years ago
Oct. 27, 2011
Work under way on new trucking terminal
Work is under way in Jackson's industrial park on a new trucking terminal for the firm chosen to serve as AGCO-Jackson's dedicated fleet provider.
In June, Doug Bradley Trucking, with corporate headquarters in Salina, Kan., was selected to manage the dedicated fleet for AGCO in Jackson, as well as in Hesston, Kan. To be constructed in Jackson is a 120-foot-by-220-foot building that will serve as a new terminal, which will consist of approximately 18,000 square feet of warehouse and 8,400 square feet of office and shop.

Jackson teen escapes injury in Oct. 20 rollover east of Lakefield
A Jackson teen escaped injury when the vehicle she was driving rolled off County State Aid Highway 14 just east of Lakefield last Thursday morning.
Taylor Briggs, 16, was checked at the scene of the rollover, but released with no apparent injuries, according to Jackson County Sheriff Roger Hawkinson.

The sheriff's office received a report of a one-vehicle rollover shortly before 10 a.m. on Oct. 20. Upon arrival, emergency crews found a 1996 Oldsmobile Bravado driven by Briggs resting on its side.
Obituaries: George M. Kanuch, Agnes G. Wendelsdorf

20 years ago
Oct. 25, 2001
Car stolen in broad daylight
A downtown location and plenty of daylight didn't dissuade a car thief from stealing a 2000 Oldsmobile Intrigue owned by Wade Wacker of Jackson on Thursday.

Wacker's vehicle was parked in the parking lot of his business on Highway 71, United Financial Resources, and was reportedly unlocked with the keys inside. Wacker reported the vehicle missing on Thursday at about 5:20 p.m.
Get the flu before the flu gets you
"We recommend 100 per-

cent of the people get it." That's how Jackson Medical Center Registered Nurse Carey Simmons described the flu shot, which is already being administered at the facility. And, despite last year's shortage, Simmons and Jackson Medical Center Director of Nurses Dawn Schnell assured the public this year's supply looks to be quite adequate.
In fact, JMC has already received this year's shipment of the flu shot, which protects against three strains of respiratory influenza.
Obituaries: Pearl H. Radtke, Mildred Roesner, Kendra J. Elness

30 years ago
Oct. 24, 1991
Bouncing babies may arrive soon
Plans for resurrecting obstetrical services at the Jackson Municipal Hospital are well under way, and the first babies could start arriving as early as January.
Dr. Bruce Kocourek and Dr. Wayne Viehweg briefed the hospital board Tuesday on progress toward the goal, and said they hope an obstetrics program can be in place around the first of the year.

The hospital has not offered obstetrics services for four years, but Kocourek and Viehweg have since been recruited and both are qualified in that area.
Hardest to find daycare services for infants and 'part-time' kids
Many families need two incomes to get by these days. And when Mom joins Dad in the workforce, that means someone has to look after the kids.
Daycare services appear to be readily available in Jackson and across the rest of the county, though those involved with the local child care scene say parents might have problems in some places.
Obituaries: Clara Peters, Otto Hansel

40 years ago
Oct. 22, 1981
Thirteen local groups among United Fund recipients
The first phase of the

1981-1982 Jackson United Fund drive got under way this week with the solicitation of business places. Door-to-door contributions from the residential part of the city will begin Nov. 9.
Twenty-nine organizations, including 13 local groups, will share in the projected \$22,000 United Fund budget this year.
"We think we've set a realistic goal," said Howard Westlie, United Fund general chairman. "Times are tough, but the need is still there."
Board, JEA start mediation process, 'intent to strike' notice renewed
Mediation has been scheduled for today to discuss the differences between what the Jackson Education Association has asked for in salaries and benefits from the District 324 Board and what the board as offered the teachers.
The mediation session begins at 10 a.m. and could continue all day if both sides agree to keep talking and negotiating.
Obituaries: Ervin Vich

50 years ago
Oct. 20, 1971
Jackson County had lowest unemployment rate in state in 1970
Jackson County, in 1970, had the lowest unemployment rate in the state of Minnesota, according to figures released by the Department of Manpower Services in Fairmont.
The figure released was 2.5 percent. Cottonwood County has 2.6 percent, Martin 3.7 percent, and Faribault 3.9 percent. The highest rate of unemployment in 1970 in Minnesota was Mahanomen County at 15.8 percent.
Veterans Day program Monday at high school
A special assembly will take place Monday at 10:20 a.m. in the high school auditorium in observance of Veterans Day.
American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars officers will be present, and the public is invited to attend this tribute.
Obituaries: Richard Porisch, Kelly Sue Jenness

Area faith and worship schedule

Belmont Lutheran Church
Rural Lakefield,
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Sunday, Oct. 24: 10:30 a.m.,
Worship Service
Wednesday, Oct. 27: 1:20 p.m.,
Release Time; 2:30 p.m.,
Confirmation; 5:45 p.m.,
WNL; 6:30 p.m., Jars of Clay
Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
401 7th Ave. N., Lakefield
Pastor: Andrew Schensted
Sunday, Oct. 24: 10:30 a.m.,
Worship Service
Monday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m., Quilt Club
Tuesday, Oct. 26: 6:30 p.m.,
Parish Ed
Wednesday, Oct. 27: 5 p.m.,
Shine Group; 6:30 p.m.,
Confirmation

Church of the Good Shepherd
311 Sverdrup, 847-2504
Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht - Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 21: 8:30 a.m.,
Mass - limited capacity & masks required.
Saturday, Oct. 23: 5 p.m.,
Mass, St. Luke, Sherburn - limited capacity & masks required
Sunday, Oct. 24: 8:30 a.m.,
Mass, Good Shepherd, Jackson - limited capacity & masks required; 10:30 a.m., Mass, St. Joseph, Lakefield - limited capacity & masks required

First Baptist Church
921 Hills Ave., 847-2369
Pastor: Nathan Janzen
Youth & Family Pastor: Thor Kurtz
Thursday, Oct. 21: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil. 4:30 p.m., Elder Led Prayer Group; 7 p.m., Jason Gray Concert
Friday, Oct. 22: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
Saturday, Oct. 23: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
Sunday, Oct. 24: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil. 9 a.m., Upper Room Prayer/Worship Service; 9:30 a.m., Worship Service and Children's Church; 7 p.m., Connect Group - Buresch
Monday, Oct. 25: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil; 9:30 a.m., FBC Staff Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 26: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil; Postponed thru October: Young Adults Connect Group

Wednesday, Oct. 27: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil; 1 p.m., Release Time; 6:15 p.m., AWANA; 6:30 p.m., Jars of Clay Youth - 6th-12th Grade
Thursday, Oct. 28: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil. 4:30 p.m., Elder Led Prayer Group

Grace Lutheran Church
Spirit Lake, 712-336-2446
Thursday, Oct. 21: Grace to Go online
Saturday, Oct. 23: 4 p.m.,
Worship Service in-person only
Sunday, Oct. 24: 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, Oct. 24: 9 a.m.,
Worship Service; 6:30 p.m.,
Worship Service
Wednesday, Oct. 27: 1:20 p.m.,
Release Time; 2:30 p.m.,
Confirmation; 5:45 p.m.,
WNL; 6:30 p.m., Jars of Clay
Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
101 Kimball Ave., 847-3693
Pastor: John Schuetz
Sunday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m.,
Worship Service; 10:15 a.m.,
Education Hour
Monday, Oct. 25: 12 noon,
November Newsletter
Deadline; 3:45 p.m.,
Confirmation (7 & 8)
Tuesday, Oct. 26: 8:30 a.m.,
Quilting Workshop
Wednesday, Oct. 27: 1 p.m.,
Release Time; 2:10 p.m.,
Confirmation (6); 7 p.m.,
Choir
Worship services streamed at 9 a.m. on our Facebook page.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
614 Logan, 847-2856
Thursday, Oct. 21: 8 a.m.,
Men's Study; 2 p.m.,
Martha Circle
Saturday, Oct. 23: 5 p.m.,
Worship Service
Sunday, Oct. 24: 8:30 a.m.,
Worship Service (on KKOJ 1190 AM); 9:30 a.m.,
Congregation Forum

Tuesday, Oct. 26: 8 a.m.,
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Oct. 27: 2:45 p.m.,
Grade 8 Confirmation; 5:15 p.m.,
Hand Bell Choir; 6:15 p.m.,
KICK for Grades 2-3; 6:30 p.m.,
Jars of Clay for Grades 6-12
Thursday, Oct. 28: 8 a.m.,
Men's Study
Worship will be streamed via Facebook & Twitter at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or you can listen on KKOJ 97.7 FM/1190 AM.

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
Sioux Valley, 839-3086
Pastor: Pastor Jacobsen
Thursday, Oct. 21: 12 noon,
Newsletter
Deadline; 7 p.m.,
Jason Grey Concert at JCC High School
Saturday, Oct. 23: 9 a.m.,
IDW LWML Retreat at Mission Central
Sunday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m.,
Divine Service at Trinity; 10 a.m.,
Sunday School at Concordia; 10:45 a.m.,
Divine Service at Concordia; 12 noon,
Voter's Meeting at Concordia; 5:30 p.m.,
Confirmation at Trinity
Pastor Jacobsen is doing live Bible Study Devotions on Facebook weekday mornings at 9 a.m. They will also be available for viewing afterwards at any time there or also on our YouTube site.

Trinity Lutheran Church Alpha, 236-7165
Pastor: Rick Bremseth
Sunday, Oct. 21: 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, Oct. 21: 9:30 a.m.,
Sunday School; 10:45 a.m.,
Worship Service
Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

United Methodist Church
900 North Highway, 847-2681
Pastor: Russ Steele
Sunday, Oct. 21: 10:30 a.m.,
Worship Service

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Surrender for the win
"I surrender!" Those are two words often associated with the "waving of a white flag" during a battle or "throwing in the towel" in a boxing match, signifying defeat. I can remember growing up wrestling with my dad and we — actually, I — would use the word "uncle," meaning, "I give up" or "I submit!" Even though surrender is often associated with defeat, I would submit to you today that surrendering to God leads to a life filled with victory, not defeat! The trouble is not that we have a hard time completely surrendering all our life to God. There are several verses throughout the scriptures in which God calls us to surrender, such as Luke 9:23, which states we should deny ourselves, or James 4:7, which states submit yourselves to God and Proverbs 3:5-6, which states, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
Trusting in the Lord is what I have observed and found to be the most challenging when it comes to surrendering all our life to God. Complete surrender is placing our complete trust in God through all circumstances, but perspective is we struggle as humans to trust in God through the circumstances, especially the ones that seem impossible. My encouragement for you today as you encounter challenging circumstances and are struggling to trust is to seek the Lord in prayer. When you are finding it hard to trust, find yourself seeking the one in whom you need to place your trust — God. Victory in life happens when you surrender all of your life to the one who created you and trust in him through all circumstances.
Pastor Thor Kurtz
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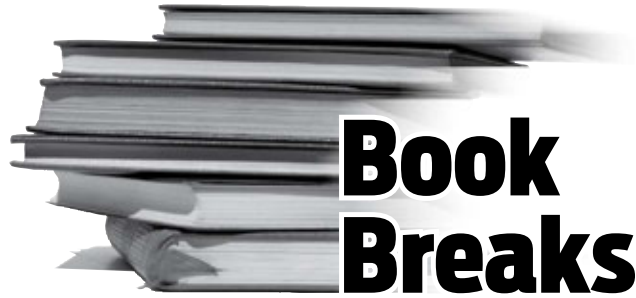
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Book Breaks

DINOVEMBER AT THE LIBRARY

Many fun events are being planned for November in celebration of Dinovember and Children's Book Week, which runs Nov. 8-14. Children ages 3 and up will receive a dinosaur egg with any checkout during the week of Nov. 8-13. In addition, that week, children and families are invited to watch a classic dinosaur movie, "The Land Before Time," on Friday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. in the library meeting room. There is no school on this day. Popcorn will be provided.

The monthlong activities will include a dinosaur scavenger hunt with prizes and "What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night" adventure. Come in any time during November and try to find all of the dinosaurs hiding in the library. Children receive a small prize for participating. Watch the libraries' Facebook pages for daily photos of the mischief the library dinosaurs got up to once the libraries closed. Detailed information is available at the library and on the library website, jclmn.org.

BEDTIME STORYHOUR

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

VOLUNTEER READING

BUDDIES NEEDED

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

AFTER-SCHOOL EVENT

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

TWEEN / TEEN EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

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



JACKSON LIBRARY
Carrie Dose

Nov. 18, 3:45 p.m. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call 847-4748.

LITTLE TYKES STORYTIME

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

BOOK DISCUSSION

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

COATS FOR KIDS

The library is teaming up with Family Services Network for the 2021 Jackson County Coats for Kids event. We are accepting gently used or new coats, snow pants, mittens, hats and scarves to be distributed to children in October. Last year, more than 250 children in Jackson County received coats. Items will be collected through Saturday, Oct. 23. Donation boxes are located at various sites throughout Jackson County. You may bring items to any of the Jackson County libraries in Jackson, Lakefield or Heron Lake. Thank you for helping keep our kids warm this winter!

Reading buddies needed at library

The Jackson library is looking for volunteers who are willing to commit a half-hour to an hour of time per week reading with an elementary-age student.

The library offers a reading buddies program to interested second- through fourth-grade students from January through May. Reading buddies will be paired up with a student

and will meet at the library one time per week with the same child. The child will read or reading buddies can share reading. Many of the students are working toward their Accelerated Reading goals, a program at school to help children with reading comprehension.

All ages of volunteers are welcome, from eighth

grade on up. Substitute readers are also needed and would be called on to fill in as needed.

Those interested are asked to stop at the library for the registration and volunteer forms. Those seeking more information may call Carrie Dose or Mackenzie Schley at 847-4748.



PHOTO BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ

SPOOKY SCIENCE

Jackson Community Librarian Mackenzie Schley (right) inspects Oliver Dehn's spooky project during an after-school program on "Spooky Science" last Wednesday afternoon at the library.

Local churches and community members present Gray in concert

Singer/songwriter Jason Gray will perform a free concert this evening (Thursday) in Jackson.

Show time is 7 p.m. at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center. Gray's appearance in Jackson is made possible by area churches and community members.

A native of southwestern Minnesota, Gray is a contemporary Christian singer-songwriter based in Nashville, Tenn.

Those with questions may contact Holly Nestegard at bradholly2000@yahoo.com.

Trunk-or-treat event to make full return

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

The Jackson Women of Today's annual trunk-or-treat event is back.

While last year's event was a scaled-down, drive-through version of the typical event, this year will see a return to normal, featuring loads of themed trunks set up in downtown Jackson.

"It's a fun community event where kids can go from trunk to trunk and get candy," said JWOT Secretary Kayla DeJong.

Historically, most trunks have been those of SUVs, DeJong said, but sometimes people have found

interesting ways to incorporate other vehicles, like trucks and tractors. There will also be a contest to see whose theme is the best.

"People vote on Facebook for what they think is the best theme," DeJong said.

"The winner gets a traveling-trophy plaque to keep for the year."

DeJong said trunks will be set up at 4 p.m. next Thursday, with the event running from 5 to 6:30.

Kids can come down with their parents whenever they'd like during the event.

DeJong said she hopes to see lots of trunks handing out candy to lots of kids.

"In 2019, we had about 30 trunks and

400 kids," she said. "It's a great community event and it's a night here everyone can come together to have fun and socialize, so I really want to encourage people to come down."

If you go...

What: Trunk-or-treat event

When: Thursday, Oct. 28, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Downtown Jackson



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

Oct. 21: Happy birthday to Elyse Holm, Natalie Neal, Paul Polz, Nancy Ardalan.

Oct. 22: Happy birthday to Jordon Ellefson,

BIRTHDAYS • ANNIVERSARIES

Sawyer Flatgard, Drew Wedebrand, Scott Holm, Mark Oeltjenbruns.

Oct. 23: Happy birthday to Kendell Kapplinger, Brittany Stevermer, Aiden Tewes. Anniversary wishes go to Scott and Mary Beckel.

Oct. 24: Happy birthday to Mathew Jandera, Ashley Haskin, Nicole Pribyl, Oliver Mickle.

Oct. 25: Happy birthday to Julie Edlin, Calvin

Ferguson, Nancy Helmers, Mylee Hanson, Janet Fischer, Derek Sargent, Katie Fricke, Rudi Austin-Feltman.

Oct. 26: Happy birthday to Jeffrey Luhmann, Douglas Wetzler.

Oct. 27: Happy birthday to Kaitlin Fischer, Emily Schmit, Alvin Schultze, Mistie Weir, Brian Rusenberger, Terri Bargfrede.

Middletown Livewires install new slate of officers



The Middletown Livewires 4-H Club met for its monthly meeting on Sunday, Oct. 10, at Salem Lutheran Church in Jackson.

The meeting was called to order by outgoing president Meta Tewes. Unfinished business included a recognition banquet update, discussion of our window display and an update on the scarecrow by Santa Land.

New business included discussion of project records, award forms and a reminder secretary's and treasurer's books are soon due at the county office. The club charter for the new year was approved. Holiday cards for troops and Santa Land decorations were planned for November. New club officers for 2021-2022 were installed. Club members were reminded about 4-H sign-up and that nomination forms for multiple awards are due this Friday.

The club decorated pumpkins and had refreshments. Incoming president Rachel Mohr then adjourned the meeting.

Abigail Mohr, reporter

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JCC VOLLEYBALL

Regular season ends with sweep for busy volleyball team

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central volleyball team ended the regular season with a sweep of Fairmont Monday, capping a span of eight matches in as many days.

JCC also swept Worthington last Tuesday and went 2-3 in the Todd Bachman Invitational this past Friday and Saturday at Lakeville North.

The Huskies end the regular season with a record of 23-6 and open the playoffs next Friday (see preview on B3).

Huskies sweep Cardinals

The Huskies ended the regular season in quick fashion Monday, sweeping Fairmont by scores of 25-12, 25-14 and 25-20.

A 7-1 run early in the first set that ended with back-to-back ace serves by Sadie Voss gave the Huskies some separation and gave JCC a 14-6 lead.

Emma Haren had a dominant stretch of two kills and an ace later in the set and Taylor Post had a kill and ace before Alexis O'Reilly finished the set with an ace.

JCC head coach Deidre Wierson said she was surprised how well the Huskies played early, especially after playing five matches in the tournament over the weekend.

"I thought we came out hard in the first set," she



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Emma Haren (left) and Taylor Post put up a block during Monday's regular-season-ending sweep of Fairmont.

said. "They looked rested — better than I thought they would after our busy weekend against some high-class teams."

Fairmont led the second set 5-2 before the Huskies went on a 16-1 run. The rally started with 11 straight points, the first two coming

on a kill and then ace serve by Post. A block and kill by Wenzel accounted for two more points before Voss

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The JCC volleyball team has a much-needed break before opening the Section 3AA tournament Oct. 29.

JCC FOOTBALL



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Brothers Will (left) and Thomas Freking celebrate a tackle by Will during this past Friday's football game at Pipestone.

Arrows' aerial attack flies past Huskies

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

Jackson County Central football coach Tom Schuller knew Pipestone had a really good quarterback.

He just hoped the Huskies would do a better job of slowing down Kellen Johnson and the Arrows in a 32-14 loss this past Friday.

The loss drops the Huskies to 4-3, while the win keeps the Arrows unbeaten at 7-0.

"We got dominated with the pass," Schuller said. "We thought we were ready for this and we just did not play well at all."

Arrows never trail

The Huskies were able to move the ball throughout the game — they rushed for 232 yards — but weren't able to finish many drives.

The Arrows, meanwhile, were able to pick up big chunks of yardage through the air on a variety of different pass plays.

The first big pass play took the wind out of JCC's sails early. The Huskies methodically marched down the field on the

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game's opening drive, but came up short on fourth-and-3 and turned the ball over.

After the Arrows picked up a first down, a sack by Will Freking forced second-and-long.

Pipestone had the perfect play called as the Huskies brought a blitz, but Johnson was able to complete a screen pass that went for 65 yards. On the next play, Johnson hit Kaden Musch for the first of their four touchdown connections.

A fumble on fourth-and-1 ended JCC's next drive and the Arrows again used big plays through the air to hurt the Huskies.

Caleb Vancura sacked Johnson for a 7-yard loss on first-and-goal, but, two plays later, Johnson hit Musch for an 11-yard score to give the Arrows a 12-0

lead.

Huskies get a stop, then score in second quarter

After the Huskies finally stopped the Arrows, JCC got on the board.

Three straight runs by Levi Lindley picked up 18 yards and a pass from Roman Voss to Payton Handevit later gained 16 yards.

Two plays later, Gabriel Wolff shook a hard hit near the goal line and scored on a 6-yard run. Lindley ran in the two-point conversion to get the Huskies back in the game with just more than four minutes left in the opening half.

Pipestone regained momentum when it went 73 yards in just six plays and scored on 20-yard pass from Johnson to Musch with one minute, 29 sec-

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JCC CROSS COUNTRY



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Above: Andrew Boyum (left) and Evan Paplow run together during last week's cross country meet in Adrian. Both finished in the top five of the meet. Below: Olivia Anderson keeps a good pace during an eighth-place finish.



Boyum, Paplow finish in top five

Anderson comes in eighth place to lead JCC girls

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central boys' cross country team had a pair of top-five finishers to lead the Huskies to a third-place finish last Tuesday in Adrian.

The JCC girls were led by Olivia Anderson and finished in eighth place.

Boyum and Paplow finish in the top five in Adrian

As has been the case all season, senior Andrew Boyum and sophomore Evan Paplow were near the front of the field during last week's race in Adrian.

Boyum finished third overall with a 5,000-meter time of 17 minutes, 33 seconds and Paplow was fifth in 17 minutes, 38 seconds.

Boyum has been in the top four of every race so far

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SPORTS
CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 21
No events

Friday, Oct. 22
No events

Saturday, Oct. 23
No events

Sunday, Oct. 24
No events

Monday, Oct. 25
No events

Tuesday, Oct. 26
FB playoffs - TBD

Wednesday, Oct. 27
No events

BSC STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL

West Team	BSC	All
Marshall	6-0	26-2
JCC	5-1	23-6
Luverne	3-3	16-6
Pipestone	3-3	16-11
Redwood	2-4	6-15
Windom	1-5	16-11
Worthington	1-5	15-13

SECTION 3AA
STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

Team	All
Pipestone	7-0
Redwood Valley	5-2
JCC	4-3
MN Valley Lutheran	3-4
LCWM	2-5
Sibley East	1-6
Windom	1-6
St. James Area	0-7

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Un-summerizing has officially started

This is the time of the year when Kathy and I un-summerize our yard; we take all of our outdoor furniture, decorations, etc. from our yard and move them into storage until next spring.

I also prepare my garden beds for their winter slumber. Basically, we admit summer is over.

This year, I started the un-summerizing process a couple of weeks ago when I stowed away most of the furniture from my fire pit.

Not wanting to completely commit to the "summer is over" theory, I left a chair and table behind, for my behind just in case I get the urge to light a fire.

Now I know Kathy has been tempted a time or two to light a fire under my behind to get me to get the move on. I admit there are times I move in slow-mo. Pretty much every day before 9 o'clock — 9 p.m., that is.

But keeping a chair behind for my behind by a fire is a whole different thing. The fire is lit in the pit, not where I sit.

I am also already done with the gardens. I cleared the garden debris, put away the fencing and did the fall tilling. I try to till the garden both in the fall and again in the spring. Growing up on the farm, we always did a fall plow. I guess I never grew out of that.

Just as the area farmers combined their soybeans even though the stalks were still green, I dug our last few hills of potatoes even though the plants were greener than they were last June.

All I have left from the garden are three kohlrabi

plants I moved from the garden into planters to see if anything develops.

My plan is to turn my shed into a temporary greenhouse until A) the kohlrabi reach a tasty maturity or B) I get tired of tending to them and toss them out among the rest of the garden debris. I am hoping for A.

This was a strange year for kohlrabi. We were still eating kohlrabi from the garden in mid-October and they were still good; they did not get woody.

Those kohlrabi have given me hope that maybe I will still be good even if I stick around on Earth longer than I should. Or at least longer than others think I should. Not that I would ever overstay my welcome.

I figure I want my life to be like my steak: very, very well done. The longer my steak stays on the grill, the better I like it. The longer I stay on Earth, the better I like it.

Just because I am done with the garden for the winter does not mean it is out of sight, out of mind. I am already thinking about what I want to plant and where next spring. I am already on scenario 15. I only have a couple of hundred more optional scenarios left to visualize.

This is also the time of year for carving pumpkins. Every time as I cut the top off of my soon-to-be carved pumpkin. I have visions of Peanuts' Linus getting a horrified look as his sister Lucy starts cutting their pumpkin and he wails, "Agh! I didn't know you were going to kill it!"

You do have to be careful not to carve your pumpkin too soon. If you

carve too early, by the time Halloween rolls around, your pumpkin will no longer roll but instead will be sunken and shrunken down into a ghoulish pile of rotting pumpkin.

It will not even be close to representing what it looked like freshly carved. But that would actually be appropriate as a Halloween decoration. Ghoulish and gross.

The Jackson County Central Middle School students are happy this is the time of year they have MEA break.

Today (Thursday) and tomorrow are no-school days for the break. We say it is so teachers can attend the MEA conference, but we really know it is so the students can help their parents un-summerize their yards.

Their fall seasons are complete. The athletes are starting to prepare themselves for their winter sports seasons, which begin in November.

And now, as I have pumpkins to carve and some more un-summerizing to complete, I close for this week. Until next week, help cheer on our athletes as they carve out some more victories. Go, Huskies!



WIDE WRITE
Stephen A. Condon



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Oct. 19, 10:36 a.m.
The 23 wins for the JCC volleyball team is the most for the Huskies since they won 23 and went to the section finals in 2016.

JCC will look to build on its season total when it opens the playoffs Oct. 29.

Oct. 18, 7:53 p.m.
JCC has scored 10 straight points to lead the second set 12-5.

Oct. 18, 12:04 p.m.
The JCC volleyball team is still ranked No. 2 in the latest Class AA polls behind Southwest Christian.

Oct. 16, 2:30 p.m.
The JCC volleyball team opened the bronze bracket by sweeping Rochester Century 25-15 and 25-19.

Oct. 15, 8:57 p.m.
Gabriel Wolff runs for a 53-yard touchdown. JCC trails Pipestone 32-14 with 5:28 left.

Oct. 15, 7:39 p.m.
Gabriel Wolff caps a 50-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown run. Levi Lindley adds the conversion to cut the Pipestone lead to 12-8.

Oct. 12, 8:42 p.m.
Volleyball final: JCC 3
Worthington 0
25-6, 25-18, 25-19

Huskies improve to 20-3 overall and finish BSC play with a 5-1 record.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name: Elese Paplow
Grade: 10
Sport: Cross country
The week that was: Paplow, who also plays volleyball for the Huskies, was the second finisher for the JCC girls last week in Adrian, placing 22nd in 23:21.
Coach's comments: "Elese is asking a lot of herself by competing in two sports, but she's doing a great job staying on top of her workouts and is consistently our No. 2 runner," Rafe York said.



Name: Emma Haren
Grade: 10
Sport: Volleyball
The week that was: Haren had 46 kills, 19 ace serves and seven blocks during a busy week.
Coach's comments: "Emma is a young and talented player who craves the game," Deidre Wierson said. "She has great court sense and brings energy to her team by her hustle, humor and hard work. She will keep helping her team build their level of play into the playoffs."

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HL-O CORNER

Coyote volleyball team wins Red Rock Conference title

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda volleyball team clinched the Red Rock Conference championship after beating the two toughest teams in the conference in the last week. The Coyotes beat Red Rock Central in five sets last Thursday, then rallied to beat Edgerton in four sets Monday to finish a perfect 8-0 in the conference. In between the two conference wins, the Coyotes went 2-2 in a tournament hosted by Bloomington Jefferson. HL-O/F ends the regular season with a record of 20-6.

The Coyotes won the conference outright by beating Edgerton Monday despite losing the first set 26-24. HL-O/F won the next three sets 25-14, 26-24 and 25-23. The key set was the third, which the Coyotes trailed 14-5 before rallying for the win.

"Edgerton came out to win and they were not holding back," head coach Trista Rhubee said. "We weren't quite prepared for their attackers and it took us too long in that first set to figure out where the holes were in their defense. We also missed some crucial serves throughout the game that killed our momentum and made the set scores closer than they needed to be."

Elly Bang set up the powerful Coyote offense with 38 set assists and added six kills and five blocks. Marissa Becker and Maddie Schumacher each had 11 kills, with Schumacher adding four blocks. Taryn Evers had seven kills and five blocks and Sam Untiedt had six kills to go with 18 digs in a 16-for-16 serving performance. Emma Rasche had a team-high 23 digs and four aces.

The Coyotes had to rally to beat RRC last week, too, winning the first set 25-17 before losing the next two 26-24 and 25-19. HL-O/F won the fourth set 25-16 and then trailed the fifth set 5-1 before rallying to win 15-9.

"We came out on fire, attacking from all angles," Rhubee said. "First set was a breeze and the second set started similarly, but then RRC got on a serving run and a few of our hitters made some mistakes and lost their confidence. Things unraveled in the third set because we weren't having fun. In the fourth set, the girls focused more on the game plan and they found their energy."

The fifth set, which the Coyotes won to clinch at least a share of the conference title, was intense, Rhubee said.

"The fifth set we started in a 1-5 hole, but Sam really stepped up and made some great kills and Chrissy (Hermeling) wet on an aggressive serving run. We were all on the edge of our seats until that final ace serve from Marissa."

Untiedt finished with 22 kills and 15 digs, while Becker had 10 kills and 21 digs. Hermeling had 23 digs and three aces and Rasche had 15 digs and a trio of aces. Bang had 44 set assists and she and Evers each had five blocks. Schumacher had seven kills and three blocks.

At the Bloomington Jefferson tournament Saturday, HL-O/F lost to the hosts 2-0, then swept New Ulm and Jordan before losing 2-1 to Sibley East.

The Coyotes are off until opening the Section 3A tournament Oct. 29.

Coyotes dominate Chargers for third win

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda football team scored the first 30 points this past Friday and beat Westbrook-Walnut Grove 52-14 to improve to 3-4 on the

See HL-O on B3

LEAGUE BOWLING SCORES

Tuesday night men

Team standings: Phillips Agency 10-6, Bowlers Inn 9-7, Junction 86 7-9, New Fashion Pork 6-10

High game: Jerrod Schubert 227, Leigh Hohenstein 224, Ben Rossow 200

High series: Leigh Hohenstein 553, Jerrod Schubert 552, Tom Johnson 509

Wednesday night men

Team standings: Schaap Sanitation 13-3, Pocket Pounders 11-5, S&J Cleaning 8-8, FCA 7-9, Elness Livestock 5-11, Left Overs 4-12

High game: Jason Whisney 192, Jay Wagner 189, Doyle Svoboda 189

High series: Doyle Svoboda 517, Jay Wagner 516, Dave Svoboda 472

Thursday night women

Team standings: Bipolar Rollers 11-5, 9th Ave Salon 10-6, Lakefield Savings Bank 9-7, Rubis Farms 6-10, Pampered Chicks 6-10, Split Personalities 6-10

High game: Donna Hage 160, Kacey Voelker 155, Denise Nichols 149

High series: Kacey Voelker 407, Donna Hage 406, Kim Nelson 397



BOYUM, PAPLOW GOOD ENOUGH FOR STATE

One year ago, Oct. 22, 2020

Any other year, Andrew Boyum and Evan Paplow would be preparing for the state tournament. This year, though, they'll have to settle for knowing they were good enough to qualify for state. Both Jackson County Central runners placed well enough at the Section 3A meet to qualify for state, but, like every other runner in the state, had their season end because there is no state tournament this year. Boyum finished 15th at the section meet with a time of 18:08 and Paplow placed 16th in 18:09. Olivia Anderson led the JCC girls, finishing 31st in 21:56.

HUSKIES BOUNCE BUCS

Five years ago, Oct. 27, 2016

The Jackson County Central volleyball team ended the regular season with a record of 20-8 after beating Blue Earth Area in four sets after both teams finished second in their respective divisions of the Big South Conference. Kaylee Benson had 15 kills and nine digs, while Lacey Wacker had a triple-double of 11 kills, 15 digs and 20 set assists. Lauren Murphy had 15 set assists, Emily Paplow had four ace serves, Alexa Palmer had six kills and Alaina Wolff and Molly Brinkman each had 10 digs.

HUSKIES POUND THE ARROWS

10 years ago, Oct. 27, 2011

Eleven days after dominating the Pipestone Arrows in a regular-season matchup, the JCC football team smacked the seventh-seeded Arrows around to open the Section 3AA playoffs. JCC led 36-0 at the half and beat the Arrows 43-13. Carsen Nyborg returned an interception 23 yards and Darnell Taylor-Breck had a pick-six from 35 yards out. Nyborg also ran for a 58-yard touchdown and Cooper Moore ran for a 1-yard touchdown. Tanner Menke threw touchdowns to Zach Copley (26 yards) and Kyle Luhmann (30 yards) and Niklas Keller kicked a 22-yard field goal and four extra points. Nyborg ran for 113 yards and Moore rushed for 85. Taylor-Breck intercepted two passes and Nyborg picked off one. Brett Larson and Daniel Weires each recovered a fumble.

USC NO MATCH FOR JACKSON

25 years ago, Oct. 24, 1996 - Jackson County Pilot

The Jackson Blue Jays ended the regular season with a 34-0 trouncing of USC, scoring in every quarter and pitching its first shutout of the season. Brig Wachal threw a 38-yard touchdown to Ryan Dunlavy to open the scoring in the first quarter, then Bill Dunker caught a 24-yard pass from Wachal in the second quarter. Wachal returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter before Rob Brown and Randy Gasca ran for touchdowns. Gasca ran for 109 yards and Wachal finished with three completions for 86 yards and two touchdowns.

THE STREAK CONTINUES

25 years ago, Oct. 24, 1996 - Lakefield Standard

The HLOL volleyball team won its 21st and 22nd straight matches and improved to 24-1 on the season beating Jackson in five sets and Windom in four. Lindsay Voss was 23-for-23 serving against Jackson with six aces. Voss also had 26 ace spikes, Stacy Oelke had 23, Sue Resch had 10 and Katie Hansen had eight. Brandi Salzwedel had three ace serves and Brandi Zishka had 48 set assists. Hansen had 12 ace blocks and Resch had 10. Against Windom, Voss had seven ace serves and 20 ace spikes. Resch had five ace serves, six ace blocks and seven ace spikes. Brittany Liepold had 25 set assists, Hansen had six ace blocks and Oelke had 16 ace spikes.

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VB: JCC busy before playoffs

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hammered three straight kills. Georgianna Wenzel had a kill and two straight ace serves to finish the 16-1 run with JCC head 18-6.

Haren had a kill and ace late and Wenzel had a pair of kills, including the one that finished off the second set.

The Huskies trailed early again in the third set, falling behind 8-4 before recovering quickly.

A 7-1 run turned an 8-12 deficit into a 15-13 lead, but the set was tied at 15 and then 18 before the Huskies pulled away. Voss had a trio of kills late before Haren finished off the set and match with a kill.

The Huskies were called for being out of rotation four times during the match, but Wierson said that's something she'll take the blame for and said will quickly be taken care of.

"We had some mental shutdowns from point to point and set to set, so just making sure we're perfecting that," she said. "Part of that I would take ownership on because I did switch the lineup so we had

a few faults on that. We just need to fine-tune that."

Voss finished the match with 13 kills, 11 digs and two ace serves. Haren had 10 kills and two blocks and was 14-for-16 serving with five aces.

Post had five kills, four digs and three blocks and was 18-for-19 serving with two aces. Wenzel recorded eight kills, three digs and two aces.

Maci Farmer set up the JCC offense with 36 set assists and added four digs and two kills. Peyton Hanson had three kills and two blocks, O'Reilly had six digs and was nine-for-nine serving and Sydney Osterberg had five digs.

Huskies win two matches in tough tournament

JCC faced some tough competition at the Todd Bachman Invitational and held its own.

The Huskies beat Class AA No. 7 Caledonia (25-21, 25-17) to open the tournament before losing in two sets (25-13, 25-23) to Prior Lake, which received a vote in the Class AAAA

poll. The Huskies ended pool play with a loss (25-23, 25-10) to Class AAAA No. 5 Eden Prairie.

The Huskies opened the bronze bracket with a win over Rochester Century (25-15, 25-19) before losing to Sioux Falls Roosevelt. The Huskies won the first set 25-23 before losing the next two 25-22 and 15-10.

Wierson said facing tough competition just ahead of the postseason is beneficial for the team.

"I would say it's huge to be able to play high-quality volleyball at that tournament in Lakeville," she said. "A lot of teams are ranked within their class. It only makes us see what holes we still have and also how we can compete against teams we're going to need to contend with. It just really shows us what we need to remember to be ready for and what are some areas that we still need to perfect."

Voss led the team with 42 kills in the tournament and she and O'Reilly both had 42 digs. O'Reilly also had five ace serves and Voss had two.

Haren had 29 kills and four blocks and led the team with 12 ace serves. Post finished with 15 kills and 17 digs and was 38-for-39 serving with four aces.

Wenzel had 11 kills, 21 digs, four aces and a team-high seven blocks. Hanson had six kills and five blocks and Osterberg had nine digs.

Farmer did it all, finishing with 91 set assists, 12 digs, seven kills and two blocks to go with a 39-for-41 serving performance that included eight aces.

Huskies dominate Trojans in BSC finale

JCC swept Worthington by scores of 25-6, 25-18 and 25-19 last Tuesday, giving the Huskies a 5-1 record in the West Division of the Big South Conference to finish behind only Marshall.

Farmer dished out 33 set assists and had five digs in the win. She was also nine-for-10 serving for a Huskies team that was good on 68 of its 75 serves to hit at 90.1 percent.

Voss had 14 kills and 12 digs and was 12-for-12 serving, while Post had six kills and was 10-for-11 serving with three aces.

The best performance at



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Sadie Voss pounds one of her 13 kills during Monday's sweep of Fairmont.



Georgianna Wenzel hammers a kill past a Fairmont defender during Monday's sweep of the Cardinals.



Teammates are all smiles as Georgianna Wenzel gets high-fives during pregame introductions ahead of Monday's match against Fairmont.

the service line came from Wenzel, who was 17-for-17 with three aces. She also had 10 digs, three blocks

and two kills.

Hanson had six kills and a team-high four blocks and Haren had seven kills,

four digs and two aces.

O'Reilly had a team-high 14 digs and was 10-for-11 serving.

Huskies get much-needed break before opening playoffs Oct. 29

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central volleyball team is ready for a bit of a break. The Huskies played eight matches in an eight-day span to conclude the regular season, but now are in the midst of an 11-day break ahead of the Section 3AA tournament.

"We are definitely taking some rest time," head coach Deidre Wierson said following Monday's regular-season finale against Fairmont. "It's kind of been go, go, go ever since the season has started. I think it's really important for them to take this time and kind of get refreshed and reset mentally so we can come into playoffs fresh."

Section seeding was announced Wednesday (after this issue went to press), with the Class AA second-ranked Huskies all

but guaranteed to be the No. 1 seed in the south half of the section. JCC is 23-6 on the season and is 7-0 against section foes. Luverne, Pipestone and Windom figure to make up seeds two through four, in some order.

The Huskies will open the section tournament Oct. 29 at home, with the sub-section semifinals and finals on Nov. 1 and 4, respectively. The Section 3AA championship match is Nov. 6 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Wierson said the Huskies already started preparing for the playoffs Tuesday, even before knowing their first-round matchup. Once they know their opponent, they'll gear up for it — with some rest this weekend mixed in.

What Wierson already knows is there will be some tough matches throughout

the postseason.

"Our section's got some battles that are going to come out between now and the end of our playoffs," she said.

To make sure her team comes out on top, Wierson is having the Huskies continue to focus on passing and serving, which has been a point of emphasis all season. Staying focused for an entire match is also something that's been stressed.

"A big focus has been a lot of our defense, as well as first contact, so making sure that we're able to pass the ball so we're in system and able to do something with the ball in our offense," she said. "Mentally, just making sure we know this is a game of mistakes, so being able to fight back in if we get down by a point or two and be able to come back faster, rather than letting them get five or 10

points and find yourselves having to dig out of that."

The Huskies don't have a ton of postseason experience — last year's season was cut short before the postseason because of COVID-19 — but have a group of seniors on which to rely. Seniors Sadie Voss, Georgianna Wenzel, Taylor Post and Sydney Osterberg are ready to lead the team into the postseason and hopefully to the state tournament.

"This group of seniors is very team oriented," Wierson said. "I think they're really going to drive this team. We also have a lot of younger players that are very talented and they keep pushing them to the next level too."

That talent should help the Huskies take on everyone's best challenge as the section's team to beat.

"I think going into playoffs when you're seeded

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higher, there is that pressure, but the girls are so hungry for it that it's just play your game and control what you can control on your side of the net and the results will show," Wierson said.

Wierson hopes to see a big crowd for the playoff opener and hopes for continued support throughout the postseason.

"Keep coming and supporting us," she said, thanking the fans before acknowledging the importance of her assistant coaches, Krista Nelson and Janet Haren.

"I just want to give a shoutout to my coaches because they really help us

every day in practice and they're fine-tuning every time. Even outside of the gym we're constantly coming up with ideas for drills and ways to keep the girls going."

After a few days off and more than a week to prepare, the Huskies will be ready to compete once Oct. 29 rolls around, Wierson said.

"The girls are excited to start their journey into the playoffs," she said.

Playoff seeding will be posted online at jacksoncountypilot.com and lakefieldstandard.com Wednesday and a link will be on Twitter by following @PilotSports.

HL-O: Coyotes dominate on grid, Salentiny second in RRC meet

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season. Brayden Peil scored the only touchdown of the first quarter on a 7-yard run, then Jaxson Tiesler scored less than a minute into the second quarter and Peil added the conversion for a 14-0 lead.

Both scored touchdowns in less than a three-minute span as Peil rushed for a 20-yard touchdown and then Tiesler broke free for a 60-yard score.

After WWG got on the board, Dominic White returned the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown to give the Coyotes a 36-6 lead at the half. Peil added the conversion after Tiesler's long run and Parker Murphy ran in for the two-point conversion after the kick return.

Peil ran for a 25-yard touchdown in the third quarter and Preston Christoffers scored from 21 yards out in the fourth. Tiesler and Aiden Lang added the conversions.

Tiesler ran for 178 yards and two touchdowns on just 12 carries, while Peil ran for 138 yards and three scores on 16 attempts for the Coyotes, who gained 469 yards on the ground.

Murphy completed three passes for 54 yards. Christoffers caught one pass for 28 yards and Tiesler

hauled in two for 26 yards.

As if Peil didn't do enough on offense, he had a team-high 14 tackles on defense and an interception. White picked off two passes and Murphy intercepted one.

Tiesler had nine tackles and a forced fumble. Cody Hennings had nine tackles, Ryder Henning had eight, White had seven and Gavin Leighty made six stops.

The Coyotes ended the regular season Wednesday night at Red Rock Central. The Section 3 nine-man playoffs start Tuesday.

Salentiny finishes second at RRC meet for second straight season

Heron Lake-Okabena sophomore Tim Salentiny finished second at the Red Rock Conference meet for the second straight season Monday afternoon. Salentiny ran the course in 17 minutes, 54 seconds and his runner-up finish earned him all-conference honors.

Trevor Bass finished 23rd (21:59), Joshua Eigenberg

was 26th (22:34), Daniel Ruthenbeck finished 37th (25:28) and TJ Ostrem and Nick Fest finished 39th and 40th, respectively, with matching times of 32 minutes, 10 seconds.

The HL-O boys finished fifth in the team standings (109), behind Mt. Lake Area/Comfrey (35), Murray County Central (49), Adrian/Ellsworth (80) and Southwest Minnesota Christian/Edgerton (85).

Mackenzie Ehlers led the HL-O girls, finishing 36th (27:19). Not far behind was Renae Salentiny, who came in 38th place (29:07). Also running for the Wildcats were Skylar Fisher (40th; 29:07), Brooklyn Fisher (43rd; 31:43) and Faith White (50th; 37:44).

The Coyotes had a team score of 155 to finish fifth behind MCC (19), SMC/E (61), A/E (71) and MLA/C (76).

Last week at Adrian, Tim Salentiny finished ninth (17:56), Bass was 70th (21:24) and Ostrem was 115th (25:50) for the Wildcat boys and Skylar Fisher finished 96th (29:33) for the HL-O girls.

The Wildcats will run in the Section 3A meet next Thursday in Madison.

FB: Loss

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Arrows left in the half to lead 18-8.

Comeback attempt thwarted by Arrows

The Huskies forced a turnover on downs to open the second half and had a chance to make it a one-possession game.

JCC picked up three first downs and took nearly six minutes off the clock on what looked like a promising drive, but the Huskies turned the ball over on downs and still trailed by 10.

That deficit grew just four plays later as Johnson threw a 15-yard touchdown to Ty Hansen to give the Arrows a 24-8 lead.

Another JCC drive showed promise, but the Huskies again failed on fourth down — the fourth time doing so in the game — once they got into the Red Zone.

A trio of penalties and a third-and-13 completion helped the Arrows find the end zone again, as Johnson hit Musch for their fourth and final touchdown to give Pipestone a 32-8 lead midway through the final quarter.

Wolff ran for a 53-yard touchdown on JCC's next drive to cap the scoring.

Arrows throw for 409

Pipestone gained 409 yards through the air and rushed for 54 to finish with 463 yards of offense — the most the Huskies have allowed this season.

"You're hoping not to allow 300 and some yards passing," Schuller said. "That makes it unwinnable."

Schuller said Johnson — who Schuller said has a "Division I arm" — and the Arrows deserve credit, but the Huskies need to play better.

"It starts a lot of places," he said. "Coverage mis-



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Matt Haley (from left), Will Freking, Caleb Vancura and Gabriel Wolff put pressure on Pipestone quarterback Kellen Johnson.

takes, not covering people, playing scared. They beat us a couple legitimate times when we got up on them, then we refused to get up on them ever again."

The Huskies were able to gain 287 yards of offense, including 232 on the ground. Lindley ran for 98 yards on 20 carries and Wolff rushed for 94 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries.

JCC will need more of that if the Huskies want to try to win a potential rematch with the Arrows in the section playoffs.

"We're going to have to control the ball on them the second time, obviously, because we've got to help our defense out right now," he said. "That's the long and short of it."

While ball control is one way to slow the Arrows, Schuller said the Huskies need to find ways to

prevent Pipestone from scoring.

"Eventually you do have to stop them," he said. "We just didn't do that enough times."

While the loss is tough, Schuller said seeing the Arrows once could help if they meet again. Before then, the Huskies will need to work on pass coverage.

"We have a long ways to go yet and a short time to get there," he said. "We need to do a lot of pass skeleton and a lot of pass rush. It was a full team thing; we didn't play well defensively. We've just got to put it behind us, try to beat St. Peter and head to the playoffs."

Up next

The Huskies ended the season Wednesday at St. Peter and open the Section 3AA playoffs Tuesday (see preview to the right).



Payton Handevidt leaves an Arrow defender behind after making a catch last week against Pipestone.

JCC at Pipestone	
JCC	0 8 0 6 14
PIPE	6 12 6 8 32
Scoring	
PIPE - Musch 5 from Johnson (PAT failed)	
PIPE - Musch 6 from Johnson (Two-point failed)	
JCC - Wolff 6 run (Lindley two-point)	
PIPE - Musch 20 from Johnson (Two-point failed)	
PIPE - Hansen 15 from Johnson (PAT failed)	
PIPE - Musch 13 from Johnson (Musch from Johnson)	
JCC - Wolff 53 run (Two-point failed)	
JCC leaders	
Rushing - Lindley 20-98; Wolff 7-94; W. Freking 12-46	
Receiving - Handevidt 4-33	
Passing - Voss 6-15 for 55 yards	

Huskies open playoffs Tuesday night

The Jackson County Central football team wrapped up the regular season Wednesday night at St. Peter (after his issue went to press) and opens the Section 3AA tournament Tuesday.

Postseason brackets came out after this issue went to press, but can be found online at jacksoncountypilot.com and lakefieldstandard.com and a link will be posted on Twitter by following @PilotSports.

Pipestone has all but assured itself the No. 1 seed in the section tournament after beating the Huskies this past Friday. The No. 2 seed will likely come down to either JCC or Redwood Valley. The Huskies beat the Cardinals 21-18 on Oct. 1, but RV had a higher total in the Quality Results Formula — used to determine section seeding — going into the final week of the regular season.

JCC head coach Tom Schuller said the best thing for the Huskies to do is put the loss to Pipestone and its prolific aerial attack in its rear-view mirror and try to beat St. Peter before opening the playoffs.

"We have a long ways to go yet and a short time to get there," he said. "We need to do a lot of pass skeleton and a lot of pass rush. It was a full team thing; we didn't play well defensively. We've just got to put it behind us, try to beat St. Peter and head to the playoffs."

Going into that Pipestone game, the Huskies had won three in a row after a 1-2 start to the season.

After the playoff opener Tuesday, the section semifinals are Saturday, Oct. 30 at the higher seed. The section finals are Nov. 5 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.



Zach Rasmussen tries to drag down Pipestone quarterback Kellen Johnson during last week's game in Pipestone.

CC: Two boys, one girl finish in the top 10

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this season and Paplow has been in the top five in all but one race — an eighth-place finish in Fairmont.

That's a trend head coach Rafe York expects to continue the rest of the season.

"Andrew and Evan work so well together, and they don't back down, so I look for them to continue competing for top spots the rest of the way," he said.

Kie Anderson finished 27th in Adrian (19:30) and Nolan Ambrose came in 33rd place (19:45).

There was a tight battle for JCC's fifth and final scorer as Clayton Cavness and EJ Peterson crossed the finish line at nearly the exact same time. Cavness officially finished fifth in 20 minutes, 29.38 seconds and Peterson was 51st in 20 minutes, 29.41 seconds.

"We had a nice race between EJ and Clayton for our No. 5 spot," York said. "EJ's really had a breakout season and Clayton is hitting his stride, so I hope they're able to keep pushing each other the rest of the way."

Also running for the Huskies were Evan Inshienmay (65th; 21:11), Keenan Ambrose (78th; 21:51), Brigan McCarthy (85th; 22:25) and Carter

Johnson (111st; 25:36).

"I know I say this a lot, but I was happy with the way the guys ran," York said. "I feel we've become more strategic in our races this year, and we're finishing better as a result."

The Huskies had a team score of 101, putting them behind only Worthington (34) and Redwood Valley (80). JCC beat Luverne (107), Windom (153), Pipestone (156), Murray County Central (165), Adrian/Ellsworth (229), Southwest Minnesota Christian (244), Lakeview (246) and Russell-Tyler-Ruthton (285).

Anderson in top 10

Olivia Anderson posted her fifth straight top-10 finish last week in Adrian, running the 5,000-meter course in 21 minutes, 25 seconds to finish eighth overall.

York said Anderson is hitting her stride as the Huskies enter the most important part of the season.

"Olivia has run a couple of strong races recently," he said. "She's looking a lot better than she did a year ago, and I'd love to see her make a big push to finish out her career."

Elese Paplow finished second for the Huskies in 23 minutes, 21 seconds and

Cailee Pauling came in 48th (25:20) in her first official varsity race.

Bailee Pohlman placed 54th (25:41) and Taylor Schultz rounded out JCC's team score by placing 61st (26:15). Lily Johnson finished 72nd (27:03) to cap JCC's team.

JCC had a team score of 184 to finish eighth. Luverne scored 37 to win, followed by MCC (49), Redwood Valley (76), Pipestone (124), A/E (152), Worthington (170) and

SMC/E (171). The Huskies finished ahead of Windom (233), Tracy-Milroy-Balaton (264) and RTR (274).

BSC meet was Tuesday, section meet is next week

The Huskies ran in the Big South Conference meet Tuesday in Pipestone. Results from that race, as well as a preview of next Thursday's Section 3A meet in Madison, will be in next week's Jackson County Pilot and Lakefield Standard.



Elese Paplow (left) and Nolan Ambrose make their way through the course while running in last Tuesday's cross country meet in Adrian.



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Melissa Ahlschlager (from left), Montana Gilbert, Bridget Gilbert, Brixton Hillmer, Mason Eicholz, Michael Hansen and Cyndi Hansen stop by the Library of Congress during a recent trip to Washington, D.C.

JCC band, choir to return to auditorium Monday night

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

The Jackson County Central High School band and choir will perform their first concerts of the year Monday night at the high school auditorium.

"It has been great getting to rehearse band music the normal way again after having band in the gym for a year," Erica Colby, instructor of instrumental music at JCC, said, referring to COVID-19 protocols in place last school year. "The kids have worked really hard to get these songs ready and we are excited to share them with everyone."

There's no specific theme for this concert and both the band and choir will perform a variety of pieces from different time periods and countries. Colby said one interesting song based on the folk practices of a Colorado town will serve as a spooky and fun feature for the band.

"We are playing a piece called 'Coffin Races,'" Colby said. "The story behind it is that a woman moved to Manitou Springs, Colo., and loved the mountains and wanted to be buried there and, when she passed away, her husband carried out her dying wishes."

The choir, meanwhile, is going for a blast from the past with some 1970s music, as well as a Swahili piece that will be sung in both English and Swahili.

"We're doing a wide variety of songs," said Lori Grote, vocal music instructor at JCC. "We have a piece written by David Gates called 'If,' which the kids liked, and we're doing 'To make You Feel My Love,' which is a lovely song."

The Swahili song, originally composed by a band Grote met and sang with once, is called, "O Sifuni Munga."

"It translates to, 'All Creatures of Our God and King,'" Grote said. "I actually got to work with First Call, which is the band that wrote and first performed it years ago."

The music department is also collecting donations for the local food shelves, so attendees are encouraged to bring a donation to show their support.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

After pandemic delay, JCC freshmen, sophomores go on class trip

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Early this month, a group of Jackson County Central High School students got to visit Washington, D.C.; appreciate the architecture; visit different national monuments; and pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for America.

The trip, organized by school social worker Melissa Ahlschlager, was supposed to take place in May 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic delayed plans for more than a year.

"I've been traveling with students since 2015," Ahlschlager said. "We have midmester every year and we planned this trip back in 2019, so by the time my seventh- and eighth-graders got to go, they were already freshmen and sophomores."

Five kids and four adults went on the journey. The nine travelers got to visit numerous monuments and other places of interest in D.C.

One that had a major effect on the kids was the Vietnam Memorial, where they had the chance to visit with veterans from the war and see the Honor Flight, something Ahlschlager hadn't planned — but was delighted with nonetheless.

"We saw the Honor Flight at the memorial and the kids were able to speak with Vietnam veterans and learn more about what fighting there was like for them," Ahlschlager said. "They were really eager to meet and talk with them and I think getting to do that made it more real for the kids."

It wasn't the only un-

planned sight the kids got to see; they also saw the presidential helicopter fly to the White House — which wasn't quite as big as they expected.

But the itinerary still held plenty of interesting experiences for the kids. They toured the monuments twice — once during the day and once at night — and learned about World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and other conflicts America faced throughout the years.

The group explored the Smithsonian Museum, enjoying the exhibits and learning new things about numerous subjects at the location.

But the most meaningful part of their journey wouldn't take place in Washington. Because it's only a short drive from D.C., Ahlschlager wanted to take the students to Arlington National Cemetery.

For Cyndi Hansen — a parent traveling with her son, Michael, on the trip — it was a chance to visit an old friend, Daniel Prigge, an Iraq War veteran and former Army Ranger. Prigge, a Wisconsin native, had gone through 95 surgeries after returning from the Middle East.

"I met him through Instagram a couple years ago, and he had served in Iraq," Hansen said. "He passed away last March, and Michael and I were able to find his headstone at the cemetery."

It was an emotional moment that gave Hansen and her son an opportunity to appreciate the sacrifices made by someone so close to them — and the legions of valorous dead lying in rest at Arlington. Hansen

took picture of the headstone and sent it to a mutual friend who still serves in the Army.

"It meant the world to him," she said.

The group also had the chance to witness a mili-

tary funeral and see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Both events left a major impression on the students.

"When the students heard them play 'Taps'

and the 21 Salute, they took off their hats and paid their respects, even though we couldn't see the funeral," Hansen said. "It's something I don't think any of them will forget."



JCC students Michael Hansen (left) and Caleb Haskins visit the Lincoln Memorial.



JCC students Michael Hansen, Brixton Hillmer and Mason Eicholz take in the Vietnam Memorial.

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County marks 11 straight weeks of double-digit caseload increases

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Jackson County recorded 27 new cases of COVID-19 over the last week, marking 11 consecutive weeks of double-digit weekly caseload increases in the county after 14 consecutive weeks of single-digit — or no — increases.

The county's double-digit weekly caseload increase comes as the number of locals vaccinated against

COVID-19 has apparently leveled off. As of this past Sunday, 4,833 locals — 56.2 percent of Jackson County residents 12 years of age and older — had received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, virtually unchanged from the week prior and the week before that. Of those 4,833, 4,654 — 54.1 percent of the county's population of those 12 years of age and older — have received the number of shots required for maxi-

mum efficacy, what the MDH terms a "completed vaccine series."

In terms of the county's population as a whole, 48.6 percent have received at least one dose, while nearly 47 percent have received a completed vaccine series. Nearly 82 percent of locals 65 years of age or older have received at least one dose; close to 81 percent have received a completed vaccine series. And as of this past Sunday, 147 locals

between the ages of 12 and 15 had received at least one vaccine dose; 133 had received a completed vaccine series. All numbers are virtually unchanged from two weeks ago.

With local vaccination numbers flat, the county is falling further behind the state as a whole in terms of percentages of residents vaccinated. As of this past Sunday, 73.2 percent of Minnesotans 12 years of age and older had received

at least one dose of vaccine, while 69.7 percent had received a completed vaccine series. Nearly 62 percent of the Minnesota population as a whole has received at least one dose of vaccine, with 58.9 percent fully vaccinated; 94.6 percent of Minnesotans 65 years of age or older have received at least one dose, with an even 92 percent fully vaccinated. Statewide, more than 167,000 people between the ages of 12 and 15

have received at least one dose; more than 152,000 are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus first identified in late 2019. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Minnesota on March 6, 2020, the state has notched nearly 764,000 cases of the illness and tallied close to 8,500 deaths.

Local bank is currently accepting applications for junior herdsman project

Local youngsters are encouraged to apply for the 2021-2022 junior herdsman project through Security State Bank of Jackson and Heron Lake.

Application deadline is Dec. 1.

Every year, Security State Bank selects two seventh- or eighth-grade recipients from each branch location to participate in its junior herdsman project. Each recipient receives five bred heifers to use until June of their senior year. Throughout the project, each participant will track and submit accurate records of expenses and income, as well as provide a summary of activities annually. At the conclusion of the term, recipients will return the equal value of the cattle.

Security State Bank began the junior herdsman project in 2013 and has since awarded more than 200 bred heifers to more than 40 recipients.

Brian Zirpel, Security State Bank vice president, said the project is a way to encourage young people to become involved in agriculture and provide an opportunity for them to create their own herd, adding over the years, the bank has been amazed by the applications received.

"We continue to be impressed with the quality of applicants interested in the program," he said. "We have some very responsible and passionate young people in our communities, and we are proud to be part of their future success."

Local participants in the 2020-2021 program included Jamie Edlin, McKade Tewes, Lane Olson and Tanner Nelson.

John Baumiller, president at Security State Bank, said the project is a great opportunity for young adults interested in agriculture.

"These outstanding applicants play a pivotal role in the future of agriculture," Baumiller said. "We are happy to play a small role in supporting that future by providing them first-hand experience managing their own cow operation. At the bank, we are always looking for ways to support the youth in our communities."

Those interested in applying for the junior herdsman project are encouraged to visit or call Security State Bank in Jackson or Heron Lake.

Locals voice concerns about center closure

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Local families and school board representatives last week voiced their concerns regarding the pending closure of Southwest Mental Health Center locations in Jackson and Cottonwood counties.

The closures, which executive director Luke Comeau said were necessary for budgetary and staffing reasons, were justified on the grounds that more patients preferred telemedicine visits with their therapists. An exodus of clinical staff — more than 50 percent of SWMHC clinicians have resigned over the past eight months — also triggered the change.

Comeau presented that information last Thursday in Jackson during a meeting of the Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services Board.

Among the concerned attendees were Cottonwood County residents Mike and

Ashley Johnson, who have four adopted children and regularly access the center's services.

Ashley Johnson, who has worked with families navigating the foster care program in the past, said Comeau's reports of 90 percent satisfaction ratings for the center's telemedicine service don't match up with the reality she's seen on the ground.

"I work with a lot of families and not one of them said it works better for them," she said.

Mike Johnson agreed, noting that in both counties, rates of children experiencing mental illness have been increasing year over year. He also said disinvesting in community mental health efforts could lead more kids to interact with the criminal justice system.

"One out of every six kids under the age of 16 will suffer from mental illness," he said. "If we do not continue to get these

services, we're creating a pipeline from therapy to prison."

Jackson County Central Superintendent Barry Schmidt and Windom Area Schools Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt were among those in attendance. Wormstadt said the exodus of staff from the center needed to be explained.

Comeau attributed the exodus to a rise in telemedicine that allows clinicians to work from home and make more money elsewhere at remote jobs and due to the center's push to achieve a new designation under state law that requires clinicians to see more patients and have shorter sessions.

"To be a viable mental health center, you need that designation and, as part of that, you're required to see a larger number of clients," Comeau said.

The Johnsons and Wormstadt said the public should be able to see more data to verify the reasons why

clinicians have left, the financial justification for the closures and whether changes to staff compensation had anything to do with the loss of clinicians.

"I think that it might be important to audit this information, because it looks like compensation for the staff was changed," Wormstadt said. "When you have someone in crisis, you need someone there in person."

DVHHS board member Scott McClure, who also serves as a Jackson County commissioner, said the center has faced staffing issues before Comeau began his tenure last year and that the current board has never seen it fully staffed, regardless of management practices.

"We can honestly say that we've never seen the Southwest Mental Health Center be full," he said. "That's been true as long as we've been here and under either director."



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Carson Schneekloth keeps a close eye on the judge during this past summer's Minnesota Youth Livestock Expo. Schneekloth, a longtime swine showman, is 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.

Local 4-H member featured in regional ag publication

Jackson County 4-H member Carson Schneekloth is 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.

Schneekloth, a senior at

Jackson County Central High School in Jackson — and a member of the Middletown Livewires 4-H Club — is the subject of the Meet Your Neighbor feature in the Oct. 18 Farm Market News. In the article, she discusses her long involvement with the swine

project, including how she got started in the project, what she has learned over the years and her future goals.

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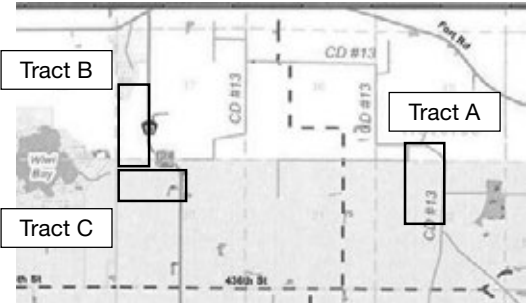
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WAY UP HIGH

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Senior Scene

Card club maintains decades-long tradition

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

On the last Monday of each month from May to September, the Jackson Golf Club finds itself packed to the brim with card players.

They're always sharing laughs, enjoying community, maintaining long-held friendships and building new ones.

Those card players belong to the Jackson Golf Club 500 League, which has kept the game of 500 alive and thriving in the city for decades.

To hear longtime members and scorekeepers Shirley Nosbusch and Carolyn Geerdes tell it, the group began in the late

1980s or early '90s as a way to bring neighbors together to play cards and visit.

Over time, its membership grew, bringing together a bevy of people united by their love of cards and desire to make meaningful friendships.

"We're not exactly sure when it started," Nosbusch said. "We play cards, keep score for the club and add the points

up at the end of the marathon."

And what a marathon it is. The game is one traditionally played in partnership, meaning two players are pitted against another team of two players. Each team plays 20 games, 10 against one set of opponents and 10 against another set.

"We currently have 48 members, but during COVID, it fell to 40 and

we have had some people pass away," Nosbusch said.

"We'd really like to get more members; it's not an invitation-only thing at all and you don't have to be a member of the golf club to join us."

What keeps the two ladies — and the other club members — coming back year after year, decade after decade? Part of it is a love of the game, but the bigger draw is the chance to build friendships and catch up with different people from

around the county and city.

"I love playing cards, but the best thing about this club is that you get to see and be with people who you don't get see every day,"

Geerdes said. "In that way, it's really special."

The club's current reigning champions are Jean Benda and Sharon Anderson, and Shirley Hakes

and Elaine Anderson.

Like any community organization, the club has its own traditions. One especially beloved tradition is Treat Night, when members will bring snacks to share with others in the group. Some members

bring different treats every year, while others have famous recipes that everyone looks forward to enjoying.

"We have a lot of people who bring the same good things every year and we really enjoy them," Nosbusch said. "It's just a lot of fun."

Anyone who wants to join the club can contact either Geerdes or Nosbusch and start coming to meetings. While this year's marathon might be over, there's always next spring, which promises to be as good as this one was for the club.

"We've got members from all around the community, and we even have a couple members from Iowa — one from Spirit Lake and one from Estherville," Nosbusch said. "The best part about this club is that you get to meet new people who you wouldn't get to meet otherwise, and it's just a lot of fun."

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Carolyn Geerdes



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Shirley Nosbusch (left) and Carolyn Geerdes enjoy being scorekeepers of the Jackson Golf Club 500 League, which has kept the game of 500 alive and thriving in the city for decades.

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JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL FOOTBALL



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Members of the Jackson County Central football team are (front, from left): Tavian Diggs, Luke Anderson, Braeden Erickson, Skylar Andrews, Noah Thompson and Josh Clymer. Second row: Landon Andrews; assistant coaches Jay Moore, Trey Diggs, Charlie Clarksean, Nolan Schuller, Wade Wacker, student manager Chuck Wagner; and Cole Johnson. Third row: Thomas Freking, Seth Stai, Sam Birkman, Ben Dahlin, Jakob Rasmussen, Zach Rasmussen, Payton Handevict, Wyatt Wenzel, Trey Rossow and Reese Adkins. Fourth row: Lucas Vasey, Logan Butzon, Karsen Phillips, Brayden Winter, Tanner Haar, Carter Henning, Cameron Scholten, Thomas Liepold and Matt Haley. Back: Trace Michelson, Ridge VanWesten, Bryson Powers, Travis Rogotzke, Kris Altman, Roman Voss, Brennan Runge, Dylan Withers, Levi Lindley and Gabriel Wolff. Missing: Head coach Tom Schuller, assistant coach Collin Munoz, Will Freking, Caleb Vancura, Trayton Kolander, Aven Farmer, Caleb Haskin and Ulises Bouakham.



JCC football

JCC	8	Maple River	35
JCC	36	Luverne	16
JCC	14	Blue Earth Area	48
JCC	50	Windom	6
JCC	21	Redwood Valley	18
JCC	36	LCWMI	0
JCC	14	Pipestone	32

Overall record:
4-3



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Members of the Jackson County Central cheerleading team are (front, from left): Adyson VanWesten, Makayla Hotzler, Lily Mohning and Izabella Grein. Middle: Romi Rosenbrook, Olivia Blaskley, Daysia Tomlin and Addie Vee. Back: Paige Duncan, Elena Winter, Morgan Preuss and Erin Klassen.

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