



POSTSEASON STARTS FOR HUSKIES

The JCC football team opened the playoffs Tuesday and the cross country and volleyball teams open the postseason yet this week. Stories, B1

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Finding child care remains challenging

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ Staff Writer

Overregulated, overburdened and underfunded. That’s how child care workers in Jackson County are describing their profession.

Finding daycare in the county is proving to be a major challenge for families and, the younger the child, the harder it is.

“I do believe there’s a shortage of child care in the area, especially when it comes to infant care,” said Amanda Benda, owner of Little Huskies Daycare in Jackson. “We’re limited as to how many of each age group we can have.”

Each age group has different staff-to-child ratios. Centers need one staff member for every four infants in a room, and one for 15 preschoolers. Those limits are for child safety, but their stringency — and the licensing requirements for providers — can be a serious burden for child care businesses.

Benda said she has a long waiting list for infants and some workers have turned away from Jackson due to the shortage of child care.

“If I had 12 new spots open up for infants, I would be able to fill those slots immediately,” Benda said. “I spoke to a person once who had a job offer in Jackson and we weren’t able to get them child care right away, so they declined the offer.”

With Jackson County Central and other school districts across the state providing preschool for free, centers and in-home providers have struggled to stay afloat because taking care of infants and toddlers is much more expensive due to the staff-child ratios. Losing four preschoolers does not mean the center can add four infants or toddlers.

Jackson in-home provider Jodi Brinks said the shortage is especially acute during spring and fall, as school begins or ends and parents scramble to respond accordingly.

“In that change of seasons, I hear and see the need that does create a waiting list,” Brinks said. “I

See **CHILD CARE** on A3



Above: Jake Rasmussen plays tenor saxophone on the concert band’s rendition of “Keepers of the Fire” during the Jackson County Central High School Music Department’s fall concert Monday evening in Jackson. Right: Noah Thompson takes center stage during the concert choir’s performance of “O Sifuni Mungu.”



MAKING MUSIC

Photos by Justin Lessman



Left: Kendra Haar plays baritone saxophone on the concert band’s rendition of “Coffin Races” during the Jackson County Central High School Music Department’s fall concert Monday evening in Jackson. Right: Isaac Somnis handles lead solo on the concert choir’s performance of “To Make You Feel My Love.”



Inside...

B8 See more photos from Monday evening’s concert and read of plans being laid for a high school music trip this coming spring.

From garage to grove, Grabill get-together is epic family fun

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ Staff Writer

Glen and Lana Grabill might throw the greatest family Halloween get-togethers in southwest Minnesota. For a decade, they’ve been constructing elaborate mazes, haunted houses and other themed attractions for their kids, grandkids and friends.

“We started it out as a family thing and it just grew and grew,” Lana Grabill said.

Glen Grabill, who helps run an auto shop in Jackson, has always been a Halloween aficionado and loves coming up with different ways to give their grandkids thrills and chills. Initially, they started out using their garage as a mini-haunted house.

“The first one we did was a haunted house in our garage for the grandkids, but over the years it just took over our whole property,” Lana Grabill said.

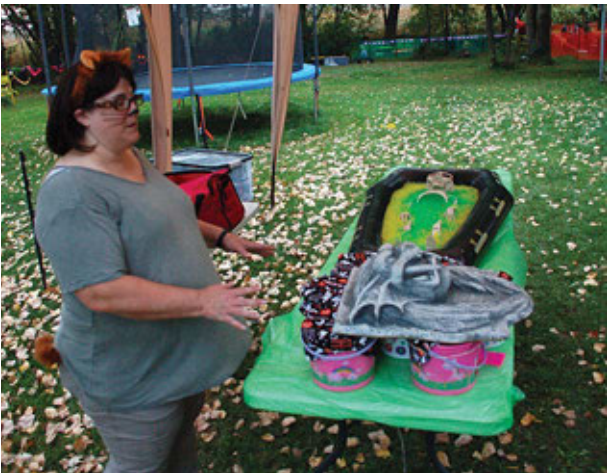


PHOTO BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Lana Grabill prepares the “Alien Autopsy” table at the start of the Halloween maze she and husband Glen set up in their grove earlier this month.

The two find new themes every year for their attractions. This year might have been their biggest one yet, with a full haunted maze featuring animatronics, winding pathways, ghostly noises, laser lights and, of course, plenty of jump

scares.

“This year, we did a massive maze in our grove, and we also did an outdoor movie for the kids,” Lana Grabill said. “In years past, we did haunted houses and carnival games, so it’s different.”

See **FAMILY FUN** on A3

Local veteran’s headstone finds way back home, but perhaps not for long

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ Staff Writer

The story of Anders Tobiason’s headstone is almost — but not quite — as interesting as the story of Anders Tobiason himself.

Now located in the Jackson County Historical Society Museum in Lakefield, the headstone journeyed across states, between families and through a marsh before its donation to the society this year.

Tobiason was a Civil War veteran who called Jackson County’s Christiania Township home after the end of his military career.

Born in Norway, Tobiason came to the United States at the age of 25 and settled in Iowa. When the Civil War broke out, he decided to sign up with the



Nick Riordan

12th Infantry Regiment in Iowa and was moved to Wisconsin’s 15th Infantry regiment.

“He was a corporal in the Wisconsin 15th Infantry Regiment, and he actually fought in the Battle of Stones River, in Murfreesboro, which saw a large number of casualties,” said JCHS Director Nick Riordan.

Tobiason fought well in the battle, but he didn’t come out unscathed, suffering a wound in his left leg that affected his knee, thigh and hamstring. An old piece of family lore recounts what happened next: Tobiason passed out but found his way to a potato field and used pieces of a potato to temporarily plug his wounds. In May 1963, Tobiason received a medical discharge.

“After his discharge, he married and settled in Section 10 of Christiania Township in Jackson County,” Riordan said. “They

See **HEADSTONE** on A3



WEATHER

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Thursday

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50 | 37

Friday

Partly Cloudy

54 | 34

Saturday

Mostly Sunny

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Sunday

Partly Cloudy

45 | 27

Monday

Partly Cloudy

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Tuesday

Partly Cloudy

43 | 26

Wednesday

Mostly Cloudy

43 | 26

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Wednesday, October 20

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DEATHS

Carol L. Sohn, 74

A Service of Remembrance for Carol L. Sohn, 74, of rural Jackson, Minnesota will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 29, 2021, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson with Rev. John Schuetz officiating. The burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Jackson, Minnesota.

Carol was called to her eternal rest on Tuesday afternoon, October 12, 2021, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Visitation will be from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 29, 2021, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson, Minnesota.

Messages of sympathy can be sent to the family online at kramerfuneral-home.com

Carol Louise Sawyer was born on August 31, 1947, to Russell and Myrtle (Ashley) Sawyer in Jackson, Minnesota. She received her education in Jackson and graduated with the class of 1965. Carol then attended Jackson Vocational School for Accounting. She then accepted a job at Control Data in Bloomington as an accountant. On October 15, 1967, she was united in marriage to Wendell Sohn at the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Minnesota. After marriage, they made Jackson home and raised their family. Carol later was employed at Sperry Univac in Jackson and then was a home bookkeeper for Sohn Elec-

tric in Jackson. She was employed at Maybien's Consignment in Jackson and Lakefield and most recently at Almost New Consignment in Lakefield until ill health forced her to retire. She was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson and was confirmed there. Her family was very active in Jackson Boy Scout Troop #80 where she was the treasurer for many years and a second mother to many of the boy scouts. Carol enjoyed family camping trips. She was an avid coke collector and Christmas was a very special time for her.

She is survived by her husband, Wendell Sohn of rural Jackson, Minnesota; three sons, Richard (Katie) Sohn of Cambridge, Minnesota, Curtis (Lisa) Sohn of Andover, Minnesota, and Charles (Melissa) Sohn of Cambridge, Minnesota; seven grandchildren, Michael Hansen, Conner Sohn, Derrick Kuester, Maya Sohn, Matthew Sohn, Emily Sohn, and Brooklyn Sohn; two sisters, Pat Hoffmeyer of Sherburn, Minnesota, and Leona (Kendall) Koppin of rural Jackson, Minnesota; brother, James (Kate) Sawyer of Minneapolis, Minnesota; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Myrtle Sawyer; brother-in-law, Larry Hoffmeyer and brother, Harold Sawyer and other relatives.

Carol's family prefers memorials to Mayo Clinic for research.

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Harold Voehl, 83

Harold Voehl was born on February 1, 1938, in Jackson, MN, to the late Emanuel and Marcela (Motl) Voehl. He graduated from Lakefield High School in 1956. Upon graduation, Harold began a farming career and also was employed at Land O' Lakes. He then became assistant manager for Custom Farm Services. Harold then started Voehl Farm Products and Custom Services. He then became a full-time farmer upon the retirement of his parents. Harold also was employed as a bus driver for JCC Schools.

In 1966, Harold was united in marriage to Pauline Benson at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The couple has resided in Lakefield, MN their entire 55-year marriage. They raised two children, Denise and David.

Harold held many offices at St. Paul's Lutheran Church as well as Lakefield School Board. He helped in many different ways at Jackson Speedway. Harold was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church men's choir. He also served in the National Guard for six years.

Harold enjoyed attending local sporting events. His hobbies included horse sales, sprint car races, tractor pulls, thrashing B's, and helping fellow neighbors.

Harold's most important role was that of a loving father and grandfather. This is where he left his imprint on their hearts. The memories will be forever

cherished.

Harold passed away after a courageous battle with colon and liver cancer on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the age of 83.

Harold is survived by his wife, Pauline Voehl of Lakefield, MN; two children, Denise (Doug) Poncelet of Sioux Falls, SD and David (Jessica - Giesen) Voehl of Lakefield, MN; two grandchildren, Shala Voehl and Caleb Poncelet; sister, Pat Klindworth of Beverly Hills, CA; brothers-in-law, Jim Clark of Lake Crystal, MN, Dick Trondson of Jordan, MN, and Daryle Moseng of Sandstone, MN; sister-in-law, Linda Trondson of Jordan, MN; nieces and nephews, Cindy Clark of Columbia, KY, Cherie Stemig of Jordan, MN, Mitch Voehl of Windom, MN, Missy Aber of Blaine, MN, Shelly Garrity of Prior Lake, MN, Shane Trondson of Prior Lake, MN, Ryan Trondson of Lonsdale, MN, Jesse Standal of Oak Grove, MN, Laura Clarson of Lakeville, MN, and Brent Moseng of Sandstone, MN, and many beloved great-nieces and nephews.

Meeting Harold in heaven are parents, Emanuel and Marcella Voehl; brother, Marlyn Voehl; sisters, Marlys Voehl and Marilyn Voehl, and in-laws, Kathy Voehl, Leonard Benson, Darlene Moseng, and Tom Klindworth and son, Brandon Klindworth.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lakefield, MN. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 11:00 AM, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lakefield, MN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington, MN.

Benson Funeral Home in Worthington is in charge of the arrangements.

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Ocegueda, Edwin J., Bird Island, Speed \$330.00, No Minnesota driver's license (after 60 days residency/30 days CDL) \$330.00
Ortiz, Selena, Tama, Iowa, Speed \$140.00
Oswald, Lukas M., Allen, Neb., Speed \$290.00
Pelote, David E., Upper Marlboro, Md., Speed \$140.00
Pham, Minh Thi Binh, Springfield, Passing parked authorized vehicles – 2 lanes in same direction \$140.00, Instruction permit violation (18 years or older) \$50.00
Reiter, Trevor D., Jackson, Seat belt required - driver and passengers must use \$115.00
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Svoboda, Daniel S., Windom, Speed \$390.00
Volkman, Maxwell S., Puyallup, Wash., Speed \$150.00
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Groshens, Craig A., Wellcome, Driving after revocation \$290.00
Hohenstein, Lucas L., Lakefield, Drugs – 2nd Degree – Sale methamphetamine/amphetamine school/park/public housing zone \$1,090.00, Commit to Commissioner of Corrections – Minnesota correctional facility – St. Cloud, 84 months, Give DNA sample when directed.
Klassen, Clay R., Madison Lake, Speed \$130.00
Mason, John D., Jackson, Assault – 5th Degree – Misdemeanor, Disorderly conduct – offensive/abusive/boisterous/noisy/obscene. Credit for time served: 24 days. Complete treatment recommended by court services. Pay restitution. Remain law-abiding. Follow all conditions set forth in the probation agreement.
Mathwig, Dale A., Dunnell, Driving after suspension \$190.00
Punch, Jacob V., Eagan, Speed \$130.00
Quade, Tori Elizabeth J., Fairmont, Driving after revocation, Speed \$330.00
Heron Lake Police Department
Fleury, Justin H., Heron Lake, Public Nuisance \$120.00
Lakefield Police Department
Bannister, Logan T., Lakefield, Careless driving – operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway \$190.00
Cole, Cassie A., Lakefield, Speed \$150.00
Kraus, Keyton A., Lakefield, Speed \$130.00
Pfundt, Dale L. Jr., Lakefield, Speed \$150.00
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Lenz, Jonathan M., Spencer, Iowa, Take fish without angling license \$190.00

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Oct. 9

A deputy conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of County Road 29 and County Road 34. As a result, a citation for disobeying a stop sign was issued.

A deputy responded to a gas drive-off from a Jackson gas station.

Deputies arrested a 43-year-old male from St. Elmo, Ala., in Jackson on three Jackson County warrants, including controlled substance-first degree and ineligible person in possession of a firearm, two counts of violating a harassment restraining order and terroristic threats of violence.

A deputy responded to a report of a damaged bean field along Black Bridge Road. Someone drove through the bean field overnight.

Oct. 10

A deputy discovered vandalism at the Timber Lake boat landing while on routine patrol. Someone spray-painted graffiti on large areas of the dock and boat landing.

A deputy conducted a civil standby while personal property was exchanged between two parties.

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on Ashley Street in Jackson. A citation was issued for speed for traveling 47 miles per hour in a 30-mph zone.

Deputies arrested a 34-year-old male from Jackson on a Cottonwood County warrant for first-degree controlled substance.

A deputy responded to a juvenile issue in the county. A deputy responded to a minor accident in Jackson.

Oct. 11

A deputy responded to a minor accident in Jackson.

A deputy assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.

The Alpha Fire Department responded to a cornfield fire in Enterprise Township. Crews were on scene for about an hour.

Deputies responded to a one-vehicle rollover on 460th Avenue near 750th Street in Minneota Township. Gladys Vancura of rural Jackson was traveling north on 460th Avenue in a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt. The vehicle entered the west ditch and rolled onto its roof. Vancura was transported by the Lakefield Ambulance to the Spirit Lake Hospital in Iowa. The Lakefield Fire Department also assisted at the scene. The vehicle was totaled. Crews were on scene for about two hours.

Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in Heron Lake. The matter remains under investigation.

Deputies responded to a noise complaint at the Pizza

Ranch in Jackson. Deputies found four males on the roof of the building. All four were charged with underage consumption. They were age 18 from New Prague, age 18 from Le Roy, age 19 from Lamberton and age 19 from Albert Lea.

Oct. 12

A deputy responded to a burglary alarm in Jackson. Everything was determined to be OK.

A deputy responded to a report of a suspicious person at Community Point. A homeless male with a last known address of West Hempstead, N.Y., was located staying in the park. He was reminded there is no overnight camping/staying in the park. His ultimate destination was Sioux Falls, S.D. He declined to get a ride west.

Oct. 13

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on Highway 60. The vehicle was clocked at 98 miles per hour in a 65-mph zone. The deputy was able to stop the vehicle in the city of Windom, where it was still traveling 55 mph in a 30-mph zone. A citation for speed was issued to the driver, age 31, from Worthington.

Deputies responded to a juvenile issue. A deputy investigated a report of a counterfeit \$100 bill discovered by officials at Bank Midwest in Jackson.

A deputy received a report of the unemployment scam, in which the scammer was able to redirect funds.

A deputy received a report of a 12-gauge shotgun found in a ditch near Round Lake. The matter remains under investigation.

Oct. 14

A deputy investigated an unlawful deposit of garbage report at Benes Park in Jackson. Painting supplies, food wrappers and construction debris were found dumped in the park.

Deputies assisted the Heron Lake Ambulance with a medical call.

Oct. 15

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on I-90 near Lakefield. A citation was issued for speed for traveling 86 miles per hour in a 70-mph zone.

A deputy investigated a report of a counterfeit \$100 bill received at a Jackson gas station.

Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance. A 29-year-old male from Mt. Lake was arrested for providing a false name and for a felony harassment warrant from Cottonwood County.

Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious white van in the Fish Lake area. It was determined to be a door-to-door salesman trying to sell meat.

A deputy assisted the Lakefield Police Department with a domestic disturbance.

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on County Road 9 near Okabena. After investigating, a 46-year-old male from Heron Lake was arrested for probable-cause DUI.

Oct. 16

A deputy investigated a report of vandalism to a vehicle at an apartment complex in Jackson. It appeared M&Ms were dumped in the gas tank.

A deputy assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.

A deputy issued two "I Got Caught" tickets to kids wearing helmets while riding their bicycles in Jackson.

A deputy responded to a burglary alarm in the county. Everything was determined to be OK.

A deputy investigated a reported assault in Jackson.

A deputy investigated a report of threats made to an individual in Jackson.

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on Highway 86 near Lakefield. A "Lights On" voucher was given for a free headlight repair.

Oct. 17

The Heron Lake Fire Department and Okabena Fire Department responded to a combine fire. Crews were on scene for about 45 minutes.

A deputy responded to a child custody issue.

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on I-90 near Jackson. A citation for speed for traveling 92 miles per hour in a 70-mph zone was issued to a 50-year-old female from Seattle.

A deputy assisted a motorist who ran out of gas on I-90 near Jackson. Warmka Towing delivered gas to the driver.

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on I-90 near Jackson. A citation for speed was issued for traveling 91 miles per hour in a 70-mph zone to a 42-year-old female from Dell Rapids, S.D.

A deputy conducted a traffic stop on County Road 34 near County Road 5. The driver was issued a citation for speed for traveling 75 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone. The driver, a 36-year-old male from Sioux City, Iowa, was also arrested for violating a domestic-abuse no-contact order issued in Woodbury County, Iowa, forbidding him from having contact with the passenger in his vehicle.

A deputy assisted a motorist with a flat tire in the parking lot at Speedway in Jackson.

Oct. 18

A deputy investigated the theft of a 1995 Ford F-250 from a residence in rural Jackson. The pickup was discovered later in Armstrong, Iowa. Emmet County, Iowa, will handle appropriate charges for the person found in possession of the vehicle.

A deputy responded to a burglary alarm in Jackson. Everything was determined to be OK.

A deputy investigated a report of a non-sufficient-funds check received at a Jackson business.

Jailers transported a 52-year-old male from Centralia, Wash., from the Scott County, Iowa, jail back to the Jackson County Jail for a third-degree controlled-substance Jackson County warrant.

A deputy fielded a phone call on an Amazon scam attempt.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local bank accepting applications for '21-'22 junior herdsman project

Local youngsters are encouraged to apply for the 2021-2022 junior herdsman project through Security State Bank of Jackson and Heron Lake. Application deadline is Dec. 1. Every year, Security State Bank selects two seventh- or eighth-grade recipients from each branch location to participate in its junior herdsman project. Each recipient receives five bred heifers to use until June of their senior year. Throughout the project, each participant will track and submit accurate records of expenses and income, as well as provide a summary of activities annually. At the conclusion of the term, recipients will return the equal value of the cattle. Security State Bank began the junior herdsman project in 2013 and has since awarded more than 200 bred heifers to more than 40 recipients. Those interested in applying for the junior herdsman project are encouraged to visit or call Security State Bank in Jackson or Heron Lake.

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

Plenty of opportunities exist for local and area businesses to get involved with Jackson's Holiday Fest in December. All chamber-member businesses are invited to be a part of the holiday open house promotion, which runs from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2. Participating businesses are encouraged to offer special sales and deals or host an open house with treats or giveaways. Those interested are asked to let the chamber know by Nov. 11. Home-based businesses, crafters and vendors are encouraged to register for the Jackson Holiday Fest Craft and Vendor Fair, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Jackson County Central High School in Jackson. Vendor information and registration forms for the craft and vendor fair are available by emailing vendor.jacksonmnchamber@gmail.com. Businesses are also able to take advantage of several Holiday Fest sponsorship opportunities, including being a sponsor of horse and wagon rides. Those interested in being a sponsor may email the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce at chamber@jacksonmn.com or call 847-3867. And all businesses, civic and social organizations are encouraged to be part of the lighted parade, which begins winding through downtown Jackson at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 4. The theme of this year's parade is "Christmas Memories," and prizes will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place floats. Entry deadline for the parade is Dec. 1.

Downtown business is local outlet for tickets to Opry Christmas show

A downtown Jackson business is the local outlet for tickets to the 2021 Opry Christmas Jackson Style live musical extravaganza, which returns for its 12th year this December after taking last year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tickets for reserved seating to the two Dec. 4 shows are available now at Colleen Anderson Insurance Agency on Jackson's Main Street or by calling 847-3891 or 847-2009.

Prospective entrepreneurs invited to apply for '22 business challenge

Prospective entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply for the Jackson Business Challenge. The challenge is a three-phase competition that seeks to attract new businesses to downtown Jackson by offering a prize package worth \$20,000. Applications for the 2022 Jackson Business Challenge will be accepted through Dec. 31. The 2022 Jackson Business Challenge will follow the same guidelines as the 2019 and 2020 programs. The program aims to fill empty buildings in downtown Jackson and attract entrepreneurs to the community. The contest will consist of three rounds — business concept, detailed business plan and oral presentation. Dave Schmidt, Jackson-based community and business development specialist with Community and Economic Development Associates, said the Jackson Business Challenge will look at the viability of applicants' business plans, as well as how they will enhance downtown. Entrepreneurs and current business owners in and out of Jackson are encouraged to apply. Complete details and applications are available online at cityofjacksonmn.com/jbc.

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Council approves overhaul of city rental housing code

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Members of the Jackson City Council last week approved an overhaul of the city's rental housing code. A key part of the new ordinance is a move from self-inspections of rental properties to inspections by a city-contracted building inspector. The new ordinance also establishes a committee of council members tasked with meeting with landlords to review the inspection process and any follow-up action required by the inspection. The committee is also tasked with hearing appeals of any action taken as a result of the ordinance. Approval of the ordinance last week comes on the heels of nearly two months of discussion at the council level. The version of the ordinance approved last week is the product of a committee comprised of council members, local landlords and local economic development officials. Marcus Polz, one of the council members who served on the committee, said he was pleased with the end result. "We took something not quite right and made it into something workable for everyone," he said. The ordinance further requires landlords or designated property managers to live within 50 miles of the rental property and stipulates the ordinance itself be reviewed at least every four years. In related action, the council approved an ordinance prohibiting more than one single dwelling on lots within the city's residential districts. Approval came following a public hearing on the matter.

In other action from last week's council meeting: The council signed off on a proposal to apply for a Small Cities Development Grant through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. The application will be for funds that would cover both residential and commercial properties across the city. The council members submitted a letter of intent to apply for a Safe Routes to School Grant for a project that would address a sidewalk gap on Thomas Hill Road. The gap occurs near Patterson Park.

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ENGINEERING WORK APPROVED

The council accepted proposals from Bolton and Menk for engineering services for topographical surveys of various city roadways and alleyways in line for reconstruction. Total cost of the work is just more than \$38,000.

SECURITY SYSTEM SET FOR UPGRADE

Council members agreed to upgrade the security system at the Jackson Municipal Liquor Store to the tune of around \$5,000. The move comes as loitering remains an issue in the liquor store parking lot and on the heels of an incident in which an intoxicated person pounded on the doors trying to get

in after closing time.

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CHILD CARE: Finding it remains a challenge

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definitely can tell who has thought ahead about finding care and who is coming into it later during those transition times." Brinks said the average age of the kids being provided for is decreasing as preschoolers exit the system. "One of the realities for us is that our ages have dropped, so we can't expect to have one or two 4-year-olds and two 3-year-olds," she said. "We have more infants and toddlers, so it is getting harder." But the biggest challenge for in-home providers is regulatory. Members of the Lakefield Daycare Association, which includes numerous providers in the city, say the regulatory climate in Minnesota is inflexible and often clashes with common sense. One example of this is fingerprinting. Providers have to be fingerprinted, but they can't simply go to the local police department or sheriff's office to have it done. Instead, they have to go to special sites owned by companies with which the state contracts. Training is also expensive, with classes running from \$15 per class, per person, before mileage and housing is taken into account. It's difficult to bring trainers to the area, which means more traveling time for providers and greater difficulty in taking care of the kids they're caring for on any given day. "Now, our trainers have to be from a particular professional association and the dues for that are quite exorbitant, so we've had trainers quit on us,"

said LDA President Carol Schulz. Despite more than \$500 million being poured into the industry through the recent American Rescue Plan, local providers say they're not seeing benefits on their end. "With the money put toward child care, we should be able to get our trainings for free and we should be able to get our fingers printed at the local police station," in-home provider Ellen Hanson said. Some providers have been fined for situations outside their control altogether, like having too many kids for a short period due to a bus being late, or having a child stand on their property while waiting to be picked up. "There was a provider in Jackson who had kids

dropped off by a bus to go to their homes, and a few were standing on her yard," said in-home provider Kathy Condon. "She was fined for being over capacity even though those kids were not in her care." So far, the state has taken some efforts to make it easier for providers to navigate the licensing system, but when those reforms will be implemented is anybody's guess. So far, no efforts have been taken to redirect funding from contracted companies to providers or to create a more regulatory climate. With the situation as it is, local providers expect to be booked now and far into the future. Some already are. "My first opening for another infant slot is in December of 2023," Condon said.

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PHOTOS BY JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Creepy clowns line the Halloween maze at the Glen and Lana Grabill home earlier this month.



Guests of Glen and Lana Grabill enjoy a meal prior to entering their Halloween maze earlier this month.

FAMILY FUN: From garage to Halloween maze

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ent every year." In part of the maze, creepy clowns and a miniature Ferris wheel with skeletal passengers awaited explorers. Skeletons hung from arches and a terrifying cemetery with small pools of water and open graves added a grisly twist to the end of the maze. The maze started out with an "Alien Autopsy," where kids got to inspect the grisly remains of an alien — and get some treats along the way. A full-sized space mech stood by a laser show to add some additional thrills to the extraterrestrial part of the maze. Perhaps the spookiest feature, though, was the Wizard of Oz set. But this Yellow Brick Road didn't lead to anywhere but trouble, as the remains of the Scarecrow and Tin Man, put on full display for all to see, could attest. A coven of witches delighted in their victory waited to scare passersby. The Grabills said preparing everything takes quite a bit of work — and

creativity. Glen Grabill said he's able to get some of the animatronics and other set pieces from a company in Sioux Falls, S.D. "I've got people up there who help me out with that," he said. "We get older animatronics that used to be part of attractions." They begin planning a few weeks in advance, and then send out invitations to family and friends. Once that's done, the two set up the year's attraction and decorations. The evening always begins with supper — it's always better to wait until the sun goes down for the frights, they said — after which the kids gather together to go through the maze. Adults are welcome to go through too. Then the movies are shown. And as the party ends and the spirits rise, people go home to get some shut-eye. "It's just a lot of fun," Glen Grabill said. "We have all the kids come here and we get to have a lot of fun together for Halloween."



A ghoulish graveyard graces Glen and Lana Grabill's Halloween maze.

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PILOT EDITORIAL

Committee deserves thanks, appreciation

In four short years, the Loon Lake Cemetery has been transformed from a vandal-plagued weed patch into what those established it meant it to be — a peaceful final resting place for loved ones lost.

And that’s all thanks to the hard work of a small but dedicated group of volunteers.

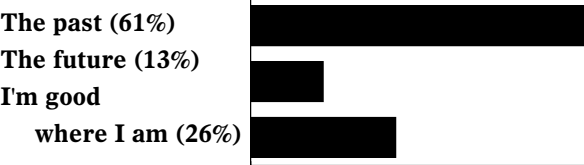
Members of the Loon Lake Cemetery Restoration and Preservation Committee have worked long and hard over the past few years to not only clean up the local pioneer cemetery, but also raise awareness of its significance. What was not long ago an overgrown, neglected plot of ground known primarily as a hangout for vandals and underaged drinkers spinning ghost stories is today a well-marked and well-manicured piece of land dedicated to the memory of those who paved the way for all of us who call Jackson County home.

Hats off to the committee for all the work done to date and all the work it will continue to do. Your fellow Jackson County residents owe you a debt of gratitude.

JP Larson

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

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



Source: Jackson County Pilot Website

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: Who is your favorite Wizard of Oz character?

Vote online at jacksoncountypilot.com.

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On Heraclitus and the Logos

Of all the ancient Greek philosophers I’ve read, Heraclitus is among the strangest. His work — of which only fragments remain — is structured as a series of aphorisms and proclamations, styled after those of the Oracle of Delphi. Many of his statements contain double meanings or riddles, making them difficult to parse through.

Heraclitus lived in Ephesus, a Greek city in now what is western Turkey, during the fifth century B.C. He was a misanthrope and a mystic, disliking the company of others and pursuing his philosophical interests in the wilderness around Ephesus. The philosopher wrote a single book, which he deposited at the local temple, dedicated to the goddess Artemis.

An essential component of Heraclitean philosophy is that the universe is in a constant state of flux and that this flux, ironically, brings with it the stability and order we see around us. Take rivers, for example: A river never has the same water in it for more than a few minutes and the sediments on its bed are constantly shifting, but it remains the same river nonetheless. If it were to dry up or remain stagnant, it would cease to be a river.

People, places and things can have stable identities or being, but that being requires some degree of becoming.

Heraclitus’ theology was especially unique for his time. He held the Logos, or “word,” to be the director of all things. The flux of the world, Heraclitus says, is ordered to a particular end by the Logos, which he also calls “the Wise” and “the thunderbolt that steers all things.”

The Logos is eternal and unitary, serving as the active principle

shaping the universe and everything therein. The laws of logic and physics are merely expressions of this Logos, which sits sovereign over the passive matter of the world. Unlike the gods of Greek myth, the Logos is a singular entity, common to all and unrivaled in its power.

Heraclitus’s contention was, thus, that the universe is governed by a divine law expressed through the Logos in a transcendent sense and through the laws of logic and physics in a more immediate sense. When he says, “To God, everything is beautiful, good and just,” he means God can draw justice or beauty out of unjust or ugly actions. Heraclitus believed opposites gave each other coherence. Justice, for example, only makes sense in the context of injustice and vice versa.

In a time of relentless change and chaotic conflict, Heraclitus’ idea that opposites give each other coherence and function within the context of a universal, divine law offers a way to look at such changes. The Logos, he would tell us, steers all and generates the laws that make our universe understandable to human senses and reason, providing an underlying unity and order to the maelstroms of change and clashes of opposites we see around us.



Joining others in their crooked ways?

Today, in our world of cancel culture and critical race theory, everything is pretty much black and white.

For example, if you agree with the woke folk, you are on the right side, according to everything woke. If you disagree with most everything the woke folk say, think or do, you are in jeopardy of being ridiculed, chastised, abused, sued or — worse — seen as on the wrong side of most issues.

And that is often related to cancel culture as well, which can grind against our history, our traditions, our form of government, our beliefs and our very way of life for the majority in this great country.

The woke folk and the cancel culturists seem bent on changing history, changing thought, changing our families, changing our government and changing the way we see our world to the way they think we should see it.

It then appears there is no freedom to choose in that way of thinking, which rubs against our constitutional rights, Christianity and most of the other things we hold dear as Americans.

Then there is critical race theory, which treads along similar lines desiring to make our youth in particular — especially Caucasian youth — feel guilty for being white to the point of apologizing for their color of skin, which I view as a reverse form of discrimination.

I have read the entire idea of critical race theory was thought up by college professor Derrick Bell at the University of Washington. It has little other history in our country beyond one man’s idea that has been taken a hold of by like-minded legal folks and now pushed by others to the point of being taught in many schools across the nation. In my opinion, it is a form of bullying taught to youth with other youth as its victims.

So today, we, too, have people on one side of a variety of issues like abortion noting, “My body; my choice,” but those on the other side saying, “What about the baby’s life, God’s creation? Who is standing up for the baby’s rights?”

Similarly, some folks side with open borders, saying all borders in the United States should be open, letting all people into our

country whether they are refugees carrying unknown diseases, criminals released from other country’s prisons, terrorists or even members of the Taliban or drug cartel gangs.

As our country seems to be under attack by foreign nationals, criminals and even terrorists within, as well as countries abroad, including people in high places, the citizens of this country — the people who pay their taxes, try to raise their children properly and still maintain a paying job — are being stuck with paying for the care, transportation and medical expenses of thousands upon thousands of illegal immigrants that aren’t required to mask up, aren’t vaccinated against diseases and won’t be receiving the COVID-19 shots, but will be paid once they get here by our government.

What has happened to our public servants who solemnly swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic? And what about our medical professionals who swore to “First do no harm,” as they seem

now to be coerced or forced to respond to presidential mandates and the administering of an experimental vaccine to the general public?

This country appears to be under attack on many fronts by people who either don’t realize what they are doing or are complicit in doing things to harm our citizens and diminish our way of life. And this is the same country that gave many of these folks the opportunity to prosper to the point of now using their freedoms to turn on it.

But God’s justice will be done here as well, as Psalm 125:5 states, “As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them away with the workers of iniquity.”



How bright is too bright?

Question: If my headlights are 2,500 lumens each, is that legal in the state of Minnesota?

Answer: Yes, they are legal in the state of Minnesota, according to state statute 169.48. Any lighted lamp with the exception of a headlamp, a spot lamp or an auxiliary driving lamp of an intensity greater than 300-candle power (3,770 lumens) shall be directed that no part of the beam

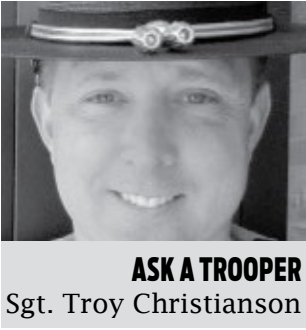
will strike the level of the road at a distance of more than 75 feet away.

It is important to make sure the headlights are properly aimed on your vehicle so you get the most light as possible on the roadway when you are driving. If the headlights are improperly aimed too high, this could cause a vision hazard for oncoming vehicles.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you

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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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News from years gone by

10 years ago

Nov. 3, 2011

Driver ruins new stretch of Ashley Hill

A driver who went through road-closed signs Friday night at the top of Ashley Hill — officially County State Aid Highway 23 under construction in Jackson — drove around and right behind the large paving machine, into fresh-poured concrete, got stuck, backed out and continued down the hill and swerved onto wet concrete, said Jackson County Engineer Stahl, before being stopped by construction workers and detained by a Jackson County deputy sheriff.

Officials urge 'be deer safe'

Eva Lubke didn't see the deer until it was too late.

The St. Paul woman was barreling down Interstate 90 just west of Jackson on Sunday, Oct. 20, when it hit.

The next thing she knew she was in an ambulance being raced to a local hospital with unspecified injuries. The vehicle she was driving sustained "extensive damage," according to a Minnesota State Patrol spokeswoman. Two passengers — one a juvenile — escaped injury.

Obituaries: Walter W. Joyce, Francis "Frank" Boyer, Arl "Tex" H. Weinreb, Roger H. Lee

20 years ago

Nov. 1, 2001

TSE suffers anthrax scare

Early Monday, Technical Services for Electronics in Jackson experienced a few harrowing hours when a white powdery substance was discovered in the shipping area.

Employees were sent home and authorities called in on suspicion of anthrax, but it was later determined the powder was a cleaning agent. According to Kay Kielblock, plant manager at TSE, the scare did not appear to be deliberate.

The Jackson Fire Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office were called to the scene immediately. "We also

contacted the health department to be on the safe side," said Kielblock.

City still pondering community center

While its public work has been notably quiet in the past few weeks, the city of Jackson continues to investigate the possibility of constructing a community center in Jackson. Jackson Mayor Gary Willink said community task force members and city officials continue to investigate possible funding options, including grants, while at the same time researching community centers in other cities.

Obituaries: Erma M. Nelson, Helen W. Radwins, James J. DaMon

30 years ago

Oct. 31, 1991

Council thinking over revisions to tree policy

Jackson's City Council took another swing Tuesday at getting a tree trimming policy in place.

A modified ordinance was presented for the council's consideration, and members agreed to put it on the agenda for their Nov. 19 meeting for possible adoption.

The council has been pondering such a policy for several months after city staff members said they needed some mechanism for dealing with trees that are threatening utility service.

Pumpkin Patch Carnival is on

The community Pumpkin Patch Carnival is set for its Halloween eve run.

Games, candy, food, puppet shows, prizes and more are available during this alternative to trick-or-treating that is being offered in two shifts that start at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Obituaries: Rudi Strade, Margaret Olson

40 years ago

Oct. 29, 1981

I-R chairman stops in Jackson

Bill Morris is on the campaign trail.

Morris is stumping for the Independent-Republican Party in Minnesota in particular, as well as each

of its candidates. He is the party's state chairman.

Morris stopped in Jackson Tuesday night to speak with local I-R party participants and leaders. While campaigning for the post of state chairman last spring, Morris said he promised to make the post and party more visible and to build up the communications side of the job.

Education commissioner to speak at JHS dedication

The dedication of the new Jackson High School will take place on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 2 to 5 p.m.

John Feda, Minnesota's commissioner of education, will be the dedication speaker. The Jackson High School band and choir will perform during the program and tours and refreshments will be available.

Obituaries: Frances Walters, Emma Eike

50 years ago

Oct. 27, 1971

Halloween parade Saturday

Jackson area youngsters will again have the opportunity to display their costumes as the annual Jackson Jaycee Halloween parade is scheduled for this Saturday at 2 p.m.

According to Richard Polz and Jim Hanson, co-chairmen of the parade, 25 prizes will be awarded this year.

Prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place winners in each of the eight categories, pre-school, kindergarten and first-through-sixth grade.

Ag-Stag set here Nov. 20

The annual Ag-Stag, sponsored by the Jackson Jaycee chapter and Jackson businessmen, will take place Nov. 20 at the Jackson Golf Club.

Dick Amendt and Dick Untiedt are co-chairmen of this year's event. According to the chairmen, the Ag-Stag will again feature a smorgasbord, films of Viking football games and door prizes.

Obituaries: Harry Thomssen, Joe Keeney

We are called to serve

All Christians are called to love and serve as the body of Christ. This image shows each of us is a necessary part of it. A church family is important, but where we really build up the body of Christ is in our loving, our service and our giving, on a personal level. Many of us are comfortable on Sundays listening to the pastor's message and sharing our gifts in the offering, but when it comes to serving as the body of Christ in our everyday lives, it's not easy. Why? Because serving outside of the church is often outside of our comfort zone. It often requires an intentional effort and a certain amount of courage and conviction. We need to see with Christ's way of seeing and learn to be his hands and feet in the world.

This action is often called stepping out in faith. We can't always know how our efforts to love and serve for Jesus' sake will be received, and Jesus told his followers they could expect to be misunderstood just as he was. This is not a good reason to give up. Jesus also promised to be with us always and he keeps his promises. Because Jesus is worthy of our trust, we can have faith the things we do and the love we share will never be wasted, even when it may look like it to us. When we have been gripped by the love and grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we find we just can't help ourselves. Serving others becomes part of our DNA or identity as Christians.

Pastor Nancy Isaacson
Union State Line Lutheran Church

Area faith and worship schedule

Belmont Lutheran Church
Rural Lakefield,
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Sunday, Oct. 31: 10:30 a.m.,
Worship Service
Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
401 7th Ave. N., Lakefield
Pastor: Andrew Schensted
Sunday, Oct. 31: 9:15 a.m.,
Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.,
Worship Service, Confirmation
Wednesday, Nov. 3: 5 p.m.,
Shine Group; 6:30 p.m.,
Confirmation; 7 p.m.,
Worship Team Rehearsal

Church of the Good Shepherd
311 Sverdrup, 847-2504
Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht - Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 28: 8:30 a.m.,
Mass - limited capacity & masks required.
Saturday, Oct. 30: 5 p.m.,
Mass, St. Luke, Sherburn - limited capacity & masks required
Sunday, Oct. 31: 8:30 a.m.,
Mass, Good Shepherd, Jackson - limited capacity & masks required; 10:30 a.m.,
Mass, St. Joseph, Lakefield - limited capacity & masks required

First Baptist Church
921 Hills Ave., 847-2369
Pastor: Nathan Janzen
Youth & Family Pastor: Thor Kurtz
Thursday, Oct. 28: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil. 4:30 p.m.,
Elder Led Prayer Group
Friday, Oct. 29: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
Saturday, Oct. 30: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
Sunday, Oct. 31: 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil. 9 a.m.,
Upper Room Prayer/Worship Service; 9:30 a.m.,
Worship Service and Children's Church; 4 p.m.,
LeMay Connect Group
Tuesday, Nov. 2: 7 p.m.,
Young Adults Connect Group
Wednesday, Nov. 3: 1 p.m.,
Release Time; 6:15 p.m.,
AWANA

Thursday, Nov. 4: 4:30 p.m.,
Elder Led Prayer Group; 6:30 p.m.,
Elders Meeting

Grace Lutheran Church
Spirit Lake, 712-336-2446
Thursday, Oct. 28: Grace to Go online
Saturday, Oct. 30: 4 p.m.,
Worship Service
Sunday, Oct. 31: 10 a.m.,
Worship Service In-Person and Facebook Live; 10 a.m.,
Connect - Grades K-5; 4 p.m.,
Trunk or Treat
Messages may be heard at our website: gracelutheranspiritlake.org. All services can be viewed Facebook Live or YouTube.com until further notice.

Salem Lutheran Church
500 N. Hwy., 847-3861
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Sunday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m.,
Worship Service with Holy Communion, Confirmation Sunday; 6:30 p.m.,
Worship Service
Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
101 Kimball Ave., 847-3693
Pastor: John Schuetz
Sunday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m.,
Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:15 a.m.,
Education Hour
Worship services streamed at 9 a.m. on our Facebook page.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
614 Logan, 847-2856
Thursday, Oct. 28: 8 a.m.,
Men's Study
Saturday, Oct. 30: 5 p.m.,
Worship Service; 5:45 p.m.,
Congregation Forum
Sunday, Oct. 31: 8 a.m.,
Worship Service with Holy Communion and Confirmation (on KKOJ 1190 AM)
Tuesday, Nov. 2: 8 a.m.,
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Nov. 3: 2:45 p.m.,
Grade 7 Confirmation; 5:15 p.m.,
Hand Bell Choir; 6:15 p.m.,
KICK; 6:30 p.m.,
Jars of Clay for Grades 6-12
Thursday, Nov. 4: 8 a.m.,
Men's Study

Worship will be streamed via Facebook & Twitter at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or you can listen on KKOJ 97.7 FM/1190 AM.

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
Sioux Valley, 839-3086
Pastor: Pastor Jacobsen
Sunday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m.,
Divine Service at Trinity; 10:15 a.m.,
Sunday School at Trinity; 10 a.m.,
Sunday School at Concordia; 10:45 a.m.,
Divine Service at Concordia; 12 noon,
Fall Pumpkin Party at Concordia; 5:30 p.m.,
Confirmation at Trinity

Pastor Jacobsen is doing live Bible Study Devotions on Facebook weekday mornings at 9 a.m. They will also be available for viewing afterwards at any time there or also on our YouTube site.

Trinity Lutheran Church Alpha, 236-7165
Pastor: Rick Bremseth
Sunday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m.,
Fellowship; 10:15 a.m.,
Worship Service
Live stream videos and links can be found on Trinity's live stream page.

Union State Line Lutheran Church
Petersburg, 847-2068
Pastor: Nancy Isaacson
Sunday, Oct. 31: 9:30 a.m.,
Sunday School; 10:45 a.m.,
Worship Service
Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

United Methodist Church
900 North Highway, 847-2681
Pastor: Russ Steele
Sunday, Oct. 31: 10:30 a.m.,
Worship Service



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New arrivals at the Jackson library!
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The iconic heroine of “My Name is Lucy Barton” recounts her complicated, compassionate relationship with William, her first husband — and longtime, on-again-off-again friend and confidant — and the lives they eventually built with other people.
“The Judge’s List” by John Grisham (General fiction)
While on the hunt for a serial killer, Lacy Stoltz, an investigator for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct, discovers a man hiding behind the black robe may not only taking bribes, but also may be taking lives.
“Crossroads” by Jonathan Franzen (Literary fiction)
As Christmas 1971 approaches, the Hildebrand family of New Prospect, Ill., deals with increasing points of crisis, including a stale marriage, the draft

and their son’s sexual orientation in the first novel in a new trilogy from the author of “Purity.”
“Three Sisters” by Heather Morris (Historical fiction)
After surviving years of imprisonment in Auschwitz, three Slovakian sisters travel to Israel where the battle for freedom takes on new forms as they face the ghosts of their past and secrets they have kept from each other to find true peace and happiness.
“The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family” by Ron Howard (Autobiography)
By turns confessional, nostalgic, heartwarming and harrowing, the award-winning filmmaker and his brother, an audience-favorite actor, share their unusual family story of navigating and surviving life as sibling child actors.
BOOKS:
“State of Terror” by Hillary Rodham Clinton, “Forgiving Paris” by Karen Kingsbury, “My



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Monticello” by Jocelyn Nicole Johnson, “The Party Crasher” by Sophie Kinsella, “Dear Santa” by Debbie Macomber, “Last Girl Ghosted” by Lisa Unger, “No Words” by Meg Cabot, “Marked Man” by Archer Mayor, “Claws for Alarm” by Rita Mae Brown, “Over My Dead Body” by Jeffrey Archer
DVDS:
“The Road,” “A Single Man,” “Blithe Spirit,” “Free Guy,” “The Green Knight”
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Birthday wishes and anniversary greetings go out to the following this week:
Oct. 28: Happy birthday to Maren Larson, Rachelle Neal, Dave DeJong, John Osterberg. Anniversary wishes

BIRTHDAYS • ANNIVERSARIES

go to Justin and Betsy Storm.
Oct. 29: Happy birthday to Trevin Gaustad, David Lovell, Paul Neal, Brenda Prochazka, Ingrid Rossow, Audrey Thurmer, Shalee Nelson, Kelly Schultes, Alyse Thurmer.
Oct. 30: Happy birthday to Mary Halverson, Robert Vee, Nicholas Wells, Jeff Stephens, Ann Henning, Isabelle Henning, Geoff Osterberg.
Oct. 31: Happy birthday to Sandra Endreson, Clarice Nasby, Alex Tufvesson, Jack Erickson, Janet Bargfrede.
Nov. 1: Happy birthday to Clara Brinks.
Nov. 2: Happy birthday to Cora Condon.
Nov. 3: Happy birthday to Cody Hawn.



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LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Sys Phaly teaches a Spanish class at the Jackson Center for the Arts last week.

Library hosts bedtime story hour Nov. 4

The Jackson library will host a bedtime story hour on Thursday, Nov. 4, in the library meeting room. The event is for children and their families. It runs from 6:15 to 7 p.m. A variety of activities are planned, including stories, fingerplays, games, music, a craft and a snack. Children are invited to come in their pajamas with their favorite pillow, blanket or bedtime buddy. Registration is required. To register or for more information, call 847-4748 by Nov. 4.



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FUNDS FOR A FIX

Paul Meium (left), president of Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Alpha, and Shawn Foster (right), the bank’s vice president, present a \$1,000 check for the Riverside Cemetery chapel fund to Jackson Cemetery Association President John Osterberg. Nearly \$17,000 is needed to repair the chapel roof.

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**Halloween Safety
Tips For Kids:**

- ◆ Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof; the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- ◆ If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.
- ◆ Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- ◆ Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer, although you can be cut by them, as well. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.
- ◆ Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.
- ◆ Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out trick or treating.

Anytime a child has an accident, it's tragic. The last thing that you want to happen is for your child to be hurt on a holiday; it would forever live in the minds of the child and the family.

There are many ways to keep your child safe at Halloween, when they are more prone to accidents and injuries. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

**Halloween
Safety Tips
For Adults:**

- ◆ Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them.
- ◆ The best bet is to make sure than an adult is going with them. If you can't take them, see if another parent or a teen-aged sibling can go along.
- ◆ Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties or school functions.
- ◆ Make sure you set a time that they should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time.
- ◆ Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs at a house may seem like fun, but they need to know the other side of the coin, as well. Cleanup and damages can ruin Halloween. If they are caught vandalizing, make them clean up the mess they've made.
- ◆ Explain to your kids that animal cruelty is not acceptable. Kids may know this on their own, but peer pressure can be a bad thing. Make sure that they know that harming animals is not only morally wrong but punishable by law and will not be tolerated.



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Court File No. 32-PR-21-39
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**Decedent
Notice of Informal Probate
of Will and Appointment of
Personal Representative
and Notice to Creditors**

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's will dated

July 14, 2017 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

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

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

Any objections to the probate of the will or appointment of the Personal Representative

must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: October 18, 2021
Teresa Reetz
Registrar

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(Oct. 28; Nov. 4)

**CITY OF JACKSON, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 117**

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF JACKSON)
CITY OF JACKSON)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 153 OF THE
JACKSON CITY CODE OF ZONING ORDINANCES
PERTAINING TO MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY
DWELLINGS ON ONE LOT**

SECTION 1. Chapter 153 of the Jackson City Code of Zoning Ordinances is amended to read as follows (changes are underlined).

153.151 MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS
No more than one single family dwelling may be constructed or placed on any lot in the R-2 or R-3 zoned districts after January 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon passage and publication.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.
Passed by the Council this 5th day of October, 2021.

Ayes: Finck, Polz, Vee, More
Nays: None
Absent: Gay, Cushman
Signed by Mayor Wayne Walter and
City Administrator Matt Skaret

(Ordinance No. 117 was introduced on September 21st, adopted on October 19th, posted on October 21st, published on October 28th and will be effective on November 12th, 2021) (Oct. 28)

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CITY OF JACKSON, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 115

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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CITY OF JACKSON)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97 OF THE
JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO
RENTAL HOUSING MINIMUM MAINTENANCE

SECTION 1. Chapter 97 of the Jackson City Code is amended to read as follows (changes are underlined).

97.10 REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF RENTAL UNITS.

(A) Registration and License required.
(1) It is unlawful for an owner to lease, let or allow to be occupied as a residence any rental housing unit controlled by that owner in the City without first:
(a) completing, and submitting to the City a registration form therefor;
(b) The unit passing the inspection process; and
(c) Receiving a rental license for the unit from the City.
(2) Each owner filing a registration form thereby consents to be bound by all of the provisions of this chapter and all other ordinances of the City.
(3) Each tenant occupying a licensed unit within the City thereby consents to be bound by all of the provisions of this chapter and all other ordinances of the City.
(4) The City shall assign a number to each owner and rental unit (i.e. if Jackson HRA is registered as owner 32, then the HRA rental units will be registered as 32.01, 32.02, 32.03, and the like).
(5) The registration form shall be furnished by the City and shall set forth the following:
(a) Owner contact information;
(b) Local contact information of owner or owner's representative who must live within 50 miles of the rental property;
(c) The mailing address of each rental unit to be registered;
(d) The type of each unit to be registered, i.e. single-family, duplex, apartment, sleeping room, and the like;
(e) The maximum number of occupants for each unit;
(f) Proof of liability insurance; and
(g) Such other information as the City may reasonably require.

(B) *Tenant information.* The owner shall:
(1) Keep a listing of all adult tenants;
(2) Make such listing available to the City on reasonable requests; and
(3) Provide to each tenant an information packet containing the booklet Landlords and Tenants: Rights and Responsibilities distributed by the Attorney General's office, a copy of this chapter, a copy of the inspection guidelines used pursuant to this chapter, and a copy of the most recent inspection report.

(C) *Existing rental units.*
(1) Within 45 days of the effective date of this chapter, the owner shall register with the City each residential rental unit that he or she owns or administers.
(2) No rental license shall be issued for such unit until such time as it has completed the inspection process and is in compliance with all applicable ordinances, regulations, and statutes or has a plan for compliance approved by the City.
(3) It is unlawful for the owner to allow or permit a unit to be occupied after 60 days from the date of a failed inspection until such time as the unit is brought into compliance, the unit is re-inspected, and a rental license is issued for the unit.
(D) *New rental units.* No unit to be first occupied after the effective date of this chapter may be made available for such occupancy until:
(1) The unit is registered with the City;
(2) The inspection process has been completed;
(3) The unit is compliant; and
(4) A rental license is issued for the unit The City shall respond within five business days from the date of registration with the City.

(E) *Transfer of ownership.* In the event of the transfer of ownership of a unit by sale or otherwise:
(1) The transferor(s), prior to the transfer, shall provide to the City:
(a) The name, address and telephone number of each transferee; and
(b) The anticipated effective date of the transfer;
(2) The transferee shall register the unit with the City under the transferee's name and pay all applicable fees within 30 days after the date of transfer; and
(3) If the rental license for the unit is valid and current and if the transferee so registers the unit and pays the fees, the rental license shall be transferred to the transferee.
(4) License Expiration. The rental license shall expire at 12 o'clock midnight on the 31st day of March.

(1) Of the year next following the year of application, if the application is received by the City on or before the 30th day of September
(2) Of the year two years following the year of application, if the application is received by the City on or after the 1st day of October

97.11 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL INSPECTION PROCESS.

A residential rental unit can obtain a rental license by completing one of following processes: [1] City inspection or through [2] exempt status. At the time the next inspection cycle is due, the owner may elect to use a different process to continue meeting the requirements of this chapter.

(A) *Utilities.* Utilities services (gas, water, electricity, and the like) must be connected and "on" at the time of the inspection.

(C) *City inspection.*
(1) The owner will have the unit inspected by the City's inspector, for a fee.
(2) On the inspection form, the inspector will verify that the tenant information packet was handed out.
(3) Any deficiencies found shall be corrected as described in § 97.11 (F) before a license is granted.
(D) *Frequency of inspections.*
(1) Inspections shall be completed:
(a) Before a rental license is issued: to a new owner; for new construction; or, an application to register a rental unit;
(b) Before a rental license may issue to an owner whose rental license has been suspended or revoked;
(c) Within 30 days after a filed complaint; and
(d) Within 90 days before the expiration of the current rental license to renew the license.
(2) Failure to comply could result in a suspension or revocation of the license.

(E) *Exemption from inspection.* A rental license shall be issued for each rental unit determined by the City to be exempt.
(1) The exemption and the date that the exemption expires shall be noted on the license.
(2) The City may declare as exempt from inspection:
(a) Any unit that is inspected by another qualified third-party inspector at least biennially on equal or greater standards than this ordinance, upon filing of proof of such inspections and a copy of the inspection standards used; provided, that any exempt unit with founded complaints shall lose its exempt status for the next inspection cycle and shall be subject to another inspection process.
(b) Any unit that passed the immediately preceding biennial inspection and against which no substantiated complaints have been registered during the two-year term of the rental license; provided, [1] that any exempt unit with founded complaints shall lose its exempt status for the next inspection cycle, shall be subject to an inspection process, and [2] that exemption from inspection pursuant to this subsection will be for a term no greater than four years, after which time the unit will be subject to an inspection process.
(c) Any unit occupied by a qualifying relative of the owner.
(3) The City shall contact the owner or managing agent of each exempt unit biennially to confirm continuing exempt status. If appropriate evidence warranting exempt status is not filed with the City within 30 days, the unit shall lose its exempt status for the next inspection cycle and shall be subject to another inspection process.

(4) For purposes of this section, the City, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether:
(a) A person is a qualified third-party inspector; and
(b) An inspection is a qualified inspection.
(F) *Deficiencies.* Depending on the nature of the alleged deficiency, the City may intervene with a City inspection or may refer the matter to another authority (i.e. Fire Marshal, State Electrical Inspector, State Plumbing Inspector, Building Official, or Community Health Services) for further action.
(1) The City shall give written notice:
(a) Of each deficiency;
(b) Of what must be done to bring the unit into compliance;
(c) Of the alleged violator's right to dispute the deficiencies;
(d) Of the violator's right to provide proof that the deficiencies have been or are being corrected;
(e) Of the due date for a follow-up self-inspection, which should be not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days from the date of the notice;
(f) Of the violator's right to request an extension; and
(g) Of an owner's right to apply for a conditional license, as defined in § 97.11 (H), to correct the deficiencies.
(2) After three failed inspections:
(a) The City may revoke or suspend the license;
(b) Fine the owner a daily fine, per rental unit, until the unit(s) is either vacated or brought into compliance with City ordinance;
(c) The City may seek injunctive relief or any other relief from the Court to enforce the provisions of this ordinance;
(d) The City may seek and be awarded it reasonable attorney fees, costs and fees to enforce this ordinance
(e) The unit shall not be re-registered for at least 90 days from the date of the last failed inspection and after all fees, penalties and fines have been paid; and
(3) The City may charge re-inspection fees and fines as fixed from time to time by resolution or ordinance.
(4) The City may immediately revoke a rental license after inspection and finding a significant and material adverse condition in a rental unit the is a clear and present danger to the tenant's health, safety or welfare. The rental unit shall be vacated as soon as practical and until the deficiencies are corrected and the corrections are verified by inspection. Additionally, the City may seek or take the remedies identified in (2) (a), (b), (c) or (d) above.

(G) *Extensions.* The violator may request a postponement of an inspection if:
(1) The deficient condition is not adversely affecting the health, safety or general welfare of the occupant(s) of the unit or of any neighboring unit;
(2) The required remedial action cannot be completed until weather permits or will take longer then 30 days to complete; and
(3) The violator:
(a) Requests an extension in writing that recites the reasons for the request, the justifications for the extension, the anticipated completion date (not to exceed six months); and
(b) Submits proof that appropriate arrangements have been made for completion of the corrective action by the anticipated completion date.
(4) The number of inspections occurring in a single year is too great for staff to perform; provided, that unit passed the immediately preceding biennial inspection and against which no substantiated complaints have been registered during the two-year term of the rental license.

(H) *Conditional rental license.* The owner of any rental unit in existence on the effective date of this ordinance that is inspected, is determined to be sub-standard, and is found to require substantial upgrades may submit a one-, two- or three-year corrective plan to include a detailed schedule of when deficiencies will be corrected ("plan"). The plan must be submitted to the City for approval within 30 days of the failed inspection; and the City, in its sole discretion, shall determine if the plan is acceptable. Deficiencies that can be corrected immediately are not includable in the plan.
(1) A conditional rental license may be issued to the owner when the plan is approved and shall be posted in the same location as the standard license.
(2) The unit shall be re-inspected on an annual basis by the City to confirm adherence to the plan. Any deficiencies found during the re-inspection and not covered by the plan may not be added to the plan but must be corrected in accordance with this chapter.
(3) After the completion of all work items in the plan, the unit shall be re-inspected biennially.
(4) Conditional rental license's will not be extended and are only eligible to existing rental units that are registered in accordance with this chapter. All conditional rental licenses shall expire on or before January 31, 2029

97.15 REVIEWS AND APPEALS.

The City Council shall appoint a committee, whether a standing City committee or a new committee consisting of at least 3 individuals, which shall:
(A) Meet with landlords who had properties inspected within the previous 12 months to review the inspection process and any follow-up action required by the inspection.
(B) Hear appeals of any person aggrieved by any action taken pursuant to this chapter by an employee or agent of the City. The Committee's decision may be appealed to the City Council.

(1) The appeal must be in writing, must be addressed to the Committee, must describe with particularity the action from which the appeal is taken and must be filed with the City Administrator within 20 days from the date of the action appealed.
(2) The Committee, on notice to the appellant and after appellants opportunity to be heard, shall consider and act upon the appeal within 30 days of the date of filing of the written notice of appeal and shall issue its written order of decision within ten days thereafter.
(C) The Committee shall review, at least every 4 years, this Chapter 97 Ordinance and report to the City Council any recommended changes.

§ 97.99 VIOLATIONS.
Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.
SECTION 2. Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon passage and publication.
SECTION 3. Repealer. All or ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.
SECTION 5. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.
Passed by the Council this 19th day of October, 2021.
Ayes: Finck, Polz, Vee, More
Nays: None
Absent: Gay, Cushman
Signed by Mayor Wayne Walter and
City Administrator Matt Skaret
(Ordinance No. 115 was introduced on September 7th, adopted on October 19th, posted on October 21st, published on October 28th and will be effective on November 12th, 2021) (Oct. 28)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

October 5, 2021

This document constitutes a summary of the proceedings of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners' October 5, 2021 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 County Board of Jackson County, Minnesota met in regular session, in the Jackson County Government Resource Center, Cafeteria Room (Door 7), 402 White Street, City of Jackson, Minnesota, on October 5, 2021. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: Catherine Hohenstein, James Engenberg, Scott McClure and Philip Nasby. Assistant to the Administrator, Brandi Bourquin was also in attendance. Commissioner Don Wachal was absent.

Chair Engenberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Engenberg, and seconded by Commissioner McClure to adopt the agenda with the addition of consent agenda item 2.7 Board Action – Approve Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Loan for Ann Stephenson.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hohenstein and seconded by Commissioner Nasby to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01, subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 96586 through 96684 in the amount of \$3,293,586.15 for the following funds: Revenue, \$139,502.04; Public Works, \$2,526,820.37; Ditch, \$597,616.25; Insurance Trust Fund \$4,310.00; Revolving Loan Fund, \$50.00; Septic Systems Revolving Loan, \$24,961.49; Library Fund, \$250.00; and Taxes & Penalties Fund, \$76.00. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office upon request.

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| Vendor Total | |
| Knife River Corporation - North Central | \$ 2,459,647.37 |
| Loo Con Inc. | \$ 440,559.37 |
| Building Restoration Corporation | \$ 103,178.08 |
| Noomen Excavating LLC | \$ 55,531.05 |
| Litzau Farm Drainage Inc | \$ 52,954.28 |
| FORSBERG DRAINAGE & EXCAVATION | \$ 46,163.81 |
| Cooperative Energy Co. | \$ 20,920.22 |
| Edlin Excavating | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Duininck, Inc. | \$ 14,357.98 |
| Hohenstein Septic Services LLC | \$ 9,961.49 |
| Madsen Land Surveying Inc | \$ 9,050.00 |
| Tapco Safe Travels | \$ 6,460.00 |
| Green Earth Recycling | \$ 5,721.00 |
| R A Muecke Sand & Gravel, Inc. | \$ 5,110.00 |
| Wold Architects And Engineers | \$ 4,639.18 |
| Jackson County Agricultural Society | \$ 4,310.00 |
| Black Strap Inc. | \$ 3,904.73 |
| S & J Cleaning | \$ 3,309.25 |
| MENd Correctional Care PLLC | \$ 3,199.23 |
| RS Eden | \$ 2,496.00 |
| Verizon Wireless | \$ 2,393.06 |
| Total Claims Over \$2000 | \$ 3,268,866.10 |
| 69 Claims Under \$2000 | \$ 24,720.05 |
| Total Claims Submitted | \$ 3,293,586.15 |

Accept the 2022 BlueCross BlueShield Group Medicare Renewal Rates
Approve Request to Solicit Quotes for 2021 Section Corner Re-monumentation Project
Approve Final Payment to Morris Sealcoat & Trucking, Inc for Work Completed on SAP 032-030-028

Approve Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Loan for Hunter Paul Heiser
Approve Pay Request #4 Judicial Ditch 24 Loo Con Inc. The motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner McClure to adopt Board Action 21-259: Approve September 21, 2021 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner McClure to adopt Board Action 21-260: Approve Subsurface Sewage Treatment System loan for Wesley and Lisa Barkeim. The motion carried 3-0 in favor with Commissioner Hohenstein recusing herself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to adopt Resolution 21-046 Approve Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds (Related to JD 3, JD 9, JD 13 and JD 24). The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Engenberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
(Oct. 28)

DES MOINES VALLEY
HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF
SPECIAL MEETING
November 3, 2021 - 8:00 A.M.

The Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services Board of Commissioners will meet in Special Session on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the Jackson, MN, Government East Cafeteria meeting room: 402 White Street, Door #7, Jackson, Minnesota for the purpose of a closed meeting to Evaluate the Annual Performance of Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services Executive Director Craig Myers, pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.05 Subd. 3(a).
Dated this 19th Day of October 2021

Julie Van Wyhe
Associate Board Secretary
(Oct. 28)

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Olson marks 40 years at Jackson's Corteva

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Mark Olson is a man of Jackson, born and bred. He grew up on a family farm eight miles north of town and still lives there with his wife, raising cattle and enjoying nature. Olson recently marked 40 years of working at Corteva Agriscience — former-



Mark Olson

ly Pioneer Hi-Bred — in Jackson.

"I got married in 1979 and was looking for work in 1981 and there weren't a lot of jobs around at that time," Olson said. "Ron Johnson mentioned it to my dad and I and said I should look at getting a job here, so I did."

Olson started out driving trucks and, after the company got out of trucking, he did different jobs around the plant. Most recently, he's been working as a maintenance technician.

"I really enjoy what I do," Olson said. "I work on all of the equipment here and I do some fabrication work as well."

The team is tasked with keeping everything in the plant up to speed. Olson gets to work on a wide variety of projects every day — some small, others large.

Variety, as it turns out, is the spice of life and Olson's favorite part of his job. Every day brings new challenges, he said. He also enjoys working with his team, which has grown over the years.

"There are new chal-

lenges every day and I really like a good challenge," Olson said. "I work with a great group of guys and the company is a really good place to work."

Though it's had quite a few name changes over the years, Olson said the plant's presence in town hasn't just benefited him, the other employees and the company's customers, but also the community as a whole.

As a lifelong resident of the area, Olson said he loves his community and wants to see it continue to succeed. For Olson, seeing the company he's been at for four decades continue to serve the community and remain in Jackson is a reward in and of itself.

"I love this area, so I want to stay here, and this is a great place to work," Olson said. "My being here for 40 years is one thing, but the company staying here in this community is really what's important, because it has been very good for our community."

When he's not working at Corteva, Olson keeps his life full of different projects, raising cattle on his farm and taking in the wildlife on his property. He enjoys spending time outdoors and has plenty of opportunities to do so on his property. He said he loves his hobbies for the same reason he loves his job — it keeps him active, busy and challenged.

"I can't sit still, and my dad was the same way," Olson said. "In my view, you've got to have a reason to get up in the morning."

Senate committee makes stop in Jackson

Members of the Minnesota Senate Bonding Committee were in Jackson this week to tour the local campus of Minnesota West Community and Technical College and hear of the need for funding to repair and replace certain campus building systems.

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JCC FOOTBALL

Huskies nearly unstoppable in playoff-opening win

JCC scores on each of its first six possessions against Windom

by **DAN CONDON**
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central football team scored on its first offensive play and each of its first six drives during Tuesday's playoff-opening win over Windom. The second-seeded Huskies dominated from the start, leading 44-0 at the half over the seventh-seeded Eagles before winning 58-6. The win advances the Huskies to the section semifinals, where they'll host Redwood Valley Saturday (see preview on B5).

Fast start for Huskies
The Huskies' hot start began even before the opening kickoff. They won the coin toss and elected to defer, forcing the Eagles to begin the game going into the wind. When Windom faced fourth-and-12 on its opening drive, the Eagles elected to go for it instead of punting into a strong breeze. The Huskies held and had the lead one play later. Gabriel Wolff raced off the left end and went untouched for a 43-yard touchdown run on JCC's first play from scrimmage. "We wanted to defer," JCC head coach Tom Schuller said of winning the coin toss. "We wanted to see if we could get them

See **FB** on **B5**



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
Gabriel Wolff runs for a 43-yard touchdown on Jackson County Central's first play of the game during Tuesday's playoff-opening win over Windom.

Inside...
B5 The JCC football team hosts Redwood Valley in the Section 3AA semifinals Saturday in Jackson.

JCC CROSS COUNTRY

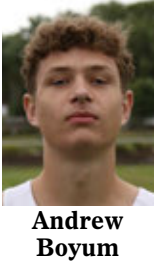


Boyum, Anderson earn all-conference honors

PHOTO COURTESY OF EMILY ANDERSON
Olivia Anderson leads a pack of runners at the Big South Conference cross country meet last Tuesday in Pipestone. Anderson finished seventh in the small-school division to earn all-conference honors.

by **DAN CONDON**
Sports Editor

Jackson County Central senior Andrew Boyum ran the best race of his career and senior Olivia Anderson ran her best race of the season last Tuesday to earn all-Big South Conference honors at the conference meet in Pipestone. Sophomore Evan Paplow earned honorable-mention honors to cap a day in which the JCC girls finished fourth and the boys were fifth in the small-school division. All-conference honors went to the top seven finishers in each division,



Andrew Boyum

with the next seven earning honorable-mention status. All but three of JCC's 15 varsity runners had their best times of the season — if not career — in the meet. JCC head coach Rafe York said that's a combination of a fast course and runners doing well at the end of the season. "I think it's a combination," he said. "The course was probably as flat as we've seen. I would say it's as flat as Loon Lake — the difference is we've got all the hairpin turns. In Pipestone there are two big loops, so there is a lot of time to build up speed. I also like to think part of it is it's the time of season and helpfully we're peaking correctly."

Boyum moves up JCC chart with new PR
Boyum ran the 5,000-me-

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Huskies run for trips to state today
by **DAN CONDON**
Sports Editor

Last fall, cross country runners got to compete in the section meet. But that was it. The state meet was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, meaning although two Jackson County Central runners placed well enough to qualify for state, they didn't get to go. So now senior Andrew Boyum and sophomore Evan Paplow, as well as the rest of the JCC boys' team, have their sights set on going this year. On the girls' side, senior Olivia Anderson has a chance to extend her career one more race with a solid performance at the Section 3A meet, which takes place today (Thursday) in Madison. The boys run at 4 p.m. and the girls take the course at 4:40. The top two teams advance to the state meet, as do the top six individuals not on those teams. That's a change from the past, where the top eight individuals on qualifying teams moved on. JCC head coach Rafe York said Boyum has a good chance to get to state and Paplow and Anderson are capable of making it by running well. The two fewer state qualifiers makes that even more difficult, though.

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JCC VOLLEYBALL

Huskies open playoffs Friday night

JCC volleyball team seeded No. 1 in south half of section

by **DAN CONDON**
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central volleyball team is battle tested after a regular season that saw them play three teams ranked No. 1 in their respective classes and compete in a couple top-tier tournaments. Now, the Huskies put everything they've learned throughout the season on the line as they open the postseason. JCC (23-6 and ranked No. 2 in Class AA) is the No. 1 seed in the south half of the Section 3AA tournament and opens Friday at home against No. 8 St. James (6-15). The Huskies swept the Saints in both meetings this season. With a win, JCC would face either No. 4 Windom (16-11) or No. 5 Redwood Valley (7-15) Monday night in Jackson. The Huskies beat the Eagles 3-1 during the regular season and swept the

Cardinals. On the other half of the south portion of the section, No. 2 Luverne (17-6) opens against No. 7 Fairmont (9-14) on Friday and No. 3 Pipestone (16-11) hosts No. 6 Montevideo (10-14) in the first round. The sub-section finals are Nov. 4 at a site to be determined and the section finals are Sept. 6 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Paynesville (20-3) is the top seed on the north side of the bracket, with Eden Valley-Watkins (16-10), New London-Spicer (15-12) and Litchfield (9-19) rounding out the top four. The Huskies had a little bit of a break this past weekend before gearing up for the Saints and a playoff run. The key to success in the postseason, head coach Deidre Wierson said, is first contact. "A big focus has been a lot of our defense, as well as first contact, so making sure that we're able to pass the ball so we're in system and able to do something with the ball in our offense," she said last

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"THIS GROUP OF SENIORS IS VERY TEAM ORIENTED. I THINK THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO DRIVE THIS TEAM."
Deidre Wierson



Abby Schneekloth

Schneekloth named new head gymnastics coach

All other winter coaches remain the same for JCC

Abby Schneekloth has been named the head coach of the Jackson County Central gymnastics team, as approved by the JCC School Board Monday night. Schneekloth, a 2018 JCC graduate who qualified for state her final four seasons, will be assisted by Kendell Kapplinger and Brandon Halverson. Schneekloth is the only new head coach for JCC this winter. Nate Hanson returns as head coach of the JCC wrestling team after taking the Huskies to the state

tournament last winter. He'll be assisted by Troy Schultz and Jacob Johnson. Rick VanderWoude is the middle-school coach and Brandon Pygman is a volunteer. Alex Hein is back as head boys' basketball coach, with Mike Wierson coaching the B-squad team and Blaise Jacobsen at the helm of the C-squad team. Charlie Clarksean will be a volunteer coach. Kyle Gruhlke and Mark Kocak will coach the middle-school teams. Rafe York continues as head girls' basketball coach, with Jon Beckman coaching the B-squad team and Easton Bahr coaching the C-squad team. Sean Minder is the middle-school coach and Austin Nunez is a volunteer coach. Amy Blaskey is back as head coach of the competition cheerleading team and will be assisted by Ashley Heinrichs.



JCC GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL



| JCC volleyball results | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----|---|-------------------|---|
| JCC | 3 | St. James | 0 | JCC | 3 | MCW | 0 |
| JCC | 3 | HL-O/Fulda | 0 | JCC | 3 | Worthington | 0 |
| JCC | 3 | Spirit Lake | 1 | JCC | 2 | Caledonia | 0 |
| JCC | 3 | Redwood | 0 | JCC | 0 | Prior Lake | 2 |
| JCC | 1 | Marshall | 3 | JCC | 0 | Eden Prairie | 2 |
| JCC | 0 | SF Christian | 3 | JCC | 2 | Rochester Century | 0 |
| JCC | 2 | WWG | 0 | JCC | 1 | SF Roosevelt | 2 |
| JCC | 2 | Worthington | 1 | JCC | 3 | Fairmont | 0 |
| JCC | 2 | Rochester JM | 0 | | | | |
| JCC | 2 | New Ulm | 0 | | | | |
| JCC | 2 | HL-O/Fulda | 1 | | | | |
| JCC | 3 | Windom | 1 | | | | |
| JCC | 3 | New Ulm | 0 | | | | |
| JCC | 2 | Barnesville | 0 | | | | |
| JCC | 2 | Norwood-YA | 0 | | | | |
| JCC | 2 | Concordia Academy | 0 | | | | |
| JCC | 1 | SW Christian | 2 | | | | |
| JCC | 2 | Caledonia | 1 | | | | |
| JCC | 3 | Pipestone | 1 | | | | |
| JCC | 3 | St. James | 0 | | | | |
| JCC | 3 | Luverne | 1 | | | | |

Overall record: 23-6
BSC record: 5-1

The Section 3AA tournament is
Oct. 29, Nov. 1, Nov. 4 and Nov. 6.

The Class AA state tournament is
Nov. 11 - 13 at the Xcel Energy Center.

Photo by Dan Condon
Members of the Jackson County Central volleyball team are (front, from left): Brittany Arduser, Alexis O'Reilly, Taylor Post, Victoria Murdock, Sydney Osterberg, Elese Paplow and Erin Gallagher. Back: Peyton Hanson, Andria Benson, Sadie Voss, Georgianna Wenzel, Emma Haren, Maci Farmer and Sarah Anderson.

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CC - Section 3A meet at Madison

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Saturday, Oct. 30

FB - Section semifinals vs. Redwood Valley

Sunday, Oct. 31

No events

Monday, Nov. 1

VB - Sub-section semifinals

Tuesday, Nov. 2

No events

Wednesday, Nov. 3

No events

BSC STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL

| West Team | BSC | All |
|-------------|------|-------|
| Marshall | 6-0 | 27-2 |
| JCC | 5-1 | 23-6 |
| Luverne | 3-3 | 17-6 |
| Pipestone | 3-3 | 16-11 |
| Redwood | 2-4 | 7-15 |
| Windom | 1-5 | 16-11 |
| Worthington | 1-5 | 15-14 |
| East Team | BSC | All |
| St. Peter | 10-0 | 19-6 |
| New Ulm | 8-2 | 14-9 |
| Waseca | 5-5 | 8-14 |
| Fairmont | 3-7 | 9-14 |
| St. James | 3-7 | 6-15 |
| BEA | 1-9 | 2-23 |

SECTION 3AA
STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

| Team | All |
|--------------------|-----|
| Pipestone | 9-0 |
| Redwood Valley | 7-2 |
| JCC | 6-3 |
| MN Valley Lutheran | 5-4 |
| LCWM | 2-7 |
| Sibley East | 1-8 |
| Windom | 1-8 |
| St. James Area | 0-9 |

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Wishing everyone a snow-free Halloween

Happy Halloween! If you are an adult, may your threshold be visited by ghosts, goblins and all other sorts of trick-or-treaters, all with a sweet tooth waiting to be satisfied.

May none of the trick-or-treaters chant the age-old "Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat!" but keep their chant to just plain old "trick or treat."

It amazes me how many kids who hear the "smell my feet" chant for the first time not only think it is the funniest thing ever, but also that it was just thought up. They do not realize the chant is as old as time. Well, at least as old as Halloween.

And, happy 30th anniversary of the Halloween Blizzard! Those of you younger than 30 are probably thinking the Halloween Blizzard of 1991 is just another of the "Good Old Days" stories. The stories about having to walk 10 miles uphill both ways through 10-foot snowdrifts just to get to school.

Those of us older than 30 know the blizzard was no "Good Old Days" story. Even if we did have to dig through 10-foot snowdrifts just to get from house to house.

To the kids, the drifts appeared to be 10 feet. To us adults, they were more like 2 to 3 feet at prime trick-or-treat time. But the snow was deep even without the drifts.

The tough part about the blizzard was the trudging through the snow. It was even tough driving the van through it. I cannot imagine how

hard it was for the kids. Especially Theresa, who was only 3 and dressed as a princess, complete with her pointy-toed church shoes.

I would park the van at a corner, we would hop out and trick-or-treat up one side of the road and back the other before hopping back in the van to go to the next corner.

It worked pretty well; the van ride from corner to corner took long enough for a semi-thaw of the feet. And hands, and face and...

The sweet thing about the blizzard was our candy harvest was the best ever. It was very bountiful. Probably equivalent to 250 bushels-an-acre corn.

It was almost as if the people did not think too many would be brave enough — or dumb enough, you make the call — to venture out trick-or-treating that they handed each visitor five or six times the usual amount. The brave did not complain.

And we were brave. Or dumb, you still get to make the call. We trick-or-treated all of south Lakefield and a bit of other parts of town before we realized we were not thawing as fast as we were freezing and decided 250 bushels of candy was enough for even the sweetest tooth.

But even though the kids admitted defeat in the battle against the snow before I did, it was a proud dad moment knowing their dedication to trick-or-treating was similar to mine. I knew I had taught them well; my

job was complete.

Now, 30 years later, I am teaching the next generation of Condon descendants the tricks of the trade. All I need to know if my teachings are complete is another blizzard. Yet, I am hoping our Halloweeners stay snow-free for many years to come.

Watching my children, and now my grandchildren trick-or-treating is almost as fun as trick-or-treating was for me more than 50 years ago. Not nearly as tasty though, even with the dad tax, and now grandpa tax. The kids might not like the tax, but I sure do.

Speaking of driving, I hope all of the drivers are watchful enough that we have a fun, safe Halloween Sunday.

Soon, you will be able to watch the Jackson County Central Middle School athletes as they start their winter sports season. Practices begin in early November.

And now, as I have to get ready to take some of my grandchildren out trick-or-treating, I close for this week. Until next week, again, please drive careful. And cheer loud for our athletes. Go, Huskies!



WIDE WRITE
Stephen A. Condon

LEAGUE BOWLING SCORES

Tuesday night men

Team standings: Phillips Agency 14-6, New Fashion Pork 9-11, Bowlers Inn 9-11, Junction 86 8-12

High game: Jerrod Schubert 213, Shawn Gerdes 210, Tom Johnson 200

High series: Jerrod Schubert 615, Shawn Gerdes 537, Leigh Hohenstein 522, Ben Rossow 522

Wednesday night men

Team standings: Schaap Sanitation 17-3, S&J Cleaning 11-9, Pocket Pounders 11-9, Elness Livestock 9-11, FCA 8-12, Left Overs 4-16

High game: Jason Whisney 190, Tom Preuss 189, Doyle Svoboda 188, Brent Whisney 188

High series: Jason Whisney 524, Doyle Svoboda 510, Tom Preuss 478

Thursday night women

Team standings: 9th Ave Salon 14-6, Bipolar Rollers 14-6, Lakefield Savings Bank 12-8, Rubis Farms 7-13, Pampered Chicks 7-13, Split Personalities 6-14

High game: Kris Porath 256, Denise Nichols 174, Mary Byam 169

High series: Kris Porath 510, Mary Byam 479, Darcy Hoffman 450

Friday night mixed

Team standings: Habben 7-1, Miller 5-3, Gerdes 5-3, Jorgensen 5-3, Potter 4-0, Elness 3-5, Kocak 2-6

High game men: Jeremy Potter 224, David Miller 195, Brian Kocak 174

High series men: David Miller 578, Brian Kocak 499, Jeremy Potter 497

High game women: Bobbi Habben 148, Lisa Kocak 147, Bridget Gerdes 133

High series women: Bobbi Habben 380, Lisa Kocak 353, Jenni Jorgensen 324



ONE MORE RACE

One year ago, Oct. 29, 2020

When Jackson County Central junior Andrew Boyum crossed the finish line at the Section 3A meet, he thought his season was over. He placed well enough to advance to state, but the Minnesota State High School League canceled the state tournament this fall due to COVID-19. But Boyum and other top runners across the state will get one more chance to run, thanks to a new race. The TC Running Company Cross Country Showcase will take place in Atwater by invitation only.

ONE WIN AWAY FROM STATE

Five years ago, Nov. 3, 2016

Every time Sibley East tried to make a game of the Section 3AAA semifinals, the JCC football team had an answer. JCC answered the Wolverines' only two touchdowns with quick scores of their own in a 42-14 victory. Nico Feroni ran for a 12-yard touchdown and caught a 32-yard touchdown pass from Easton Bahr in the win. Jacob Tvinnereim ran for three touchdowns, including a 47-yarder, and Chris Gumto caught a 15-yard touchdown from Bahr. Feroni ran for 157 yards and Tvinnereim rushed for 89. Bahr completed nine passes for 129 yards. Tvinnereim, Ryan Christopher and Jacob Christopher each intercepted a pass.

BEZDICEK HEADED TO STATE TOURNEY

10 years ago, Nov. 3, 2011

JCC eighth-grader Jadin Bezdicek can add another checkmark to her list of cross country goals. Bezidek broke the JCC record for fastest 4,000-meter time earlier this year and became the first Southwest Conference champion since 2001. Now, Bezdicek has qualified for the state tournament, becoming the first JCC girl to do so since Heidi Hildebrandt in 2003. Bezdicek finished fourth at the Section 3A race in 15:13, but her journey to state began long before the section meet. She ran 271 miles from early June to mid-August and has logged 240 miles since the season started, giving her more than 500 miles in a five-month span. In the boys' race, Ben Kocak finished 12th (17:45) to narrowly miss a trip to state.

ON TO STATE!

25 years ago, Oct. 31, 1996 – Jackson County Pilot

The Jackson boys' cross country team qualified for state as a team for the first time ever by finishing second at the Section 3A meet in Canby and Dan Draine became the first JHS boy to qualify for state three times when he won the meet. Draine ran the 5,000-meter course in 16:38, taking the lead in the second mile and never letting it go. Matt Williams moved up from 11th with one mile left to finish fifth in 16:52 to earn the final individual spot at state. Ethan Thurmer finished 13th (17:11), Nat Draine was 25th (17:51) and Mark Zelinko finished 26th (17:52). Gary Hildebrandt was named the Section 3A coach of the year.

BALANCED BULLETS SHOOT TO STATE

25 years ago, Oct. 31, 1996 – Lakefield Standard

All five scoring runners for the HL0L/SVRLB girls' cross country team finished in the top 26 of the Section 3A meet as the Silver Bullets finished second to qualify for state. Jessica Zellar finished 10th (17:05), Dani Damm was 12th (17:09), Kimberly Lohse finished 21st (17:32), Amy Arndt placed 25th (17:39) and Kelli Haar came in 26th (17:40). Haily Hanson and Charlene Bass both had a time of 18:23 and finished 37th and 38th in the race.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name: Levi Lindley
Grade: 12
Sport: Football
The week that was: Lindley ran for 87 yards and two touchdowns in JCC's win over St. Peter last Wednesday and helped the Huskies hold the Saints scoreless in the second half on a rainy night.
Coach's comments: "Levi was outstanding on both sides of the ball," Tom Schuller said. "Those conditions were perfect for Lindley."



Name: Clayton Cavness
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross country
The week that was: Cavness finished 22nd at the Big South Conference meet last week with a time of 18:34 that is his fastest of the season by more than one minute.
Coach's comments: "Clayton has kind of been stuck in the mid-19s for a while, so running in the mid-18s is a big breakthrough for him," Rafe York said.

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HL-O CORNER

Coyotes earn top seed for postseason tournament

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda volleyball team is the No. 1 seed on the south half of the Section 3A tournament. The Coyotes ended the regular season with a 20-6 record and won the Red Rock Conference with an 8-0 mark.

The Coyotes face No. 9 Murray County Central in the postseason opener Friday in Okabena after the Rebels beat No. 8 Westbrook/Walnut Grove in five sets in Monday's play-in game. HL-O/F swept WWG in their two meetings this season.

With a win Friday, the Coyotes would play Monday night against either No. 4 Red Rock Central or No. 5 Edgerton at 6 p.m. in Worthington. The Coyotes beat RRC 3-2 and Edgerton 3-1 in late-season matchups.

The sub-section finals are Nov. 4 at Southwest Minnesota State University, likely against either No. 2 Tracy-Milroy-Balaton or No. 3 Russell-Tyler-Ruthton. The section championship is Nov. 6 at SMSU.

Coyote football team falls in playoff preview

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda team lost 28-0 to Red Rock Central last Wednesday and the teams were scheduled to face off against each other Tuesday in the Section 3 nine-man opener.

The Coyotes were seeded fifth in the section tourney and play at fourth-seeded RRC (results will be in next week's paper). The section semifinals are Saturday at the high seed.

RRC scored early in last week's regular-season finale, then added two touchdowns in the second quarter to lead 22-0. The Falcons added their final touchdown midway through the third quarter.

HL-O/F ran for 239 yards in the game, led by 133 yards on 23 carries by Brayden Peil. Jaxson Tiesler gained 54 yards on 15 carries.

Parker Murphy completed four passes to four different receivers, with the longest completion an 11-yarder to Peil.

Trevor King had a team-leading 14 tackles and Cody Hennings, Peil and Tiesler each made eight stops. Preston Christoffers and Ryder Henning each had seven tackles.

The Coyotes finish the regular season with a record of 3-5.

Wildcats run in Section 3A cross country meet today

The Heron Lake-Okabena cross country team runs in the Section 3A meet this afternoon in Madison.

The boys start at 4 p.m. and the girls run at 4:40.

The top two teams in the boys' and girls' races will advance to the state meet, as well as the top six individuals not on those teams.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Sam Espey is headed to the Road Course World Finals in Charlotte, N.C., later this month.

Espey going to national racing championships

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

A father, a husband, a soldier, an engineer, an entrepreneur and a preacher, Sam Espey has now added “racer” to his list.

Espey said he always enjoyed watching races. He grew up on “The Fast and the Furious” and racing video games and often longed to take to the track himself.

“I always wanted to race, but I never had the money or time to do it before,” the Jackson business owner said. “Last winter in New Hampshire, I saw them doing races at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway out there and I thought it was cool.”

As it turned out, the kind of racing happening where Espey was deployed was INEX Legends racing, a form of inexpensive racing designed to get more people into the sport. Last year, Espey decided to make a go for it and pursue one of his childhood dreams.

“It was a kind of racing you could get into cheaply, so I started out in April and got my own car,” Espey said. “My first race was in the rain in a car I was unfamiliar with, so I finished second to last.”

He didn’t stay there for long. As he kept racing, Espey got used to the sport — and his vehicle — and learned how to get his car to go faster. With his wife and kids as his pit crew — and most ardent cheerleaders — Espey worked his way up the ranks, accumulating the third most points in INEX’s Semipro division.

“Little by little, I started learning the car and the track,” Espey said. “I started setting up in different ways and I learned how to navigate the turns more effectively.”

Getting a certain number of points qualifies one for

the Road Course World Finals in Charlotte, N.C. With less than one year of racing under his belt, Espey racked up enough points to be eligible for the win. The championship will occur on Halloween.

While Epsey has put a lot of time into learning how to get his car to go faster than those of his competitors, the vehicle has a special meaning behind it as well.

Espey colored it purple and dedicated it to veterans who were awarded Purple Heart medals during the War on Terror.

“We’ve had at least 50,000 veterans receive Purple hearts since 9/11, including a couple of my shipmates,” Espey said. “When I drove the car to the racetrack, I actually traveled across the Purple Heart Trail, which covers part of I-95 and has stations dedicated to veterans, which I thought was really neat.”

While Espey hopes to continue racing at some point, he doesn’t expect to be able to do so long after the championship ends. There are no Legends tracks around Jackson and there’s no guarantee any other deployment locations would have them.

Whatever the future holds, Espey said he loves the camaraderie shared with his fellow racers and said making the national championships in his first year of racing is a win in and of itself.

“It’s a real gentleman’s game and, while we’re competitors, we have a lot of fun with it,” he said. “To me, being third in the standings for my first year is a win, no matter how the championship goes.”

JCC: Boyum, Paplow, Anderson honored

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ter course in a career-best time of 16 minutes, 45 seconds that ranks fifth in school history. Just two weeks earlier, Boyum had moved up to eighth on the JCC chart, but topped that mark by 11 seconds at the conference meet.

York says Boyum’s success is a credit to how hard he’s worked for a long time. “A lot of it goes back to the summer, how he’s practiced all year,” he said. “He never skimps on anything. If I say run anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour, he always goes for the hour. He always pushes himself and he pushes everyone else. He doesn’t let himself let down.”

Seeing Boyum’s hard work pay off is something that could have a lasting effect on the program.

“For years I’ve preached, ‘We have to get miles in over the summer,’” York said. “Here we’ve got a perfect example of it. He came in with a ton of miles and it’s paying dividends.”

Paplow had what York called an “off day” and still earned honorable-mention honors by placing 12th with a time of 17 minutes, 34 seconds.

“His off day was still mid-17s, so I’ll take that,” York said.

Kie Anderson finished 20th in 18 minutes, 15 seconds and Clayton Cavness had by far his best race of

the season, finishing 22nd in 18 minutes, 34 seconds. That time is 69 seconds faster than any other he has posted this season.

“Clayton had a nice breakthrough,” York said. “He even said after the meet, something to the effect of ‘I finally made it back.’ That was a great time for him and a great time for him to do it.”

Nolan Ambrose rounded out JCC’s team score, finishing 28th with a personal-record time of 19 minutes, four seconds.

EJ Peterson finished 39th with a PR (19:48), Brigan McCarthy came in 42nd with a PR (20:17) and Evan Inschienenmay placed 43rd with a season-best time of 20 minutes, 24 seconds.

“EJ continues to impress me with his season,” York said. “He trimmed 10 seconds off his PR. That’s just a matter of him pushing himself and working hard all season.”

The Huskies had a team score of 85, which put them fifth out of seven schools in the small-school division. St. James (56) edged Luverne (58) for the team title, with Redwood Valley (74) and Windom (80) also ahead of the Huskies. JCC beat Pipestone (140) and Blue Earth Area (214).

We were hoping for better than fifth, but it was a tight race between third and fifth,” York said.

“We had a bunch of PRs. I thought everyone ran well, even the guys who didn’t PR. The other teams came to compete too. It just didn’t work out for us.”

Anderson leads girls to fourth place

Olivia Anderson earned all-conference honors by finishing seventh in the small-school division with a season-best time of 20 minutes, 32 seconds.

“I thought Olivia had a great meet,” York said. “She’s made a conscious effort to work on her stride and her running form this year.”

Else Paplow bettered her season-best time by 20 seconds, finishing 19th at the BSC meet in 22 minutes, 26 seconds.

“Else, I’m constantly impressed with what she’s doing,” York said. “She’s doing all of her workouts on her own either before school or after volleyball. I know I wouldn’t have the commitment to be able to do that.”

Bailee Pohlman placed 30th in 23 minutes, 44 seconds to finish just ahead of a pair of teammates.

Cailee Pauling wasn’t far behind Pohlman, placing 31st with a time of 23 minutes, 49 seconds that bettered her previous PR by more than 90 seconds.

Taylor Schultz trimmed even more off her PR, cut-

ting off more than two minutes to finish the BSC meet in 24 minutes, 11 seconds to place 34th.

Pauling and Schultz — both eighth-graders — impressed their coach in just the fourth varsity race of their careers.

“Our eighth graders are really coming on nicely,” York said. “CJ and Taylor have gone from never running a 5K to both scoring for us. They’ve really been a nice addition.”

Also running for the Huskies were Lily Johnson (37th in 24:36) and Astrid Olsen (45th in 26:16), who each had a PR by more than one minute.

JCC had a team score of 118 to finish fourth in the team standings, coming in one spot ahead of St. James (119). Luverne was nearly perfect, winning with a team score of 22 to come in ahead of Redwood Valley (56) and Pipestone (89). Behind JCC and St. James were Windom (131) and BEA (165).

“I was kind of hoping for top four with them and we got that,” York said. “I knew it was going to be tight and it was.”

Up next

The Huskies run in the Section 3A meet today (Thursday) in Madison (see preview on B1).

SECTION: Trips to state are within reach

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“Evan and Olivia can still get in, but it’s a little tougher,” he said.

Two boys hoping for redemption

Boyum and Paplow were good enough to get to state last year, but didn’t get the chance to run at the state’s top meet. Boyum was invited to a race not sanctioned by the Minnesota State High School League, but Paplow wasn’t.

That has motivated Paplow, while Boyum is eager to get a chance to run in the real state meet.

“After last year, I’d love to see them get in,” York said. Boyum has been in the top five of every race so far this season, while Paplow had been in the top eight until placing 12th at the Big South Conference meet last week.

York said that was an “off day” for Paplow and expects him to be in the mix today.

“Andrew has been in the mix every meet and Evan had an off day at the Big South, but he’ll be ready for Thursday and he’ll have a good race,” York said. “I’m feeling pretty good about that.”

The two will lead the Huskies, who are aiming for a top-five finish and hoping to have an outside shot at making state as a team in a tough section.

“I’d love to get top five,” York said. “I think that would be tough. Looking at the Big South meet, there’s three teams from our section that just beat us there and there are at least three other really tough schools. So I think top five is a good goal.”

But that doesn’t mean he’s counting his team out.

“We’d love to get the team in, but that might be slightly out of reach,” he said. “We also want to advance some guys to state individually.”

Along with Boyum and Paplow, the Huskies will likely rely on Kie Anderson and Nolan Ambrose for their top

four. Clayton Cavness had his best race of the season last week and could round out JCC’s team score, or that honor could go to EJ Peterson, who has emerged throughout the season. JCC’s seventh runner will be Brigan McCarthy.

Anderson hoping to extend career

Olivia Anderson has had her best races of the season down the stretch. If that streak continues, she’ll be in contention for a spot at state as an individual qualifier. Anderson earned all-conference honors a week ago, posting a season-best time of 20 minutes, 32 seconds at the BSC meet.

York said it’s hard to know exactly where Anderson stacks up because the section is so big and results aren’t real easy to find, but knows what Anderson brings to the table.

“Based on what I’ve seen, I think she’ll be in the hunt for one of those spots,” he said. “If she can trim another chunk of time off, that will help a lot. I think she’s got it in her.”

York said he’s hoping this isn’t the final race of Anderson’s impressive career.

“She’s looking to get to state,” he said. “She’s made comments about it possibly being her last meet, but I’d like to get her one more. She doesn’t want to be done. She wants to keep going.”

Also running for the Huskies will be Else Paplow, who also plays volleyball but doesn’t have a match tonight. Bailee Pohlman will make her section debut and the Huskies will also be relying on eighth-graders Cailee Pauling and Taylor Schultz, who were just moved up to varsity a few weeks ago.

Rounding out the team are Lily Johnson and Astrid Olsem.

VB: Huskies open playoffs Friday night

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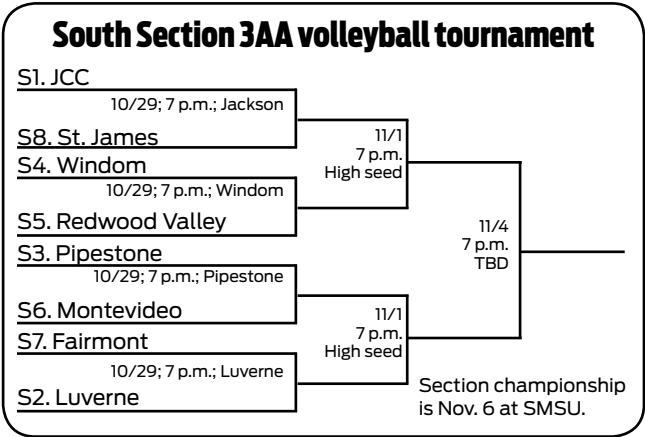
week. “Mentally, just making sure we know this is a game of mistakes, so being able to fight back in if we get down by a point or two and be able to come back faster, rather than letting them get five or 10 points and find yourselves having to dig out of that.”

Wierson said the team is counting on seniors Sadie Voss, Georgianna Wenzel, Taylor Post and Sydney Osterberg to lead the team throughout the playoffs.

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

With nearly two full weeks off, the Huskies are anxious to get back on the court, Wierson said.

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



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

UNBEATABLE

Jackson County Central’s middle-school football teams went unbeaten this fall and were nearly perfect. The seventh-graders outscored opponents 269-0 on the season and the eighth-graders only allowed 14 points. Those 14 points came in the season finale when the Huskies beat Maple River 20-14 in a battle in which both teams came into the game having not allowed a point on the season. JCC scored with less than 30 seconds left to win the game and finish the season 7-0. The teams are coached by Kevin Holm, Nate Hanson and Blaise Jacobsen. Left: Members of the seventh-grade team are (front, from left): Ashton Singvongsa, Haiden Warmka, Kason Farmer, Carson Doescher, Dezmyad Tupper, Tate Phillips and Karsin Janssen. Back: Cael Entriiken, Holm, Cole Johnson, Kain Titterington, Reilly Polz, Carter Buhl, Drake Grein, Michael Reipke, Keagan Koster and Hanson. Missing: Ryan Fricke. Right: Members of the eighth-grade team are (front, from left): Weston Murray and Kasey Storm. Back: Holm, Cole Johnson, Mason Foster, Weston Rowe, Ben Gallagher, Kade Freking, Isaac Hesebeck, Carson Kolander, Austin O’Reilly, Hunter Freimuth and Hanson. Missing: Blayze Hillmer.

FB: Huskies open section tournament with win over Windom

Continued from B1

pinned back against the wind. We were able to get stops and got it rolling with the wind. It was really tough sledding against the wind. We wanted to get off quick and we did.”

After another fourth-down incomplection by the Eagles, it took the Huskies just three plays to get into the end zone.

It would have been quick-er, but a long touchdown

run by Payton Handev-
idt was called back for a
hold. Two plays later, Levi
Lindley powered
his way to
paydirt for
a 7-yard
touchdown
run, then
added the
two-point
conversion
for a 14-0
lead.



Levi
Lindley

Senior offensive lineman
Trace Michelson said the
Huskies were able to have
their way with the Eagle

defense from the start.

“It was the entire game
that we felt that,” he said.
“We scored on the first play
and you just keep running
on teams like that. When
you break them down right
away, you just keep it go-
ing.”

Huskies unstoppable

The Eagles’ third posses-
sion ended the same as the
first two: with a turnover
on downs.

Roman Voss hit Tanner
Haar for a 30-yard comple-
tion on the final play of the
first quarter — with the

wind still at JCC’s back —
and the Huskies needed
just three more plays be-
fore Lindley found the
end zone again. This time,
the senior bruiser scored
from 5 yards out and Wolff
added the conversion for a
22-0 lead.

That started a flurry of
scoring for the Huskies,
who scored 30 points in the
second quarter.

Skylar Andrews recov-
ered a squib kick and Will
Freking scored from 3
yards out just four plays
later for a 28-0 lead.

After a Handevidt tack-

le stopped the Eagles on
fourth down, the speedy
senior scored on a high-
light-reel-worthy 53-yard
touchdown run the very
next play.

Handevidt got lead blocks
from Michelson and Bray-
dan Winter, then stopped
to make a couple defenders

**“WE SCORED FIRST
PLAY AND YOU JUST
KEEP RUNNING ON
TEAMS LIKE THAT.
WHEN YOU BREAK
THEM DOWN RIGHT
AWAY, YOU JUST
KEEP IT GOING.”**

Trace Michelson

Freking added the
two-point
conversion
for a 36-0 lead that in-
creased in a hurry.

After the Huskies recov-
ered another kickoff, Wolff
ran for a 39-yard touch-
down and Seth Stai ran in
the conversion for JCC’s
44-0 lead.

Huskies salt game away

Both teams agreed to a
running clock in the second
half, which led to no scor-
ing in the third quarter.

Noah Thompson scored
on a 13-yard touchdown
run early in the fourth
quarter and, after the Ea-
gles got on the board, Stai
scored on a 31-yard run.
Brennan Runge ran in the
two-point conversion to
cap JCC’s highest-scoring
game of the season.

“It was a good team vic-
tory,” Schuller said.

**Huskies run all
over the Eagles**

The Huskies ran for 321
yards on just 25 carries
for an average of nearly 13
yards per carry.

Wolff scored on both of
his rushing attempts and
finished with 82 yards.
Handevidt ran for 70

yards and a
touchdown
on just two
carries.
Stai gained
58 yards
and Frek-
ing ran for
48, with
each scor-
ing a touch-
down.

“We
match up
well against
Windom,” Schuller said.
“They struggle against the
run and that happens to be
a strong suit of ours.”

Voss completed all four
of his passes for 45 yards
before Runge completed
three for 46 yards. Aiven
Farmer had a 40-yard re-
ception and Haar caught a
30-yarder.

The Eagles ran for just
140 yards and didn’t com-
plete any of their eight pass
attempts. That marks the
second straight game in
which the Huskies didn’t
allow a completion after
also holding St. Peter to an
0-for-8 performance last
Wednesday.

Up next

The Huskies host Red-
wood Valley Saturday in
the section semifinals.



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Payton Handevidt (from left) has linemen Braydan Winter and Trace Michelson in front of him on what ended as a 57-yard touchdown run against Windom.

Rematch: Huskies face Cardinals Saturday in section semifinals

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central football team escaped
Redwood Falls with a 21-18 win over Redwood Valley
earlier this season.

That win helped the Huskies earn the No. 2 seed in
the Section 3AA playoffs, which means the Huskies get
to host the third-seeded Cardinals in Saturday’s semi-
finals at 3 p.m.

JCC advanced to the semifinals with a win Tuesday
over Windom, while Redwood Valley topped Sibley East
in the playoff opener.

JCC head coach Tom Schuller wasn’t happy with his
team’s performance in the regular-season win over the
Cardinals, citing several turnovers and missed opportu-
nities as his reasons for angst.

He knows a poor performance this time could lead to
a loss and bring an end to the season for the Huskies.

“We’ve talked about it; time is running short,” he said.
“There are no do-overs now. It’s playoffs. Some of those
mistakes can be career ending. We’ve got to battle for
every practice and every game we get.”

Levi Lindley ran for 117 yards and Gabriel Wolff rushed
for 100 yards and a touchdown in the regular-season

win. JCC gained 372 yards on the ground that night and
passed for just 23.

While the Huskies will try to establish the ground
game, Schuller said there might need to be more plays
in the passing game for JCC to come out on top.

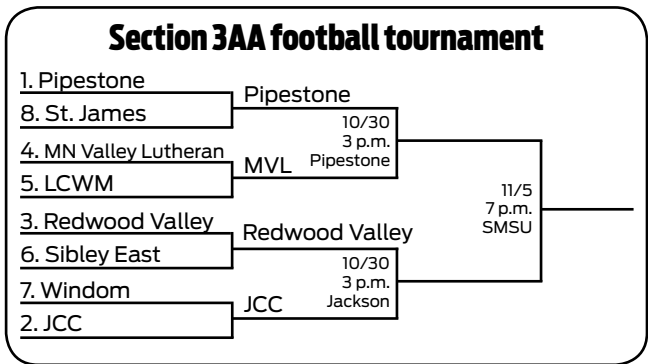
“We think we match up well,” he said. “We’re going to
throw the ball, too, but we want to run it. It will be out
of different sets. It won’t just be the wishbone; maybe
a little more option.”

“We’ll probably run it just as well as we did, if not bet-
ter, because we’ll have a different game play for what
they showed against us,” senior offensive lineman Trace
Michelson said.

The Cardinals were just the opposite the first time
around, throwing for 140 yards and gaining just 27 on
the ground. This time, Schuller said the defense should
be ready for just about anything.

“We’ve got to play good defense,” he said. “We held
them to minimal yardage, but watching the tape they’re
doing a bunch of new things. They’re going to throw
the kitchen sink at us. We’re going to see the swinging
gate, we’re going to see empty, we’re going to see sets
with linemen out at wide receivers trying to throw quick
screens to guys. We’ve got to be ready for everything.”

Both teams will have a short week of practice, which



makes this one of the most difficult games of the sea-
son, Schuller said.

“This is one of the tougher weeks of the year when
you’re looking at two games in a week with a short turn-
around,” he said. “It was a close game last time and it’ll
be close again.”

On the top half of the bracket, top-seeded Luverne
hosts No. 4 Minnesota Valley Lutheran in the semifinals.

The section championship game is Nov. 5 at Southwest
Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Huskies overcome early deficit, monsoon to beat Saints

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

An early deficit and an
ever-increasing rain is usu-
ally a recipe for disaster.

But a steady rain that
eventually turned into an
all-out downpour might
have actually helped the
Jackson County Central
football team erase an ear-
ly 14-0 deficit and beat St.
Peter 26-20 in last Wednes-
day’s regular-season fi-
nale.

“The weather forecast
had been for rain, so I was
pretty sure it would be a
pretty good dose of wish-
bone,” JCC head coach
Tom Schuller said of the
gameplan. “Luckily, we are

built for that.”

Levi Lindley and Will
Freking can run over de-
fenders, which they did to
the tune of 169 yards rush-
ing between the two.

Lindley also ran for two
touchdowns to account for
the only scoring in the sec-
ond half.

The first was a 4-yard
scamper midway through
the third quarter. The sec-
ond was the game-winner,
coming from 7 yards out
with one minute, 25 sec-
onds left in the game.

While the two seniors
punished Saint defend-
ers, Gabriel Wolff used
his quickness to scamper
for 71 yards and Payton
Handevidt ran for a team-
leading 93 yards — includ-
ing a 58-yard touchdown
run to tie the game in the
second quarter.

“There was standing
water on the field in the
second half,” Schuller said.
“They made some real
good reads of blocks under
not ideal conditions.”

The biggest run, Schul-
ler thought, was Wolff’s on
first-and-20 in the fourth
quarter.

“Gabe had the run of the
night,” he said. “We were

first-and-20. At that point,
you’re caught between,
what are we going to do. He
broke a 24-yard run off the
left side that changed the
game late.”

The ground game was
made possible by an offen-
sive line that Schuller said
had one of its best games
of the year.

“Our offensive line did a
great job,” he said. “They
called a great game on the
line of scrimmage.”

Early hole for Huskies

The Saints returned the
opening kickoff for a touch-
down, then scored again
in the first quarter to lead
14-0.

Getting in an early hole
isn’t ideal, but the weather
made it an even bigger
problem.

“We seem to have gotten
into many holes this year,
but getting in a hole like
that with those weather
conditions is worse than
a normal hole,” Schuller
said. “There was a desper-
ateness. There wasn’t room
for any more mistakes.”

The Huskies got back
in the game when Ro-
man Voss threw a 46-yard
touchdown to Tanner Haar,

who caught the ball in tight
coverage and raced into
the end zone.

That play came after a
long touchdown had just
been called back.

“We overcame a huge
clipping call behind the
play,” Schuller said. “We
were still able to get the
ball in the end zone on a
pass to Haar.”

Voss and Haar hooked up
for three of the game’s four
completions.

“It was so tough to throw
the ball,” Schuller said.
“You could hardly get a
grip on it. Completing pass-
es was next to impossible,
but Haar made a couple
nice catches.”

Handevidt outran the de-
fense for a 58-yard touch-
down early in the second
quarter and Lindley ran in
the two-point conversion to
tie the game at 14.

The Saints regained mo-
mentum when they scored
on fourth-and-goal from
the 4-yard line just before
halftime to lead 20-14.

Lindley, Huskies rally

With the rain coming
down even harder — “It
came down lightly at first,
then was a monsoon the
second half,” Schuller said
— Lindley and the Huskies
were able to rally in the
second half.

Lindley tied the game
in the third quarter, then
scored the game-winner on
the 16th running play of the
fourth quarter.

Lindley’s game-winner
came after the Huskies
made a goal-line stand late
in the third quarter to keep
the game tied.

“We had a couple big
fourth-down stops,” Schul-
ler said.



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Tanner Haar hauls in a pass for a 46-yard touchdown
during Jackson County Central’s 26-20 comeback win
at St. Peter last Wednesday.

The final stop came when
Logan Butzon intercepted
a pass in the final minute
to seal the victory.

Huskies run wild

JCC ran for 302 yards on
46 rushing attempts. In the
fourth quarter, the Huskies
ran the ball 16 times for
102 yards before taking a
knee three times to finish
off the win.

“We would’ve liked to
have run more option,
would’ve liked to have
thrown it more, but it was
almost exclusively dive
plays,” Schuller said.

Lindley finished with 87
yards on 10 carries and
Freking ran for 82 yards on
10 attempts. Handevidt’s
team-leading 93 rushing

yards came on nine car-
ries and Wolff gained his 71
yards on 10 carries.

Voss completed four
passes for 116 yards, with
three going to Haar for 92
yards.

The Saints ran for 173
yards and were 0-for-8
passing.

The win was a big one for
the Huskies, which allowed
them to get the No. 2 seed
for the playoffs.

“It was a big win for us,
for our morale,” Schuller
said. “A decent 4A team, on
the road, in a monsoon and
you’re behind. It had huge
playoff ramifications for
us, too. We ended up get-
ting the second seed and a
second-round home game,
which will be a big deal.”



Roman Voss eludes a St. Peter defender on a sloppy field
during last week’s win over the Saints.

JCC vs. Windom

WIN 0 0 0 6 6
JCC 14 30 0 14 58

Scoring

JCC - Wolff 43 run
(Two-point failed)

JCC - Lindley 7 run
(Lindley two-point)

JCC - Lindley 5 run
(Wolff two-point)

JCC - W. Freking 3 run
(Two-point failed)

JCC - Handevidt 57 run
(W. Freking two-point)

JCC - Wolff 39 run
(Stai two-point)

JCC - Thompson 13 run
(Two-point failed)

WIN - Purrington 2 run
(Two-point failed)

JCC - Stai 31 run
(Runge two-point)

JCC leaders

Rushing - Wolff 2-82;
Handevidt 2-70; Stai
8-58; W. Freking 4-48

Receiving - Farmer
1-40; Haar 1-30

Passing - Voss 4-4 for
45 yards; Runge 3-4
for 46 yards

Fumble recovery -
S. Andrews, Runge

JCC at St. Peter

JCC 6 8 6 6 26
StP 14 6 0 0 20

Scoring

StP - Guappone
84 kickoff return
(Bosacker PAT)

StP - Guth 1 run
(Bosacker PAT)

JCC - Haar 46 from
Voss (Two-point
failed)

JCC - Handevidt 58 run
(Lindley two-point)

StP - Mercado 4 run
(PAT failed)

JCC - Lindley 4 run
(Two-point failed)

JCC - Lindley 7 run
(Two-point failed)

JCC leaders

Rushing - Handevidt
9-93; Lindley 10-87; W.
Freking 10-82; Wolff
10-71

Receiving - Haar 3-92

Passing - Voss 4-6 for
116 yards

Interception - Butzon

Another local lost as county marks 12 straight weeks of double-digit caseload increases

Death toll is now up to 15 for Jackson County

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Another Jackson County resident has succumbed to COVID-19, raising the pandemic's local death toll to 15.

The latest death — that of a 95- to 99-year-old from Jackson County — was reported by the Minnesota Department of Health this

past Friday. The newly reported death comes on the heels of 12 consecutive weeks of double-digit weekly caseload increases in the county after 14 consecutive weeks of single-digit — or no — increases.

The county notched 30 new cases of COVID-19 over the course of the past week. The double-digit weekly caseload increase comes as the number of locals vaccinated against COVID-19 continues to increase. As of this past Sunday, 5,055 locals — 58.8

percent of Jackson County residents 12 years of age and older — had received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Of those 5,055, 4,852 — 56.1 percent of the county's population of those 12 years of age and older — have received the number of shots required for maximum efficacy, what the MDH terms a “completed vaccine series.”

In terms of the county's population as a whole, 50.8 percent have received at least one dose, while nearly

49 percent have received a completed vaccine series. Nearly 86 percent of locals 65 years of age or older have received at least one dose; close to 85 percent have received a completed vaccine series. And as of this past Sunday, 159 locals between the ages of 12 and 15 had received at least one vaccine dose; 143 had received a completed vaccine series.

Despite the increasing vaccination rates, the county remains behind the state as a whole in

terms of percentages of residents vaccinated. As of this past Sunday, 73.5 percent of Minnesotans 12 years of age and older had received at least one dose of vaccine, while exactly 70 percent had received a completed vaccine series. More than 62 percent of the Minnesota population as a whole has received at least one dose of vaccine, with 59.1 percent fully vaccinated; 94.8 percent of Minnesotans 65 years or age or older have received at least one dose, with 92.2

percent fully vaccinated. Statewide, more than 169,000 people between the ages of 12 and 15 have received at least one dose; more than 153,000 are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus first identified in late 2019. Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Minnesota on March 6, 2020, the state has notched nearly 780,000 cases of the illness and tallied close to 8,600 deaths.

Conservation program deadline set for Nov. 19

For Jackson County farmers interested in enrolling in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the deadline to submit initial paperwork has been set for Nov. 19.

“EQIP is a great opportunity for farmers looking to incorporate conservation in their operations,” said Kate Hansen, policy associate for the Center for Rural Affairs.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, EQIP provides financial and technical assistance for producers to address natural resource concerns with conservation practices, and simultaneously maintain agricultural production on their land.

The program is designed to help producers imple-

ment conservation that focuses on a particular resource concern, such as erosion or water quality, with a single practice or project.

“Conservation is for everyone, whether you're relatively new to farming or have been in the business for years, and these programs are a smart way to invest in sound environmental practices with

financial support,” Hansen said.

In 2020, 119,29 acres were enrolled in the program statewide, spanning 611 contracts.

When applying for EQIP, farmers develop a plan with their local NRCS staff. Those interested in applying should call their local NRCS office to set up an appointment.



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Adam and Julia Weets of Alpha will share their knowledge about cannabidiol during a series of library programs next week.

CBD the topic of Nov. 3 library programs

The next Jackson library Brown Bag program, Lakefield library Afternoon Coffee Break program and Heron Lake library Sunset Spotlight program focuses on the topic of cannabidiol.

Adam and Julia Weets of Alpha will present the programs on Wednesday, Nov. 3. They will share their knowledge about CBD and how and why they got into making their own CBD products from hemp.

The process starts in their greenhouse, where

they plant every seed, water every sprout, transplant every seedling and harvest each plant with their own hands and a lot of hard work. Not only is this a family run farm, but it's also farmed organically. Adam and Julia Weets will also discuss the anecdotal benefits of CBD products.

Program times are noon in Jackson, 2 p.m. in Lakefield and 5:30 p.m. in Heron Lake.

Adult library programs take place on the first Wednesday of each month.

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Libraries gearing up for big month

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bedtime story hours are planned; dinosaur-themed movies will show; and — during Children's Book Week Nov. 8-14, any child 3 years and older will receive a dinosaur egg when they check out a children's book.

It all makes for one

“roarsome” month, said community librarian Mackenzie Schley, adding she and the entire county library staff are grateful to the Friends of the Jackson County Library for sponsoring these events.

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Members of the Jackson County Central boys' cross country team are (front, from left): Grant Ambrose, Mattia Ress, Evan Paplow, Nolan Ambrose, Peyton Roslansky and Kristoph Olsem. Back: EJ Peterson, Andrew Boyum, Brigan McCarthy, Kaden Cothner, Evan Insichienmay, Carter Johnson and Keenan Ambrose. Missing: Kie Anderson and Clayton Cavness.



JCC cross country results

| Meet | Boys | Girls |
|----------|------|-------|
| Fairmont | 4th | 6th |
| Mt. Lake | 2nd | Inc. |
| Luverne | 3rd | Inc. |
| JCC | 3rd | Inc. |
| Slayton | 2nd | 4th |
| Fairmont | 5th | 5th |
| Adrian | 3rd | 8th |
| BSC | 5th | 4th |

Photo by Dan Condon
Members of the Jackson County Central girls' cross country team are (front, from left): Cailee Pauling, Selene Vaillant, Lily Johnson, Irene Barbacini and Josie Dvorak. Back: Olivia Anderson, Bailee Pohlman, Rylie Cothner, Taylor Schultz, Kylie Zishka and Elise Paplow. Missing: Astrid Olsem.

The Section 3A meet is
Oct. 28 in Madison.

The Class A state meet is
Nov. 6 in Northfield.

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Plans being laid for high school music trip

Tentatively set for March 2022

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Plans are being laid for a high school band and choir trip this coming spring. Erica Colby, instrumental music instructor at Jackson County Central, appeared before members of the JCC Board of Education Monday to brief them on details of the upcoming trip to San Antonio, which is tentatively scheduled for the end of March 2022. “We did this trip four years ago,” she said. “The

kids get a lot of different experiences and play a lot of different performances.” Among the experiences is time with a college-level clinician at San Antonio University. High school band and choir students who choose to participate will have several opportunities to raise funds with which to cover the cost of the trip, Colby said.



Erica Colby

School board member Amy Voss said she thinks the trip will be “very educational” for those students who attend. Colby agreed. “I’m always amazed at how few kids have ever experienced anything like this,” she said. “It’s a big deal for a lot of kids who have gone in the past.” In other business from Monday’s school board meeting:

BOARD APPROVES SEVERAL HIRINGS

Board members approved the hiring of Alex Koster as lifeguard, Lorin-

da Olson as food service cashier, Sierra Feltman as paraprofessional at the middle school, Rachel Ramey as paraprofessional at Pleasantview Elementary School, Lisa Stender and Kristen West as paraprofessionals at Riverside Elementary School, Heidi Johnson as a preschool paraprofessional at Riverside, Emma Hendrickson as a Kids Club assistant at Riverside and Dawn Tirevold and Patti Wachal as food service assistants. Barry Schmidt, superintendent of schools at JCC, said the hiring of Tirevold and Wachal gets the district’s food ser-

vice staff back to full. “Now we will be fully staffed,” he said. “It will be nice to have the help.” The board also approved the resignation of Nita Christensen as paraprofessional at Riverside. “Nita is going to be greatly missed,” board member Jody Thrush Withers said.

PAY INCREASED

The board approved increasing food service substitute pay from \$10.25 per hour to \$11.25 per hour and also approved one-year salary contracts with custodians and administrative assistants.

The custodians receive a 2 percent pay increase and \$500 retention stipend; administrative assistants receive a 2.25 percent pay increase and a \$300 retention stipend.

DONATION OK'D

Board members approved a \$1,000 donation from Corrine King to be put toward improvements at the Lakefield athletic fields. “Thank you to people who continue to donate and support JCC,” Schmidt said.



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IN CONCERT

Left: Elsa Landherr concentrates on her music while playing alto saxophone during Jackson County Central’s band and choir concert Monday night in Jackson. Right: Erica (left) and Peyton Hanson play clarinet during Monday evening’s band concert.



Clockwise, from above: Lori Grote, vocal music instructor at JCC, directs the concert choir Monday evening. Paige Duncan keeps a close eye on her music during Monday’s concert. Ryne Pauling plays French horn during the concert band’s performance of “Crossfire” Monday evening in Jackson. Hope Rubitschung (from left), Sophia Duncan and Juleah Brinks start of the concert choir’s rendition of “If” during Monday evening’s fall concert in Jackson. Flutists Macy Kolander (from right), Mia Ruiz and Erin Klassen are all concentration Monday evening. Kazia Hassing (left) and Romona Ontiri sing along during the concert choir’s performance of “Do-Re-Mi” Monday.

