

## TWO HUSKIES BREAK RECORDS

Caleb Vancura and Andrew Boyum both broke a school record during track and field meets last week. Stories, B1 and B5

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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



weather has left Bartosh lakeside

reservations a bit below their usual level.

grounds.

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-

**Council considering** 

citywide deer hunt

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 See CAMPGROUNDS on A3



Above: **Autumn Stene** holds her teddy bear close while leading a song during a "Pajama Party" musical put on by Riverside Elementary School firstgraders last week. Right: **Talic Swenson** 



# PAJAMA PARTY

Jeremy

#### 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

See DEER HUNT on A3

speaks his part during the show.



#### Photos by Dan Condon



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 his position this year.

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



and lead endorsing convention plan-

Marj ner, said Fogelman Fogelman won the en-

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 See FOGELMAN on A3

dorsement of GOP dele-

### Farmers finally get good weather

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN Publisher

Local farmers are finally



Inside...

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

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.

**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 See WEATHER on A2



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## Record

#### WEATHER

A2

#### This week

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Wednesday Partly Cloudy 72 55

> LAST WEEK Tuesday, May 3 55/34Wednesday, 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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Worthington, Speed \$130.00 Cherdnet, Dyrat B., Fridley, Speed \$140.00

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Speed \$130.00

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A deputy responded to a

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Fogarty, Dustin J., Elkhorn, Neb., Speed \$130.00 Fowell, Chris L., Chicago,

Ill., Speed \$150.00 Garibo, Victor P., Arlington, Speed \$150.00, No Minnesota

driver's license \$100.00 Harmening, Travis L., Jackson, Seatbelt violation in a

commercial vehicle \$115.00 Havwood, Trashard L. Windom, No proof motor ve-

hicle insurance \$290.00 Hernes, Caleb L., Alexan-

dria, S.D., Speed \$140.00

Highway 86. As a result, the

driver was issued a citation

for speed — 86 miles per hour in a 65-mph zone.

May 4

FINES

Hinkeldey, Andrea R., Heron Lake, Speed \$290.00 Howard, Tyrell D., Round

Lake, Hands-free law-violate paragraph 2(A); Second or

subsequent offense \$365.00 Huls., Sarah J., Jeffers, Speed \$140.00

Jenson, Micah D., Heron Lake, Driving after revocation

\$290.00 Kollie, Jimmy, Worthington, Speed \$150.00, Driving after suspension \$200.00

Koopman, James A., Oka-

bena, Speed \$150.00 Moor, Troy E., Le Mars, Iowa, No Minnesota driver's

license \$190.00 Ramirez-Aguilar, Abigail, Worthington, Speed \$140.00,

Instruction permit violation

#### \$50.00

#### Schei, Susan L., Maple Grove, Speed \$140.00

Schneekloth, Chad T., Jackson, Speed \$140.00

#### Jackson County Sheriff's Office

Delmolino, Brandon L., Jackson, Parking restrictions \$37.00

Lamoureux, Christian N., Spirit Lake, Iowa, Speed \$150.00

Meyer, Melissa S., Alpha, Driving after suspension \$290.00

Redinius, Jacob J., Wallingford. Iowa. Driving after revocation, Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle \$490.00

**Heron Lake Police** Department Delotto, Dawn Marie M.,

#### Heron Lake, Public Nuisance \$120.00

Magana, Marco A. III. Windom, Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type \$190.00

Mariscal Guerrero, Daniel, Heron Lake, Parking and storage of inoperable vehicle

#### Lakefield Police Department

Johnson, Jessica R., Lakefield, Driving after cancellation \$290.00

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

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 traf-fic 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 Jack-son 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 DUÍ.

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 apart-ment complex in Jackson.

#### May 7

Deputies assisted the Heron Lake Police Department with a noise complaint and disturbance 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 onevehicle 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 re-

port of vandalism to a vehicle in Okabena.

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that drove around the temporary roadclosed 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 Carl-isle, 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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#### Deputies responded to a noise complaint at an apart-32-vear-old homeless male to the Martin County line. He ment complex in Jackson. As said he wanted to continue a result, two individuals were issued citations for underage consumption. A deputy responded to an observed ordinance violation A deputy conducted a traffic stop in Jackson. As a result, a citation for driving after revo-

for an accumulation of garbage in the yard at a residence cation and no proof of insurin Jackson. A deputy fielded a call from A deputy investigated a

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 investi-gating, a 38-year-old female

from Jackson was arrested

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ing harassment on behalf of

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May 5

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## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

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#### 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 cleanup 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

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

## 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 CO-VID-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 Department 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 CO-VID-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 attributed 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 administration 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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percent of delegate votes

Two candidates set for local campaign stops this week

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

### WEATHER

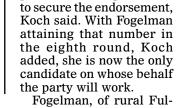
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behind previous years in terms of planting progress.

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 precent 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.

"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.'

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da, 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 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 Bucksnort'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.







# UPINION

## **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

**Ouestion:** 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.



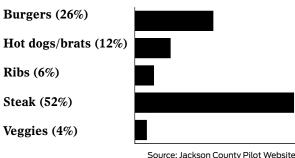
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#### **READERS WRITE**

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

#### Speak up before it is too late

#### To the editor:

back in the 1930s.

**IN FULL SWING** 

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** Lakefield

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## Faith

### JACKSON COUNTY PILOT

News from years gone by

#### 10 years ago May 17, 2012

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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 Coop 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 down-

town 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 Bebensee, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 hourlong 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 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

Messages may be heard at our website: gracelutheranspiritlake.org. All services can be viewed Facebook Live or YouTube.com until further notice.

Salem Lutheran Church 500 N. Hwy., 847-3861 Pastor: Eunice Woodberry Thursday, May 12: 1 p.m. Belmont Women Bible Study

- Friday, May 13: 8 a.m. SWMN Women's Gathering Sunday. May 15: 9:30 a.m.
- Worship/Graduate Sunday; 10:30 a.m. Contemporary 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.

#### Sheldon Jackson Outreach Center

- 603 Fourth Street Thursday, May 12: 6-7 p.m. Jackson Sobriety AA Group; 6:15-7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Meal; 7-8:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Monday, May 16: 6-7 p.m.
- Jackson Sobriety AA Group Wednesday, May 18: No JOC Youth Group
- Thursday, May 19: 6-7 p.m. Jackson Sobriety AA Group; 6:15-7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Meal: 7-8:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

#### **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. Online 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

Pastor: Russ Steele

in Lakefield

Jackson.

Lakefield.

900 North Highway, 847-2681

Thursday, May 12: Pastor Russ

Sunday, May 15: 10:30 a.m.

Embrace Jackson

Worship Service; 6 p.m.

Monday, May 16: Pastor Russ in

Tuesday, May 17: Pastor Russ in

Russ in Jackson. No Bible

Thursday, May 19: Pastor Russ

Wednesday, May 18: Pastor

Study. 10 a.m. Good

Samaritan Service

in Lakefield.



## **Community/News**

#### Thursday, May 12, 2022



#### BEDTIME **STORYHOUR**

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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, elementaryage students, tweens and teens. In addition, familv 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 — in-cluding the Zooman, Toby KID, WonderWeavers Storytellers and the Teddy Bear Band — craft kits for all ages, story strolls,



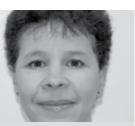
The handout of events is available at the library and will be distributed to all elementary and preschool students through the schools. Watch the local newspaper for more on upcoming events.

#### **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-



#### **JACKSON LIBRARY** Carrie Dose

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 bestseller 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 softserved ice cream with toppings. Proceeds from the feed will benefit the local FFA chapter. The meal will be served in traditional sitdown and drive-through style.

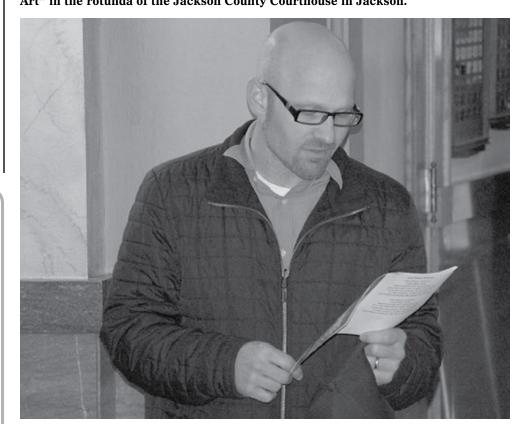
On Sunday, the Knights will host an omelet and pancake breakfast at the hall from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. On the menu are made-toorder omelets with choice of fixings, pancakes, toast, sausages, coffee or juice. The breakfast will raise money to be used for the replacement of torn flags and broken flagpoles 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.



#### 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



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 eke, Cailyn K olan

#### 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 birth-

day to Emery Fransen, Sophia Lovell, Sheri Hertzog, Patricia On-tiri, Oliver DeVries. Anniversary wishes go to Rich and Sonja Koch. May 17: Happy birth-

day 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 Er-

der Bargfrede, Claire Kolander Bargfrede, Jo Schneekloth, Kent Barg-

June 6 Senior men

June 27 Senior men

Aug.13-14 Emerald Cup

Aug.20-21 Club tournament

Sept.23 3's tournament

day to Gavin Tlam, Dee Black, Carl Edlin, Brooklyn DeVries. May 16: Happy birthickson, Avery Erickson, Will Axford. Anniversary wishes go to Ryan and Alexis Schley.

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#### 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





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## News

## 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 artistled 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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## News

#### Thursday, May 12, 2022





#### **PAJAMA PARTY**

Above: Khloee 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**

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Jackson County Minnesota

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

The 49th Annual Meeting of Community Options & Resources will be held Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 4:00 PM at Sherburn Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Dr, Sherburn.

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

#### (May 12, 19)

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

JACKSON COUNTY AUDITOR

| 0070        | Jackson City Ward 2       | Good Shepherd Hall          | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  |       |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| 0080        | Kimball Township          | Kimball Town Hall           | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | STAT  |
| 0085        | La Crosse Township*       | Jackson County Courthouse   | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | COU   |
| 0090        | Lakefield City Precinct 1 | Bethlehem Lutheran Church   | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | 000   |
| 0095        | Lakefield City Precinct 2 | Bethlehem Lutheran Church   | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | FIFT  |
| 0100        | Middletown Township       | Middletown Town Hall        | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |       |
| 0105        | Minneota Township         | Minneota Town Hall          | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |       |
| 0110        | Okabena City*             | Jackson County Courthouse   | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | Cou   |
| 0115        | Petersburg Township       | Petersburg Town Hall        | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |       |
| 0120        | Rost Township             | Rost Town Hall              | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Estat |
| 0125        | Round Lake Township       | Round Lake Community Center | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Cra   |
| 0130        | Sioux Valley Township*    | Jackson County Courthouse   | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | aka   |
| 0135        | Weimer Township*          | Jackson County Courthouse   | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  |       |
| 0140        | West Heron Lake Township* | Jackson County Courthouse   | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | NI    |
| 0145        | Wilder City               | Wilder City Hall            | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | N     |
| 0150        | Wisconsin Township*       | Jackson County Courthouse   | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  |       |
| * Indicates | Mail Ballot Precinct      |                             |                        | PET   |
|             |                           |                             |                        |       |

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:

> FEDERAL OFFICES United States Representative District 1

Dated: April 5, 2022

(May 12)

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#### · IMMEDIATE OPENING · FULL-TIME ACCOUNTING POSITION

Livewire Printing Co. seeks candidates for a full-time accounting/bookkeeper position. The person hired will learn responsibility in accounts receivable and payable, general ledger, payroll and financial reports. Some customer service duties — answering phones, serving walk-in customers, etc. are also included.

Candidates should have an educational background in accounting or equivalent experience, Microsoft Office skills, communication skills and good problem-solving abilities.

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Send a letter of application and resume to roser@livewireprinting.com.





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Anticipated Hourly Range: \$18.83 – \$24.48 Visit the DVHHS website for more information and learn how to apply! <u>www.dvhhs.org</u> Email or phone inquiries welcomed; applicants@dvhhs.org / 507-847-4000

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TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION urt File No. 32-PR-22-18

ate of raig Lee Glenn a Craig Glenn, Decedent NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON ETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, **DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL** 

**REPRESENTATIVE AND** NOTICE TO CREDITORS It is Ordered and Notice is

given that on June 13, 2022 at 1:15 PM via Zoom, a hearing will be held in this Court at 405 4th Street, Jackson,, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Miguel L. Glenn, whose adto do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: 4/29/2022

#### BY THE COURT

/s/: Darci J. Bentz Judge of District Court

Dated: 4/29/2022 /s/: Kayla McKinney **Court Administrator** 

Attorney for Petitioner Jennifer Gumbel Wagner Oehler, Ltd. 1801 Greenview Dr SW; Suite 102 Rochester, MN, 55902 Attorney License No: 0387724 Telephone: (507) 288-5567 Email: jennifer.gumbel@wagnerlegalmn.com (May 5, 12)

### **PART-TIME DISPATCHER/JAILER**

Cottonwood County is currently accepting applications for part-time Dispatcher/Jailers. This position will provide dispatch services for all law enforcement and medical emergencies within the County. Work responsibilities extend to the intake processing and oversight of prisoners within the County jail.

Minimum requirements for this position include a high school diploma or equivalent.

2022 starting salary for this position is \$20.61/ hour.

For a complete job description or application of employment, please contact the County Coordinator/Human Resources Office (Room 13 of the Cottonwood County Courthouse), call 507-831-5669 or visit the county website at www. co.cottonwood.mn.us. Resumes will not be accepted without the completed job application.

#### Positions will be open until filled.

Mail completed application to: Kelly Thongvivong Coordinator/Human Resources 900 Third Avenue Windom, MN 56101 Cottonwood County is an equal opportunity employer.

### **Public Notice/Classifieds** Δ9

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 27, 2019 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$121,125.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Brandon Anderson, a married person and Jenna L. Anderson, his spouse

**MORTGAGEE:** Farmers Savings Bank

DATE AND PLACE OF **RECORDING:** Recorded: September 30, 2019 Jackson County Recorder; Document Number: A284790

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA April 19, 2022

This document constitutes a summary of the proceedings of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners' April 19, 2022 meeting. The full text of these proceedings is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the County Administrator,

Jackson County Courthouse, 405 Fifth Street, in the City of Jackson, Minnesota. The Jackson County Board of Jackson, Minnesota met in regular session, in the Jackson County Government Resource Center, Cafeteria Room (Door 7), 402 White Street, City of Jackson, Minnesota, on April 19, 2022. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: James Eigenberg, Catherine Hohenstein, Scott McClure, Philip Nasby and Don Wachal. County Administrator, Ryan Krosch and Assistant to the deministrator Dependence of the determined by the demonstrator.

Administrator, Brandi Bourquin were also in attendance. Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Eigenberg to approve the following Consent Agenda item Board Action 22-072 - Approve April 5, 2022 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting

Minutes Board Action 22-073 - Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with

Minnesota Statutes 130.01 subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 98716 – 98885 in the amount of \$485,180.14 for the following funds: Revenue, \$69,598.94; Public Works, 576,664.54; Ditch, \$333,794.35; and Library Fund, \$5,122.31. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office upon request.

| Vendor  |                       | Total                | I  |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|----|
| I & S Group Inc   |                       | \$ 82,851.89         |    |
| Cooperative Energy Co.  |                       | 30,291.68            |    |
| VonOhlen/Rodney   |                       | 26,065.00            | F  |
| Thompson/Stephen D.   |                       | 23,855.00            | t  |
| Bolton & Menk Inc   |                       | 17,640.00            |    |
| McCarvel/Thomas J   |                       | 15,242.05            | 1  |
| Soleta/Mark   |                       | 15,173.70            | (1 |
| Cross/Richard   |                       | 14,245.75            |    |
| Alba Grain Inc.   |                       | 14,148.45            | C  |
| M C C C Mi 33   |                       | 13,277.50            | ť  |
| Gerdes/Robert J.  |                       | 12,720.58            | F  |
| Ronald Ebeling Trust  |                       | 11,824.55            | F  |
| Paulson/Curtis  |                       | 10,400.00            | а  |
| Ziemann/Kenneth C.  |                       | 9,880.00             | а  |
| Kraft Farms Partnership   |                       | 8,543.75             |    |
| Cleo M King Family Trust  |                       | 7,894.43             | s  |
| Richard P King Rev Trust  |                       | 7,894.42             | b  |
| Holmen/Gareth   |                       | 6,760.00             |    |
| Mn Dept Of Transportation                                       |                       | 6,447.76             | S  |
| Dale A. Holmes Family Trust                                     |                       | 6,360.29             | 5  |
| Holmes/Anita J.   |                       | 6,360.29             | N  |
| Bennett/Craig   |                       | 6,045.00             | -  |
| CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS                                       |                       | 5,833.75             | C  |
| Nelson/Larry and Joanne   |                       | 5,685.00             | r  |
| Midstates Equipment & Supply, Inc.<br>Haberman/Dennis           |                       | 5,020.08             | f  |
| Wendland Sellers Law Office                                     |                       | 4,989.55             | -  |
|   |                       | 4,319.00             | t  |
| Rinke Noonan, Ltd.  |                       | 4,165.00             | r  |
| Amazon Capital Services<br>Federated Rural Electric Association |                       | 4,013.53             | -  |
| Jackson Soil & Water Conservation Dist.                         |                       | 3,954.67<br>3,917.28 | 3  |
| Eggestein/Merrille  |                       | 3,705.00             | C  |
| Chonko/Mary A.  |                       | 3,356,16             |    |
| Meiners/Margaret  |                       | 3,356.16             | E  |
| Bauer Built. Inc  |                       | 3,288.00             | S  |
| MEnD Correctional Care PLLC                                     |                       | 3.263.21             | c  |
| Land & Farm Services Unlimited, LLC                             |                       | 3,200.00             |    |
| Jackson Co Auditor-Treasurer                                    |                       | 3,066.24             | (  |
| NAC Mechanical & Electrical Service                             |                       | 2,545.11             |    |
| Verizon Wireless  |                       | 2,488.71             | C  |
| Ban-Koe Systems Inc   |                       | 2,413.23             |    |
| Newman Signs, Inc.  |                       | 2,294.35             | 0  |
| Tri-State Pump & Control Inc                                    |                       | 2,240.00             | \$ |
| S & J Cleaning  |                       | 2,150.00             | 4  |
| Bradley W Anderson Law Offices, PLLC                            |                       | 2,100.00             |    |
| Clark/Keith   |                       | 2,015.63             | r  |
|   | 46 Claims over \$2000 |                      |    |
|   |                       |                      | C  |
|   | 113 Under \$2000      |                      | t  |
|   | Total                 | \$485,180.14         | i  |
|   |                       |                      |    |

Board Action 22-074 - Approve contract with Verde Outdoor for aquatic invasive species

advertising billboard. Board Action 22-075 – Approve 2022 aggregate quotes. Board Action 22-076 – Approve setting the canvassing meeting for the May 24, 2022 Federal Special election for Wednesday, May 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Board Room and appointing commissioners Nasby and Eigenberg to the canvassing board. Board Action 22-077 – Approve Jackson Racing Hall of Fame application for exempt

rmit, with no waiting period, for a raffle to be held at the Jackson Motorplex on 4/29/2022. Board Action 22-078 – Approve accepting the Southwest Initiative Foundation Grant for the Jackson County Library.

The motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Wachal and seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to adopt Board Action 22-078 – Deny submittal of an application for the 2022 Drop Box Grant

Program. The motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 22-079 – Approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the preliminary plat for Oak Ridge Landings on Loon Lake c/o Arlis and Evelyn Lucht and allow the applicant to move forward with developing the Final Plat for Oak Ridge Landings on Loon Lake Subdivision. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Hohenstein opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the Jackson County Development Code and SSTS Loan Ordinance revisions at 9:23 a m

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns; Dated: September 27 2019. Recorded: September 30, 2019 Jackson County Recorder; Document Number: A284791

And assigned to: Banker's Bank: Dated: February 01, 2022; Recorded: February 25, 2022 Jackson County Recorder: Document Number: A291903

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1003330-0000056616-2; Lender or Broker: Farmers Savings Bank; Residential Mortgage Servicer: Banker's Bank; Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Jackson; Property Address: 45760 710th St, Lakefield, MN 56150-8537; Tax Parcel ID Number: 13.028.0350

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred One (101) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the South line of said Section 28, said point being 130.3 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section 28, thence running North at a right angle for a distance of 349.0 feet, thence running West at a right angle for a distance of 1248.2 feet, thence running South at a right angle for a distance of 349.0 feet to the South line of said Section 28, thence East along the South line of said Section 28 for a distance of 1248.2 feet to the point of Commencement

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$128,640.28

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 08, 2022 at 1:00 PM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Lobby of the Law Enforcement Center, Jackfore 11:59 p.m. on December 08, 2022, or the next business day if December 08, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COL-LECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY **INFORMATION OBTAINED** WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFI-CATION OF THE DEBT AND **IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL** CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS

ACTION. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL **REPRESENTATIVES OR AS-**SIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDI-RESIDENTIAL DWELLING

ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRO-DUCTION, AND ARE ABAN-DONED.

DATED: April 13, 2022 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Banker's Bank

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee 7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300

File Number: 044901F01 (April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26)

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A request has been made to the Jackson County Board of Adjustment by Walter Frank, for a Variance pursuant to Jackson County Zoning Ordinance, Section 603.5; Agricultural Preservation, Performance Standards, Lot Area Regulations. This request is a variance to the lot acre requirement of 2 1/2 acres.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Parts of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 101 North, Range 37 West in Sioux Valley Township, Jackson County, Minnesota. A more accurate description is on file with the Jackson County Administrator.

A Public Hearing will be held

#### **SECTION 00 1113** ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS **JACKSON COUNTY JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 8** JACKSON COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY DES MOINES TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA **ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 20-23671**

#### .01 GENERAL NOTICE

Jackson County Drainage Authority (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

ISG (the Engineer) Project No. 20-23671 Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by

ISG (the Engineer) electronically through QuestCDN until June 2, 2022 at 2:00 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be posted publicly online.

The project includes the following major quantities of Work: 1. Approximately 27,400 linear feet of ditch cleaning ranging from 6' wide to 10' wide ditch bottom.

2. Approximately 32,100 LF of Ditch Sideslope Repair.

3. Installation of Alternative Side Inlets, replacement and repair/armoring of existing tile outlets, lowering or replacing existing culverts, seeding and erosion control.

#### .02 OBTAINING THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

Quest Construction Data Network (QuestCDN)

www.questcdn.com

The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 8201193. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding

#### Thursday, May 12, 2022

on this matter on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria of the Jackson County Government Center East. Enter the Government Center from the south door (#7), off White Street. Dated this 12th day of May, 2022

ANDY GEIGER Jackson County Zoning Administrator Jackson County Planning Commission (May 12)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Jackson County will test the electronic voting equipment to be used for the vote tabulation in the Special Primary election to be held on May 24, 2022.

The test will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The test will be conducted in the Board of Commissioners Room at the Courthouse in the City of Jackson.

The public is invited to attend. (May 12)

#### For Sale

KWIK KAMP motorcycle camping trailer. Queen size bed. Excellent condition with extras. \$1,500 offer. Text: 507-840-1401.

CYCLE MATE motorcycle trailer to pull behind motorcycle. Call 863-993-5495 and leave a message.

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portunity. STORAGE SPACE. 10x20s for \$50.00 a month, 5x20s for \$25.00 a month. Jasper Storage Company, Jackson, 507-847-5657

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OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS,

CIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-UTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A

Land Management Director, Andy Geiger gave a general overview of the Jackson County Development Code and SSTS Loan Ordinance revisions

No one asked to speak or provide written comments

Chair Hohenstein declared the public hearing closed at 9:26 a.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner Nasby to adopt Resolution 22-018 – Enacting amendments to the Jackson County Development Code/ Zoning Ordinance and the Subsurface septic Treatment System Loan Program Ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously. The following is a summary, pursuant to Minnesota State Statutes 375.51 and 331A.01, of amendments to the Jackson County Development Code/Zoning Ordinance and SSTS Loan Ordinance.

The purpose of the Development Code/Zoning Ordinance is to regulate land use to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents. The purpose of the SSTS Loan Ordinance is to regulate a subsurface septic treatment system loan program. The purpose of these proposed ordinance amendments includes correcting language regarding professional duties/titles, add definitions, add clarifying language to various sections, make updates to ensure consistency with State rules/requirements and clarify certain setback requirements.

| Throughout Development Code                          | Summary of ordinance changes:<br>Correct professional duties/titles relative to Land Manage-<br>ment Office positions; correction of typographical errors;   |
|--|--|
|  | fix oversights; and provide clarification.   |
| Section 301 - Definitions                            | Adding definitions defining "Department" and "Real Property".  |
| Section 507.6 - Essential<br>Service Utility Permits | Adding language to clarify the responsibilities of the utility.<br>owner when improving roads adjacent to utilities that are<br>located outside the ROW but do not meet the required<br>structure setback. |
| Section 701 - Performance<br>Standards               | Made changes throughout with regards to changes in titles and responsibilities. This is clerical in nature and not any rule changes.   |
| Section 716 - Sewage Disposal<br>Standards           | General updates to ensure consistency with State Rules<br>and Requirements. Also clarifying some procedural<br>processes for SSTS permitting and inspecting.   |
| Section 717 - Bulk Storage<br>Liquid or Gas          | Clarifying setback requirements for above ground storage containers.   |
| SSTS Loan Ordinance<br>Number 105                    | Add new definition of "New Building Construction" and add clarifying language in loan application process.   |

This is only a summary. A complete copy of the adopted Development Code/Zoning Ordinance and SSTS Loan Ordinance is available for inspection at the Jackson County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, Jackson County Courthouse, 405 Fourth Street, Jackson, MN, during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday or can be viewed online at www.co.jackson.mn.us.

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Resolution 22-019 - Proclaiming April 26 County Govern The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Resolution 22-020 - Adoption of Jackson County Commissioner Districts. The motion carried unanimously

County of Jackson ) Í SS.

State of Minnesota )

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-020**

ADOPTION OF JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 204B.135, subd. 2 requires that County Commis

sioner Districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first; and WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes the 2020 Federal Census population figures shall

be used to redistrict the Jackson County Commissioner Districts by April 26, 2022, and that Commissioner Districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has considered the possibility or potential for maximizing minority representation on the board of commissioners; and WHEREAS, Jackson County published a three week notice in the newspaper having the

contract for publishing the commissioner's proceedings for the county for 2022; and WHEREAS, Jackson County conducted a public meeting on redistricting on April 19, 2022.

NOW. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby redistricts the County of Jackson, following town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines as reestablished in March and April, 2022, and reestablishes the length of terms as follows:

District 1 – City of Lakefield Precinct 2, Hunter Township, Round Lake Township, Sioux Valley Township, Minneota Township, Middletown Township, Petersburg Township (2-year term, 2022 Election)

District 2 - City of Jackson Ward 1, City of Alpha, Wisconsin Township (4-term, 2022 Election)

District 3 - City of Lakefield Precinct 1. Heron Lake Township, Belmont Township, Enter-Disarce of your advectory of calculation in the one and the one of the one one of the one one of the one one of the one one one o

District 5 – City of Okabena, City of Heron Lake, City of Wilder, Rost Township, Ewington Township, Alba Township, West Heron Lake Township, La Crosse Township, Weimer Township, Delafield Township (2-year term, 2022 Election)

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to file the redistricting plan with the County Auditor on April 19, 2022, to be effective on May 20, 2022, for the 2022 primary and general election and publish in the Jackson County Pilot.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the districts are, for illustrative purposes, identified in a map of the county attached hereto and marked Exhibit A which by reference is hereby made a part hereof.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Eigenberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

(May 12)

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to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or be-

cuments, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Bidding Documents may only be purchased for download online at the designated website for a fee of \$15.00.

The bidder must electronically submit the proposal online using the designated website. The bidder must pay an online bidding fee off \$30.00.

#### .03 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, gualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

By: Chuck Brandel, P.E. Title: Vice President Date: May 12, 2022 END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS (May 12, 19, 26)

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## News

## **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

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Rep. Rod Hamilton

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.

"It took far too long to get this legislation across the finish line, but I am pleased we were able to eliminate this state debt and eliminate a very problematic tax increase on our job providers," said Hamilton, who represents western Jackson County in the Legislature.

Olson, who represents eastern Jackson County, agreed, adding, "I am very happy the political games that were being played by the House majority have ended and that we have acted in the best interests of our job providers."

In the wake of the CO-VID-19 pandemic, Minnesota needed to replenish its unemployment insurance trust fund to the tune of more than \$1 billion. Olson and Hamilton said \$9.3 billion in available state surplus funds could have

been used for this purpose, as could have federal COVID-19 relief funding totaling more than \$1 billion. But by not utilizing



Rep. Bjorn ployers by Olson 15 percent or more.

Because the issue had not been addressed, the two said, Minnesota had been spend-

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

ing \$50,000

a day just

in interest

costs.

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."

Hamilton agreed.

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"WITH A \$9.3 **BILLION SURPLUS,** THERE WAS NO **REASON TO RAISE** TAXES ON ANYONE." **Rod Hamilton** 

Hamilton said. "I'm glad we were able to finally act on behalf 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 orgnaizations 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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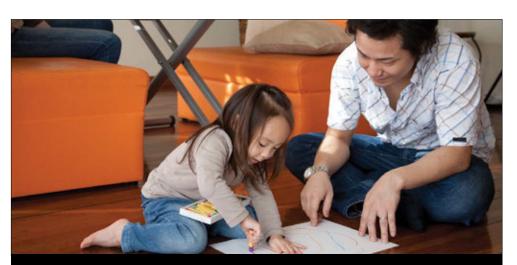
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shot put record," York said. "He's still about 7

feet away, but I wouldn't

the second broken by

a JCC boy during the week. Last Tuesday, An-

drew Boyum set a new

mark in the 3,200-me-

ter 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

race, Evan Paplow dom-

inated the field, winning

with a time of 10 min-

utes, 19.98 seconds that

ranks eighth in school

of distance runners

York said have helped

carry the team this year.

is really one of our

strengths this year,"

"The distance crew

The Huskies got a

fourth first-place victo-

ry 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 com-

mon in Minnesota, has

the first two runners

sprint 200 meters, fol-

lowed by a 400-meter

run and 800-meter run.

JCC's relay crew had a

The two lead a group

history.

he said.

In the other distance

fifth in school history.

The school record was

bet against him."



## **JCC TRACK AND FIELD** Vancura breaks discus record



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 bet-ter 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

#### Inside ....



time of three minutes, 49.89 seconds to finish first by five-hundredths See T&F on 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

#### **JCC BASEBALL**

#### 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 twonight 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 contin-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

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

needed to."

#### 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 about 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 inning.

thing we talked about in

the huddle after the game

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against us for a while late

in the game," head coach

Mike Wierson said. "We

were able to finish well.

The guys came through

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the first

THROUGH AND HAD SOME BIG HITS AND MADE PLAYS WHEN

#### **Mike Wierson**

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

and had some big hits and

made plays when they

Bryson Powers singled

to start the seventh in-

ning and Levi Lindley fol-

lowed with a walk. They

both moved into scoring

position on

a bunt by

then both

scored on

a single by

Trace Mi-

chelson for

a 6-4 lead.

Cameron

Henning,

"The last few games he's been making solid contact," Wierson said. "He's come up in a couple RBI spots and come through.

so that's been nice to see."

Michelson'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 Handevidt 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 Handevidt 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 top of **"THE GUYS CAME** the seventh. then held off a furious scoring threat in the THEY NEEDED TO." bottom of

#### **BSC STANDINGS**

#### BASEBALL

| Small Schools |   |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| BSC           | All   |  |  |  |  |
| 6-2           | 10-4  |  |  |  |  |
| 3-1           | 8-3   |  |  |  |  |
| 7-3           | 9-5   |  |  |  |  |
| 3-4           | 5-6   |  |  |  |  |
| 3-4           | 4-4   |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4           | 2-4   |  |  |  |  |
| 1-6           | 3-7   |  |  |  |  |
|               |   |  |  |  |  |
| BSC           | All   |  |  |  |  |
| 5-0           | 14-0  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-0           | 5-4   |  |  |  |  |
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| 1-3           | 3-5   |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4           | 4-5   |  |  |  |  |
| 0-5           | 2-5   |  |  |  |  |
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**BOYS' GOLF** 

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East

BEA

JCC

Team

Fairmont

New Ulm

St. Peter

Waseca

Windom

Luverne

Marshall

Redwood

Worthington 0-1

Pipestone

West

Team

#### SOFTBALL Small Schools All Team BSC St. James 8-1 8-2 10-2 Luverne 8-2 Pipestone 4-4 4-4 5-7 JCC 4-5 2-4 Windom 1-4 BEA 0-4 2-6 Redwood 0-5 0-5 **Big Schools** BSC All Team 6-0 New Ulm 6-0 Marshall 2-1 3-1 3-2 St. Peter 4-4 Worthington 1-2 2-2 1-5 2-7 Fairmont 0-3 0-5 Waseca

#### **GIRLS' GOLF**

| East        |     |     |
|-------------|-----|-----|
| Team        | BSC | All |
| BEA         | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Fairmont    | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| JCC         | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| New Ulm     | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| St. Peter   | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Waseca      | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| West        |     |     |
| Team        | BSC | All |
| Redwood     | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Worthington | 1-0 | 2-0 |
| Luverne     | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Marshall    | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Pipestone   | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Windom      | 0-1 | 0-2 |
|             |     |     |

## SPORTS CALENDAR

#### Thursday, May 12 BASE vs. Luverne Golf vs. Pipestone and

Worthington SB at Martin County West Friday, May 13 No events

Saturday, May 14 SB - JCC tournament T&F - BSC meet in Windom

Sunday, May 15 Bulls at Heron Lake Frogs vs. Bulls

Monday, May 16 Golf - BSC tournament at Dacotah Ridge BASE vs. St. James Area SB at St. James Area

Tuesday, May 17 T&F at Worthington BASE vs. Redwood Valley SB at Blue Earth Area Wednesday, May 18

Bulls at Mt. Lake (in St. James) Frogs at Fairmont

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One of my favorite current television commercials shows a man out fishing on a Minnesota lake when he hooks a big one. The narrative, representing the fisherman's thoughts, presents

many possible favorable outcomes of the catch. It is a great spiel. You get the feeling he is reeling in a large fish — one worthy of mounting on the wall — only to real-ize he had just snagged a stick. But it was a

30-incher. I laugh every time I see the advertisement because it brings back sweet memories of a fishing trip to the Lake of the Woods with Kathy's dad, Spud, her uncle, Sylvan, and two of her older brothers, Doug and Al, many years ago.

We were fishing using down riggers on a flat area near Knight Island when Doug set his hook. As he was reeling it in, he gave a great narrative of what he expected to see on his hook.

"Oh! Look at that head movement! It has to be at least an 8 pounder!" He went on and on as he kept reeling in his lunker. You could feel the excitement in his voice.

Only, much to his dismay and surprise, his lunker was the 8-pound weight we used on the down rigger. While he was surprised with his catch, I was impressed with his ability to judge the weight!

Being the true sportsman he is, we took pictures of Doug holding his "prize catch" before releasing it back into the lake. Only, instead of the gentle release like you would with a walleye, it was an unceremonious thump into the lake. Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, down into the lake again.

He did not even give it credit and thanks for the good fight it had put up. That dead weight had put up a good fight; it took Doug at least five to 10

minutes to tire it out so he could reel it in.

My own funny fishing story

I am sure there will be many anglers out trying to catch the elusive walleye this weekend during the Minnesota fishing opener. Some will succeed; others will not.

I know I will not catch any. No, I am not a pessimist. I am also not going fishing this weekend. I have yet to fish a fishing opener. Go to the Twins opener? Yes, that I will do.

I like fishing, but I do not have the expertise to just go out fishing on my own. I would be the guy fishing in an area where even the most unschooled fish would not swim.

Random thought: I wonder if fish can drop out of their school? I suppose it would be sink-or-swim time for them. Or float, belly up.

I am so happy I am a human; I would not have lasted long as a fish. While I love swimming underwater, I also love floating belly up — the back float. Even if I look like a beached whale. With lots of blubber.

I would be floating along and some bald eagle, sea gull or maybe even a pelican, whose bill can hold more than its belly can, would swoop down to have a meal on me. Or rather, of me.

Just as I do not want to be bear food, I would much rather eat a fish than be eaten like a fish. I do not even eat like a fish. My style is more like eating like a hog.

However, it would be kind of neat watching a bald eagle trying to take off with its talons latched onto my belly. Or, watching to see if a pelican's bill can hold one Stevie Weevie.

That poor pelican's bill would have stretch marks to the end of time! It would definitely be one big bill. I am sure glad I would not have to pay that big of a bill. I have enough bills of my own to pay.

I am banking on the thought that I do not taste very good; I have been told for years I have no taste. Or class. Anyway, one taste of me and that pelican would spew me out faster than Jonah got shot out of a whale. Unless I would get stuck in its craw.

There is a thought that is stuck in the craw of the Jackson County Central Middle School students. The thought is that this school year is almost complete. In fact, after today (Thursday), there are only 15 more days of school until summer vacation.

The spring athletic season is also winding down. This afternoon (Thursday), the JCC Middle School baseball and softball teams are playing Martin County West, with baseball in Lakefield and softball in Welcome.

On Monday, softball will host Fairmont in Lakefield while the baseball team will travel to Windom to play the Eagles. The JCC Middle School boy and girl golfers will host Worthington on Tuesday at the Jackson Golf Club.

With that, as I have more fish stories to relive — like the time Daniel caught a 6-inch trout that became a 2-footer by the time he was done telling his fishy story — I close for this week. Until next week, while not on the lake fishing, go watch and cheer on our athletes as they fish for a victory. Go, Huskies!



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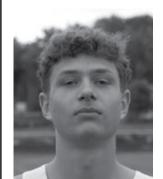
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May 7, 7:43 a.m. A school record was broken for the second time this week, this time by Caleb Vancura in discus at the Sentinel Relays. The JCC girls finished second and the boys placed third. May 6, 10:26 a.m. Several JCC wrestlers earned The Guillotine **High School Boys** Academic All-State honors. First team: Kie Anderson & Payton Handevidt Second team: Logan Butzon, Will Freking, Thomas Freking, Matt Haley & Dylan Withers Honorable mention: Andrew Boyum & **Cameron Scholten** May 5, 4:37 p.m.

**Bryson Powers hits** a two-out, two-run single, then later scores on an error. JCC leads Pipestone 6-0 after two innings.

May 5, 4:15 p.m. Bryson Powers hits and **RBI single and Trace** Michelson follows with a two-run double. JCC leads Pipestone 3-0 after one inning. May 3, 10:00 p.m. Andrew Boyum set a new school record in the 3,200-meter run as the JCC boys' and girls' track and field teams swept the Laker Invitational Tuesday.



Name: Andrew Boyum Grade: 12 Sport: Track and field The week that was: Boyum set a new school record in the 3,200-meter run (10:13.78) in Cottonwood and had a PR in the 1,600 (4:40.9) to win the Sentinel Relays. Coach's comments: "He's having a great year," Rafe York said. 'You know he's going to go out and get the iob done. He won't accept anything but his best at any meet."

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Grade: 11 Sport: Track and field The week that was: Vancura set a new school record in discus, winning the Sentinel Relays with a heave of 148 feet, 11 inches. He also won discus and shot put at the Laker Invitational. Coach's comments: "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."

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## **COYOTE CORNER**

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#### Boys tie for first at second RRC meet

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda/Westbrook-Walnut Grove boys' golf team tied Adrian/Ellsworth for first place at the second Red Rock Conference meet last Thursday and the Coyote girls finished third.

HL-O/F/WWG and A/E both shot 369 to tie for first. The Coyotes were led by Sawyer Drent, who was the meet medalist with a score of 82. Brady Ross shot 92, Carter Drent 95 and Neil Kuehl 100 for the Coyotes.

In the girls' competition in Sanborn, A/E and Murray County Central shot 419 to tie for first and HL-O/F/WWG was next with 446.

Elly Bang was the low Coyote, shooting 93. HL-O/F/WWG also used scores of 108 from Maddy Koep, 113 from Kelli Renneke and 132 from Marissa Becker.

The Coyote boys beat MCC handily last Tuesday, winning 188-234. Sawyer Drent was medalist with 43, followed by Kuehl (46), Carter Drent (47) and Ross (52).

The Coyote girls were edged by MCC, losing 225-229. Elly Bang shot 46, Koep shot 57, Marissa Bang scored 58 and Becker carded a 68.

### Boys fourth, girls fifth at Sentinel Relays

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda boys' track and field team finished fourth in the Class A team standings at the Sentinel Relays this past Friday in Fairmont and the girls were fifth.

Aiden Lorenzen won pole vault and Denver Ash won high jump for the Coyote boys. Logan Gass made it a 1-2 finish for HL-O/F in high jump as he finished second. Preston Christoffers also placed second in triple jump.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Lorenzen, Ash, Jaxson Tiesler and Parker Murphy finished second and the 4x100-meter relay team of Lorenzen, Ash, Tiesler and Gass placed third. Ash also finished fourth in the 100-meter dash

Tiesler finished third in the 200-meter dash, Gass was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles and Christoffers finished fourth in long jump. Jon Olsem finished fourth





#### INSICHIENMAY SETS SCHOOL RECORD IN HIGH JUMP One year ago, May 13, 2020

Evan Insichienmay jumped higher than any other Jackson County Central athlete has before. Insichienmay cleared 6 feet, 2 inches at a track and field meet in Windom, setting a new school record and winning the event. The victory was one of four for the JCC boys. Also winning were Trevin Gaustad in the 110-meter hurdles (16.64) and triple jump (40'6") and Ridge VanWesten in the 300-meter hurdles (44.57). The JCC girls won the meet, scoring 97 points to pick up its second victory of the season. Peyton Hanson won pole vault and Olivia Anderson was first in the 1,600-meter run (6:12).

#### HUSKIES HOLD EAGLES HITLESS

#### Five years ago, May 18, 2017

Two pitchers combined to throw a no-hitter against Windom, helping the Jackson County Central baseball team clinch the Big South Conference small-school division championship. The Huskies beat the Eagles 11-0 in five innings to move to 12-2 overall and 8-1 in the conference. Ryan Christopher pitched the first four innings, striking out nine batters without giving up a hit. Keegan Klontz pitched the fifth to wrap up the no-hitter. Easton Bahr and Christopher each had three hits and Darrius Johnson, Nathen Lewis and Logan Preuss each had two. Johnson and Preuss each drove in two runs and Christopher, Chris Gumto and Lewis all scored twice.

#### HUSKIES BLAST FIVE HOMERS IN TOURNEY

#### 10 years ago, May 17, 2012

The Jackson County Central softball team went 2-1 to finish second in its own tournament. The Huskies blasted five home runs in the tourney and scored a total of 31 runs. JCC led top-ranked Mankato Loyola 4-0 before the Crusaders rallied to win the championship game 6-4. Lydia Brandt hit a two-run triple in the game and Jasmine Erickson hit a solo home run. Marita Rasche hit two home runs in a 15-6 semifinal win over St. Peter. She also doubled in the game and drove in eight runs. Caitlin Muir was four-for-four in the game with four RBI. In the tourney opener against St. James, Brandt hit a two-run homer and Brook Klontz hit a solo shot. Mo Carlson got the win over St. Peter and Klontz picked up the W against St. James.

#### **GIRLS WIN JACKSON TOURNEY**

#### 25 years ago, May 15, 1997 – Jackson County Pilot

The Jackson Blue Jays improved to 15-3 on the season, winning their 10th game in a row in capturing the Jackson Softball Tournament. Elyse Wachal fired a no-hitter as the Jays opened the tournament with a 4-0 win over SVRLB. She struck out two and walked two in the gem. Trudy Natterstad had three hits and stole three bases in the win. Wachal, Leigh Saxton and Katie Berndt all had RBI singles in a four-run sixth inning. The Jays scored seven runs in the fifth and sixth innings to come behind to beat RRC 9-8. Tessa Hanson hit a two-run double in the fifth and Crystal Pohlman also drove in two runs. Jen Jerousek had two hits and three RBI and Berndt had two hits and two runs scored. Alyssa Honnette struck out seven batters and got the win. In the championship game, Sara Weflen had three hits and two RBI and Pohlman had three hits and three RBI. Berndt and Jerousek each had two hits and Berndt scored three runs. Honnette struck out eight batters and got the win.

#### **BACK TO STATE!**

#### 25 years ago, May 15, 1997 - Lakefield Standard

The HLOL girls' track and field team racked up 443 points to capture the Section 3A true team championship and advance to the state true team meet. Kelli Haar won the 100-meter dash (12.94) and Robin Jansky won triple jump (32'2.25"). Melissa Benson won high jump (4'10"), edging teammate Lindsay Voss (4'8"). The 4x100-meter relay team also finished first. Finishing second were Carrie Hussong in the 100 hurdles, Dani Damm in the 800, Kim Freking in the 400, Jessica Zellar in the 1,600 and the 4x8 and 4x4 relay teams. HLOL had nine third-place finishes, including three from Hussong.

#### **JCC BOYS' GOLF**

## Huskies finish fourth in BSC division meet

Brinkman seventh at BSC meet, Haar is 14<sup>th</sup> in tourney at Rose Lake

The Jackson County Central boys' golf team used balanced scoring Monday afternoon to finish fourth in a Big

South Conference East Division meet in Waseca.

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The meet came after the Hus-

kies fin-Tanner ished 11<sup>th</sup> Haar in a tournament Sat-

urday, lost to Marshall last Thursday and placed fifth in a tourney last Tuesday in St. Peter.

#### Huskies finish fourth at **BSC East meet**

All four of JCC's scoring golfers finished within one stroke of each other Monday as the Huskies carded a team score of 191 in Waseca.

That put JCC fourth out of six BSC East Division teams. St. Peter scored 174 to edge Fairmont by one stroke. Blue Earth Area shot 182 to place third.

The Huskies finished ahead of New Ulm (195) and Waseca (199).

Luke Anderson was the low golfer for the Huskies for the first time in his career. He shot a nine-hole score of 47 to tie for 11<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Tanner Haar, Kasey Grimmius and Sam Brinkman all shot 48 to tie for 14<sup>th</sup> individually and round out JCC's team total.

Tavin Miller shot 50 and Gavin Thies had a 51 for the Huskies.

#### **Tigers beat Huskies**

Brinkman went low last Thursday at the Tyler Golf Club, but Marshall beat JCC 151-176.

Brinkman shot 2-overpar 38 to lead the Huskies and finish behind just a pair of Tigers who shot under par on the round.

Anderson and Haar both shot 48 for JCC and Brent Moritz and Thies each shot 48. Grimmius carded a 50 for JCC.

#### Huskies 11th in tourney

The Huskies placed 11<sup>th</sup> in a tournament at Rose Lake Golf Course Saturday outside of Fairmont.

JCC had a team score of 369 to finish ahead of New Ulm's 417.

St. Peter was the tour-

a score of 325 that put the Saints five shots clear of Marshall. Luverne (336), Fairmont (339) and Windom (344) rounded out the top five.

Haar was JCC's low man, shooting a score of 83 that put him in a tie for 14<sup>th</sup> overall. Haar shot 42 on the front nine and used a birdie on the par-5  $17^{th}$  hole to shoot a 41 on the back nine.

Brinkman tied for 33<sup>rd</sup> overall with a score of 90. He birdied the par-3 13<sup>th</sup> hole for his highlight.

Anderson shot 95 and Grimmius carded a 101 to round out JCC's team score.

Also playing for the Huskies were Thies (103) and Miller (108).

#### JCC finishes fifth in St. Peter tournament

The Huskies were right in the middle of a tournament in St. Peter last Tuesday, finishing fifth out of nine teams.

JCC posted a team score of 339 to finish behind St. Peter (304), Faribault (307), Fairmont (314) and BEA (331). The Huskies beat New Ulm (347), Waseca (350), St. Peter 2 (355) and Redwood Valley (365). Brinkman tied for sev-

enth overall with a score

nament champion with of 78. He made par on 10 holes during the tournament and was just 3-over-par on the back nine. Haar nearly matched

Brinkman on the back nine, shooting 4-overpar on that side for a total of 83 that put him in a tie for 15<sup>th</sup>. Haar had a hot stretch on the back nine in which he was 1-under-par on a five-hole stretch. He made par on holes 10 and 11, then birdied the 12<sup>th</sup> hole before two more pars.

Miller birdied the par-5 15<sup>th</sup> hole and had seven pars as he finished with a score of 85 that was good enough to tie for  $20^{\text{th}}$ . Anderson, Thies and

Grimmius all shot 93 for the Huskies.

#### Up next

The Huskies played at Blue Earth Area Tuesday and host a triangular against Worthington and Pipestone today (Thursday) at the Jackson Golf Club. JCC then plays in the BSC tournament Monday at Dacotah Ridge outside of Redwood Falls.

### **JCC GIRLS' GOLF** Brinkman medals against Tigers

Ava Brinkman was medalist when the Jackson County Central girls' golf team played at Marshall last Thursday, but it wasn't enough as the Tigers topped the Huskies.

JCC also played in tournaments last Tuesday and Saturday.

#### **Brinkman leads**

Huskies in tournament Brinkman was the lowest scorer for the Huskies Saturday at a tournament at Interlaken Golf Club in Fairmont, but the Huskies were one golfer short of a complete team.

Brinkman carded an 18hole score of 112 and was followed closely by Ashlyn Bohl, who shot a 116. Rachel Mohr also played for the Huskies, shooting 125.

Fairmont was the top team, scoring 367 to beat runner-up Blue Earth Area (391). There were seven complete teams and JCC was one of three incomplete teams.

#### **Brinkman medals** against Marshall

Brinkman was medalist at the Tyler Golf Course last Thursday as the Hus-kies lost a 199-216 match against Marshall.

Brinkman shot a score of 45 to finish first individually.

Maci Farmer scored 54 for JCC, Bohl shot 56 and Shala Voehl carded a 61. The Huskies had more than four golfers for the first time all season as Mohr shot 77.

#### Huskies fifth at BSC East Division meet

JCC finished fifth at a **Big South Conference East** Division meet last Tuesday at Rose Lake Golf Course in Fairmont.

The Huskies had a team score of 209 to finish ahead of Waseca's 215. Fairmont was the team champion with a score of 165, followed by St. Peter (173), BEA (194) and New Ulm (198).

Bohl was the top golfer for the Huskies with a ninehole score of 48. Brinkman was one shot back, firing a 49.

JCC also got scores of 55 from Farmer and 57 from Mohr.

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### **OPENER:** Busy lakes

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Life jackets must have proper working zippers, ties and buckles and can't have big rips or tears. Although Minnesota law doesn't require adults to wear them — they are only required to be "readily accessible" — Gruhlke encourages everyone to wear them.

"Those life jackets only work when they're worn, so it's an excellent idea to wear them," he said.

#### Unusual start

The fishing opener typically coincides with Mother's Day weekend, but that's not always the case.

"Many years Mother's Day and the fishing opener winter," he said. "There was a late freeze up and some lakes just couldn't get frozen. Loon Lake was quite a hazard all winter long. It had open water all winter and Round Lake had freezing problems too. It was kind of a stranger winter in that respect.'

#### Turkey, beaver seasons continue

The turkey season continues until the end of May and the beaver season wraps up soon.

"There have been folks in the county trying to bag a bearded turkey," Gruhlke said.

Another bird-related note he said was the presence of songbirds in the area the last week or so. "It's been interesting to see when we warmed up quite a few of the songbirds came back," Gruhlke said. "People who feed birds have noted that over the last weekend it was quite impressive to see the number of birds at the feeders."

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the top of the third.

Pipestone got on the board in the bottom of the third, but Reed escaped further damage when she got a fly ball to leave the bases loaded.

Pipestone scored two more runs in the fourth and two in the fifth to cut the Husky lead to 7-5.

Mady Wachal relieved Reed in the fifth inning and retired six of the first seven batters she faced to keep the Huskies ahead by two.

After the Huskies stranded a pair in the top of the seventh to keep just a two-run lead, the Huskies held on to win in the bottom of the inning. The first four batters of the inning all reached, but an out on the bases helped the Huskies. Wachal got a groundout for the second out of the inning, then left two runners in scoring position when she caught a pop up to end the game. "That was a huge win for our program." head coach Morgan Christo-pher said. "As coaches, we've been telling our kids all year, 'We're close in all these games – we're just a couple plays away."

"Our kids played with such high energy and their emotions were so high," she said. "That's something we've got to get better at.'

The Arrows jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the nightcap and never let the Huskies back in it.

Reed hit a solo home run — an inside-the-park homer just three days after she hit one over the fence in Jackson — to get the Huskies on the board in the bottom of the second inning.

After Pipestone build a 6-1 lead, O'Reilly singled and scored on a Finck double in the fourth. Reed singled and scored on a Lauren Johnson single in the seventh for the game's final run.

#### **Huskies host tournament Saturday**

The Jackson County Central softball team is hosting a four-team round-robin tournament Saturday.

The tournament kicks off at 9 a.m. as Jackson County Central takes on Murray County Central on the varsity field and New York Mills plays Worthington on the B-squad field.

At about 11 a.m., JCC and NYM play on the varsity field and Worthington and MCC face off on the B-squad field.

The final round starts at about 1 p.m. JCC and Worthington will play on the varsity field and NYM and MCC will square off on the B-squad field.

All games are seven-inning contests unless shortened because of the run rule.

kies ended up losing to the state-ranked Cardinals, Christopher liked the way her team battled back.

'In the past we would've got down early and the two-run double and Lilly Sexton drove in a run for a four-run first.

Luverne scored three runs in the second, three in the third, five in the fourth and five in the fifth to lead 16-4. Cailee Pauling singled and O'Reilly doubled in the fifth and both scored. Arduser and O'Reilly each had two hits in the game and O'Reilly scored two runs. Finck drove in a pair of runs with her firstinning knock. Reed and Mady Wachal split the pitching duties and only half of the runs they allowed were earned.

do come together," Gruhlke said, noting the opener is set by a state statute.

The opener isn't necessarily late this year, he said.

What was late was the freeze this past winter, which Gruhlke said made for a strange ice fishing season.

"It was kind of a weird

### **COYOTES:** T&F 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

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in the 3,200-meter run and fifth in the 1,600.

Murphy was fifth in the 400 and Matthew Stapek was fifth in the 3,200.

The top finishers for the Coyote girls were Faith White (pole vault) and Rebecca Cheadle (high jump), who both placed second. Anna Fest was third in high jump.

Irish Hollahan finished third in long jump and fourth in triple jump. Ella Stapek was fourth in the 3,200, White placed fifth in the 100 and Lydia Fest was fifth in the 300 hurdles.

The top finishers for the HL-O/F boys at a meet in Lake Crystal last Tuesday were Tiesler (200), Lorenzen (pole vault) and Evan Bumgardner (3,200), who all finished second.

Finishing second for the Coyote girls were Ella Stapek (3,200) and Hollahan (triple jump).

#### **Coyotes drop four games**

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda baseball team lost four games in the past week, with two being tight contests.

The Coyotes lost 5-3 to Adrian/Ellsworth last Tuesday, were swept by Murray County Central 9-0 and 11-0 last Thursday and then lost 5-2 to Granada-Huntley-East Chain/Truman/Martin Luther this past Friday.

The Coyotes are now 1-10 on the season. They played Mt. Lake Area/Comfrey Tuesday and host Edgerton/ Southwest Christian today (Thursday). The Coyotes then play at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Friday and Martin County West Saturday.

GHEC/T/ML scored three runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth to break a 5-2 tie and pick up a win. Dillon Smith and Tyson Cotter scored the lone runs for the Covotes.

MCC outhit the Coyotes 19-3 in their doubleheader. The only hit for HL-O/F in the first game was a two-out single by Payton Leopold in the seventh inning. Leopold and Parker Murphy each singled in the nightcap.

A/E scored four runs in the second and held on to beat the Covotes last week.

Logan Erdmann and Zach Haberman scored in the second to cut the Dragon lead in half, but the Coyotes never got any closer. Leopold, who had two hits, singled and scored in the sixth.

Cotter started on the mound and didn't allow an earned run. Dillon Smith pitched three and one-third innings before Simon Spittle and Haberman each pitched an inning.

Making those plays now gives the Huskies confidence going forward.

"It's huge for our kids because now it's not just us telling them," Christopher said. "They actually did it so they believe in themselves.'

Christopher said the bats were strong early and credited her two pitchers for helping the Huskies hang on.

"Maia did a great job getting us started," she said. "They got a couple hits off her in the fifth and Mady was ready to go. Both of them did a great job and our defense played really well.

O'Reilly had three hits and drove in two runs in the win. Arduser had two singles and scored twice. Schneekloth and Finck also had a pair of base hits.

The win was the result of hard work dating back to last summer.

"They've put in a lot of time in the offseason to get that win," she said. "That's the cool thing is it's something they've worked very hard for."

Christopher said she knew it might be tough to sweep the Huskies, especially with how excited the girls were after Game 1.

Reed and Johnson each had two hits and Reed

scored twice in the game. Hadley Wachal started in the circle before Mady Wachal pitched the final five and two-thirds innings.

#### **Cardinals sweep Huskies**

The Huskies rallied to lead Game 1 of last Tuesday's doubleheader at Luverne, only to have the Cardinals earn a walk-off win before winning big in the nightcap.

Luverne opened the doubleheader with a run in the first and three in the third to lead 4-0, but the Huskies rallied and eventually tied the game in the seventh.

O'Reilly doubled to start the top of the fourth, stole second and scored on a wild pitch to get the Huskies on the board.

After Luverne scored a run in the bottom of the inning, the Huskies struck with two runs in the top of the fifth.

Hadley Wachal singled and Lauren Johnson walked and both scored on a two-out single by O'Reilly to get the Huskies within two.

Reed scored on a Hadley Wachal single in the sixth to pull the Huskies within one, but the Cardinals again answered with a run in the bottom half to lead 6-4.

The Huskies weren't done, though, as they tied the game for the first time in the top of the seventh.

Arduser singled and scored on a single by O'Reilly, who later scored on a fielder's choice hit by Finck to tie the game.

"We did a great job battling back," Christopher said. "Obviously, Luverne is a very good team. We did a great job each inning trying to limit the damage and getting back in it."

The Cardinals got a twoout hit in the bottom of the inning to earn a 7-6 walkoff win.

Even though the Hus-

game would've ended up out of hand," she said. "We did a great job competing every inning.'

O'Reilly had three hits in the game — and five in the doubleheader. She drove in three runs and scored twice.

Hadley Wachal also had three hits and Schneekloth had two.

Hadley Wachal went the distance in the circle, striking out four and allowing just four earned runs.

The Huskies led the nightcap 4-0 before the Cardinals scored 16 straight suns.

Schneekloth started the bottom of the first with a double and Arduser and O'Reilly followed with singles — with Arduser's scoring Schneekloth. After a walk to Reed, Finck hit a

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#### Up next

The Huskies play at Martin County West today (Thursday) and host a tournament Saturday (see story above). JCC then plays at St. James Area Monday and at Blue Earth Area Tuesday to end the regular season.

#### JCC softball Game 2

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#### **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 10run rule. The game was scheduled to go seven innings.

Only two runners reached base for the Bulls, who struck out 11 times against Lovell.

Alex Bretzman reached on an error in the bottom of the third, but was ruled out returning to first base after the catcher threw the overthrow back to first base.

Damien Phaly, in his first career plate appearance, walked with one out in the

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

#### 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. Lakefield then hosts Jackson Sunday at 5 p.m. and plays at Fairmont next Wednesday.

fifth inning, forcing Lovell Bulls play a split doubleheader. The Bulls open to throw out of the stretch 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.

#### **Bulls baseball**

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### **MOTORPLEX:** Starts on Tuesday

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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 threeday 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.

#### **Doug Johnson**

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

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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."

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

**"YOU SEE THE** know if it's the right ACTION; YOU SMELL move or not, THE CARS. ALL but we'll YOUR SENSES ARE see how it goes," he said. "I'm **INVOLVED BEING** AT THE TRACK. IF not a big fan YOU CAN MAKE of chang-IT, I ENCOURAGE ing dates — I know **EVERYONE TO COME** people plan TO THE TRACK." vacations around big-

> tion is to keep it in August and see how it goes.'

ger events.

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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 both nights,

with the first night also including Racesaver sprints. "I'm really looking for-

Doug

Johnson

ward 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."



were able to make plays." Andrew Boyum got the Withers got the putout Huskies out of the fifth and

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on the first two outs of the inning and has been solid behind the plate all season, Wierson said.

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"Dvlan 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 Handevidt doubled and scored the next. Ben Spaeth walked and scored on a Handevidt 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."

pitched a scoreless sixth to get the win before Handevidt picked up the save with his scoreless seventh.

None of the runs allowed by the Huskies was earned.

Handevidt 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.

Handevidt 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.

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.

Handevidt 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.



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JCC baseball

JCC

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

#### JCC baseball Game 1

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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.

#### JCC baseball Game 2

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#### **JCC TRACK AND FIELD**

## **HUSKIES SWEEP LAKER INVITATIONAL**

by DAN CONDON Sports Editor

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Members of the Jackson County Central track and field team initially weren't thrilled about going all the way to Cottonwood for the Laker Invitational hosted

by Lakeview last Tuesday. They were more than happy a few days later when they got to celebrate winning the boys' and girls' team titles by having a pizza party.

"Going to the meet it was a lot of, 'That's such a long

bus ride; couldn't we go somewhere closer?" head coach Rafe York said. "We got there and it's a great facility and it was a beautiful day."

York said as team scores were announced throughout the meet, the Huskies

continued to be on top of both team standings. He wasn't sure they'd hold on, but they easily cruised to a sweep.

"I thought, 'There's no way we hold these leads," he said. "By the end of the meet, there we were on top.

That was a lot of fun."

York said he implemented a "win the meet, stop to eat" rule several years ago during cross country season. As someone who would prefer to head straight home, he said the kids always make sure they

get a post-meet meal. This time, though, it had to wait until getting pizza after the Sentinel Relays a few days later.

"They hold me to it," York said.

#### Boyum breaks school record as boys win

Andrew Boyum broke a school record, Caleb Vancura won two individual events and the Jackson County Central boys picked up four other wins as they cruised to the team title.

Boyum dominated the 3,200-meter run with a school-re-

cord time of 10 minutes, 13.78 seconds. That put him 51 seconds ahead of anyone else and alone atop the JCC chart.

JCC head coach Rafe York said Bovum's hard work which often goes unnoticed — is paying

off.

Quinn Landherr

"He's having a great year," York said. "He's training by himself a lot because he's playing baseball as well. You know he's going to go out and get the job done. He won't accept anything but his best at any meet."

Vancura swept the throwing events, winning shot put with a distance of 45 feet, 7.25 inches and discus by nearly 16 feet with his heave of 137 feet.

Evan Paplow ran the 1,600-meter run in four minutes, 45.92 seconds to win by more than 14 seconds.

Quinn Landherr set a

pole vault, winning by clearing 11 feet.

The Huskies also won a pair of relay races. Boyum, Paplow, Kie Anderson and Clayton Cavness won the 4x800-meter relay (9:05.02) and Evan Insichienmay, Gabriel Wolff, Landherr and Alex Koster won the 4x200-meter relav (1:39.05).

Landherr added a runner-up finish in the 400-meter dash (54.65) to his two wins and Insichienmay was second in high jump (5'10") and third in triple jump (38').

The two made up half of the fourth-place 4x400meter relay team (3:51.38) and were joined by Wolff and Ridge VanWesten.

VanWesten finished second in the 110-meter hurdles with a personal-record time of 16.98 seconds and was second in the 300-meter hurdles with a seasonbest time of 42.69 seconds.

"Ridge had a good day," York said. "He was second in both hurdles. He ran a PR in highs and had his best time of year in 300 hurdles."

The Huskies had two of the top three pole vaulters and four of the top six finishers in the event. Reese Adkins cleared 9 feet to finish third; Braedon Arduser cleared 8 feet. 6 inches to place fifth; and Anderson placed sixth in the event, clearing 8 feet.

JCC also had two of the top three finishers in the 3 200 as E.I Peterson finished third in 11 minutes, 33 seconds.

Cavness came in fourth in

new personal record in the 800-meter run (2:25.97) and Anderson was third in the 1.600 (5:11.59).

> Koster turned in a pair of fifth-place finishes in the 200-meter dash (24.73) and long jump (19'2") and added an eighth-place finish in triple jump (35'3"). Arduser was fifth in the

400 (59.1) and Paul Troe placed fifth in high jump (5').

Wolff finished sixth in the 100 (11.96) and Brigan McCarthy came in seventh in the 300 hurdles (50.08) and eighth in the 1,600 (5:39.75).

The 4x100-meter relay team of Adkins, Troe, Rory Schley and Noah Thompson finished seventh (54.76) and Adkins was seventh in triple jump (35'6").

Thompson placed ninth in the 200 (25.88) and Troe was  $10^{\text{th}}$  in the race (26.14). Thompson was also 17th in the 100 (12.7) and Troe was 17<sup>th</sup> in long jump (15'7").

Cole Johnson finished 11th in discus (83'4") and 17<sup>th</sup> in shot put (28'8"). Kyler Hall was 16<sup>th</sup> in shot put (28'8.5").

Mohning had a PR time of six minutes, 0.33 seconds to finish 14th in the 1,600.

The Huskies racked up 142.5 points throughout the meet to finish well ahead of BOLD/Buffalo Lake-Hector's 106. Rounding out the field were MACCRAY/ Renville County West (74.5), Central Minnesota Christian (74), Lakeview (67), Ortonville (59), Wabasso (21) and Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central (five).

## Huskies win five events, team title

Members of the Jackson County Central girls' track and field team set 11 new personal records, won five events and took home the team title from last Tuesday's meet in Cottonwood.

The Huskies scored 162.5 points to blow away the field. Finishing a distant second was MACCRAY/Renville County West with 101 points, followed by BOLD/Buffalo Lake-Hector (96.5), Central Minnesota Christian (81), Lakeview (44), Wabasso (32) and Ortonville (16).

The five JCC wins came in a variety of events, as Huskies claimed victories in sprint, distance, hurdle, relay and field events.

That's par for the course, head coach Rafe York said.

"With the girls, it seems like every event we have someone ready to step up, ready to get better," he said.

Elsa Landherr had a hand in two victories at the Laker Invitational, winning the 200-meter dash (28.42) and anchoring the victorious 4x200-meter team. The foursome of Daysia Tomlin, Kendra Haar, Rylie Cother and Landherr ran a seasonbest time of one minute, 58.89 seconds to pick up the win.

Landherr also finished second in the triple jump (32'6") and was on the runner-up 4x400-meter relay team to place in the top two in all four of her events. Also on the 4x4 team were Emma Haren, Erica Hanson and Brylee Anderson. The foursome had a season-best time of four minutes, 18.8 seconds.

Olivia Anderson and Payten Benda both set new PRs while winning events. Anderson circled the track four times to win the 1,600-meter run in five minutes, 55.58 seconds and Benda won the 100-meter hurdles in 17.54 seconds. Anderson also placed second in the 800-meter run (2:42.38).

Also winning for JCC was Peyton Hanson in pole vault as she cleared 9 feet. Hanson added a secondplace finish in the 300-meter hurdles (50.49) and was third in the 100-meter hurdles (18.7).

Not far behind Olivia Anderson in the 1,600 was Elese Paplow, who placed second with a PR time of six minutes, 2.37 seconds. She was also second in the 3,200-meter run (13:26).

Cother tied her PR in high jump, clearing 5 feet to place second. Benda was third in the event, clearing a personal-record 4 feet, 10 inches.

Haar placed second in the 200 (28.5) and was joined by Tomlin, Benda and Carson on the thirdplace 4x100-meter relay team (54.4).

Tomlin finished third in the 100-meter dash with a PR time of 13.41 seconds.

"Daysia had a really good meet," York said. "It's her first year of track and she just keeps trimming time."

Taylor Schultz finished third in the 3,200 (14:51) and was seventh in the 1,600 (PR time of 6:33.13).

Erica Hanson finished third in pole vault (7'6") and Romi Rosenbrook placed fourth (7'), giving the Huskies three of the top four finishers. Hanson was also eighth in the 800 (2:58.84) and Rosenbrook was eighth in the 100 hurdles (19.62) and  $10^{\text{th}}$  in long jump (13'6").

Payton Coquyt set a new personal record in shot put and finished fourth (28'5"). She also had a PR in discus, placing 13th (68').

Haren ran the 400 in one minute, 11.03 seconds to finish fifth and was sixth in high jump with a PR height of 4 feet, 8 inches. Cother turned in a fifth-place finish in the 300 hurdles (54.73) and seventh-place showing in long jump (14'6").

Madelyn Rowe had a PR in discus as she finished sixth (76'7"). She also placed 12<sup>th</sup> in shot put (26'5").

Carson finished seventh in the 100 (13.8) and 200 (29.78) and Brylee Anderson was ninth in the 400 (1:12.41) and triple jump (23'10").

Haar came in eighth in triple jump (24'3") and Kazia Hassing placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the 1,600 (10:07.14).

Astrid Olsem placed 10th in the 800 (3:00.89) and  $12^{\text{th}}$ in long jump (12'10").

Isabella Costello finished 11<sup>th</sup> in discus (69') and Peyton Hanson placed 14<sup>th</sup> (64'7").

## Andrew Boyum

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#### of a second.

Evan Insichienmay, the school record holder in high jump, finished second in Fairmont. He cleared 6 feet for the first time this season, which is just 2 inches short of his JCC record.

"I'd like to see him break that," York said. "He's got it in him; he's getting there.3

Insichienmay also placed third in triple jump (38'4").

Vancura added a thirdplace finish in shot put (44'10'') to go with his record-breaking win.

Reese Adkins cleared 9 feet to finish fourth in pole vault and Kie Anderson cleared a personal-best 8 feet, 6 inches to finish seventh. Anderson was also sixth in the 1,600 with a PR time of five minutes, 2.78 seconds.

Anderson was joined by Clayton Cavness, EJ Peterson and Paplow on the

third-place 4x800-meter relav team (9:12.57). The 4x400-meter relay team of Insichienmay, Paplow, Boyum and VanWesten finished fifth (3:48.03); the 4x200-meter relay team of Wolff, Insichienmay, Noah Thompson and Koster came in sixth (1:38.55); and the 4x100-meter relay team of Adkins, Paul Troe, Rory Schley and Noah Thompson placed sixth (49.86)

Wolff finished fifth in the 100-meter dash (12.07) and Koster was fifth in long jump (19').

Troe placed seventh in the 200-meter dash (25.84) and  $10^{\text{th}}$  in high jump (5').

Peterson placed seventh in the 3,200 (PR time of 11:26.41), Brigan McCarthy was seventh in the 300-meter hurdles (PR time of 49.72) and Van-Westen finished seventh in the 110-meter hurdles (18.64)



Andrew Boyum enjoys a huge lead as he nears the finish line of the 1,600-meter run at the Sentinel Relays.

Koster finished 12<sup>th</sup> in triple jump (35'1.25) and finishing 13th were Kyler Hall in shot put (27'11.5"), Cole Johnson in discus (74') and Troe in long jump (15'7.75").

The Huskies scored 100 points to finish third in the Class AA standings. Fairmont scored 162 to win and Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial/Nicollet finished second (114.5). JCC finished ahead of Minneapolis South (96), Hutchinson (89). St. James Area (67) and Blue Earth Area (60.5).

#### Girls finish second

The JCC girls had just one win and two runnerup finishes, but had 16 other top-five finishes to help them place second in the team standings. JCC scored 118 points to finish behind only host Fairmont's 195 in the Class AA standings. The Huskies beat LCWM/N (103), Minneapolis South (92), BEA (70.5), Hutchinson (65.5) and St. James Area (42).

Pevton Hanson was the lone victor for the Huskies, winning pole vault. Her height of 9 feet, 6 inches is just 1 inch short of her own school record.

Hanson also had the only individual runner-up finish for JCC, coming in the 300-meter hurdles (49.68).

The 4x200-meter relay team of Daysia Tomlin, Hannah Carson, Rylie Cother and Elsa Landherr finished second with a time of one minute, 52.07 seconds that is their fastest of the season.

The 4x8 team of Astrid Olsem, Maci Farmer, Erica Hanson and Taylor Schultz (11:57.75) and the 4x1 team of Tomlin, Romi Rosenbrook, Payten Benda and Carson (54.64) both finished third.

Farmer finished third in long jump (15'2") and Cother was third in high iump (5').

It was the 4x8 team that



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON Olivia Anderson circles the track during a fourth-place finish in the 1,600-meter run

really showed what this year's team is all about, York said.

After the race already started, he needed to find a replacement runner and asked Elese Paplow. Not surprisingly, she said yes.

'Our first runner was finishing her first lap," York said. "I said, 'It's kind of an emergency' and she said, 'Oh yeah; it's fine.' I probably could've grabbed just about anybody and most of them would've said yeah. For her to jump in like that was really cool of her. That says a lot about her and the attitude of our team in general."

After anchoring the 4x8 team, Paplow finished third in the 3,200-meter run (13:18.59).

Carson also finished third in the 100-meter dash

#### (13.62).

at the Sentinel Relays this past Friday in Fairmont.

Farmer added fourthplace finishes in the 200 (28.96) and triple jump (31'7").

Olivia Anderson placed fourth in the 1,600 (6:03.09) and Schultz was sixth in the same race (6:50.37).

Cother soared 14 feet, 6 inches to finish fourth in long jump and Benda ran the 100-meter hurdles in 18.23 seconds to place fourth.

Finishing fifth were Peyton Hanson in the 100 hurdles (19.0), Landherr in triple jump (31'3") and Payton Coquyt in shot put (27'10.25).

The 4x400-meter relay team of Emma Haren, Peyton Hanson, Erica Hanson and Landherr finished fifth with a season-best time of four minutes, 32.17 sec-

onds and the shuttle relav team of Cother, Haren, Landherr and Anderson also finished fifth (4:51.86).

Brylee Anderson came in sixth in the 400-meter dash (1:10.99), Benda was sixth in high jump (4'8') and Erica Hanson placed seventh in pole vault (7').

Sylvia Chapman-Nesseth finished 10<sup>th</sup> in discus (64'3") and Coquyt was 11th (62'9"). Rae Rossow placed 13<sup>th</sup> in shot put (22'2.5").

#### Up next

The Huskies competed in the Section 2A True Team meet Tuesday at Maple River. JCC then competes in the Big South Conference meet Saturday in Windom before a meet Tuesday in Worthington.



Rylie Cother clears the bar during a third-place finish in high jump.

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**Taylor Martin** Investigator Years of Service: 13

**Nathan Peterson** Sheriff's Reserve Captain Years of Service: 6



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Nathan Miller **Sheriff's Reserve Co-Captain** Years of Service: 11

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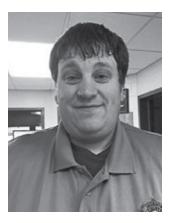
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Sonja Peters Jailer Years of Service: 3



Jared Thomas Jailer Years of Service: 1



Ethan Palmer Jailer Years of Service: 1



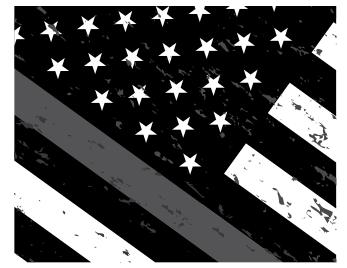
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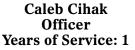


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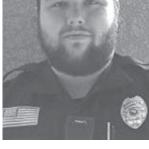


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## **Education**

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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 Bezdicek, 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.



#### 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 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.





PHOTOS BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ Above: Dakota Hockel (back, left) and Christopher Bezdicek (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.

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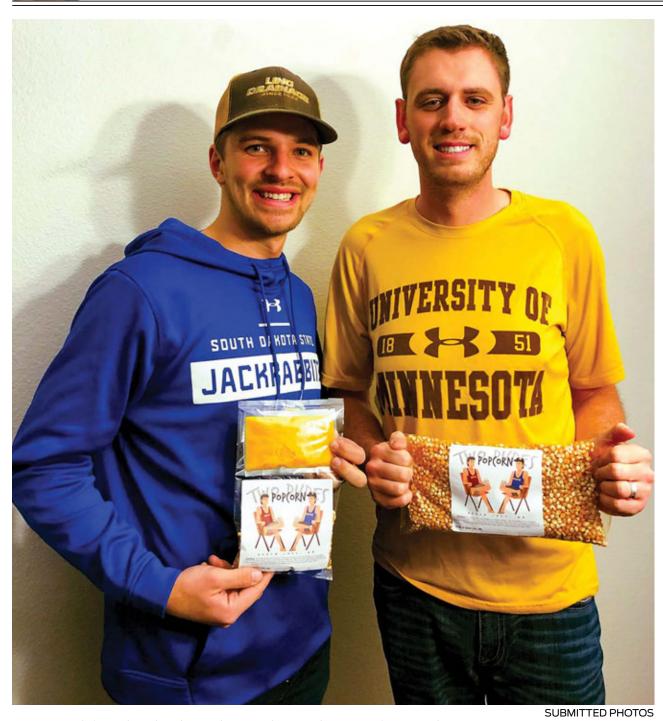
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Isaac Fest (left) and Zach Schumacher are the proud owners of Two Dudes Popcorn.

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



## 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 C

sota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence, shows farmers enrolled in the Min-

#### Online ....



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



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.

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** 



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 See **POPCORN** on **C2** 

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

## 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 loan from Federated Rural Electric.

Jackson-based Federated agreed to loan Bergen Meat Processors \$60,4691 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. Offi-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 Coop 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-ofgain 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** 



SUBMITTED PHOTO 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.

The Farm Market News is delivered free of charge to 18,700 rural homes and businesses across 15 counties in southern Minnesota, northern Iowa and eastern South Dakota and is available for free pickup at cafés and coffee shops throughout the coverage area. Extra copies are available the offices of Livewire Printing Co. in downtown Jackson and the Lakefield Standard in downtown Lakefield.

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



PHOTO BY JUSTIN LESSMAN

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 entwined 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



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 pret-

ty 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

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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.





Harvesting popcorn can be done by combine, though on a different setting than 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 vears 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 parttime 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 vears 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 out-comes," 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/farmbusiness-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 threeyear 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 landown-

ers 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

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 pathogenetic Rep. Rod avian flu Hamilton continues to spread in Minnesota.

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

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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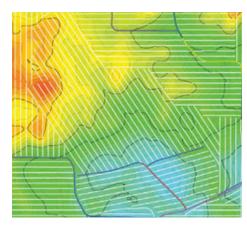


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## Temporary ban on **Minnesota poultry** exhibitions extended

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The Minnesota Board of Animal Health's temporary

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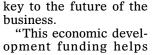
cials with Federated and Bergen Meat Processors signed the 10-year loan paperwork on April 25. As funds are repaid to Federated, they can be loaned to other organizations.

Bergen Meat Processors operates a customslaughtering 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 awardwinning 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.

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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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### **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

"It's fun to read; I know

many of the people you

write about."

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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 Swenson, 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

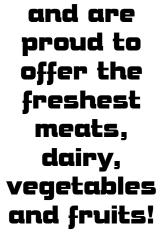
time around, but now I don't feel nervous at all, because I've done it before and I know I can do it again," he said.

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."

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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 ties by helping businesses continue our important take advantage of innova-

work helping food and ag- tive opportunities in four ergy, coproducts and food. ing applied research and ricultural 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 communi-

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