

TWO HUSKIES BREAK RECORDS

Caleb Vancura and Andrew Boyum both broke a school record during track and field meets last week.

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Campgrounds gearing up for a busy season

Contractors on local projects lock down spots

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Jackson County's camping season is off to a good start this year, despite unseasonably cold weather that left much of April feeling like March.

Jeremy Bartosh, county parks and trails supervisor, said people are already booking their summer vacation spots at county campgrounds, though the weather has left lakeside reservations a bit below their usual level.



Jeremy Bartosh

Bartosh said contractors for various city construction projects are reserving spots at the campgrounds, as they offer them a nearby place to stay while the projects are completed.

"We do usually get reservations from contrac-

tors at this time of year, especially when the city is doing larger projects," he said. "That was slower two years ago because we were only able to open in June due to COVID."

Reservation prices have largely stayed the same since last year, with the only change being at lakeside camping sites, which are now priced at \$25 per night. Bartosh said lakeside reservations at a particular campground are limited to a week in advance, in order to give more people a chance to enjoy the sites.

"If they want to stay longer, they just need to move to a different campground," he said. "Basically, people can stay at lakeside sites up to seven days per campground per month."

The campgrounds still operate on a first-come, first-served basis, so Bartosh recommended those who want to reserve space do so soon, especially if they're looking for weekend slots, which always fill up fast.

"We're expecting the

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Above: Autumn Stene holds her teddy bear close while leading a song during a "Pajama Party" musical put on by Riverside Elementary School first-graders last week. Right: Talic Swenson speaks his part during the show.



PAJAMA PARTY

Photos by Dan Condon

Council considering citywide deer hunt

City would allow bow-and-arrow hunting in town

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Members of the Jackson City Council will consider hosting a citywide deer hunt next year in response to citizen complaints about a rising number of deer running through city roads, destroying gardens and causing mayhem for property owners.

Jackson resident Kathryn Tewes, who attended last week's meeting of the Jackson City Council, said she and other residents are

unable to plant gardens because of the deer and spoke in favor of a deer hunt within city limits.

"They're destructive," she said of deer. "I can't do a garden because they'll strip it and even eat things that are supposed to be deer resistant. It's gotten substantially worse over the years."

A citywide deer hunt would entail the issuing of permits for bow-and-arrow hunting on select city properties. Similar deer hunts take place in New Ulm and Mankato.

To host a hunt this year, the city would have had to bring forth a complete plan

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Left: Brinley Bass (from left), EmmaLynne Rasmussen, Amelia Pauling and Aubrey Tripp all snuggle their teddy bears while they sing, as do Blair Wade, Peyton Wilking, Annabelle Hacker, Londyn Loeschen and Lucy Naumann (right) during the "Pajama Party" musical last week.



PHOTO BY JEN TEWES

WORDS OF WISDOM

Jackson County Central High School senior Molly Turner offers her testimony of faith during last week's baccalaureate service at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Jackson. The baccalaureate service, which generally rotates among local churches year to year, has long been a tradition for JCC High School seniors preparing to graduate. For more photos from the special baccalaureate service, see B8.



Fogelman lands party endorsement for seat

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Marj Fogelman is the party-endorsed candidate for the new District 21B seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

If elected in November, she will represent an area that has long been primarily represented by local state Rep. Rod Hamilton, who is stepping down from

his position this year.

Richard Koch, chair of the Jackson County Republican Party and lead endorsing convention planner, said Fogelman won the endorsement of GOP dele-



Marj Fogelman

gates from Jackson County and portions of Nobles, Cottonwood, Martin and Watonwan on the eighth ballot Saturday in Heron Lake.

"Four candidates had indicated they were running to get the endorsement," Koch said Sunday. "All candidates presented to those in attendance. Once this was done, the voting

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Farmers finally get good weather

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Local farmers are finally getting some weather conducive to planting.

On the heels of a cold, wet April — and more of the same the first week of May — this week looks warm and generally dry.

Inside...

C1-C6

The annual spring ag edition is tucked inside this copy of the Jackson County Pilot.

Temperatures Monday reached into the upper 80s, with more of the same expected Wednesday and Thursday, and chances of

rain remain generally low. That promises to be a boon to local farmers, who as of Monday were far

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WEATHER

This week

Thursday
Cloudy/Windy
89 | 60

Friday
Cloudy
78 | 55

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
74 | 51

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
71 | 50

Monday
Partly Cloudy
70 | 49

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
68 | 52

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
72 | 55

LAST WEEK

Tuesday, May 3
55/34

Wednesday, May 4
57/43

Thursday, May 5
57/46

Friday, May 6
71/48

Saturday, May 7
74/51

Sunday, May 8
60/53

Monday, May 9
88/54

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FINES

SHERIFF'S REPORT

May 1
Deputies assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.
A deputy met a Nobles County deputy at the county line and gave a ride to a 32-year-old homeless male to the Martin County line. He said he wanted to continue east.

May 2
A deputy conducted a traffic stop in Jackson. As a result, a citation for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance was issued.
A deputy investigated a theft by check-account closed report. The matter remains under investigation.
A deputy fielded a phone call regarding some issues with repair work done by a private individual. The caller was informed it was a civil issue that would have to be dealt with in small claims court.
Deputies responded to a panic alarm at a Jackson business. It was determined to be a false alarm.
A deputy responded to a report of fireworks at Ashley Park in Jackson. Several young teenagers ran off on foot.

May 3
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on County Road 20 in Alba Township. As a result, the driver was issued a citation for speed — 70 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone.
Deputies assisted the Lakefield Ambulance with a medical call.
Deputies assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.
Dispatch received back-to-back calls from someone trying to report a suicidal person in Jackson County, Wis. The person was informed of the error.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on Highway 60 near

Highway 86. As a result, the driver was issued a citation for speed — 86 miles per hour in a 65-mph zone.

May 4
Deputies responded to a noise complaint at an apartment complex in Jackson. As a result, two individuals were issued citations for underage consumption.
A deputy responded to an observed ordinance violation for an accumulation of garbage in the yard at a residence in Jackson.
A deputy fielded a call from a county resident regarding a cellphone scam. The person was told a large amount of money and a car had been won, but that iTunes gift cards were to be sent in order for the prize to be redeemed. The resident recognized it as a scam and hung up.
A deputy responded to an observed junk ordinance violation at a residence in Jackson.
The K-9 Unit assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a narcotics sniff on I-90 east of Alpha.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop in Jackson. After investigating, a 38-year-old female from Jackson was arrested for DUI.
A deputy received a phone call from a person reporting harassment on behalf of a friend that is occurring on Facebook.

May 5
A deputy assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.
Deputies conducted a requested welfare check on an individual at the Super 8 Motel. An ambulance was called to the scene to assist with a transport to the hospital.
Deputies assisted the Lakefield Police Department with the arrest of a 27-year-old male from Lakefield on a

warrant for sex abuse-second and incest from the Sioux County Sheriff's Office in Iowa. The male is being held awaiting the extradition process to Iowa.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on I-90 near Lakefield. The driver was issued a citation for speed — 86 miles per hour in a 70-mph zone — and no seat belt.
A deputy responded to a car-vs.-deer crash on I-90 near Lakefield.

May 6
Deputies assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop in Jackson. After investigating, a 19-year-old male from Postville, Iowa, was arrested for DUI.
A deputy responded to a noise complaint at a Jackson apartment complex.
A deputy investigated a report of a juvenile runaway. The juvenile was located a few hours later.
A deputy assisted the Lakefield Ambulance with a medical call.
A deputy assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.
A deputy assisted the Heron Lake Police Department with an assault report.
The Windom Fire Department was dispatched to a controlled burn that spread into a pasture in Delafield Township.
A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a controlled-substance DUI arrest on I-90.
Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in Okabena.
A deputy responded to a noise complaint at an apartment complex in Jackson.

May 7
Deputies assisted the Heron Lake Police Department with a noise complaint and distur-

bance in Heron Lake.
A deputy responded to a civil dispute over property.
A deputy conducted a requested welfare check on an individual.
Deputies assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call at a business.
Deputies responded to the emergency room at Sanford Jackson Medical Center for an unruly patient who was threatening staff.
A deputy conducted a civil standby to keep the peace while property was exchanged between two people.
Dispatch received a complaint of a motorist driving around barricades on 460th Avenue at Mill Road. Motorists are using 460th Avenue, a township road, to skirt the construction project on Highway 86 in Lakefield. The barricades were put up due to damage to the road from frost boils and the extra traffic on it.
A deputy patrolled the area around 460th Avenue. No one was observed driving around the barricades.
Deputies assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call in Des Moines Township.
A deputy responded to a property dispute in Delafield Township.
Deputies, along with the Lake Park, Iowa, Fire Department and Lakefield Ambulance, responded to a one-vehicle accident with injuries on County Road 9 near the Sioux Valley church. Terry Crouch, Lakefield, was traveling northbound on County Road 9 on a 2018 Harley Davidson motorcycle and entered the west ditch. He was transported to the Spirit Lake, Iowa, hospital. Warmka Towing assisted at the scene.
A deputy responded to the Dairy Queen in Jackson for a report of two intoxicated individuals who were loitering and were caught attempting to shoplift a pair of sunglasses.

May 8
Two jailers drove to the Ramsey County Jail and transported a 31-year-old female from Madelia to the Jackson County Jail for a third-degree damage-to-property warrant.
A deputy responded to a report of vandalism to a vehicle in Okabena.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that drove around the temporary road-closed barricades on 460th Avenue east of Lakefield.
A deputy responded to a minor accident in Jackson.
A deputy conducted a traffic stop in Jackson. As a result, the driver was issued a citation for speed and driving after revocation.
A deputy responded to a dispute over the exchange of property. The deputy stood by to keep the peace while the property was exchanged.
Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in Jackson.

May 9
A jailer drove to Des Moines, Iowa, to the Polk County Jail and transported a 51-year-old female from Carlisle, Iowa, back to the Jackson County Jail on a third-degree controlled-substance sale warrant. She is awaiting a court appearance in Jackson.
A deputy responded to a report of the theft of catalytic converters in Heron Lake Township. The matter remains under investigation.
A deputy responded to a child protection issue.
A deputy conducted a requested welfare check on an individual.
A deputy assisted the Windom Ambulance with a medical call in the northern part of the county.
Deputies assisted the Lakefield Police Department with a report of suspicious activity.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

AGCO Jackson production facility affected by ransomware attack

AGCO Jackson Operations is among the AGCO Corp. production facilities affected by a ransomware attack that hit the company late last week.

The company on Friday announced the extent of the attack is still under investigation, but added it is anticipated its business operations will be adversely affected for several days and potentially longer to fully resume all services depending upon how quickly systems can be repaired.

"Our expectations with regard to resolving the issues are forward-looking statements," a company statement read, "and actual results could be materially different due to a number of factors, including our ability to successfully reinstall software and restore IT operations at the affected sites."

City of Jackson, business partner to offer extra garbage collection

The city of Jackson will partner with a local waste management contractor to offer citizens a two-day extra garbage collection next month. Waste Management will pick up extra garbage west of Highway 71 on Saturday, June 11, and extra garbage east of Highway 71 on June 18. Pickup will begin in the morning, with all items to be on the curb by 7 a.m. the day of the pickup.

Items to be picked up as part of the clean-up include furniture, mattresses, carpet and household goods. Tags are available for a fee at City Hall for electronics and appliances. Items that will not be picked up include concrete, dirt, trees, building materials, branches, tires, appliances without tags purchased from City Hall, white goods, hazardous wastes, auto bodies, lead acid batteries and used oil. Residents who live in the city limits of Jackson can participate. No waste from non-residential customers, contractors, businesses or those residing outside the city limits will be accepted.

CAMPGROUNDS: Busy

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weekends through the Fourth of July to be very busy and that is the norm for us," he said. "We have seen an uptick of reservations over the past two weeks."

Brown South is filling up quickly and, while the weather left the number of reservations at Robertson Park lower than normal, Bartosh expects those to fill quickly as the weather warms.

"Those spaces are normally very sought after," Bartosh said. "Up until last week, reservations were pretty slow because it has lakeside sites, and the weather was so cold."

Over the past year, a number of small-scale improvement projects have been done at the campgrounds, with plans in the works for more.

"We did some deck replacement outside some camper cabins, and we replaced some outdoor grills with ones that will

last longer," Bartosh said. "Throughout summer, we'll have a project going on to fix up the Belmont Park shelter house and replace its roof."

Also slated for this year is a project to build a trail segment in Belmont Park, funded through a grant by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources Environment Trust Fund. The Friends of the Jackson County Trails have been working with the parks department on that project for some time, Bartosh said.

Overall, Bartosh expects a good camping season this year and encouraged those interested in reserving a site to do so soon.

"People are welcome to look on our website or give me call to set something up," he said. "We are looking forward to another good season."

County records six new cases of COVID-19 over past week

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Jackson County recorded six new cases of COVID-19 over the last week.

That makes 12 straight weeks of single-digit COVID-19 caseload counts for the county on the heels of 28 consecutive weeks of double-digit — or triple-digit — weekly caseload counts.

The stabilization in the county's caseload count comes as the number of locals vaccinated against the

disease looks to have leveled off as well. As of Monday, 5,461 Jackson County residents — 54.9 percent of the total population — have received at least one dose of vaccine, with 5,257 — 52.8 percent of the total population — fully vaccinated, both numbers virtually unchanged from one week ago.

Also virtually unchanged from last week is the number of Jackson County residents — around 3,300, or 33 percent of the total population — the Minnesota De-

partment of Health is calling "up to date" on vaccine doses. For those ages 5 to 11, that means a complete primary series. For those 12 and older, up to date means a completed primary series plus at least one additional dose.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, Jackson County has notched a cumulative total of 2,165 confirmed cases of the disease. To date, the deaths of 17 Jackson County residents have been attrib-

uted to COVID-19 — eight in 2020 before vaccines became widely available, eight in 2021 and one in 2022.

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 1.5 million cases of the illness and tallied more than 12,530 deaths.

DEER HUNT: City responding to complaints

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to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources by May 6.

The council last week approved looking into the possibility of a deer hunt next year and also to see what could be done yet this year to attempt to address the problem.

In other action from last week's council meeting:

AIRPORT PROJECT ITEMS APPROVED

The council approved a bid from Svoboda Excavating for the Jackson Municipal Airport runway construction and shifting projects.

The project entails shifting the current runway roughly 240 feet to the northeast, to serve as a parallel taxiway to a new runway, which is slated for construction. It will be jointly funded by the Federal Aviation Authority, the state and city with a 90 percent, 5 percent, 5 percent split, respectively.

The final bid from Svoboda Excavating was \$4,469,810. The council also approved an onsite observation and administra-

tion agreement with HDR, which will provide construction administration and observation services for the project.

COUNCIL TO LOOK INTO FUNDING

After lengthy discussion, council members agreed to look into funding sources to help reimburse Larry Clymer, owner of Jackson Cycle, for damage to his sewer line.

The issue came about after Clymer's line, which runs beneath Jackson County Central School District property, was exposed by a contractor during a school district project and froze. Clymer requested assistance to help cover the cost of repairs, which totaled about \$4,200.

Clymer claimed he was connected in the aftermath of a city project to connect more properties to the city main. Clymer had to connect to the city main back in 2013 and had a permit for it, but no easement to cross onto school property, and he maintained the city should reimburse him for the damage to his sewer

line.

The city's utilities commission recommended Clymer be reimbursed, but the city's insurance company found the city had no liability for the damaged line.

"I did what I was told," Clymer said in his comments to the council. "I thought the city knew how it should have been done."

Jackson City Attorney Brad Anderson said the city had no liability in the situation and that reimbursing Clymer would constitute a private donation and be of questionable legality, as state statute requires all city expenditures to have a public purpose. He also said it would set a precedent of the city contributing to private sewer repairs on lines for which the city's insurance company said it had no liability.

Council member Dave Cushman also expressed concerns that Clymer would have to go to the school district and lose his ability to use the line, which runs under Riverside Elementary School.

"What worries me is that you have to go to the school, and you lose your

easement, which you don't have," he said.

Council member Marcus Polz suggested the city look into finding non-municipal sources of funding to help Clymer pay for his sewer repair and made a motion to that effect. Polz's motion passed, with only council member Nathan Peterson voting in opposition.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS OK'D

Council approves bid advertisement for street reconstruction, alley repairs

The council approved the advertising of bids for the 2022 street reconstruction and downtown alley repair projects.

The projects, which are being designed by Bolton and Menk, are set to kick off this summer and will consist of work on Emily Street, Riverside Drive, River Street, Westridge Drive and Northridge Drive, as well as the eight alleys downtown. The projects are expected to cost around \$3.1 million.

FOGELMAN: Endorsed on the eighth ballot

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started."

A candidate needed 60 percent of delegate votes to secure the endorsement, Koch said. With Fogelman attaining that number in the eighth round, Koch added, she is now the only candidate on whose behalf the party will work.

Fogelman, of rural Fulda, will be on the Aug. 9 primary election ballot as the endorsed Republican for House District 21B. Of the other three announced Republican candidates, Paul Lenz of St. James has said he will abide by the results of the endorsing

Two candidates set for local campaign stops this week

Two candidates for the open local congressional seat were scheduled to be in Jackson County this week for campaign events.

Jackson County native Matt Benda, an attorney from Albert Lea, was scheduled for meet-and-greets Wednesday in Jackson, while Brad Finstad of New Ulm, former state director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development in Minnesota, is scheduled for a Jackson campaign stop this Friday.

Benda was scheduled to be at Kat's Hog Heaven in Jackson from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and at Bridget's Bucksnot's Brew Ha-Ha and Grill in Jackson from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. that same day. Finstad is scheduled to be at the Jackson Pizza Ranch this Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Both are campaigning for the First Congressional District seat vacated in February upon the death of former U.S. Rep. Jim Hagedorn. A special primary election will take place on May 24.

convention; Jayesun Sherman of Windom has said he will as well, all things being equal; and Larry Liepold

of rural Okabena has declined to say whether he will or not.

At present, there is no

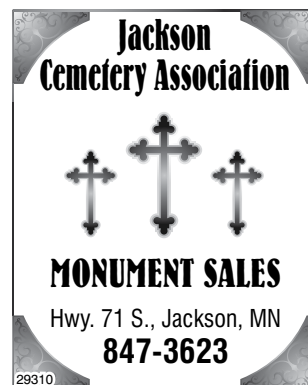
announced Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party candidate for the seat.

WEATHER

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behind previous years in terms of planting progress.

The story is the same across the state, with only 9 percent of the Minnesota corn crop in the field as of Monday, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, compared to 48 percent at this time last year and the five-year average of 81 percent. Soybean planting statewide was 2 percent complete as of Monday, compared to 59 percent last year and the five-year average of 25 percent.



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OPINION



PILOT EDITORIAL

May a month to honor all heroes

May is the month we honor those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. And, while it is fitting to recall the heroics of those who gave their lives for our freedoms, May is also the month to honor those heroes working on our behalf yet today.

For while May is when we celebrate Memorial Day, it is also when we celebrate National Law Enforcement Week — this week — and National Emergency Medical Services Week — next week.

Both groups are beyond deserving.

Not only do those who serve in law enforcement put themselves in harm's way on a daily basis, but they do so amid a frenzied level of public scrutiny and even suspicion.

Not only do emergency medical responders perform critical, lifesaving work, but they do so amid declining numbers of volunteers and ever-increasing pressures of the job.

So yes, on Memorial Day, do take the time to honor those heroes who have gone before us. But this week and next, also take the time to thank our local law enforcement and emergency medical service professionals. They certainly deserve it.

Be motorcycle-safe this spring

Question: I am a motorcycle rider and would appreciate it if you would write a bit about motorcycle accidents.

Answer: Spring is upon us, and motorcycles are once again sharing the highways.

Motorcycle use is at an all-time high and the two primary factors involved in these crashes are driver inexperience and speed. In Minnesota, more than half of motorcycle crashes are single-vehicle crashes.

One reason riders are often killed in crashes is because the motorcycle itself provides virtually no protection for the riders. The occupant protection built in to our passenger cars protects us greatly, but cannot

be incorporated within a motorcycle. Serious head injuries are common among fatally injured riders. This is why helmet use is very important.

Nationwide, 80 percent of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death; a comparable figure for automobiles is only 20 percent. Nationwide, 25 percent of motorcycle operators killed in crashes are not licensed or are improperly licensed to operate a motorcycle. Preliminary reports show 67 motorcyclists were killed on Minnesota roadways in 2021.

Around half of all fatal single-vehicle motorcycle crashes involved alcohol. Driving a motorcycle requires more skill and coordination than driving

most other vehicles and impairment, even at lower levels, diminishes judgment and motor skills greatly.

It is not advisable to ride a motorcycle you are not able to push or pull upright by yourself. A motorcycle must fit the person, and the style of the cycle should fit the user.

All motorists are reminded to safely share the road with motorcycles and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe. Motorcyclists are reminded to make themselves visible to other motorists.

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.



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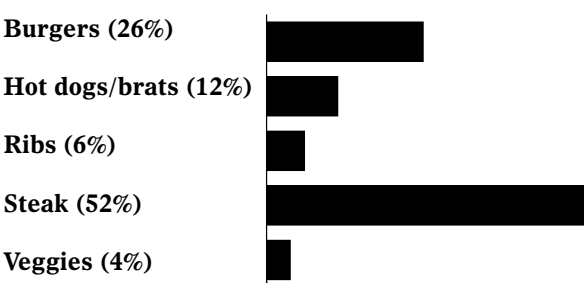
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IN FULL SWING

Warmer weather means the golf season is in full swing, much as it was at the old golf course on Petersburg Road back in the 1930s.

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: What's your favorite thing to grill?



Source: Jackson County Pilot Website

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: Have you bought your fishing license yet?

Vote online at jacksoncountypilot.com.

READERS WRITE

Speak up before it is too late

To the editor:

We have all heard about the proposed carbon pipeline designed to move carbon dioxide from the Midwest to North Dakota. One related issue is the possible use of eminent domain to gain access to land on the proposed route.

It seems to me eminent domain is already being used right here in our community. I have written about an improvement project on Judicial Ditch 3 in Jackson County. It seems the Heron Lake Watershed District Board of Managers has moved forward with the improvement before being able to acquire a public water permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as required by statute while trying to pass it off as repairs. Even the repair portion is

still subject to impending appeal. At the advice of the engineer and backed by its attorney, the HLWD board has awarded bids for the project and begun work on the project. This is being done by meeting behind closed doors. Over the past year, I have witnessed the suppression of public comment by limiting time and the number of opportunities to speak.

It is obvious to me the HLWD board does not follow its own mission to protect and improve our water resources or have concern for our environment. These are our resources and our environment, and the board should not degrade them for the benefit of a few.

Become informed and speak up before it is too late.
Phillip Kruger
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News from years gone by

10 years ago
May 17, 2012
JCC to graduate 81
The biggest milestone to date for the Jackson County Central High School Class of 2012 will arrive Sunday when 81 seniors and six foreign exchange students walk across a stage to receive their diplomas. The 2 p.m. celebration in the main JCC main gymnasium will feature traditional "Fanfare and Processional" by the JCC Senior High Concert Band, as well as special group performances of "Wicked" and "The Billboard March."
Donating to our future
Riverside Elementary School students received an end-of-year surprise recently when the Jackson Kiwanis Club donated a mobile iPad cart to school.
The new cart, which carries 30 of the tablet computers, is the second at Riverside. The first was purchased in February of last year for the purpose of standardized testing.
Obituaries: Betty Gano, Elma J. Oelkers, Mary Larson

20 years ago
May 23, 2002
City to consider proposals for old Fort Belmont site
Less than one month after a purchase agreement was reached on the old United Prairie Bank building, another property in Jackson could soon change hands. The old Fort Belmont property, located at the intersection of Highway 71 and County Road 34, could soon have a new owner, it was reported at the Jackson City Council meeting Tuesday night.
Olsen helps seal deal to ship soybeans to Mexico
On March 25, Larry Olsen, who is the grain and feed department manager for the local Farmers Co-op Association and also a member of the board of the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association, went on a unique trip to Mexico. "It was a quick one,"

Olsen said. "We left here on a Thursday and we were back home by Sunday."
That trip was the culmination of months of work by the MGFA, the Minnesota Shippers Association, FCStone, several Minnesota producers and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture marketing department.
Obituaries: Sophia O. Hanefeld, Dagny V. Brodin, Rudolph Von Ohlen

30 years ago
May 14, 1992
Historic downtown tours are planned
Tours of historic downtown are on tap for May 21.
The Jackson County Historical Society is organizing the tours to help spotlight the downtown district's spotlight on the National Register of Historic Places, according to Phyllis Nauerth, director.
Council will zero in on seniors' issues
As medical advances create better health knowledge and care, the number of seniors is expected to increase. In order to provide the best quality of life possible for this segment of the population and to have society continue to benefit from what they have to offer, seniors' needs must be addressed and ways found to utilize their resources. Hoping to do just that is the newly organized Jackson County Council on Aging.
Obituaries: C. Allen Ringquist, Vivian Gilbert, Beatrice Kalmbrum, Albert Bebenese, Michael Zahradnik, John Graves

40 years ago
May 13, 1982
Co-op feed mill plans finalized
Plans for rebuilding a Farmers' Cooperative feed mill have almost been finalized.
The new mill will be built just north of the Milwaukee Railroad depot on a piece of pie-shaped land leased by the co-op from the railroad company. All that is left to be done is to name the contractor.

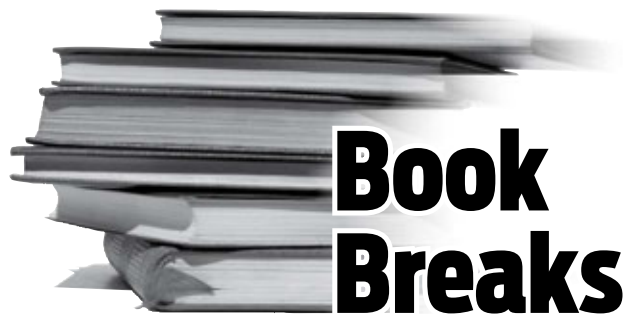
Construction of the \$600,000 automated structure is expected to begin within the next two weeks and completed somewhere around the anniversary date of the fire that destroyed the old feed mill on Jan. 1, 1982.
DFL endorsing convention May 26
The Democratic-Farmer-Labor party in the new 28th District will host its first candidate endorsement convention May 26 at 7 p.m. in the Lakefield Community Center.
That decision was reached on May 8 in Windom by district representatives who met to lay plans and set procedures and rules for the convention.
Obituaries: Dr. Harvey Hockert, Donald Day, Arliss Wolden, Ingval Ingbritson

50 years ago
May 10, 1972
Art Linkletter drug film Monday at high school
"The growing epidemic of drug misuse is on your doorstep."
That's the theme for a community action program to combat drug misuse, using the resources already available in the community and putting them to work to develop solutions to the urgent needs. As part of this community action-oriented program, an hour-long film will be shown Monday at the high school auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.
School board hears summer school plans
The Jackson School Board Monday night heard Normal Miller, administrative assistant, explain the summer school plans for some 73 students.
Funded under Title I, the school will continue for four weeks instead of six weeks, as it has in the past, and teachers will concentrate on math, reading and language skills.
Obituaries: Andrew Johnson, Leslie Larson

Area faith and worship schedule

- Messages may be heard at our website: gracelutheranspiritlake.org. All services can be viewed Facebook Live or YouTube.com until further notice.
- Belmont Lutheran Church**
Rural Lakefield,
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Thursday, May 12: 1 p.m.
Belmont Women Bible Study
Friday, May 13: 8 a.m. SWMN Women's Gathering
Sunday, May 15: 8 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, May 9: 8:30 a.m. Bible Study; 2 p.m. Good Samaritan Communion; 4 p.m. Bible Study; 5:30-7 p.m. Ruby's Pantry in Sherburn
Thursday, May 19: 9 a.m. Shetek Conference Meeting
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, May 15: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Senior Sunday
Tuesday, May 17; 10 a.m. Ruth Circle & BLL; 6 p.m. Deacons Meeting; 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 18: 5:15 p.m. Parish Ed Meeting
- Church of the Good Shepherd**
311 Sverdrup, 847-2504
Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht - Pastor
Thursday, May 12: 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, May 14: 4:15-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation; 5 p.m. Mass - @ St. Joseph, Lakefield
Sunday, May 15: 8:30 a.m. Mass @ Good Shepherd, Jackson; 10:30 a.m. @ St. Luke, Sherburn
Monday, May 16: Holy Communion: 1 p.m. In-Home; 1:30 p.m. Valley View; 2 p.m. Colonial Manor
- First Baptist Church**
921 Hills Ave., 847-2369
Pastor: Nathan Janzen
Youth & Family Pastor: Thor Kurtz
Thursday, May 12: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Elder Led Prayer Group
Sunday, May 15: 9-9:20 a.m. Upper Room Prayer/Worship Service; 9:30-10:40 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church
Monday, May 16: 6:30-9 p.m. Elders Meeting
Wednesday, May 18: No JOC Youth Group; 6:15-8 p.m. AWANA Leaders Year End Meeting
Thursday, May 19: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Elder Led Prayer Group
- Grace Lutheran Church**
Spirit Lake, 712-336-2446
Thursday, May 12: Grace to Go Online
Saturday, May 14: 4 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday, May 15: 10 a.m. Worship Service In-Person and Facebook Live; 10 a.m. Connect: Grades K-5
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**
101 Kimball Ave., 847-3693
Pastor: John Schuetz
Sunday, May 15: 9 a.m. Worship Service; 10:15 a.m. Education Hour
Tuesday, May 17: 8:30 a.m. Quilting Workshop
Wednesday, May 18: 3:30 p.m. LWML Meeting at The Pines; 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, May 12: 8 a.m. Men's Study - Parlor; 12 noon-6 p.m. Red Cross Bloodmobile
Saturday, May 14: 5 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, May 15: 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and on KKOJ 1190 AM; 9:45 a.m. Adult Study
Monday, May 16: 10 a.m. Workshop
- Tuesday, May 17: 8 a.m. Women's Study; 9 a.m. Library Board
Wednesday, May 18: 2:45 p.m. Grade 7 Confirmation; 6 p.m. Jars of Clay
Thursday, May 19: 8 a.m. Men's Study - Parlor; 2 p.m. Martha Circle - Parlor
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, May 12: 9 a.m. On-line Devotions @ Facebook or YouTube
Friday, May 13: 9 a.m. On-line Devotions @ Facebook or YouTube; 10 a.m. Coffee with Sarah
Saturday, May 14: 12 noon, Lunch with Pastor @ Gunderson's
Sunday, May 15: 9 a.m. Divine Service @ Trinity; 10:45 a.m. Divine Service @ Concordia with Graduation Recognition
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, May 15: 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, May 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10 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
Thursday, May 12: Pastor Russ in Lakefield
Sunday, May 15: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; 6 p.m. Embrace Jackson
Monday, May 16: Pastor Russ in Jackson.
Tuesday, May 17: Pastor Russ in Lakefield.
Wednesday, May 18: Pastor Russ in Jackson. No Bible Study. 10 a.m. Good Samaritan Service
Thursday, May 19: Pastor Russ in Lakefield.

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Book Breaks

BEDTIME STORY HOUR
Bedtime Storyhour will take place on Thursday, May 19, at 6:15 p.m. in the library meeting room. Children and families are welcome to attend. The story hour will feature stories, rhymes, music, a craft and a snack. Children may come in pajamas with their favorite bedtime buddy or blanket. Registration is requested. Call 847-4748.

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM PREVIEW
We are excited to announce plans for the 2022 "Oceans of Possibilities"-themed summer library program. Many fun events are planned for all ages and at this time programs will take place in person. To keep everyone active and learning during the summer months, activity logs have been designed for infants and toddlers, elementary-age students, tweens and teens. In addition, family BINGO cards will be available. Adults are also encouraged to read this summer and will have the opportunity to fill out a BINGO card. Some of the summer programs will include presenters — including the Zooman, Toby KID, WonderWeavers Storytellers and the Teddy Bear Band — craft kits for all ages, story strolls,

Friday morning story time, bedtime story time, tween and teen events and more. New this year is a STEAM TIME! program. The handout of events is available at the library and will be distributed to all elementary and pre-school students through the local newspaper for more on upcoming events.

TWEEN/TEEN EVENTS FOR MARCH
The May tween and teen after-school event will be a "Craft for a Cause" event. Grab a friend and create do-it-yourself dog toys to donate to a shelter. The event will take place on Thursday, May 17, at 3:45 p.m. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call 847-4748.

PLACE HOLDS FROM HOME
Are you checking the library shelves for new books you want to read? Are you waiting weeks to finally find it on the shelf? Placing a hold on materials will lead to getting materials faster. You can place holds by either asking library staff or by logging into your library account on the Online Public Access Catalog. You may also renew your items by logging into your account from home. The URL for the online catalog is opac.plumcreekli-



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brary.net. Written instructions are available at the library. This site is also a great place to check the New York Times and Publishers Weekly best-seller lists. If you don't find what you are looking for, make sure to ask a librarian.

BOOK DISCUSSION
"The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes will be discussed on Monday, May 16, 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.

LITTLE TYKES STORYTIME
Little Tykes Storytime takes place on Mondays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The final Monday story time for the season will take place on Monday, May 23. The 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.

Knights raising funds with food in the next few days

Spaghetti dinner is Friday, omelet feed this Sunday

The Jackson Knights of Columbus will raise funds with food over the next few days.

The local council hosts a spaghetti feed this Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall in Jackson. On the menu are spaghetti,

garlic toast, lemonade, coffee or water and soft-served ice cream with toppings. Proceeds from the feed will benefit the local FFA chapter. The meal will be served in traditional sit-down and drive-through style.

On Sunday, the Knights will host an omelet and pancake breakfast at the hall from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. On the menu are made-to-

order omelets with choice of fixings, pancakes, toast, sausages, coffee or juice. The breakfast will raise money to be used for the replacement of torn flags and broken flagpoles in the local cemetery. The breakfast will also be served in traditional sit-down and drive-through style.

All are welcome to attend both fundraisers.



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WITH VOICES RAISED

Lynn Mullins (right) leads those gathered for the National Day of Prayer last Thursday — among them Pastor John Schuetz (center) and Nina Walter (from left), Jackson Mayor Wayne Walter and Father Jonathan Fasnacht — in singing "How Great Thou Art" in the rotunda of the Jackson County Courthouse in Jackson.



Pastor Nathan Janzen of First Baptist Church of Jackson offers a few words for those gathered for the National Day of Prayer last Thursday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Jackson.

BIRTHDAYS · ANNIVERSARIES

frede, Adam LeMay. Anniversary wishes go to John and Christine Dunker.

May 14: Happy birthday to Sarah Genzlinger, Zachary Drahota, Leona Koppen, Mary Fricke, Natasha Coonradt, Carey Gazda, Patience Adams, Bradley Nowak, Matthew Pietrowski, Mason Pohlman. Anniversary wishes go to Jerome and Ardith Palmer.

May 15: Happy birthday to Gavin Tlam, Dee Black, Carl Edlin, Brooklyn DeVries.

May 16: Happy birth-

day to Emery Fransen, Sophia Lovell, Sheri Hertzog, Patricia Ontiri, Oliver DeVries. Anniversary wishes go to Rich and Sonja Koch.

May 17: Happy birthday to Richard Anderson, Zachary Bargfrede, Donald Wachal, Zachary Bargfrede, Ahlya Moritz. Anniversary wishes go to Brett and Melissa Carlson.

May 18: Happy birthday to Sandra Detert, James Rowe, Mason Erickson, Avery Erickson, Will Axford. Anniversary wishes go to Ryan and Alexis Schley.



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

May 12: Happy birthday to Gary Hansen, Tracy Johnson, Jessy Gentry, Theo Pietrowski, Yvonne Schmidt.

May 13: Happy birthday to Jude Titus, Lori Beseke, Cailyn Kolander Bargfrede, Claire Kolander Bargfrede, Jo Schneekloth, Kent Barg-

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God Bless,
Richard Hample & Family
of Kim Nesmo

Livewires talk flower box, banner, county fair

The Middletown Livewires 4-H Club met for its monthly meeting on Sunday, May 1.

President Rachel Mohr called the meeting to order. New business included discussion of the club flower box, banner, food stand shifts and pre- and post-fair cleanup. The club was also told how the Lakefield Business Association is looking for volunteers for Family Fun Night. Members were reminded animal identifications are due May 16, the Jackson County 4-H Federation meeting is also May 16 and that important summer dates are included in email correspondence from the 4-H office. The meeting was adjourned.

A few members presented project talks. Joseph Mohr demonstrated film photography, Julia Bidne talked about a consumer comparison she did with different brands of cereal and Thomas Bidne talked about how to make Lazy Cake Bars. Reid Carter explained how to make a tornado in a jar and Dawson Carter showed how to plant a succulent. Landon Carter talked about a table he built from scratch.

Abigail Mohr, reporter



2022 Events

- May 10** Ladies' league starts
- May 11** Men's league starts
- June 6** Senior men
- June 12** 8-inch cup tournament
- June 24** Chamber golf outing
- June 26** 1-person best shot tournament
- June 27** Senior men
- July 4** Don vs. Goat tournament
- July 16** Couples tournament
- July 24** 2-person 8-inch cup tournament
- Aug. 4** Pizza Ranch ladies' tournament
- Aug. 6** Flat Earth Wrestling tournament
- Aug. 13-14** Emerald Cup
- Aug. 20-21** Club tournament
- Aug. 27** AGCO tournament
- Sept. 10** Kirby's Closet tournament
- Sept. 18** 4-person best shot tournament
- Sept. 23** 3's tournament

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Local organization and artist land SMAC grants

A local organization and individual are recent recipients of grant funds from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council.

The SMAC Board of Directors met on April 26 and awarded a total of \$94,289 in grant funds to 14 organizations, eight students and four artists across southwestern Minnesota. Among the recipients are the Rhythm of the River committee and Jackson artist Steven Bergeson.

The ROTR committee received a \$7,000 SMAC Art Project grant. These grants provide organizations in the SMAC region with funds with which to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts. The 15th ROTR music festival will take place July 8-9 at Fort Belmont in Jackson. The festival will feature music, art and exhibits by local and regional artisans.

Bergeson was awarded a \$1,000 SMAC Quick Support for Individual Artist grant. These grants provide artists with funds for activities such as purchasing supplies, attending classes and small artist-led community projects.

Bergeson will use his grant to mount and frame 16 watercolor paintings and 12 oil paintings for his upcoming exhibit at the Jackson Center for the Arts in Jackson.

SMAC is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting and encouraging the development of the arts in the 18 counties of southwestern Minnesota by serving as a source of funds and technical services, which enable local organizations, educational institutions and individuals to sponsor and/or create and promote the arts in their communities. SMAC receives funding from individuals, businesses, organizations, schools, cities, counties, private foundations, an allocation from

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PAJAMA PARTY

Above: Khloe Daberkow leads a song during the "Pajama Party" musical performed by Riverside Elementary School first graders last week. Below: Daaron Weefah shows his love for pizza while singing "Pizza Love."



Top left: Zoey Cox takes good care of her stuffed animal while leading Riverside Elementary School first graders in a song during last week's "Pajama Party" musical. Top right: Peyton Wilking is all smiles as she leads her fellow classmates in song. Left: Annabelle Hacker points to a goat in a coat held by Dawn Potthoff while singing "Down By the Bay."

Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To the voters of the County of Jackson
In the County of Jackson, State of Minnesota.

Notice is Hereby Given, that a Special Primary Election will be held in the Election Precinct at:

Precinct	Precinct Name	Polling Place
0005	Alba Township*	Jackson County Courthouse
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0025	Delafield Township	Delafield Town Hall
0030	Des Moines Township	Jackson Library
0035	Enterprise Township*	Jackson County Courthouse
0040	Ewington Township*	Jackson County Courthouse
0045	Heron Lake City	Heron Lake Community Center
0050	Heron Lake Township*	Jackson County Courthouse
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0060	Jackson City Ward 1	Good Shepherd Hall
0070	Jackson City Ward 2	Good Shepherd Hall
0080	Kimball Township	Kimball Town Hall
0085	La Crosse Township*	Jackson County Courthouse
0090	Lakefield City Precinct 1	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
0095	Lakefield City Precinct 2	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
0100	Middletown Township	Middletown Town Hall
0105	Minneota Township	Minneota Town Hall
0110	Okabena City*	Jackson County Courthouse
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on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 2022, at which the polls will be open from the hours of 7:00 o'clock AM to the hour of 8:00 o'clock PM for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

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(May 12)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING COMMUNITY OPTIONS & RESOURCES MAY 24, 2022 4:00 PM

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The public is invited to attend. Please RSVP to Kim Wilkinson 507-764-4612 ext 7.

(May 12, 19)

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF JACKSON FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 32-PR-22-18

Estate of
Craig Lee Glenn
aka **Craig Glenn,**
Decedent

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

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dress is 118 Cindy Drive, Minnesota City, MN 55959 as Personal Representative 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.

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BY THE COURT
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Judge of District Court

Dated: 4/29/2022
/s/ Kayla McKinney
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County lawmakers applaud legislation

Local lawmakers are applauding legislation they say eliminates an unneeded tax increase on the state's employers.

Both local state Rep. Rod Hamilton, R-Mt. Lake, who serves as the Republican lead on the Minnesota House Workforce and Business Development Policy and Finance Committee, and local state Rep. Bjorn Olson, R-Fairmont, voted last week in support of the bill that ultimately replenishes Minnesota's unemployment insurance trust fund.



Rep. Rod Hamilton

been used for this purpose, as could have federal COVID-19 relief funding totaling more than \$1 billion. But by not utilizing either of these pots of money, the default repayment was tax increases on local employers by 15 percent or more. Because the issue had not been addressed, the two said, Minnesota had been spending \$50,000 a day just in interest costs.

Hamilton and Olson said the compromise proposal between the House and Senate approved last week fully

replenishes the unemployment insurance trust fund at \$2.7 billion and ends the tax increase on Minnesota's job providers.

"Minnesota's employers have struggled for the past two years trying to recover from the COVID pandemic and they could not afford massive tax hikes," Olson said. "I'm pleased all sides were able to reach consensus on this issue and that our local business owners will no longer be financially punished."



Rep. Bjorn Olson

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Rod Hamilton

Hamilton agreed.

"With a \$9.3 billion surplus, there was no reason to raise taxes on anyone," Hamilton said. "I'm glad we were able to finally act on behalf of our employers."



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CLEANUP CREW

Members of the Jackson Lions Club wrap up the club's semi-annual cleanup of Highway 71, which this year also included the cleanup of walking and biking trails by the Des Moines River. Members challenge other local organizations and citizens of Jackson to continue what they started and clean up around town and along the trails. Members on hand for the cleanup include Mark Walter (from left), Mike Stade, Clayton Lewis, Connie Meyers, Denny Hample, Craig Fransen and Pat Barnett. Missing: John Meyers and Dan Ruby.



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JCC TRACK AND FIELD

Vancura breaks discus record



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
Caleb Vancura competes in discus at the Sentinel Relays this past Friday in Fairmont. Vancura broke the school record in the event and finished in first place.

Boys finish third, girls are second at Sentinel Relays

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

Caleb Vancura set a new school record in the discus and the Jackson County Central boys' track and field team won four events at the Sentinel Relays this past Friday in Fairmont to finish third in the team standings.

The JCC girls did one better, placing second in the Class AA standings in the meet.

Vancura sets school record

Vancura broke the school record in discus and head coach Rafe York thinks that's a trend he'll continue.

Vancura's winning distance of 148 feet, 11 inches broke Brandon Schmit's previous school record by 10 inches.

York said it's Vancura's drive and work ethic that have helped him become the school's new record holder.

"He's so focused that he's all about getting better all the time," Rafe York said. "He's very competitive and he demands a lot of himself."

That's also why York thinks that record will be pushed even farther and why he thinks Vancura has a chance to set the school record in shot put too.

"He's got his eye on the

shot put record," York said. "He's still about 7 feet away, but I wouldn't bet against him."

The school record was the second broken by a JCC boy during the week. Last Tuesday, Andrew Boyum set a new mark in the 3,200-meter run (see B5). In Fairmont, Boyum won the 1,600-meter run with a personal-record time of four minutes, 40.9 seconds that ranks fifth in school history.

In the other distance race, Evan Paplow dominated the field, winning with a time of 10 minutes, 19.98 seconds that ranks eighth in school history.

The two lead a group of distance runners York said have helped carry the team this year. "The distance crew is really one of our strengths this year," he said.

The Huskies got a fourth first-place victory at the Sentinel Relays from the shuttle relay team of Gabriel Wolff, Alex Koster, Ridge Van-Westen and Boyum. The event, which is popular in Iowa but not as common in Minnesota, has the first two runners sprint 200 meters, followed by a 400-meter run and 800-meter run. JCC's relay crew had a time of three minutes, 49.89 seconds to finish first by five-hundredths

See **T&F** on **B5**

Inside...

B5

Andrew Boyum set a new school record as the JCC boys and girls swept the team titles at a meet in Cottonwood last week.

JCC SOFTBALL

Huskies stop skid against Arrows

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

Pipestone has long been a power when it comes to softball in southwest Minnesota.

So a win by the Jackson County Central softball team over the Arrows was quite a feat.

A 7-6 win in Game 1 of last Thursday's doubleheader ended a 13-game losing streak to the Arrows and was just the second victory for JCC over Pipestone in the last 23 games.

The Arrows won the nightcap and, two days earlier, seventh-ranked Luverne beat JCC twice in a doubleheader.

The Huskies are now 5-7 on the season and 4-5 in the small-school division of the Big South Conference.

'Huge win for our program'

The Huskies led Pipestone 7-0 early in the first game of their doubleheader and held on to beat the Arrows 7-6.

Brittany Arduser, Alexis O'Reilly and Alana Freking all scored in the first inning, with O'Reilly and Bailey Finck delivering run-scoring singles.

Carson Schneekloth doubled with one out in the second inning and scored on a single by Arduser, who then scored on an O'Reilly double.

The JCC lead grew to 7-0 when Finck and Maia Reed both singled and scored in

See **SB** on **B3**

Racing season starts Tuesday night at Jackson Motorplex

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

A season filled with special events will kick off Tuesday night at the Jackson Motorplex.

The season opener was originally scheduled for late last month, but a two-night show had to be postponed.

That means the new opener is the first of three Bank Midwest IMCA Series events. Each will include IMCA modifieds, IMCA Northern Sport-Mods, IMCA stock cars, IMCA hobby stocks and IMCA sport compacts.

Following Tuesday's

opener, the first night of sprint car racing takes place May 20 as the MSTs 360 sprints are joined by Racesaver sprints.

Jackson Motorplex General Manager Doug Johnson said the season will be filled with special events as weekly races start going by the wayside.

"We're kind of getting away from weekly racing," he said. "It's such a tough draw right now to do weekly racing and get consistent car counts and crowds. We'll try to do more special events."

That's something he hopes is a hit and continue

See **MOTORPLEX** on **B4**

Warmer weather will help for fishing opener

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

If the temperature keeps climbing, local fishermen could have some luck during the walleye opener this weekend.

That's the word from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officer Mike Gruhlke.

"If we get some temperatures that are a little more agreeable and consistent, that would bode well for walleye and crappy fishing," he said.

That looks to be the case as temperatures are expected to reach the upper 80s this week before tapering slightly this weekend.

Whatever the case, Gruhlke expects local lakes and rivers to be busy.

"There will be a few people everywhere for a while," he said. "Then it'll start to sort itself out and see where things are taking place."

One place Gruhlke pre-

dicted fishermen will have success is Little Spirit Lake, which has been open because it's a border water with Iowa.

"Folks did pretty well there toward the end of the ice season," he said. "Other lakes in the county I expect to see some activity at are Fish Lake, Clear Lake and Round Lake."

Gruhlke said the Des Moines River will also be a popular spot, but warned those trying their luck to be safe.

"The river has come up quite a bit within the last week and a half or so," he said. "Be careful fishing near or around the river. The swifter water can pose problems if they get too close to it."

Other safety tips to keep in mind, Gruhlke said, include making sure all safety equipment — including all life jackets — are in good working order, as are anchors, anchor ropes and a fire extinguisher.

See **OPENER** on **B3**

JCC BASEBALL



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
Logan Butzon delivers a pitch during a two-hit complete-game win against Pipestone in Game 1 of a doubleheader last Thursday at Wacker Field.

Huskies hang on for wild win over Saints

by DAN CONDON
 Sports Editor

An early lead disappeared for the Jackson County Central baseball team Monday at St. James Area, but the Huskies rallied to beat the Saints.

The victory came after JCC split a doubleheader against Pipestone last Thursday and lost late against Blue Earth Area last Tuesday.

The Huskies are 5-6 on the season and 3-4 in the small-school division of the Big South Conference.

Huskies win late

JCC saw an early lead slip away and eventually lost last Monday at BEA. The Huskies weren't able to let it happen

Monday at St. James.

The Huskies led the Saints 4-0 after single runs in four separate innings, but the Saints rallied to tie it in the bottom of the fifth inning.

JCC took the lead with two runs in the top of the seventh, then held off a furious scoring threat in the bottom of the inning.

"That's the first thing we talked about in the huddle after the game was coming through after things kind of went against us for a while late in the game," head coach Mike Wierson said. "We were able to finish well. The guys came through

and had some big hits and made plays when they needed to."

Bryson Powers singled to start the seventh inning and Levi Lindley followed with a walk. They both moved into scoring position on a bunt by Cameron Henning, then both scored on a single by Trace Michelson for a 6-4 lead.

Michel-

son has been hot at the plate lately and that continued Monday with two hits and three runs batted in.

so that's been nice to see."

Michel-

son's big hit gave the Huskies the lead and they held onto it in the bottom of the inning — barely.

The first two batters of the inning walked and the next hit a single to load the bases with nobody out.

"I think everybody was a little bit like, 'Here we go again,'" Wierson said. "At the same time, we knew we could do it."

Payton Handevit got the next three batters to hit the ball right back to him. The first two times he threw to catcher Dylan Withers for outs at home and the final out came when Handevit threw to Scholten at first base to clinch the win.

"We knew we had to make plays," Wierson said. "Payton was able to put it across the plate and we

See **BASE** on **B4**

“THE GUYS CAME THROUGH AND HAD SOME BIG HITS AND MADE PLAYS WHEN THEY NEEDED TO.”

Mike Wierson

BULLS BASEBALL



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
Ryan Rasche delivers a pitch during the first inning of the season opener Sunday for the Jackson Bulls.

Bulls held hitless in opener

The Jackson Bulls were held hitless by Windom ace Collin Lovell in their season opener Sunday at Wacker Field, losing 12-0 in five innings via the 10-run rule. The game was scheduled to go seven innings.

fifth inning, forcing Lovell to throw out of the stretch for the first time all game.

Phaly wasn't able to advance past first as the Bulls failed to put a runner in scoring position in the game.

Windom scored five runs in the first inning, one in the second, four in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Ryan Rasche pitched the first two innings before Pat Boggess got the next five outs. Kevin Holm got the Bulls out of the fourth and then pitched the fifth.

Up next
Jackson is back on the diamond Sunday when the

Bulls play a split doubleheader. The Bulls open the day at Heron Lake at 2 p.m. and then play at Lakefield at 5 p.m. Jackson then plays Mt. Lake next Wednesday in St. James.

Table with 2 columns: Bulls baseball stats (WIN 51, AB R H RBI) and individual player stats (Bahr, Spaeth, Wacker, etc.)

Frogs opened season last night

The Lakefield Frogs were scheduled to open their season Wednesday night with a home game against Mt. Lake. The two teams were originally scheduled to play May 1 but the game was postponed because of the weather.

BASE: Butzon, JCC beat Arrows

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were able to make plays." Withers got the putout on the first two outs of the inning and has been solid behind the plate all season, Wierson said.

"Dylan has been doing awesome behind the plate," he said. "He's keeping balls in front of him, not giving up extra bases and extra runs."

The Huskies took their early lead methodically, scoring a run in each of the first, third, fourth and fifth innings.

Logan Butzon singled and scored the first run, then Handevitd doubled and scored the next. Ben Spaeth walked and scored on a Handevitd single in the fourth and Lindley doubled and scored on a Michelson single in the fifth.

Brett Rossow pitched four scoreless innings before the Saints finally got to him in the third. The sophomore struck out three batters in the first four innings and Wierson said he was still effective in the fifth.

"He was pitching well, even in that inning," Wierson said. "They were able to find a couple holes and then got the one big hit once they had bases loaded."

Andrew Boyum got the Huskies out of the fifth and pitched a scoreless sixth to get the win before Handevitd picked up the save with his scoreless seventh.

None of the runs allowed by the Huskies was earned.

Handevitd and Lindley joined Michelson with two hits each. Lindley also walked twice to reach base in all four of his plate appearances.

Huskies split with Arrows

Butzon dominated Pipestone in Game 1 of a doubleheader last Thursday, leading the Huskies to a 7-1 victory. The Arrows earned a split, winning the nightcap 6-3.

Butzon didn't allow a hit or run until the fifth inning in a complete-game win. He struck out five and gave up just two singles in the win.

By the time the Arrows did anything on offense, the Huskies were out to a 7-0 lead.

Handevitd scored on a single by Powers in the first inning, then Michelson doubled home Powers and Scholten for a 3-0 lead.

In the second, Powers singled home Lucas Vesey and Damien Phaly, then scored on an error to make it a 6-0 JCC advantage.

Lindley singled and scored on a wild pitch in the third.

Powers had two hits, three RBI and scored two runs in the win. Michelson drove in a pair of runs with his first-inning double.

The Huskies took a 2-0 lead in the nightcap, but were outscored 6-1 in the final four innings.

Vesey and Phaly both scored in the third, but Pipestone answered with three runs in the fourth and two in the fifth to lead 4-2.

Handevitd scored in the sixth to get the Huskies within one, but the Arrows plated two runs in the sixth to seal the win.

Vesey had the only hit of the game for the Huskies, but JCC batters drew four walks and were hit by pitches six times to keep the base paths busy.

Lindley pitched into the sixth inning, striking out seven batters. Boyum got the final three outs for the Huskies.

Bucs rally past Huskies

JCC looked in control with a 7-2 lead late against BEA last Tuesday, but the Bucs scored five runs in the sixth, then walked it off with a run in the bottom of the seventh.

BEA jumped out to a 2-0



Trace Michelson fires across the diamond for an out in Game 1 of a Big South Conference doubleheader against Pipestone last Thursday.

MOTORPLEX: Starts on Tuesday

Continued from B1

ues to grow.

"In the next few years we'll try to do more and more bigger, special events," he said, adding tractor pulls and concerts could be in the future.

Nationals moved back

The biggest change to the schedule this summer is a later date for the AGCO Jackson Nationals. The event has taken place in July recently, but returns to August.

The popular three-day show is set for Aug. 18-20.

"If you look back at some of the original nationals, that's the date they had back in the day was the week after the Knoxville Nationals," Johnson said. "We decided to go that route this year."

Johnson said low car counts last year was the biggest reason for the change. "Last year the car count was way down," he said. "We had around 35 cars and Saturday it was down to the upper 20s."

That should change this year as teams stay in the area after racing in Knoxville, Iowa, the weekend before.

"I've talked to some race teams who are excited with the date," Johnson said. "They'll be in Knoxville the week before, then stick around and race for big money the week after."

Johnson said the schedule also works well for the World of Outlaws.

"The World of Out-

Jackson Motorplex GM Doug Johnson named Regional Promoter of the Year

Doug Johnson, the general manager of the Jackson Motorplex and Huset's Speedway in Brandon, S.D., has been named the Regional Promoter of the Year.

Winning the award Johnson, a Jackson native, said is a big distinction.

"To win that award is a great honor," he said. "I was not expecting it at all."

The award is the result of great people all around him, Johnson said.

"It's not only me" he said. "It's the people we have around us. If it wasn't for those people, I'd never have a chance to win that award. It's a great testament to the people we have working at both facilities."



Doug Johnson

laws came to us," he said. "It makes sense to them with their scheduling."

While Johnson said the change might initially be a shock to some, he hopes it's the new norm.

"We don't know if it's the right move or not, but we'll see how it goes," he said. "I'm not a big fan of changing dates - I know people plan vacations around bigger events. Our intention is to keep it in August and see how it goes."

The week of Nationals will also include several events around the area, including a golf tournament at the Jackson Golf Club and fan fest.

"Those are just some of the things we're working on," Johnson said. "We're looking at having some bands after the races just about every night to keep fans entertained. We want to make it a big event."

Border Battle another highlight

The June 17 and 18 Border Battle is another event Johnson is excited about

this summer.

The event features 410 Outlaw sprints two nights, with the first night also including Racesaver sprints.

"I'm really looking forward to the Border Battle," Johnson said.

July will also be busy with Jackson County Fair races, as well as a couple 360 shows and an IMCA special.

"We've got a good mix of different types of cars this year," Johnson said.

Races broadcasted nationally all season

All races at the Jackson Motorplex this season can be viewed on DirtVision TV, which Johnson said is a great way to grow the sport and track.

"If you have a subscription, you can watch both Jackson and Huset's Speedway," he said, adding tracks like Knoxville and bigger tracks in Pennsylvania are all available. "It's a good deal for those who can't make it to the track."

Of course, Johnson would prefer folks actually come to the Jackson Motorplex for races if they're able.

"Being in person is totally different," he said. "You see the action; you smell the cars. All your senses are involved being at the track. If you can make it, I encourage everyone to come to the track."



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
Damien Phaly gets the green light from head coach Mike Wierson to head home for a run last week against Pipestone.

lead after the first inning, but JCC scored the next seven runs.

Spaeth, Phaly, Butzon and Powers all scored in the third inning and Vesey and Phaly came around in the fourth for a 6-2 lead.

The lead was up to five runs when Vesey doubled and scored in the sixth.

BEA tied the game with a big bottom of the sixth inning, then won it the next inning.

Butzon and Michelson each had two hits in the game and Powers drove in two runs. Vesey and Phaly

both scored a pair of runs.

Michelson pitched the first five and two-thirds innings, striking out seven and allowing just two earned runs before Scholten finished the game.

Up next

The Huskies played at Windom Tuesday and host Luverne today (Thursday) for a doubleheader. JCC then hosts St. James Area Monday and Redwood Valley Tuesday.

Table with 2 columns: JCC baseball Game 1 stats (PIPE 000, JCC 331) and individual player stats (Butzon, Handevitd, Powers, etc.)

Table with 2 columns: JCC baseball Game 2 stats (JCC 002, PIPE 000) and individual player stats (Butzon, Handevitd, Powers, etc.)

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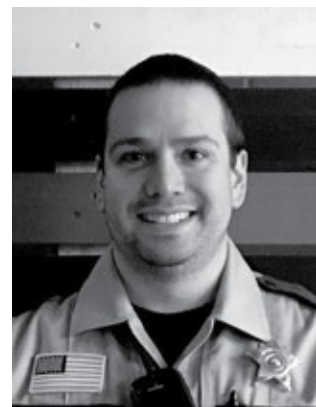
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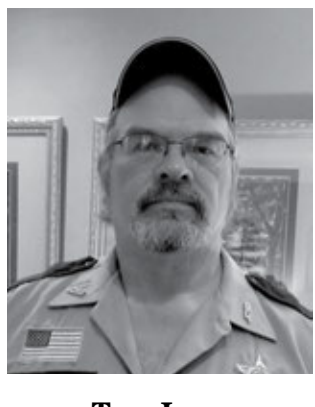
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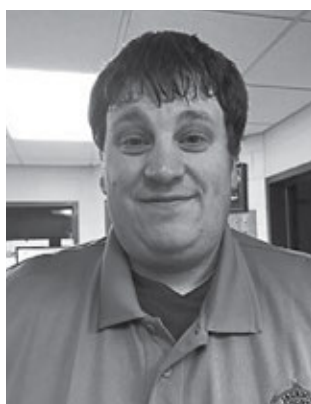
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Several Jackson County Central seniors are new graduates of Minnesota West Community and Technical College, including Kade Zishka (from left), Claire Kolander, Carter Pigman, Sydney Osterberg, Keenan Ambrose, Dan Stubbe and Clayton Cavness.

Local students among MnWest grads

Local students are among the candidates for graduation from Minnesota West Community and Technical College this spring.

The Jackson campus of MnWest hosted commencement ceremonies last week. Other campus' commencement ceremonies take place this week.

Jackson students in line to graduate from MnWest include Keenan Ambrose,

Christopher Bezdicsek, Alexis Crees, Heidi Farrell, Danielle Janning, Claire Kolander, Arron Lyons, Sydney Osterberg, Bailee Sauter, Nathan Schlager, Grant Schlager, Braden Schuett, Daniel Stubbe and Allison Vande Kieft.

Candidates from Lakefield include Kody Burmeister, Clayton Cavness, Cali Cranston, Erin Hohenstein, Samantha

Laabs, Emily Rossow, Samuel VanWesten and Kade Zishka.

Other local candidates for graduation include Alison Eckert of Alpha; Drystan Freking, Daine Jensen and Jozlynn Powles from Heron Lake; and Michael Feehan, Eh Say and Megan Schroeder from Okabena.



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HUSKY HEROES

Pleasantview Elementary School students honored as Husky Pride Heroes for the month of April include (front, from left): Lanie Adkins, Ady Wierson, Paxton Shubert, Avery Carlson, Madisyn Pohlman and Noah Adams. Back: Madison Roland, Laiten Jorgensen, Kayden Mitchell, Reagan Hill, Addie Fricke and Alex Cihak. Missing: Harvey Pohlman.



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Above: Dakota Hockel (back, left) and Christopher Bezdicsek (back right) are recognized prior to receiving their diplomas from Minnesota West Community and Technical College during the Jackson campus' commencement ceremonies last Thursday evening. Right: Londyn Espenson receives her diploma from Minnesota West Community and Technical College President Terry Gaalswyk.



SENT FORTH

PHOTOS BY JEN TEWES
Above: Jackson County Central High School seniors Taylor Post (from left), Molly Turner, Macy Kolander, Olivia Anderson and Zachary Rasmussen close out last week's baccalaureate service by singing "Pass It On" while local youth pastor Riley Place accompanies on guitar. Right: Senior Avery Jensen leads the gathering prayer at last week's baccalaureate service at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Jackson.





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Isaac Fest (left) and Zach Schumacher are the proud owners of Two Dudes Popcorn.

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THE POPCORN DUDES

Locals launch a new agribusiness

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Sometimes, a new business idea just “pops” in one’s head and won’t go away. That was the case for Zach Schumacher and Isaac Fest.

The two friends, both of whom work in the agriculture industry, opted to try out a unique business idea — homegrown popcorn.

“Isaac came up with it,” Schumacher said. “We kept talking about it and, eventually, we decided to put a plan together.”

Schumacher lives in Heron Lake with his wife and son, while Fest lives in Lakefield. See **POPCORN** on C2



Isaac Fest (left) and Zach Schumacher, owners of Two Dudes Popcorn, work to label another bag.

Officials urge locals to get water-quality certified now

Effort comes on the heels of new study confirming economic benefit

State agriculture officials are encouraging local farmers and landowners to become water-quality certified on the heels of a new study showing increased profits for those that already are.

The study, conducted by the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence, shows farmers enrolled in the Min-



Thom Peterson

nesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program have higher profits than non-certified farms. This marks the third year of data highlighting improved financial outcomes for those certified farms.

The “Influence of Intensified Environmental Practices on Farm Profitability” study examined financial and crop production information from farmers enrolled in the Minnesota State Farm Business Management education program. The 94 MAWQCP farms in the study saw 2021 profits that were an average of more than \$16,000, or 6 percent higher, than non-certified farms. Looking at three years of data, the average income was See **CERTIFIED** on C3

Online...



Details of the economic study can be found online at agcentric.org/farm-business-management/annual-fbm-reports/.



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Bergen Meat Processors owners Jay (from left), Bo, Ella and Paulette Scott accept a \$60,461 check from Federated Rural Electric’s revolving loan fund from Federated Rural Electric General Manager Scott Reimer. This funding goes toward a new wastewater treatment system for the business’ slaughter and processing lines.

Bergen Meats gets help with upgrade

Bergen Meat Processors recently got a leg up on plans to upgrade its wastewater treatment system, thanks to a revolving loan fund from Federated Rural Electric.

Jackson-based Federated agreed to loan Bergen

Meat Processors \$60,461 to help finance the system upgrade, which includes adding tanks, pumps and an aerobic treatment system to treat the wastewater from slaughter and processing operations. See **BERGEN** on C4

Like brother, like brother

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

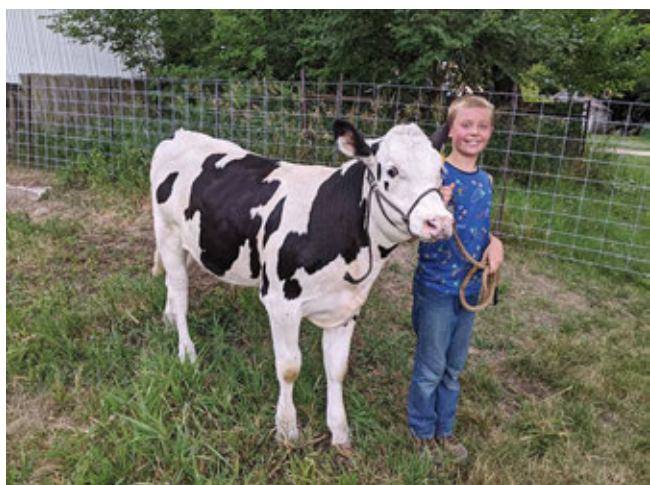
Teagan and Talic Swenson are getting a head start on raising cattle.

The two brothers, who live with their parents, Trelin and Kristie, on an acreage in rural Alpha, received cattle this year through the New Vision Co-op Feeder Calf Program. It’s Teagan Swenson’s second time in the program; last year, he showed his feeder calf at the Jackson County Fair and won a showmanship and rate-of-gain award. Talic Swenson is eager to follow in his footsteps and will show for the first time this year.

“We got involved with it because we wanted to see what raising cattle was like, especially since Dad used to raise dairy cattle when he was growing up,” Teagan Swenson said.

Teagan Swenson named last year’s calf “Rocket,” and spent the summer working with him.

“We got him at around 300 pounds in April, and we have to pay for both the calf and the feed, but you get to sell them at the end if you want,” Teagan Swenson said. “I enjoyed it a lot, because it was fun to work and play with him.” See **BROTHER** on C5



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Talic Swenson works with his feeder calf, “Rocket,” last summer.

Swensons featured in ag publication

Teagan and Talic Swenson are featured in the latest edition of the Farm Market News, a regional ag publication reaching more than 18,500 rural homes and businesses across the tri-state area.

The two brothers, both of whom are taking part in the New Vision Co-op Feeder Calf Program this year, are the subject of the cover story in the May 2 Farm Market News.

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Jeff and Jen Tewes — along with children Meta and Kade — say they plan no major changes at Bob’s Fleet Supply of Jackson after purchasing it earlier this year.

Store gets new lease on life

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

A longtime Jackson County farm and fleet supply store has a new lease on life thanks to a local family.

Jeff and Jen Tewes of rural Jackson purchased Bob’s Fleet Supply of Jackson on April 1. The store had been scheduled to close later this year after current owners were unable to find a buyer. “The store is a staple

in the community,” Jen Tewes said of Bob’s Fleet. “As part of this community ourselves, we’re excited to be able to keep it that way.”

The business was founded in 1957 on Jackson’s Main Street. It quickly became a cornerstone of commerce for the local farm community.

Former store manager Bob Christensen, son of the store’s founder, said he recalls working at the store as a boy for a starting wage of 12.5 cents per hour.

“I started when I was 7 or 8 years old and worked there until I was 17 or 18,” he said. “The experience was really a fundamental part of my education.”

Christensen said he always marveled at how intertwined the store was in the fabric of the local farming community.

“Over the years, I have seen how much the community depends on this store,” he said. “I have watched generations of the See **STORE** on C3

POPCORN: Local friends launch an all-new agribusiness venture

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in Worthington with his wife. They got seed from a family-owned company in Indiana and planted an acre of popcorn. Just like that, their business had turned from abstraction to reality.

The name? Two Dudes Popcorn.

When planting started, it turned out to be more complicated than raising field corn, requiring a special touch — and an eye for details.

“Popcorn is a lot touchier than field corn, and it has to be more dried out when you harvest it, but we were able to harvest it with a normal combine on a different setting,” Fest said.

Schumacher said one major challenge of raising popcorn is its sensitivity to chemicals. Pesticides and herbicides kill the plant, so he and Fest spent a lot of time weeding and making sure pests weren't ruining their crop.

Their families helped out in the process. Fest's mom came up with a more efficient way to bag popcorn, speeding up the final stages of getting product ready for sale.

The business partners



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Another batch of Two Dudes Popcorn is ready for sale.

set up a Facebook page to take orders on and soon found themselves selling. Individual purchases made up the lion's share of initial sales this past December.

“Initially, we had a rush during the holiday season, and we got completely overwhelmed, then things slowed down before picking up again,” Fest said.

They also partnered with retailers in Worthington

and the Fulda area, along with the Worthington School District, for their sales.

“Business has been pretty good for what we can expect in local markets,” Schumacher said. “We got in with Worthington High School for some of their sporting events and our product will also be available at Minnesota West (Community and Technical College).”

Fest said they're planning on expanding their reach to more small towns in southwest Minnesota, one store and school district at a time.

Schumacher said young people looking to start companies of their own need to be ready to put in the hours, have a passion for what they're planning on doing and be ready to



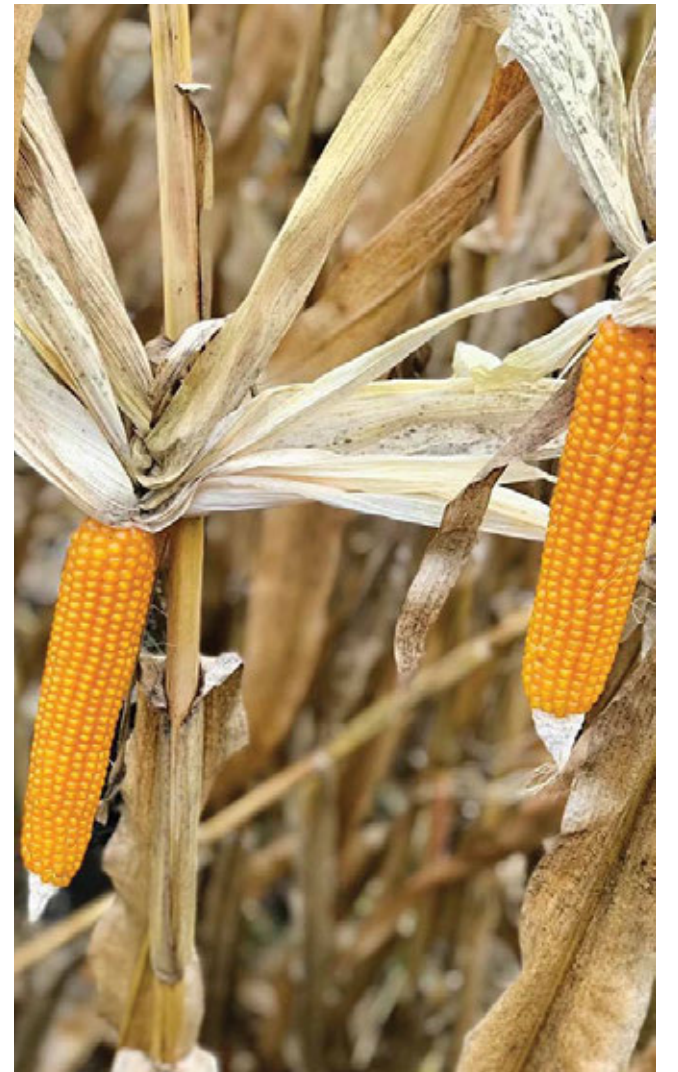
Harvesting popcorn can be done by combine, though on a different setting than field corn.

take advice and help from family and friends.

“You have to find a balance,” he said. “If you have people to lean on and they know a better way to do something, be ready to listen to them.”

He added that, at the end of the day, they've made a successful product and have received great feedback for their work. Next year, Fest and Schumacher will plant two-and-a-half to three acres of corn.

“The lady who ran concessions in Worthington is proud of what they put out and, when she tried our popcorn, she said it'd be difficult to impress her,” Schumacher said. “She called the next day and bought everything we had to offer, so the product really does speak for itself.”



Zach Schumacher and Isaac Fest, owners of Two Dudes Popcorn, say growing popcorn is quite a bit different than growing field corn.

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STORE: New owners

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same family walk through that front door over and over again. There is a trust there and a bond and a relationship that is so very important and one I have come to deeply respect.”

Christensen’s father ran the store until 1985, when Denny Frodermann took over as full-time manager, eventually buying into the business. Frodermann took great pride in the business and continued to work until his death in January 2021.

Christensen returned to help manage the business in early 2021. But after driving to and from Jackson from Mankato six days a week for a full year, Christensen said he knew the time had come for him to move on.

A buyer was sought, but not immediately found, and Christensen and the ownership team began to prepare themselves for a liquidation sale and closure. That’s when Jeff and Jen Tewes came along.

“We talked it over, and we decided we just couldn’t let it close,” Jeff Tewes said. “It’s too important a part of this community.”

Jeff Tewes has deep roots in the community and in Jackson County agriculture. Jen Tewes has 20 years of prior experience in retail. Even the Tewes kids fit into the picture — daughter Meta and son Kade each with deep experience in and love for agriculture and Kade skilled in chainsaw blade sharpening, a core service the business will continue to offer.

Christensen said he is thrilled to be able to hand the business off to a local family interested in seeing it thrive well into the future.

“I am really delighted to see it go to a young family that knows the community and knows the customer base and knows what it takes to keep it going,” Christensen said.

Jeff and Jen Tewes say they plan no major changes to the business.

“We’re definitely keeping the name,” Jen Tewes said.”



PHOTO BY JUSTIN LESSMAN
Jeff and Jen Tewes — along with children Meta and Kade — are the new owners of Bob’s Fleet Supply of Jackson.

We may look to expand some product lines here and there but will not change much in terms of merchandise. We’ll do what we need to do for our customers.”

Jeff Tewes said current store employees Mike Dahlin, Perry Egdorff and Monte More will remain on the job, while he keeps farming south of town and Jen Tewes continues in her role as site supervisor and marketing specialist at Sanford Jackson Medical Center.

“I can’t say enough about Perry, Monte and Michael,” Jeff Tewes said. “We couldn’t do this without them.”

A few additional part-time employees have been added — son Kade among them, along with Samantha Henning and Braydan Winter — and a few more may be added in the future, Jen Tewes said. And Christensen continues to help out as needed, which Jeff and Jen Tewes said has made the transition about as smooth as possible.

“The reaction to our purchase of the business and the support from the community thus far has been amazing,” Jen Tewes said. “We’ve heard words of thanks and appreciation, and we echo that right back. People come to the store for their ag supplies from all over, and we certainly appreciate our loyal customers.”

CERTIFIED: Benefits

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more than \$25,000 higher for MAWQCP farms, or \$16,000 higher for median income. Other key financial metrics are also better for those enrolled in the MAWQCP, the study shows, such as debt-to-asset ratios and operating expense ratios.

Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said the three years of data serve as an early indicator of a positive return on investment for whole-farm conservation management farmers implement to become certified.

“We see that farms in the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program have major benefits on the environment, and now we see with three years of data that our certified farmers are, on average, also looking at better economic outcomes,” Petersen said. “I encourage all farmers and landowners to look into the advantages of certifying their land and contact their local soil and water conservation district for more information.”

Details on the economic study are available online at agcentric.org/farm-business-management/annual-fbm-reports/.

“Minnesota Farm Business Management is excited to partner with the MDA to define the economic metrics around farmers who are water quality certified compared to their peers in the database,” added Keith

Olander, executive director of AgCentric. “We have developed a three-year trend on the performance of these farms and find that those who are water quality certified use a management strategy that supports stronger farm profitability compared to their peers.”

The MAWQCP puts farmers in touch with local conservation district experts to identify and mitigate any risks their farm poses to water quality. Producers going through the certification process have priority access to financial assistance. After being certified, each farm is deemed in compliance with new water quality laws and regulations for 10 years.

Since the program’s statewide launch in 2016, 1,197 farms totaling more than 845,000 acres have been certified across Minnesota. Farms have added 2,414 new conservation practices, which are designed to protect Minnesota’s waters. Those new practices are estimated to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 44,000 metric tons each year.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has announced a goal of enrolling 1 million acres by the end of 2022.

Farmers and landowners interested in becoming water quality certified can contact their local soil and water conservation district or visit MyLandMyLegacy.com.

Local representative working to reassure consumers, farmers as avian flu spreads

Hamilton urges locals to keep eating poultry

a greater service if they purchased more turkey and chicken during these worrisome times for producers.”

Local state Rep. Rod Hamilton is reminding Jackson County residents that they are in no danger of suffering health problems if they consume chicken or turkey products, even as the highly pathogenic avian flu continues to spread in Minnesota.



Rep. Rod Hamilton

“When people hear that bird flu is spreading, some will no longer purchase chicken or turkey out of fear that they might be eating contaminated meat,” said Hamilton, R-Mt Lake. “The reality is the poultry products that are available on the market are perfectly healthy and safe to eat. Residents would actually be doing the industry

In 2015, an avian flu outbreak caused the death of 9 million birds throughout the state either through contamination or euthanization to slow the spread. Hamilton, who represents western Jackson County in the state Legislature, said poultry producers, as well as the state’s agricultural economy, were crippled by the outbreak.

In response, the Legislature provided significant funds to help deal with the emergency and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture instituted numerous biosecurity measures meant to slow the spread of avian flu if another outbreak came to Minnesota. Hamilton said these biosecurity measures have Minnesota in a much better place today as compared to 2015.

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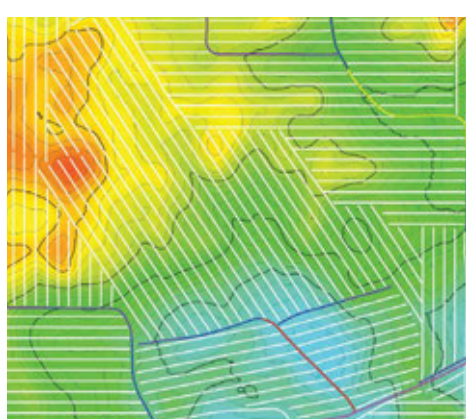


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Temporary ban on Minnesota poultry exhibitions extended

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health's temporary statewide ban on poultry events is extended until Wednesday, June 1. The state and federal response to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Minnesota has been un-

der way since the virus was first confirmed on March 26. Animal health officials enacted the temporary ban that month for all poultry swaps, fairs, exhibitions and other events where live poultry

"WE APPRECIATE THE PATIENCE OF FLOCK OWNERS AS WE EXTEND THIS PAUSE ON POULTRY EVENTS TO CONTINUE EVALUATING THE RISK HPAI POSES TO THEIR BIRDS WHILE AT HOME OR ON THE ROAD AT A FAIR OR OTHER EVENT."

Linda Glaser

and susceptible birds are brought together and then disperse. "We appreciate the patience of flock owners as we extend this pause on poultry events to continue evaluating the risk HPAI poses to their birds while at home or on the road at a fair or other event," said Linda Glaser, assistant director of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. "We have a close eye on the upcoming county fair season and other community events, and we hope this extension suppresses the virus to allow those things to proceed safely as planned in June."

Direct selling of poultry is still allowed through private sales, stores or via mail by National Poultry Improvement Plan-authorized sellers. This temporary ban only applies to events where birds congregate and does not apply to poultry products.

BERGEN: Meat processing facility gets help

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cial with Federated and Bergen Meat Processors signed the 10-year loan paperwork on April 25. As funds are repaid to Federated, they can be loaned to other organizations.

Bergen Meat Processors operates a custom-slaughtering business that processes beef, hogs and sheep; it is owned and operated by Jay and Paulette Scott, along with their son, Bo.

"We have operated Bergen Meats since 1979," Jay Scott said. "We process around 500 animals per year, plus sell retail smoked meats and sausage, specialty meats, beef, pork, chicken and fish, along with cheese and seasonings."

Over the years, Jay Scott has cured award-winning hams and summer sausage, plus produced award-winning Polish sausage, brats, ring bologna, skin-on wieners, bacon and dried beef. Bo Scott has also won awards for his smoked pork loin. The family makes a wide range of sausage, snack sticks and jerky for custom and retail.

Paulette Scott said the loan from Federated is

key to the future of the business.

"This economic development funding helps us finance a new waste treatment system," she said.

"We needed to replace a tank for the slaughter room and found out we could not do that without upgrading our current system or haul our waste from slaughter to another treatment system. Our old system was 17 years old; a lot of regulations have changed since it was designed. Our new system will use new technology and produce cleaner wastewater than the previous system. This will allow us to continue to serve our customers, plus allow us room for expansion in the future. It's important that our local livestock producers have the ability to process animals not only for

themselves, but others who are interested in purchasing locally raised animals."

Scott Reimer, general manager of Federated,

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Jay Scott

said. "As these organizations pay back their loans, this money goes into a revolving loan fund to assist other organizations for economic development or community facilities."

The recipient also pays for the loan's closing costs and 1 percent interest.

Federated has a long history of economic development. Since 1992, Federated has provided

economic development dollars totaling \$4.463 million. This contributed to keeping 1,168 jobs and securing 642 jobs in the area.

Federated's revolving loan fund started in 2009 with a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for \$244,000 that financed a Ceylon fire truck and Tenhassen Township Hall. Then, in 2016, Federated secured additional USDA revolving loan funds and added a matching 20 percent totaling \$421,515 toward new Heron Lake and Round Lake fire trucks. Since then, Okabena has used revolving loan funds for its fire department brush fire truck, payloader and shop building. Last year, Federated also assisted the Fox Lake Conservation League with buying the former Alliant power plant land to create a park and the Round Lake Vineyards and Winery upgrade to its septic system.

Over the past four years, USDA Rural Development has invested nearly \$2.9 million in Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program funding to support community facilities and small business development and expansion in rural communities throughout Minnesota. Rural Development also invests in housing, water and wastewater treatment, community facilities, renewable energy and broadband.

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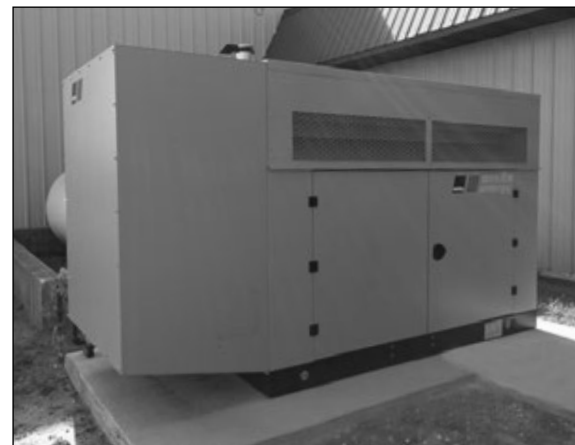
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BROTHER: Local duo getting head start on raising own cattle herd

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Sometimes “Rocket” could be challenging to work with, especially when he was getting used to being walked or harnessed. Trelin Swenson started walking him at first, then Teagan switched in. By the time he was ready to sell, “Rocket” weighed 775 pounds.

Talic Swenson will compete as a 4-H Cloverbud at this year’s county fair. He’s looking forward to getting to work with a calf of his own, especially after watching his brother

walk, play with and show “Rocket.”

Most of all, he’s hoping the two calves get along this year.

“I hope they like each other and play together, because when Teagan had ‘Rocket’ it looked like they had a lot of fun, and I hoped that if I had a calf of my own, they’d be able to play together,” Talic Swenson said.

Trelin Swenson, like his sons, was part of 4-H as a kid and he took part in a feeder calf program, just

like they’re doing this year. Between that and his dairy experience, he has more than enough knowledge to help his sons learn how to handle their calves, make sure they’re healthy and get ready for showtime.

He said the program’s accessibility and limited timespan make it a good fit for their family and others who are participating.

“We had the program when I was in 4-H here in Jackson County, so even though we raised dairy, I went through the program

because you could sell the calf back at the end,” Trelin Swenson said. “I liked it because it you didn’t have to keep it forever if you weren’t able to, so it’s definitely easier for some families.”

With summer on the horizon, Teagan and Talic Swenson are looking forward to showing their calves at the fair. For Teagan Swen-

son, the second verse may well be better — or at least easier — than the first, as he’s had the chance to work his nerves out and knows what showing will be like.

“I was nervous the first time around, but now I don’t feel nervous at all, because I’ve done it before and I know I can do it again,” he said.

Talic Swenson, while a

bit nervous about making his debut in the project this summer, knows his parents and brother will be behind him all the way, just like when Teagan Swenson was first showing.

“It makes me a little nervous,” he said, “but as a Cloverbud, I know I’ll have a parent with me in the ring at first, so I’m ready.”



PHOTO BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ
The Swenson family — Trelin (from left), Talic, Teagan and Kristie — are looking forward to participating in the New Vision Co-op Feeder Calf Program this year.

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Local ag businesses eligible for support through AURI program

Local agricultural businesses are eligible to apply for support through the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute's Entrepreneur in Residence Program.

AURI officials say access to technical advice, state-of-the-art equipment and funding options can be difference makers for the next generation of innovators looking to grow their companies to create jobs in the food and agriculture sector and bring revenue into the region. That is why, they say, AURI is continuing the Entrepreneur in Residence Program, or EiR, in 2022.

Founded in 2016, the EiR is a comprehensive program designed to catalyze and support small businesses and entrepreneurial innovation in value-added agriculture throughout the upper Midwest that brings benefit to Minnesota. Qualified entrepreneurs selected to participate will benefit from the direct use of AURI's laboratories and equipment, as well as the organization's expertise in its focus areas of food, coproducts, renewable energy and biobased products. Some participants may be eligible to receive a small stipend for qualified expenses related to participating in the program.

The EiR program is open to businesses organized under the laws of Minnesota or with a principal place of business in the state. Those expected to benefit the most from the program are pre-revenue, small or individual businesses, although AURI may consider others depending on circumstances.

The program can also provide support to entrepreneurs in their efforts to obtain non-dilutive funding through grants from federal, state and other public or private entities. While some research and development grants may not allow financing for laboratory space and facilities, or may require matching funds, AURI can help increase the likelihood of grant awards by providing qualified entrepreneurs with a source of in-kind match funding.

"We are excited to continue the Entrepreneur in Residence program and continue our important

work helping food and agricultural entrepreneurs with product and process development, analytical testing, market assessment and myriad other decisions that face entrepreneurs who are ready to scale up their businesses," said Luca Zullo, AURI's senior director of science and technology. "This program fits a need in the entrepreneur community. Access to equipment, facilities and expertise can be cost prohibitive to many at the earliest stage of any venture. Our aim with the EiR is to reduce this cost allowing innovators to focus on investing what they have — sweat-equity and ideas — rather than what they do not — hard cash."

The ideal candidate for the program will possess both technical expertise and a basic understanding of laboratory operations and equipment use. To optimize the use of limited laboratory and staff resources, AURI will limit the number of concurrent EiR projects, with a preference for residencies of no more than eight months. To be eligible for AURI's services, EiR candidates must benefit Minnesota's agricultural sector while demonstrating the potential for positive impact on Minnesota's economy.

Program candidates must also demonstrate the capacity and intent to continue commercializing their idea upon residency completion. Finally, EiR candidates must provide a work plan, as well as a business plan with a budget that reflects an ability to support the project during residency, and its strategy to continue its funding beyond EiR.

Those seeking more information about the EiR, or interested in requesting an application, may email EiR_request@auri.org or visit AURI.org.

AURI's mission is to foster long-term economic benefit through value-added agricultural products. It accomplishes this by using science and technology to help develop new uses for agricultural products. It partners with businesses and entrepreneurs to generate economic impact in Minnesota communities by helping businesses take advantage of innova-

tive opportunities in four focus areas — biobased products, renewable en-

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