



HUSKIES HEADED BACK TO STATE

The Jackson County Central wrestling team dominated the Section 3A tournament to qualify for state for the second straight season.
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POLITICAL SHAKEUP

Jackson County to unify under a single House, Senate district

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Jackson County in 2023 will unify under a single House and Senate district for state elections.

At present, the county is split between Senate Districts 22 and 23 and House Districts 22B and 23A. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2023, the entirety of Jackson County will lie within Senate District 21 and House District 21B.

The change comes about due to a court-ordered redistricting decision issued last week. The redistricting is based on the 2020 census.

The change means Jackson County will have only two state legislators representing its interests in St. Paul, not four as at present.

Currently, western Jackson County is represented by Sen. Bill Weber, R-Luverne, and Rep. Rod Hamilton, R-Mt. Lake, while the eastern half of the county is represented by Sen. Julie Rosen, R-Fairmont, and Rep. Bjorn Olson, R-Elmore. Weber is eligible to serve in the new Senate District 21, Hamilton previously announced his intention not to seek re-election this fall, Rosen announced the same last Thursday and Olson is not eligible to serve in the new House District 21B.

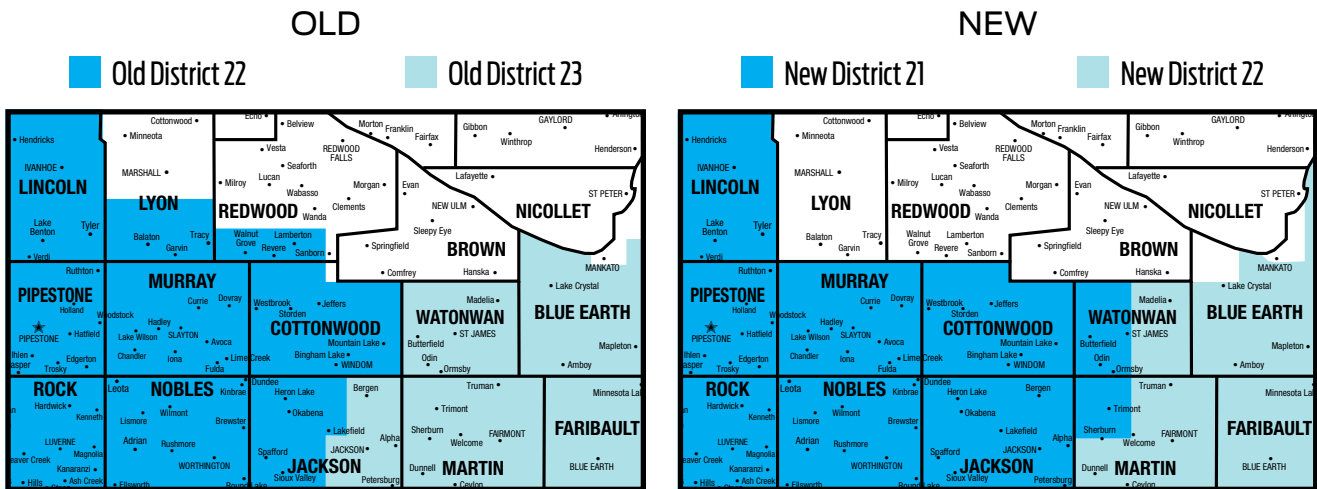
Rich Koch, chair of the Jackson County Republican Party, said the change will intensify political competition locally, especially for the House District 21B seat.

"The election is wide open because it'll take time to get candidates endorsed and we've got a number of strong candidates right now," he said.

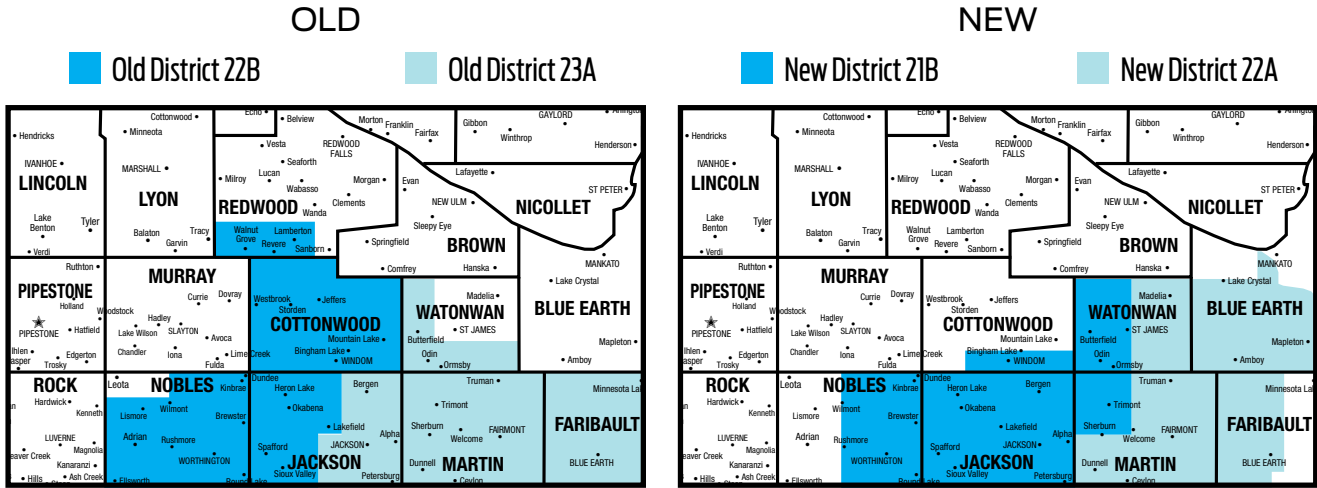
Koch said people should know their current representatives will continue to represent them until the changes take place next year.

Representatives of the Jackson County Democratic Farmer-Labor Party declined comment on the redistricting, pointing instead to a statement by state party chair Ken Martin See **SHAKEUP** on A3

STATE SENATE DISTRICTS



STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS



'JACKSON HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH BECAUSE YOU GUYS WORK HARD AND DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY.'

Sen. Julie Rosen
R-Fairmont



Sen. Julie Rosen

'I'VE REALLY ENJOYED REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF JACKSON COUNTY AND THEY WILL ALWAYS HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART.'

Rep. Bjorn Olson
R-Elmore



Rep. Bjorn Olson

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A3 Local state Sen. Julie Rosen announced her retirement last week after two decades of service to her fellow southern Minnesotans.

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A4 COMMENTARY: Jackson County will now only have two state legislators — one representative and one senator — representing its interests, as opposed to four.

Congressman's death sets special election wheels in motion

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Though Jackson County's standing in Minnesota's First Congressional District didn't change due to last week's redistricting, locals will still be asked to vote for a new member of Congress in the wake of the Feb. 17 death of U.S. Rep. Jim Hagedorn.

Hagedorn, a Republican first elected in 2018, died following a long battle with kidney cancer. He was 59.

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon issued a statement Friday indicating the vacant First District seat will be filled via special election.

On Tuesday, Gov. Tim Walz issued a writ of special election setting dates of the filing period for the seat. Affidavits of candidacy and nominating



FILE PHOTO BY JUSTIN LESSMAN
Local U.S. Rep. Jim Hagedorn speaks at the 2019 Jackson County GOP Convention in Lakefield. Hagedorn died last week at the age of 59 following a long battle with kidney cancer.

petitions must be filed with the Simon's office between March 1 and March 15.

The special election will take place Aug. 9 — the date of the statewide pri-

mary election — with early voting by absentee beginning June 24. If necessary, a special primary election will take place May 24, with early voting by absentee beginning April 8.

Voting will occur within the current district boundaries, not those established in the newly redistricted state maps announced last week, Simon said, adding the winner of the special election will serve the remainder of Hagedorn's term. The November race for the seat will run on the standard election-year timetable and take place in accordance with the newly redistricted boundaries. The

See **HAGEDORN** on A3

Milestone farm and home show set for Saturday

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

The 40th Jackson Farm and Home Show takes place this Saturday, featuring a full slate of vendors, activities and entertainment.

"We've got 55 vendors as of now," Corey Christopher, director of the sponsoring Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, said late last week. "It's a wide variety of different local businesses and organizations, so there will be something for everybody this year."

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the auxiliary gym at the Jackson County Central High School in Jackson. Exhibitors will be located indoors and outdoors, with some set up in the lower parking lot.

Aside from the exhibitors, the show will also feature several organizations and individuals hosting educational workshops on topics from quilting to financial literacy, giving people a chance to learn new skills and brush up on old ones. Sanford Jackson Medical Center and the Jackson Lions Club will team up to provide free vision and blood pressure screenings. And a \$250 cash drawing is planned.

"We're really excited about the education portion of the program," Christopher said. "We're having a quilting workshop, Mark Titus will host a talk on the 'History of Jackson' and we'll have financial literacy and insurance presentations as well."

While checking out the show, attendees can enjoy free pie and ice cream with a cup of coffee, which will be served by the Jackson County Central FFA Chapter.

Christopher said a full entertainment lineup is also on tap.

"V-Notes will be playing polka music from 9:30 to

See **SHOW** on A3

If you go...

What: Jackson Farm and Home Show
When: Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: JCC High School

Plans for a solar farm in Jackson County go dark

Steep upgrade costs to blame

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Plans to build a 900-acre, 125-megawatt solar farm project in western Jackson County failed to come to fruition, as high upgrade and maintenance costs stalled the project in its tracks.
The project, dubbed



Carly Goranson

"the Brewster Bright Solar Farm," was initially proposed in 2018 by Chicago-based renewable energy firm Invenery.

The company had secured agreements with landowners in Alba Township, the proposed project's location, and wanted to begin construction as early as 2021.

Around 100 construction jobs and five full-time jobs were to be created by the project, which would have

powered 27,000 homes.

That was before the COVID-19 pandemic, but a spokesperson from the company last week said ultimately it was high transmission upgrade costs that undid the project.

"It was an early-stage development that we were not able to pursue due to high costs to upgrade the local transmission network," said Carly Goranson, communications analyst with Invenery.

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Carly Goranson



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

UP CLOSE

Preschooler Arya Wurz can't help but smile as she pets a rabbit during the FFA barnyard at the Jackson County Central High School Tuesday morning.

WEATHER

This week

Thursday
Snow Showers
9 | -7

Friday
Mostly Sunny
18 | 10

Saturday
Sunny
34 | 13

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
24 | 8

Monday
Partly Cloudy
30 | 20

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
35 | 23

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
44 | 27

LAST WEEK

Tuesday, February 15
38 / 22

Wednesday, February 16
23 / 0

Thursday, February 17
15 / 7

Friday, February 18
44 / 0

Saturday, February 19
31 / 26

Sunday, February 20
51 / 19

Monday, February 21
27 / 4

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Barbara Lynn Stump, 66
A Mass of Christian Burial for Barbara Lynn Stump, 66, of Rural Jackson was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 19, 2022, at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Sherburn with Father Jonathon Fasnacht as Celebrant. Burial took place at Lake Fremont Cemetery in Dunnell, Minnesota.

Barbara's Earthly journey ended Friday, February 11, 2022, at her home in Rural Jackson surrounded by family. Visitation was held Friday, February 18, 2022, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church in Sherburn and one hour visitation prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

Barbara Lynn Seifert was born on January 14, 1956, to Benjamin and Anacleta (Yurcek) Seifert in Triumph, Minnesota. Barb was baptized on January 29, 1956, and later confirmed at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Sherburn, Minnesota. She attended school in Sherburn

Galen Henrichs, 73
Galen Henrichs, age 73, of Jackson, Minnesota, passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the Sanford Medical Center

in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Jackson, with Pastor Lance Isaacson officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Jackson, immediately following the service.

The Funeral Service were live-streamed on the Osterberg Funeral Home Facebook page.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at OFH.Care.

Galen George Henrichs was born on November 3, 1948, to Jeanette (Aden) and Dean Henrichs on a farm north of Jackson, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church in Jackson. He attended District # 1 country school through the 6th grade and graduated from Jackson High School in 1967.

Galen was drafted in 1969 by the US Army to Fort Lewis, Washington where he was discharged after a short time for medical and physical reasons.

After being discharged he enrolled at the Owatonna Vocational School in Owatonna, Minnesota for cooking. His love for cooking begins at The Owatonna Inn in Owatonna, to the Redwood Café in Fairmont, Minnesota, to the Best Western in Jackson, Minnesota.

When his cooking career ended at the Best Western he worked at the Jackson County Day Activity Center (DAC) in Lakefield until his retirement in 2013.

Galen passed away at the Sanford USD Medical Center on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the age of 73 after 6 weeks in the hospital due to complications from hernia surgery

Jeffrey Blom, 61
Jeffrey Blom 61 of Thief River Falls, MN passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022, as a result of a snowmobile accident

near Orr, MN.

Jeff was born on May 8th, 1960 in Jackson, MN to George and Marlys Blom. After Jeff graduated from Jackson High School in 1978, he went on to study Ag Business at Mankato Area Vocational Technical Institute. He started his career at the St. James Elevator. While schooling and living in Mankato he met the love of his life, Dolores Lamecker. They were united in marriage on June 11th, 1982 in New Ulm, MN. Shortly after, they moved to Clear Lake, MN where Jeff worked as the Manager at the Clear Lake Farmers Elevator for 6 years. In January of 1989, Jeff and his family moved to Morris, MN where he was the manager of the CHS grain elevator for 8 years. The family relocated to Thief River Falls in 1997 and he took on the role of Grain Merchandiser at the St. Hilaire Grain Elevator. He held that position until the time of his passing. He knew from the age of 9 that he wanted to be a grain elevator manager.

and graduated with the class of 1974. Barb attended Mankato State College and continued her education at Pipestone Community College. Graduating with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. On August 6, 1977, she was united in marriage to Randy Stump at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Sherburn, Minnesota. After their marriage, they lived in rural Jackson and raised their family. Barb was a truly devoted wife, mother, family member, friend, and farming partner. She was employed by Jackson Livewire, Dueber's Department Store, and managed the Clothes Tree all in Jackson. For 25 years she was a well-loved paraprofessional at Riverside Elementary in Jackson. In 2011, they moved to Alpine, Wyoming, and made their home in the mountains.

Barbara's Earthly journey ended Friday morning, February 11, 2022, at her home in rural Jackson surrounded by family at the age of sixty-six years. She is survived by her devoted husband, Randy Stump of Alpine, Wyoming; two children,

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Jeff was highly successful at CHS and enjoyed many of his colleagues. He impacted the lives of everyone he talked to whether it be farming-related or fishing.

The world lost a great man, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and fishing guide. Jeff LOVED the outdoors, and he LOVED his family. Most of all he loved spending time outdoors WITH his family. He was always planning the next trip before the current one was even over. On most weekends Jeff could be found on the lake in the boat, on the ice in his shack, in the woods, and around the campfire with his wife, family, and friends especially, at Zippel Bay.

Jeff took every opportunity to befriend anyone he encountered. He was such an easygoing man, and his positivity was infectious. He will be missed by so many. His knowledge, handyman skills, extensive planning, and his countless stories were also what made him Jeff. Jeff was always willing to share his expertise and passions with others, whether it be dutch oven cooking, grilling, fishing, or anything to do with the many skills he had. His fish recipe was legendary after many years of experimenting and perfecting. Jeff was planning on retiring from CHS Northland Grain this summer,

Dustin (Frances) Stump of Alpine, Wyoming, and Danielle (Timothy) Stelling of Victoria, Australia; three grandchildren, Blaire and Bodhi Stelling and Evan Stump; Barb's siblings, Ann Marie Seifert of St. Paul, Minnesota, Michael (Pat) Seifert of Prescott Valley, Arizona, Rosemary Seifert of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Patricia (Marvin) Jesnoski of Henderson, Nevada, Teresa (Patrick) Walter of Urbandale, Iowa, Lisa (Wayne) Weigelt of Brandon, South Dakota, Steven Seifert of Monument, Colorado; Randy's family, James Spear of rural St. James, Minnesota, Linda (John) Tirevold of Sherburn, Minnesota, Nola "Buck" (Vic) Jagodzinske of rural St. James, Minnesota; several nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Anacleta Seifert; father and mother-in-law, Ray and Fern Stump, and other relatives.

Barb loved endlessly and was a shining bright light in this world

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on Monday, January 3.

After retirement, his greatest satisfaction was camping with his camping friends at the Round Lake Campground every weekend during the spring, summer, and fall and reflecting on the fond memories of his DAC days of attending the MN State Fair, Clay County Fair, and Jackson Farm & Home Show.

Galen had lived at the High Rise Apartments in Jackson since November of 1996.

Galen is survived by his brother Dennis of Jackson and Dennis's two daughters from Minneapolis. Lisa Henrichs (Schenk), husband Kevin, son Emerson, daughter Eastyn and Sonya Henrichs (Carlson), husband Brian, son Cooper, son Finley, and daughter Sullivan.

Galen is preceded in death by his parents Jeanette and Dean, grandparents.

Blessed be the memory of Galen George Henrichs

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to go on even more adventures with family and friends.

Jeff is survived by his wife Dolores (Lamecker), his daughters Angie (Blom) and Brian Chicos of Rochester, MN, Joann Blom and Cale Albers of Newfolden, MN, Grandchildren Abigail, Corbin, and Bailey Chicos, Granddogs Jack and Copper, sister EvVie (Jerry) Linscheid of Jackson, MN, and nieces Mindy (Travis) Schutte, Emily (Lee) Fothergill, Kelly Linscheid, and Ashley (Nathan) Miller. He will be missed by many of his large extended family which includes many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, and great friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Marlys Blom and his in-laws Otto and Dolores Lamecker.

Service of the word was held at 1:30 PM Monday, February 21, 2022, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls, MN with Father Rick Lambert Officiating.

Visitation was held on Sunday, 4 – 6 PM with a prayer service at 6:00 PM at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls and also one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

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Saddler, Marques L., Lakefield, Speed \$230.00
Sebata, Rearabiloe, West Lafayette, Ind., Speed \$130.00

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Jan. 20
A deputy responded to a domestic disturbance in Jackson.
A deputy responded to a hit-and-run incident at the county courthouse in Jackson. Someone leaving a handicapped parking stall struck a light pole.
Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the county.
A deputy conducted a welfare check on an individual.

Jan. 21
A deputy responded to a loud music complaint at an apartment complex in Jackson.

A deputy responded to a vehicle in the ditch at 475th Avenue and 715th Street.
A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 71 about four miles south of Jackson. After investigating, the driver was issued a citation for no Minnesota driver's license. A tow truck was called to the scene to assist.

Jan. 22
Dispatch was contacted by the Windom Police Department and told the police had arrested a 24-year-old female from Jackson on a Jackson County gross misdemeanor warrant for issuance of dishonored check. A deputy met a Cottonwood County deputy near Bergen to transport the party to the Jackson County jail.

Deputies, the Jackson Ambulance and Jackson Fire Department assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a single-vehicle crash with injuries on I-90 near Alpha. Crews were on scene for about one hour.
A deputy gave a 27-year-old male transient with a last known address in Mississippi a ride from the Nobles County line to Sherburn. A Martin County deputy gave the party a ride farther east from there.
A deputy, the Lakefield Ambulance, Lakefield Fire Department and Lakefield Police Department responded to a single-vehicle crash near the intersection of County Road 15 and County Road 24. A 2004 Dodge Stratus driven by Laycie Duensing, 31, of Windom left the roadway. Duensing and a passenger, Matt Knutson, 39, of Windom, were both transported to the Windom Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Crews were on scene for about an hour. The matter remains under investigation.

A deputy responded to a vehicle in the ditch on County Road 23 north of Bergen.
Deputies assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a semi that exited off of I-90 at Jackson and slid off road striking a light pole, the closing gate, an exit sign and several more markers. Crews were on scene for about 3.5 hours.
A deputy responded to an unoccupied vehicle in the ditch on Highway 71 about four miles south of Jackson.
Dispatch forwarded a report of a vehicle in the ditch on I-90 near Jackson to the Minnesota State Patrol.

A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a jackknifed semi on I-90 near the Heron Lake exit.
A deputy assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.
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Jan. 23
A deputy responded to an unoccupied vehicle in the ditch on Highway 71 south of Jackson near County Road 6.
A deputy responded to a report of a trailer that became unattached from the semi and was blocking traffic on Springfield Parkway in Jackson.

Jan. 24
A deputy conducted a traffic stop in Jackson. As a result, the driver was issued a citation for driving after suspension.

Jan. 25
A deputy conducted a traffic stop on County Road 34 west of Jackson. As a result, the driver was issued a citation for no Minnesota driver's license.
A deputy responded to an accident at Speedway North

gas station in Jackson. Someone accidentally drove into the building causing damage.
A deputy responded to a theft report in Jackson.

Jan. 26
The Jackson Fire Department, Jackson Ambulance, Minnesota Energy and deputies responded to a report of a possible gas leak at a duplex in Jackson. Crews were on scene for about one hour. Everything was determined to be safe.
Deputies responded to a loud noise complaint at an apartment complex in Jackson.
A deputy assisted the Jackson Ambulance with a medical call.
A deputy responded to a carvs.-deer accident on County Road 17 near the Christiania bridge. There were no injuries.
The Heron Lake Fire Department and deputies responded to a vehicle fire on Highway 60 near Heron Lake. Crews were on scene for about 45 minutes.
A deputy conducted snowmobile patrol throughout the county.
The Alpha First Responders, Jackson Ambulance and deputies assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a rollover on I-90 near Alpha.
A deputy responded to a vehicle in the ditch on I-90 near Alpha.

Jan. 27
A deputy gave a 36-year-old male transient on I-90 a ride to Martin County.
Dispatch forwarded a report of a semi and trailer in the median on I-90 near the Round Lake exit.
A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a rollover on I-90 east of Jackson.
The deputy gave the six occupants a ride back to Jackson. The vehicle was towed, and there were no injuries.
Dispatch forwarded a report of a semi and another vehicle off the road on I-90 near the Round Lake exit. One was in the median, the other in the ditch.
Dispatch forwarded a report of a semi in the median on Highway 60 near Heron Lake.

Dispatch forwarded a report of a rollover on Highway 60 near Wilder with no injuries.
A deputy towed a vehicle from a city street in Jackson that hadn't moved since the last snowstorm in violation of a city parking ordinance.
Dispatch forwarded a report of a pickup in the ditch on Highway 71 south of Jackson.
Deputies assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with two vehicles in the ditch on Highway 71 two miles north of Jackson. Warmka Towing assisted at the scene. Crews were on scene for about 45 minutes.
A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a vehicle in the median on I-90 east of Jackson. Warmka Towing assisted at the scene.
A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 86 south of Lakefield. Warmka Towing assisted at the scene.
Dispatch forwarded a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 71 south of Jackson.
A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 71 south of Jackson. Warmka Towing assisted at the scene.

Jan. 28
A deputy responded to a one-vehicle rollover on County Road 34 near Alpha. The Alpha First Responders and Warmka Towing assisted at the scene. There were no injuries.

Jan. 29
A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch on County Road 17 near County Road 24. After investigating, a 52-year-old female from Windom was arrested for probable-cause DUI. Warmka Towing assisted at the scene.

Jan. 30
A deputy received a report of harassment via social media.
A deputy assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a vehicle in the median on I-90 near Alpha. Warmka Towing assisted at the scene.

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Rosen announces retirement

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Local state Sen. Julie Rosen announced her retirement last week after two decades of service to her fellow southern Minnesotans.

Rosen, R-Fairmont, first ran for office in 2002, and was re-elected in every election cycle since.

Her retirement comes in the wake of a redistricting decision that paired her against fellow Republican Sen. Rich Draheim, R-Madison Lake, in the newly redistricted Senate

District 22. Rosen said that was a major factor in her decision.

“The courts made it easy for me in that sense, because I would have been in a primary battle with Rich,” she said. “He said he was going to drop out, and I told him, ‘No,’ because I’ve had 20 years, he’s had six and he’s an up-and-coming senator who’s doing a lot



Sen. Julie Rosen

of good work for the state.”

During her time in office, Rosen secured funding for the local library system and various other local and area infrastructure projects and pushed to expand telemedicine access statewide, cosponsoring the Minnesota Telehealth Act, which required insurance companies to cover telehealth services. The bill was signed into law last year. Rosen was also active in sponsoring legislation to combat the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics in Minnesota. She served as chair of the

Senate Finance Committee for six years.

She began representing eastern Jackson County following a redistricting in 2012. Of her experiences in Jackson County, working with Federated Rural Electric and watching AGCO Corp. grow its footprint locally stood out in particular.

“I’ve always really enjoyed working with the REA in particular, because they do a lot of great work for your county on electricity and broadband,” she said. “AGCO’s expansion has been a lot of fun to see,

and I’ve worked closely with (Jackson County Central) education officials in the past as well.”

Rosen said a desire for more time with family was another factor in her decision to retire, especially as her children now have families of their own. “I’ve got kids starting families with grandkids on the way and I have so many things that I want to do with my family and friends,” she said. “I poured my heart into this job, and I stayed with it because I wanted to make sure that this district is served well.”

She praised former state Rep. Bob Gunther and current Rep. Bjorn Olson for their work on agriculture and infrastructure issues and said both have been tireless advocates for Greater Minnesota, something Rosen has striven to be herself.

“Working with Bob and Bjorn has been a real honor, and it’s made my life so much easier over the years I’ve been in the Senate,” she said. “I think we did a lot of good things for the district and I’m really proud of what we accomplished.”

Council approves land purchase for housing push

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

The Jackson City Council last week approved a purchase of land currently held by the Jackson Economic Development Corp. in north Jackson for the city’s economic development authority to use in its push to build more housing in town.

The land is priced at \$15,000 per acre.

The purchase will not involve any checks being cut, but instead a reduction of debt for the JEDC on loans from the city.

In other action from last

Tuesday’s council meeting:

COUNCIL GOES FOR SCDP GRANT

Small Cities Development Program application approved.

The council approved a submission for a Small Cities Development Grant.

The grant is aimed at repairing older homes and businesses around town.

Both commercial and residential programs will be included as part of the grant, which is expected to bring in \$1,035,000, split between the two categories. Residents and

business owners will be able to apply to have their residences or businesses repaired.

NEW TRUCK BUY GETS GREEN LIGHT

The council approved a quote from Asa Auto Plaza in Jackson for the purchase of a truck to replace a 2008 F-350 Hoists Truck Unit, which has suffered from mechanical issues over the past few years, raising costs for the city.

Jackson City Wastewater Superintendent Tony Oxborough spoke in favor of the measure and

also requested the fleet be painted gray to provide consistency across the department.

The council approved the quote for \$36,000 and the painting, which will cost \$4,000.

JOINT MEETING SET FOR MARCH 14

Joint School Board/City Council meeting set for March 14th

The council set a time for a joint Jackson City Council and Jackson County Central Board of Education meeting to discuss the future of the indoor swimming pool.

The meeting will take place on March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the JCC High School.

COUNCIL SUBMITS THREE PROJECTS

Three local infrastructure projects tentatively set to begin in 2023 were approved to be put on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Minnesota Department of Public Health’s project priority lists, which will make them eligible for state funding.

The projects are a sanitary sewer force main re-

placement for a lift station, the rebuilding of that same lift station and a water main river crossing.

AGREEMENT OK'D

The council approved an engineering design agreement with Bolton and Menk Inc. for the upcoming 2022 streets and utilities improvement projects on Emily Street, Riverside Street, several downtown alleys and River Street.

The agreement will allow the company to perform the design services necessary for the project.

SHAKEUP: Redistricting based on census

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indicating the party will move aggressively to get candidates endorsed and running in new districts.

“It will take some time for us to conduct a full analysis of these maps, but we are excited nonetheless to have this process conclude and have a clear sense of the political landscape in front of us,” Martin said. “Across Minnesota, local DFL Party organizing units will be working overtime to endorse our candidates in new districts and ensure our campaign infrastructure is ready to kick into high gear.”

Olson, who has represented Jackson County since replacing longtime

state Rep. Bob Gunther in 2021, said he will continue to proudly represent the county and its residents throughout the year and fight for all of southern Minnesota in the coming years. He has put forward a bill to secure funding for the county’s new law enforcement center, a project expected to cost more than \$19 million.

“The one thing I will stress is that I will remain your representative until the end of this year, and I will continue to fight for southern Minnesota’s values and way of life after that,” he said last week. “I’ve really enjoyed representing the people of

Jackson County and they will always hold a special place in my heart.”

Rosen has represented the county since 2002 and said it has been an honor to work with its residents. Over the last decade, she’s helped secure funding for numerous local projects, including the county library system, various infrastructure projects and education.

“We’ve gotten a lot of good things done for the district and for the county,” she said last week. “We got funding for the library, which was a big deal, and I’ve worked on a variety of road projects and issues related to education and

law enforcement.

Rosen said she felt the redistricting process was fair to both parties, eschewing some of the partisan conflict other states have faced with redistricting in recent years. She feels Jackson County will continue to have good representation in the future.

“I think we were treated fairly, and I think Greater Minnesota was treated fairly,” she said. “Jackson has been a wonderful community to work with because you guys work hard and do things the right way.”

HAGEDORN: Election

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winner of that race will begin representing the district in January 2023.

Simon last week said Hagedorn served the people of his district with “an admirable passion.”

This past Friday, Walz, who defeated Hagedorn in congressional races in 2014 and 2016, ordered flags flown at half-staff through sunset Saturday in Hagedorn’s memory.

Local legislators also offered words of praise for the late congressman.

Local state Sen. Julie Rosen last week praised Hagedorn’s tireless work ethic.

“Nobody — and I mean nobody — worked harder

than Jim Hagedorn,” said Rosen, who represents eastern Jackson County in the state Senate. “He was a true statesman who loved the people he represented, and it was an honor working with him.”

Local state Sen. Bill Weber, who represents western Jackson County, agreed.

“Jim Hagedorn loved serving and representing the people of southern Minnesota,” Weber said. “Many southern Minnesotans will forever be thankful for his service and dedication to this district and country.”

New weekly caseload count lowest since last summer

by JUSTIN R. LESSMAN
Publisher

Jackson County recorded seven new cases of COVID-19 over the last week, the lowest new seven-day caseload tally in the last seven months.

New weekly caseload counts in Jackson County have fallen for the last four weeks, from a record high of 113 just a month ago to single digits this past week. The last time the county

notched a single-digit new weekly tally was during the week ending Aug. 3, 2021.

The decreasing caseload count comes as the number of locals vaccinated against the disease continues to increase.

The most recent vaccination data from the Minnesota Department of Health shows 5,434 Jackson County residents — 54.6 percent of the total population — have received at least one dose of vaccine, with 5,212

— 52.4 percent of the total population — fully vaccinated, a slight increase over the week prior.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, Jackson County has

notched a cumulative total of 2,119 confirmed cases of the disease. To date, the deaths of 17 Jackson County residents have been attributed to COVID-19 — eight in 2020 before

vaccines became widely available, eight in 2021 and one in 2022.

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus first identified in late 2019.

Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Minnesota on March 6, 2020, the state has notched more than 1.4 million cases of the illness and tallied nearly 12,000 deaths.

SHOW: This Saturday

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11:00 a.m., and the Zooman will do two performances, one at 11 and the other at noon,” he said. “We’re also bringing in some food vendors this year.

“We think we’ve got a

great lineup this year, and I really want to encourage everyone to come check out our exhibitions,” Christopher said. “It’s going to be a great farm and home show.”

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OPINION



PILOT EDITORIAL

Redistricting decision a loss for our county

The Minnesota judicial panel on redistricting recently released the maps for congressional and state legislative districts. Jackson County, which is currently split between House Districts 23A and 22B and Senate Districts 22 and 23 will be subsumed entirely into Senate District 21 and House District 21B.

The news Jackson County will be unified under a single House and Senate district may be welcomed by some who remember that being the case decades ago, but there’s no question it is a loss for our county.

No single county should be too influential in state politics and perhaps this is better for the state as a whole. Even so, Jackson County will now only have two state legislators — one representative and one senator — representing its interests, as opposed to four. We’ll lose Rep. Bjorn Olson and Sen. Julie Rosen, both of whom have been staunch advocates of our county’s interests in the statehouse.

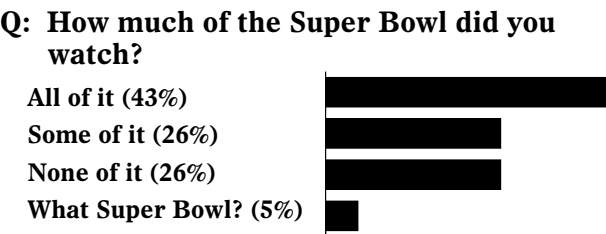
Our current representatives will still represent us for the rest of the year, but once 2023 rolls around, four will become two. With Rep. Rod Hamilton retiring, our House seat will be open for the November elections.

Minnesota’s redistricting plan is neither partisan nor poorly conceived and there’s little we as individual citizens can do about it now.

What we can do is keep in contact with our state legislators — now and when the change happens — to make sure we have a seat at the table in St. Paul. We should all vote according to our consciences for the candidate each of us feels is best for the position. That is our civil right and our civic duty.



LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL



Source: Jackson County Pilot Website

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: Will March come in like a lion or a lamb?

Vote online at jacksoncountypilot.com.

Where do you place your hope?

Have you misplaced your hope? And if so, in whom or what do you place your hope?

In the last presidential election, I had hoped the prosperity and peace this country had experienced over the previous four years would continue, as we had an inflation rate of just 1.4 percent, and we were not involved in any actual war anywhere as a country. I had hoped the people’s choice would win that election. But with the new Biden administration, I then hoped when the president said he was after the soul of America, it was for a good reason.

I had hoped — like I am sure many of you folks hoped — the choices made to combat the COVID-19 pandemic would be the right choices so my children and grandchildren would not have to fear our country’s response to this evil pandemic. I had hoped the reason we even had this pandemic would be honestly explained.

I had hoped prosperity would continue here in America and that my children and grandchildren would have the opportunity to use their developed skills and talents as God intended to benefit others and possibly society as a whole.

I had hoped our Constitution and our Bill of Rights would be upheld and our government officials would do as they had sworn to do when promising to defend and support the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic thus protecting our nation and our people.

I had hoped our government would support and fund our law enforcement, not defund and degrade those who work so hard to protect and defend those being subjected to harm.

I had hoped our governmental leaders would choose to fund our military and defend our way of life and our freedoms.

I had hoped for a better America in this land of the free because of the brave who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms.

Was my hope misplaced?

It was because, in reality, I know in my heart of hearts my hope — as Edward Mole’s hymn states it — “... is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.” For it is, “on Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.”

If you find yourself placing your hope in anything that disappoints or you have found harming you, step out of that sinking sand and on to the Solid Rock, for Jesus is the true hope for us all in this world and beyond.



OUT AND ABOUT
Mike Jordan

Use reflective triangles properly

Question: Sometimes while traveling, I’ve noticed a set of reflective triangles out behind a semi. Can I use those on my personal passenger car if it were to break down?

Answer: The best thing to do is make sure your vehicle is off the traveled portion of the highway and onto the shoulder. Then turn on your emergency flashers so your vehicle is more visible to other motorists.

If you can safely display some type of emergency equipment, remember your personal safety. Other motorists might not be able to see you, so pay attention. High-visibility reflective gear would be beneficial. If the roads are slippery and visibility is limited, it’s a very dangerous situation to be outside your vehicle.

If you drive a commercial vehicle, you’re required to carry three emergency triangles and place them in three locations during a stop. Emergency triangles must be placed within 10 minutes of stopping and should be kept in the passenger-side box so they can be safely accessed and keep the driver away from traffic. Triangle placement locations may vary based on where the driver stopped. They are spaced out to ensure other motorists can see the truck from a distance and change lanes or slow down.

On two-lane highways, one triangle must be placed 100 feet in front of the vehicle, centered in the lane the vehicle occupies; one triangle must be 10 feet behind the vehicle on the traffic side of the vehicle; and one triangle must be 100 feet behind the vehicle in the center of the lane the vehicle occupies.

On divided highways

and one-way roads, one triangle must be 10 feet behind the vehicle on the traffic side of the vehicle, one triangle must be 100 feet behind the vehicle in the center of the lane the vehicle occupies and one triangle must be 200 feet behind the vehicle in the center of the lane the vehicle occupies.

In the case of obstructed views, like a hill or curve, if stopped on a two-lane road, place one triangle at least 100 feet ahead of the vehicle, one triangle 10 feet behind the vehicle on the traffic side of the vehicle and move the rearmost triangle between 100 feet and 500 feet back down the road to provide ample warning, remembering the maximum distance from the vehicle shall not exceed 500 feet.

For the rest of the motoring public, if you see emergency triangles, flares, lights or other items, take note immediately and slow down. Be prepared to stop and drive accordingly.

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

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



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JACKSON COUNTY PILOT

News from years gone by



10 years ago
March 1, 2012
Study: Four in 10 would consider moving here
Four out of every 10 people who commute to Jackson County for work are interested in or would consider moving here. The top factor preventing them from doing so? They can't sell their current home.

"That's definitely one of the challenges in front of us," said Rich Koch, a member of the Jackson Economic Development Corp. Board of Directors and the board's welcome committee, a group of local folks intent on attracting those who work in the communities of Jackson County to live, shop and play in those very communities.

Small-Town Rapsody
The relationship between rural Minnesota and rap music is immediately evident to Nikee JS and his stepbrother, Chant Singvongsa.

In the corner office of the Wish Washy Laundromat of Jackson, they lay down tracks about lost high school love and daily struggles — about small-town life.

"We're not really flashy. You don't need to rap about something that's not a part of your life," Nikee said. "That's not really being true; it's not as fun."

Obituaries: Lori Lee Thiessen, Ruby Edwards

20 years ago
March 7, 2002
ATVs stolen from local business

Four Polaris four-wheel all-terrain vehicles and one Eagle four-wheel trailer were reported stolen from a local business.

The theft of the ATVs was discovered on March 1, but apparently occurred the night before, when the snowmobile trailer was reported missing.

JBDC granted extension to market former bank

The Jackson Business Development Committee was granted an extension until Oct. 1 to further market the former United Prairie Bank building for a retail or service busi-

ness. That decision was made by the Jackson City Council on Tuesday evening, despite a recommendation by the city's finance committee to utilize the donated building for the Jackson Police Department.

Obituaries: Mildred Reineke

30 years ago
Feb. 27, 1992
New name reflects change at local bank

It's a new era for Jackson State Bank.

Make that United Prairie Bank-Jackson.

As part of the recently completed purchase of the bank by James G. Sneider of Mt. Lake and his son, Stuart, of Worthington, the name change reflects a new direction for the Jackson institution.

Th names of the other five banks the Sneers own or have controlling interest in are changing as well. The Farmers State Bank of Mt. Lake, for example, will now be United Prairie Bank-Mt. Lake.

\$34,500 grant will boost Anderson Park camping

There will be more happy campers at Anderson Park in the Loon Lake area, thanks to a \$34,500 state grant awarded last week.

Jackson County will be getting funding through the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development's outdoor recreation program for expansion of camping and other facilities at the park. Gordy Olson, county parks director, said plans call for installing 30 campsites, complete with tables, grills and electric hookups. A playground is also being planned.

Obituaries: Stanley Nestegard, Eimer Miller

40 years ago
Feb. 25, 1982
County board and union to meet in mediation

County maintenance employees and the county board will meet with a state mediator this afternoon to discuss the employees' 1982-1983 contract.

The 19 employees are

members of Local 925 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The mediation meeting, according to Robert Vee, union steward, was asked for by the union to discuss wages. Negotiations for a new contract began in September, Vee said.

Jackson gets glowing financial health report

Words that describe Jackson's financial health, Minnesota State Auditor Arne Carlson said last week, are all good ones.

Carlson was in Jackson and several other southwestern Minnesota towns last week discussing the financial health of the municipalities.

Carlson, and his deputy auditor, Beth Sullivan, told city officials in Jackson last Thursday evening the key indicators, observed over the last five years, showed a strengthening financial base in Jackson and foresees no insurmountable problems.

Obituaries: Pearl Hunt, Isabelle Ashland

50 years ago
Feb. 23, 1972
High school Mardi Gras Saturday

It's Mardi Gras at the Jackson High School this Saturday.

The event is sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America. Members have worked hard in preparation and hope to draw a sizable crowd for the night of fun.

King and queen to rule over the festivities will be chosen and crowned Saturday night.

Jackson Jaycees, wives attend TOYM at Mankato

Fourteen Jaycees and their wives from Jackson attended the Ten Outstanding Young Men Convention in Mankato over the weekend.

The affair took place at Mankato State College and the Kato Ballroom.

U.S. Sen. Walter Mondale was the forum luncheon guest speaker.

Obituaries: Dena Van Westen, George Winter

Area faith and worship schedule

Belmont Lutheran Church
Rural Lakefield,
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Sunday, Feb. 27: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday, March 2: 9 a.m. Circle Ruth; 1:20 p.m. Release Time; 2:30 p.m. Confirmation; 3 & 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service; 5:15 p.m. Lighthouse; 6:30 p.m. Jars of Clay
Call the church office for updates or leave a message for the pastor. Join us for worship on our Facebook page.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
401 7th Ave. N., Lakefield
Pastor: Andrew Schensted
Sunday, Feb. 27: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday, March 2: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday; 8 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Church of the Good Shepherd
311 Sverdrup, 847-2504
Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht - Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 24: 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, Feb. 26: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Luke, Sherburn
Sunday, Feb. 27: 8:30 a.m. Mass at Good Shepherd, Jackson; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph, Sherburn
Monday, Feb. 28: Homebound Communion: 1:30 p.m. Valley View; 2 p.m. Colonial Manor; 2:30 p.m. In-Home
Tuesday, March 1: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Atrium Class; 7 p.m. Choir Practice
Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 a.m. at St. Luke, Sherburn; 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph, Lakefield; 6 p.m. Mass at Good Shepherd, Jackson; 6 p.m. Faith Formation Supper; 6:30-7:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes

First Baptist Church
921 Hills Ave., 847-2369
Pastor: Nathan Janzen
Youth & Family Pastor: Thor Kurtz
Thursday, Feb. 24: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Elder Led Prayer Time; 3-4 p.m. Joy Group
Sunday, Feb. 27: 9-9:20 a.m. Upper Room Prayer/Worship Service; 9:30-10:40 a.m. Worship Service and Children's Church; 7-8:30 p.m. Connect Group - Buresch
Monday, Feb. 21: 6-7 p.m. Jackson Sobriety AA Group, Sheldon Jackson Outreach Center: Jars of Clay Ministry, 601 4th Street, Jackson, MN
Wednesday, March 2: 1-2 p.m. Release Time; 6:15-7:45 p.m. AWANA; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group - 6th-12th Grade

Thursday, March 3: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Elder Led Prayer Time

Grace Lutheran Church
Spirit Lake, 712-336-2446
Thursday, Feb. 24: Grace to Go Online
Saturday, Feb. 26: 4 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday, Feb. 27: 10 a.m. Worship Service In-Person and Facebook Live; 10 a.m. Connect: Grades K-5
Messages may be heard at our website: gracelutheranspiritlake.org. All services can be viewed Facebook Live or YouTube.com until further notice.

Salem Lutheran Church
500 N. Hwy., 847-3861
Pastor: Eunice Woodberry
Sunday, Feb. 27: 9 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday, March 2: 9 a.m. Circle Ruth; 1:20 p.m. Release Time; 2:30 p.m. Confirmation; 3 & 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service; 5:15 p.m. Lighthouse; 6:30 p.m. Jars of Clay
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Sheldon Jackson Outreach Center
601 Fourth Street
Monday, Feb. 28: 6-7 p.m. Jackson Sobriety AA Group
Wednesday, March 2: Jars of Clay Youth Group - 6th-12th Grade
Thursday, March 3: 6-7 p.m. Jackson Sobriety AA Group

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
101 Kimball Ave., 847-3693
Pastor: John Schuetz
Sunday, Feb. 27: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:15 a.m. Education Hour
Monday, Feb. 28: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation (7/8)
Worship services streamed at 9 a.m. on our Facebook page.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
614 Logan, 847-2856
Thursday, Feb. 24: 8 a.m. Men's Study - Parlor
Saturday, Feb. 26: 5 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday, Feb. 27: 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and on KKOJ 1190 AM; 9:45 a.m. Adult Class
Tuesday, March 1: 8 a.m. Women's Study
Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday Worship (Time TBD); 5:15 p.m. Lighthouse Children's Ministry; 6:15 p.m. Hand Bell Choir; 6:30 p.m. Jars of Clay

Thursday, March 3: 8 a.m. Men's Study - Parlor
Worship will be streamed via Facebook & Twitter at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or you can listen on KKOJ 97.7 FM/1190 AM.

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
Sioux Valley, 839-3086
Pastor: Pastor Jacobsen
Thursday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m. On-line Devotions @ Facebook or YouTube; 1 p.m. LWML at The Shed, Lakefield
Friday, Feb. 25: 9 a.m. On-line Devotions @ Facebook or YouTube

Sunday, Feb. 27: 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; 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.

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Sunday, Feb. 27: 9 a.m. Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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Sunday, Feb. 27: 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
Thursday, Feb. 24: Pastor Russ in Lakefield
Sunday, Feb. 27: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Embrace Jackson meal 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Service
Monday, Feb. 28: Pastor Russ in Jackson. 5-8 p.m. Youth Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch
Tuesday, March 1: Pastor Russ in Lakefield
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Luke 6:27-38

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

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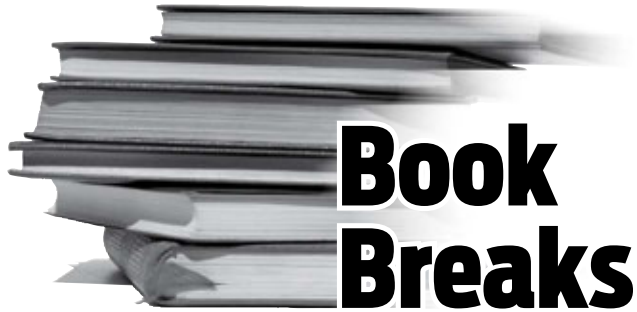


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“Diablo Mesa” by Preston Douglas (Mystery and detective)

Responding to the promise of a hefty donation from a wealthy, eccentric billionaire with space travel ambitions, the Santa Fe Archaeological Institute excavates the site of the 1947 Roswell incident and immediately uncovers two unknown murder victims.

“The Paris Apartment” by Lucy Foley (Mystery and detective)

Arriving in Paris to stay with her brother, Ben, Jess learns he has gone missing, and to find him,

starts digging into his life, realizing even though she has come to the City of Lights to escape her past, it’s his future hanging in the balance.

“The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post” by Allison Pataki (Historical fiction)

The epic reimagining of the extraordinary life of Marjorie Merriweather Post, the American heiress who lived and loved on a grand scale, reveals the heartbreak she endured as a wife four times over in vastly different, dramatic marriages.

“Things I Should Have Said” by Jamie Lynn Spears (Autobiography)
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BOOKS:
“The Lady’s Mine” by Francine Rivers, “Riv-



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erbend Gap” by Denise Hunter, “House of Sky & Breath” by Sarah J. Maas, “Our American Friend” by Anna Pitoniak, “Death of a Green-eyed Monster” by M.C. Beaton, “Nothing to Lose” by J.A. Jance, “Real Easy” by Marie Rutkoski, “The Ursulina” by Brian Freeman, “Ever Constant” by Tracie Peterson, “Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before” by Julie Smith

DVDS:
“Encanto,” “King Richard”

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Local photographer to be featured library speaker

Three programs

Local wildlife and nature photographer Phil Kirk is the featured speaker at library programs in Jackson, Lakefield and Heron Lake next Wednesday.

Kirk has been a photographer since the 1990s. He started out photographing motorsports events for magazines in the United

Kingdom and also spent time as a staff writer for various science and history publications. Since moving stateside, he’s taken more to photographing the flora and fauna of Minnesota just for the fun of it.

Kirk concentrates on local areas, including Kilen Woods, where he wanders the lakes and lands in search of capturing the perfect images of eagles,

hawks and — if he’s lucky — bobcats.

All are welcome to the libraries next Wednesday to learn how Kirk works his camera magic and hear about his close encounters with wildlife. The Jackson program takes place at noon, with the Lakefield program to follow at 2 p.m. and the Heron Lake program set to start at 5:30. They are free to attend.

ROTR fundraiser set for Saturday

Live music on tap

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

A fundraiser will take place this weekend to help raise money for the annual Rhythm of the River musical festival, which takes place each summer at Fort Belmont in Jackson.

Committee member Hanna Rossow said the event will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday at Bridget’s Bucksnot’s Brew Ha-Ha and Grill in Jackson.

“This is our third year doing it at Bridget’s,” Rossow said. “It’s a tip fundraiser, so what that means is that committee members will serve you and all tips will go toward the Rhythm of the River.”

Live music will be performed at the event, and the lineup for the 2022 Rhythm of the River will

be announced during the evening.

“We will announce our lineup for Rhythm of the River and tickets will start to go on sale during the event,” Rossow said. “We will do a cash raffle that night, where you buy a raffle ticket for \$1 and half the proceeds go to the winner, while half go to Rhythm of the River.”

The theme for the evening will be Mardi Gras, so people are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costumes with masks. Rossow said special food and cocktails will be available throughout the night.

“Bridget will have jambalaya, shrimp po’ boys,

hush puppies and a lineup of special cocktails,” Rossow said.

Some new additions to the Rhythm of the River this year include VIP tickets, which will offer extra goodies, along with a pass for the whole multi-

day event for attendees. Last year, the event was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Rossow said a full two-day event is planned for

If you go...

What: ROTR fundraiser
When: Saturday, Feb. 26, 5 to 10 p.m.
Where: Bridget’s Bucksnot’s Brew Ha-Ha and Grill

this year. “It’s great to be back planning a full festival again,” she said.

The 2022 Rhythm of the River music festival will take place July 8-9 at Fort Belmont in Jackson.



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

Feb. 24: Happy birthday to Lowell Hansen, Lynn Mullins, Miles Eddy, Daniel Johnson, John Gee, Karen Gazda, Dianne Osterberg.

BIRTHDAYS • ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 25: Happy birthday to Tristyn Kolaner, Kayla Mekosch, Kia Holm. Anniversary wishes go to Norman and Ruthe Gran.

Feb. 26: Happy birthday to Heather Bratrud, Lowell Christopher, Brody Endreson.

Feb. 27: Happy birthday to Lillian Martens, Dawson Carter, Jeremy Michelson, Diane Ringquist, Jesse Schlager, Mark Eggi-

mann, Ron Fricke.

Feb. 28: Happy birthday to Abby Schneekloth, Lexi Schneekloth, Lacey Schneekloth, Jackie Tlam, Laura Wolter, R.J. Meyeraan, Horace Olson, Brock Schuett, Nancy Gee, Jason Benjamin, Jason Benjamin, Ethan Duncan, Brendan Blackmore.

March 1: Happy birthday to Ameila Stene.

March 2: Happy birthday to Susannah Pegum.

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9:30 a.m. History of Jackson: What You May Not Know
— *Dr. Mark Titus*

10:15 a.m. 10 “Rules of the Road” for Investing and Retirement with Q&A
— *Wyman and Rebecca Fischer from Edward Jones*

10:45 a.m. Informational CBD Presentation
— *Adam and Julia Weets from Alpha’s Alternatives*

11:30 a.m. City of Jackson and Economic Development Q&A
— *Matt Skaret and Dave Schmidt*

12:00 p.m. “Using Ice vs. Heat and All About Feet: Back Talk”
— *Dr. Kerri Henderson from Optimal Health Chiropractic & Acupuncture of Jackson and Fairmont*

12:45 p.m. Who Pays the Bills After You’re Gone?
— *Megan Hesser from State Farm Insurance*

Entertainment Stage

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V Notes (Polka)

11:00 a.m.
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Top left: Lenny Cromwell gently pets a baby chick. Above: Jameson Hoffman (from left), Ella Lucht and Laylah Pyan take a peek at a lamb during the barnyard. Left: Emmet Moore (from left), Brinley Schultz and Laylah Hummel get their hands on a donkey at the barnyard.

BARNYARD FUN

Elliana Craig softly pets a lamb during the Jackson County Central FFA barnyard Tuesday morning at the high school.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

February 1, 2022

This document constitutes a summary of the proceedings of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners' February 1, 2022 meeting. The full text of these proceedings is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the County Administrator, Jackson County Courthouse, 405 Fifth Street, in the City of Jackson, Minnesota.

The Jackson County Board of Jackson, Minnesota met in regular session, in the Jackson County Government Resource Center, Cafeteria Room (Door 7), 402 White Street, City of Jackson, Minnesota, on February 1, 2022. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: James Eigenberg, Catherine Hohenstein, Scott McClure, Philip Nasby and Don Wachal. County Administrator, Ryan Krosch and Assistant to the Administrator, Brandi Bourquin were also in attendance.

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and let the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Eigenberg to adopt the agenda with the following change: Add Consent Agenda Item 2.9 RBA - Gambling Application from the Jackson Lions Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nasby requested item 2.4 Board Action - Approve MN DNR Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant Program for 2022-2023 be moved to the regular agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Board Action 22-028 - Approve January 18, 2022 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

Board Action 22-029 - Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01, subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 97964-98117 in the amount of \$1,108,933.21 for the following funds: Revenue \$428,830.36; Public Works \$321,128.13; Ditch \$350,816.58; Agency Fund \$3,598.70; Library Fund \$4,490.80; Taxes & Penalties Fund \$43.64; and Forfeited Land Fund \$25.00. A detailed listed of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office upon request.

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Board Action 22-030 - Declare a 2012 Dodge Ram Squad as Surplus to be Sold
Board Action 22-031 - Approve the 2022 Solid Waste and Recycling Haulers Licenses Resolution 22-007 - Approve Appointing Gary Reif as the Jackson County Emergency Management Director Effective June 27, 2021.

Resolution 22-008 - Approve Assignment of Interest in Water Pipeline to Minnesota Soybean Processors

Resolution 22-009 - Approve Appointing Dustin Hunter as the Jackson County Veterans Service Officer effective February 21, 2022 at Step 7, Grade 14 of the Jackson County Compensation Plan.

Board Action 22-032 - Approve the Application for Exempt Permit of Jackson Lions Club, with No Waiting Period, for a Raffle to be held at the 2022 Jackson County Fair. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 22-033 - Approve Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant Allotting \$1,882 in Fiscal Year 2022 and \$1,882 in 2023 (Total of \$3,764). The motion carried 4-0 in favor with Commissioner Nasby recusing himself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Nasby to adopt Board Action 22-034 - Approve the Voluntary Surrender of the Conditional Use Permit for Mining and Extraction issued to Behrends Farms, LLC for Parcel No. 15.029.0400. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Eigenberg to adopt Resolution 22-010 - Accept the Resignation of County Recorder Becky McCann effective March 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.
(Feb. 24)

CITY OF JACKSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL/INTERIM USE PERMIT TO OPERATE AN AIRBnB AT 1120 WHITE STREET IN JACKSON, MN

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Dated: February 17, 2022
Jackson Planning and Zoning Commission
(Feb. 24)



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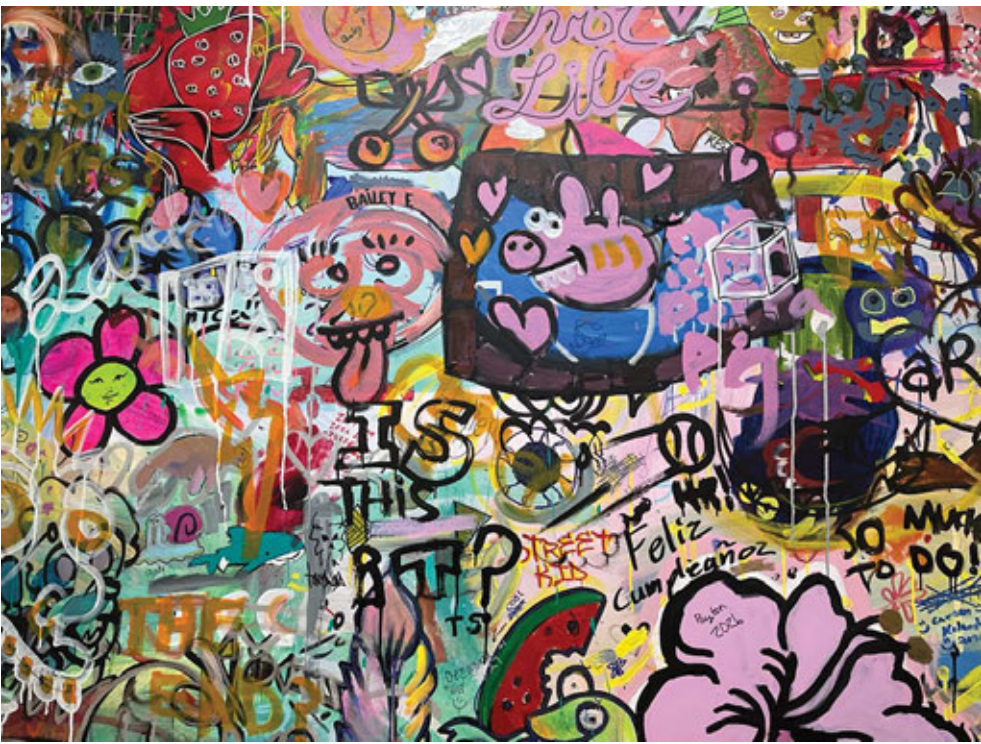
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JCA to host student art exhibit

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Jackson County Central students of all ages will get the chance to put their artwork on full public display in March, with the Jackson Center for the Arts set to host an exhibition of student art in its gallery for the full month. JCC art teachers Aline Wilking and Blaise Jacobsen are spearheading the exhibition this year, encouraging students to create works of art for the public to view. “March is National Youth Art Month, so we want to show our art program at JCC,” Wilking said. “I did shows at the elementary school for years and this is my first year at the high school.” Jacobsen said a major goal of the program is to get more art in the community and showcase the talents of local youth enrolled in JCC’s art courses. It also serves as a vital way for students to express themselves, he said, particularly in an era of rising anxiety and difficulty. “It’s a good way to get



SUBMITTED PHOTO
A large painting made by a group of Jackson County Central Middle School students is among the pieces of artwork to be exhibited at the Jackson Center for the Arts next month.

art in our community and it’s a diverse array of art, so you get a lot of different mediums and styles,” Jacobsen said. “We’re telling all of the kids who want to bring something

in to do so.” Wilking is a big believer in expressive art, trying to get her students to show who they are on the canvas. It’s something she’s seen success with, though

she said high schoolers need a little more encouragement to get out of their shells than elementary school kids. “One of my activities is meaningful art, and I

have some pieces from those activities that I’m really excited to see my students share,” she said. “They were afraid to put themselves out there at first, but their work deals with things they see and face in daily life, like anxiety and inner beauty.” Jacobsen has a large painting made by a group of middle school students in his classes. It’s one he’s looking forward to sharing with the community, as he feels it expresses the challenges, conflicts, joys and frustrations of adolescent life. “It has personal stuff, silly stuff, drawings, sayings and anything they feel is relevant in their

lives,” he said. “It’s a very honest piece that way.” Wilking and Jacobsen said the ultimate goal of the exhibition is to show the artistic youth of JCC that their lives, contributions and experiences are recognized and valued. “The kids we work with create really amazing and beautiful stuff and we want to recognize that,” Jacobsen said. The student exhibition at the Jackson Center for the Arts will run March 1-31. Gallery hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Aline Wilking

Locals land state pork board awards

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Two Jackson County residents have been recognized by the Minnesota Pork Board for agricultural excellence and contributing to their communities. Larry Liepold of rural Brewster was awarded the 2022 Environmental Steward of the Year Award. Kevin Majerus of rural Lakefield was awarded the 2022 Swine Manager of the Year Award.

An innovative approach
Liepold won his award in large part due to his crop management techniques, which include strip farming and planting cover crops like barley and buckwheat. “We use our hog manure as fertilizer to the extent possible because fertilizer is expensive and, about 15 years ago, I started doing no-till on the corn acres,” Liepold said. “The machines we use apply the nutrients to strips of soil and, over time, that improves the quality of the soil because you’re not harming the soil structure. It’s an innovative ap-



Larry Liepold

proach corn farming, one that’s been getting more recognition for its fuel efficiency and environmental benefits. Liepold said the former is particularly important at a time when fuel costs are rising rapidly due to inflation. He’s also been planting cover crops — buckwheat and barley — to break the cycle of corn and soybeans, which benefits the soil and brings in a tidy profit besides. “We did barley for a couple years and we added a fourth crop, buckwheat,” he said. “The revenue when we did it was equivalent to a corn crop. Rising corn prices mean Liepold likely won’t be able to plant a barley crop this year, but he’s continuing on with the practices that netted him his recognition because they benefit his business and the land he calls home. “We blew out our crop goals last year and I know this land well enough to know that what we were doing different was the reason why,” he said.

‘A real honor’
Majerus, who lives just outside of Lakefield, currently raises his own hogs, runs a manure application business and manages other hog barns. It was the last role that

netted him a nomination for the 2022 Swine Manager of the Year Award. Mark and Stacey Soleta, who Majerus works with, were so impressed with his management skills they nominated him for the award. “I’m not really sure why I won — I just try to do my job well,” Majerus said. “I’ve been raising pigs since 2004, I’ve built my own facilities and started working with the Soletas quite a few years ago.” Majerus started a manure application business with his son. Together, the duo flush waste out of hog barns and apply it to the fields, helping to reduce fertilizer costs and make good use of hog waste in the process. Swine management is a balancing act, Majerus said. Herd health comes out as top priority, but Majerus finds himself doing just about everything, since it takes a lot of moving parts to make for a successful barn. In fact, that’s just what he likes about it. “I grew up raising livestock and I knew that I didn’t want to be indoors doing the same job every day — I wanted to be around animals and work with them,” he said. “You do a little welding, electrical work; you’ve got to focus on herd health and



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Rural Lakefield hog producer Brian Majerus is the recipient of the Minnesota Pork Board’s 2022 Swine Manager of the Year Award.

biosecurity.” At the end of the day, Majerus loves his work and the people he works with, awards or not. “It was a real honor to

be nominated and to get the award,” he said. “My favorite part of my job is the people I work with, because I’ve known the Soletas for many years and

getting to work with them and my son is my favorite part about the job.”

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JCC WRESTLING



Andrew Boyum shows off the Section 3A championship trophy as teammates celebrate after a dominant performance by the Jackson County Central wrestling team sent the Huskies to the state tournament for the second straight season.

PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON

TOTAL DOMINATION

JCC wrestling team outscores opponents 226-6 in winning Section 3A championship for second straight season

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

If there was any chance of Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove upsetting the top-seeded Jackson County Central wrestling team in the Section 3A finals Saturday in Slayton, it went out the window pretty early.

Landon Andrews upset third-ranked Devin Carter at 126 pounds, giving the Huskies a 15-3 lead and plenty of momentum in what ended as a 63-6 thumping by the Huskies.

That capped an incredible run through the section tournament for JCC, which outscored its opponents

226-6 after opening with an 81-0 win over Springfield and then an 82-0 win over Fulda/Murray County Central.

In all, JCC won 40 of the 42 matches, with 33 wins coming via pinfall. The Huskies collected two forfeits, won one major decision and came out on top of four decisions.

"The guys wrestled great," head coach Nate Hanson said. "It was unbelievable."

Inside...

B4

JCC wrestles in the individual section tournament Saturday.

Huskies dominate finals

The Huskies beat three ranked Panthers in the section finals, with none of those wins bigger than Andrews' win early in the dual.

The Panthers won an overtime decision at 106 pounds as ninth-ranked Lincoln Carlson beat Isaac Rodriguez 12-10 in what Hanson said was a 50-50 match despite Carlson's ranking.

See **CHAMPS** on **B4**

Still to come...

March 3

A preview of the state tourney will be in next week's paper.



Caleb Vancura turns his opponent before getting a pin in JCC's 82-0 win over Fulda/Murray County Central in the Section 3A semifinals.

JCC GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Huskies put up good fight against Cardinals

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

Coaches are rarely ever happy after a loss, but that wasn't the case with Rafe York after the Jackson County Central girls' basketball team suffered

a 57-49 defeat to Luverne last week.

The Huskies battled the Cardinals all night in their regular-season finale and hope to see them again next week in the Section 3AA tournament.

The Huskies enter the

tournament as the fourth seed, while Luverne is seeded No. 1 in the South half of the tournament.

"I was happy with the way we played," York said. "Luverne's a re-

See **GBB** on **B3**



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

HONORING VETERANS

The Jackson County Central basketball teams host Veterans Appreciation Night this past Friday, which included the JCC chamber choir singing the national anthem, a speech by Georgianna Wenzel, the local color guard presenting the flag and recognition of all veterans.

JCC BOYS' BASKETBALL

JCC boys win potential playoff preview



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Damien Phaly scores two of his 10 points in last week's game against Worthington.

Huskies knock off Luverne with tough defense, patient offense

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central boys' basketball team might have earned itself a home playoff game with a victory over Luverne this past Friday.

The victory was sandwiched between a loss to Worthington last Tuesday and loss at Blue Earth Area Saturday.

The Huskies are now 10-15 on the season and 5-7 in the West Division of the Big South Conference with just one game left in the regular season.

Bucs beat Huskies

JCC trailed BEA 31-24 at the half Saturday before losing 63-51. When the two teams met in December, the Huskies were 62-60 winners.

A trio of Huskies scored in double figures Saturday, See **BBB** on **B3**

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BOYS' BASKETBALL

West Team	BSC	All
Marshall	10-2	14-11
Pipestone	9-3	18-5
Redwood	9-3	17-7
JCC	5-7	10-15
Worthington	4-7	6-15
Luverne	1-9	9-12
Windom	2-10	9-16
East Team	BSC	All
New Ulm	9-1	17-5
St. Peter	7-3	11-13
Fairmont	4-6	10-11
Waseca	4-6	8-16
BEA	3-7	10-11
St. James	3-7	11-14

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

West Team	BSC	All
Marshall	12-0	20-5
Luverne	9-3	20-4
Worthington	9-3	14-10
JCC	5-7	16-10
Windom	3-9	11-15
Pipestone	3-9	7-17
Redwood	1-11	1-25
East Team	BSC	All
St. Peter	10-0	20-5
Fairmont	8-2	21-3
St. James	5-5	10-14
New Ulm	4-6	12-11
Waseca	3-7	8-16
BEA	0-10	4-19

WRESTLING

West Team	BSC	All
JCC	6-0	21-3
Marshall	5-1	14-5
Worthington	4-2	13-11
Pipestone	3-3	11-10
Redwood	2-4	7-17
Windom	1-5	8-18
Luverne	0-6	5-14
East Team	BSC	All
Martin Co.	5-0	26-1
St. Peter	4-1	18-10
BEA	3-2	10-13
New Ulm	2-3	12-12
Waseca	1-4	4-15
St. James	0-5	3-16

GYMNASTICS

West Team	BSC	All
Worthington	6-0	11-0
JCC	5-1	8-2
Luverne	3-2	4-2
Pipestone	2-2	4-3
Redwood	1-4	1-5
Marshall	1-4	3-8
Windom	1-5	2-8
East Team	BSC	All
New Ulm	4-0	7-2
St. Peter	4-1	8-2
Waseca	3-2	6-4
MCA	2-3	4-6
St. James	0-4	0-9
BEA	0-3	1-4

BOYS' HOCKEY

Team	BSC	All
New Ulm	16-0	19-6
Luverne	13-3	14-10
Marshall	11-5	14-11
Worthington	9-7	12-13
Windom	8-7-1	11-13-1
Fairmont	7-9	8-16
MN River	3-12-1	5-19-1
Waseca	3-13	5-16-1
Redwood	1-15	2-19

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Team	BSC	All
New Ulm	14-0	23-4
Luverne	12-2	23-3
MN River	9-5	13-13
Marshall	7-7	13-14-1
Windom	6-8	8-15
Fairmont	4-10	8-14-2
Waseca	2-12	4-21-1
Worthington	2-12	5-20

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 24
BBB at New Ulm
BH - Section at Marshall

Friday, Feb. 25
No events

Saturday, Feb. 26
WR Individual section tournament in Wabasso
GBB - Section opener vs. St. James Area
BH - Section semis - TBD

Sunday, Feb. 27
No events

Monday, Feb. 28
No events

Tuesday, March 1
GBB - Section - TBD

Wednesday, March 2
BH - Section finals



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Feb. 21, 1:58 p.m.
JCC senior Olivia Blaskey and junior Payten Benda have been named to the all-Big South Conference gymnastics team.

Feb. 19, 3:25 p.m.
Section 3 A championship:
JCC 63
TMB/WWG 6
JCC goes to state for the second straight season.

Feb. 19, 3:14 p.m.
No. 4 Will Freking pins No. 6 Travis Willhite at 195 pounds. JCC leads TMB/WWG 54-6.

Feb. 19, 2:34 p.m.
Landon Andrews wins an 8-7 decision over No. 3 Devin Carter. JCC leads 15-3.

Follow for more updates

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name: Landon Andrews
Grade: 11
Sport: Wrestling
The week that was: Andrews beat third-ranked Devin Carter 8-7 in the team section finals Saturday to help JCC qualify for the state tournament.
Coach's comments: "Landon came out and wrestled just a great match," Nate Hanson said. "He controlled the whole thing. He just did a great job. I would give it the match of the afternoon."



Name: Trace Michelson
Grade: 12
Sport: Wrestling
The week that was: Michelson was 3-0 in the team section tournament with three straight pins, including two in 60 seconds or quicker.
Coach's comments: "Trace wrestled another great match," Nate Hanson said. "He's wrestling really well for us. He's probably one of our most improved wrestlers from the beginning of the season until now."

Athletes of the week sponsored by:



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HL-O CORNER

Drent records 1,000th career point in win over WWG

Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda senior Carter Drent recorded the 1,000th point of his career during a 66-56 win over Westbrook-Walnut Grove this past Friday. The win improves the Coyotes to 10-13 on the season and 6-8 in the Red Rock Conference. Drent reached the milestone in the second half of the win and finished with 30 points. Sawyer Drent added 20 points and Parker Murphy scored 12. The Coyotes were scheduled to play at Red Rock Central Tuesday and host Adrian/Ellsworth Friday. HL-O/F ends the regular season Monday at Granada-Huntley-East Chain/Truman/Martin Luther.

Coyote girls win two straight basketball games

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda girls' basketball team beat Westbrook-Walnut Grove last Thursday and Renville County West Saturday before losing to Southwest Minnesota Christian Monday. In the 71-53 win over RCW, Taryn Evers scored 26 points and added eight rebounds and three blocks. Claire Reith scored 12 points, Chrissy Hermeling scored 11 points and Anna Fest finished with 11 points, six rebounds and six assists. Faith White had eight points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals and Emily Madison had nine rebounds. Evers had a double-double of 16 points and 12 rebounds in the 53-49 win over RCW. Hermeling scored 15 points, White had 10 points, four rebounds and three steals and Fest had 11 rebounds, five assists and three steals. Madison pulled down nine rebounds and Addison Fisher grabbed eight boards. In a 75-41 loss to SMC, Evers scored 11 points and Madison had nine rebounds and four assists. The Coyotes are seeded sixth in the Section 3A tournament and open Saturday at third-seeded Hills-Beaver Creek. The winner plays Tuesday, likely against second-seeded SMC.

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Completing my yearlong streak

Call me looney, call me nuts, call me whatever you would like to — except do not call me late for supper — but I went out and played a hole at the local golf course this past Friday.

Rather, I should say I played about one-third of a hole. I played the whole hole lengthwise, just not width-wise.

Scoping out the course, I deduced there was just a wide enough strip of snow-free terrain along the north half of the fairway and rough from tee box to green for me to play hole No. 9 as long as I teed off from the senior box. And hit straight. So I played.

I hit four warmup balls, three of which I was not able to see fly — thanks to keeping my head down — and the fourth was last seen heading toward the snow-packed side of the fairway — a good shot, just the wrong half of the fairway.

All four of those warmup balls are still out there waiting for further snow removal and/or better ball-finding eyes than mine for their recovery. One was even a pink ball.

My fifth shot, the one that was to count, sailed beautifully down the middle of the snow-free zone, rolling to about 160 yards from the green. Even though I normally like to play two balls, I did not want to press my luck and left well enough alone.

I did, however, drop a second ball by my other ball and played both into the green from there. Except for the four stranded balls, it was an enjoyable, well-played experience.

And, it completed a complete year of playing at least one hole each month at our course. The streak had started early last March.

Before you send too many "lost sanity"-type of adjectives my way, I will defend myself by informing you if it were not for the streak I would not have played. Or so I think.

A streak is a streak. Who wants to end

a streak on a simple technicality like snow? Certainly not me. I am not one to let a little snow get in my way of completing such an "important" streak.

Streaking was a pretty popular "sport" back in the 1970s and early '80s. Well, it was popular but not too pretty. Ray Stevens even had a hit song called "The Streak." But that was a naughty kind of streak. Not like this streak. This one was a good kind of streak. To me.

I was getting more than a little worried about being able to keep it going. February is just about over; I was running out of time. If February was a normal month and had at least 30 days, it would have helped my stress level.

And the weather forecast did not bode well for playing. Yes, last Sunday's forecast looked golfable, but my calendar did not; we had a day's worth of activities planned with golfing a hole not one of them.

February is just about over; it ends Monday. Which means spring is just around the corner. Let us hope it is a right-hand corner as they are a little shorter than a left-hand turn. A day is a day when spring is involved.

The sooner spring gets here the sooner I can ditch the long johns and don the shorts. And the sooner I can play legitimately at our course. Apparently, I am an illegitimate golfer.

March marches in Tuesday. To keep March in line, Lent starts Wednesday. So basically, kids have a week to gorge themselves with candy before they give it up until Easter.

With all of my thoughts surrounding how to keep my golf streak alive and flourishing, I have not had any mental time to decide what I shall give up or do extra during Lent.

Chances are I will follow the same format I

have used the past several years and have six or seven sacrifices I will do on a rotating basis. I do a different sacrifice each day.

One day I might read more. Another I might not drink any of my beloved Diet Mt. Dew. A third day I might make sure I am in bed at a decent, respectable hour. And so on. Using this method, I have found myself more conscious of my Lenten sacrifices.

I could be like some people I know and give up things like illegal drugs, murder and burglary, even though they do not do them anyway. And never have. Or planned to.

Which is OK, I suppose; there is nothing in the official Lent Rule Book that says you have to give up something you already do.

It is probably an unwritten rule, but who knows how to read something that is not written? There are palm readers and mind readers, but no unwritten readers.

If I read the activities calendar correctly, even though most of the winter sports seasons are complete, the Jackson County Central Middle School wrestlers are scheduled to wrestle in a junior-high tournament in Spencer, Iowa, on Tuesday.

The spring sports are scheduled to start practices in mid-March, beginning with softball practice on March 14.

And now, as I have four golf balls to go search for, along with finding whatever is left of my sanity, I close for this week. Until next week, find a Husky arena and help cheer on our teams. Go, Huskies!



WIDE WRITE

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VOSS REACHES 1,000-POINT MILESTONE

One year ago, Feb. 25, 2021

With her first basket against Maple River, Jackson County Central junior Sadie Voss became the seventh JCC girl to reach the 1,000-point milestone. Voss sank a 3-pointer to reach the milestone, then added 20 more points to finish the game at 1,022 for her career. Teammate Maci Farmer also made history in the 90-57 win, making seven 3-pointers to tie the team record held by Voss and Kaylee Burmeister. Farmer scored 31 points in the game and Rylie Cother added 15.

SCHUETT, SCHNEEKLOTH SHINE AT STATE

Five years ago, March 2, 2017

JCC juniors Abby Schneekloth and Brooklyn Schuett performed well at the Class A state meet — even if it was a hectic day. Schuett nailed her floor exercise routine, scoring 8.375 to place 20th. Things were more complicated for Schneekloth, who qualified in three events and all-around, meaning she was scheduled to perform in all four events. But an illness put things in question, with Schneekloth eventually deciding to compete on bars and beam. Schneekloth scored 8.425 on bars to finish 25th and ended her day by scoring 8.95 on beam to finish 15th.

JCC GYMNASTS FINISH SIXTH AT STATE

10 years ago, March 1, 2012

After a 12-year hiatus, the JCC gymnastics team returned to the Class A state tournament and finished sixth with a score of 138.275. Sydnee Donnelly finished 15th in all-around in the individual competition (35.975) and placed 11th on vault (9.375), 12th on floor (9.3), 21st on bars (8.675) and 24th on balance beam (8.625). Brandi Sether-Hassing finished 17th in all-around (35.7) and was 29th on floor (8.85). Adriane Rentschler finished 18th on beam (8.775) and 28th on bars (8.325).

JACKSON SIXTH IN CLASS A

25 years ago, Feb. 27, 1997 – Jackson County Pilot

The Jackson gymnastics team finished sixth at the Class A state meet with a score of 136.425. Individually, Mandy Censky finished 17th in all-around (35.7), Kim Hansen finished 20th (34.6) and Alyssa Honnette placed 27th (33.425). Censky finished 12th on bars (9.275), 18th on beam (8.625) and 25th on vault (8.7). Kelley Baker had Jackson's highest finish, placing 10th on bars (9.275) to go with finishing 20th on floor (8.85) and 24th on vault (8.7). Kim Hansen finished 26th on floor (8.6), Honnette finished 27th on vault (8.6) and Devon McConnell placed 22nd on beam (8.4).

JAGUARS BREEZE TO SECTION CROWN

25 years ago, Feb. 27, 1997 – Lakefield Standard

The HLOL/Jackson wrestling team advanced to state for the second straight season with a 46-9 win over Fulda/Murray County Central in the section finals. The Jaguars topped Tracy-Milroy 63-9 and Yellow Medicine east 55-8 to get to the finals. In the championship match, HLOL/J led 46-0 after pins by Troy Schultz, Wes Liepold and Matt Kraft; a technical fall by Nate Baker; major decisions by Nate Hanson and Shane Phillips; and decisions by Derek Harwood, Peter Alcocer, Tucker Polz, Nate Schultze and Matt Nesseth. Harwood, Alcocer, Baker, Polz, Hanson, Schultz, Liepold, Kraft and Nesseth were all 3-0 in the tournament.

EAGLE BOYS' HOCKEY

Eagles end skid in regular-season finale

The Windom Area boys' hockey team ended the regular season and a losing streak last Tuesday against Minnesota River in LeSueur.

The loss ended a five-game losing streak for the Eagles, who had been unbeaten in six straight games prior to that.

The Eagles end the regular season with a record of 11-13-1 and 8-7-1 mark in the Big South Conference.

Windom Area trailed twice early against the Bulldogs before a big third period gave the Eagles the win.

The Bulldogs scored less than two minutes into the game, but the Eagles answered 28 seconds later when Zach Espenson lit the lamp.

Minnesota River regained the lead with just more than five minutes left in the opening period, but the Eagles again had an answer.

This time, Ben Purrington scored with just 24 seconds left in the period on an assist from Ethan

Purrington.

Neither team scored in the second period and Windom Area took its first lead of the game just 70 seconds into the third period. Wyatt Haugen scored a power-play goal to put the Eagles ahead, with Brady Espenson getting the assist.

Less than two minutes later the lead grew to 4-2 when Brady Espenson scored on assists from Ethan Purrington and Sonny Heil.

An empty-net goal by Wyatt Haugen and assisted by Brady Espenson put the finishing touches on the victory.

Dan Stubbe had a fairly easy night in the net. He faced just 14 shots in the win, including just three in each of the final two periods. Windom Area outshot Minnesota River 36-14.

Up next

The Eagles open the Section 3A tournament tonight (Thursday) at Marshall (see preview below).

Eagle boys seeded fifth for sections

The Windom Area boys' hockey team is seeded fifth in the Section 3A tournament and opens the postseason at fourth-seeded Marshall Thursday at 7 p.m.

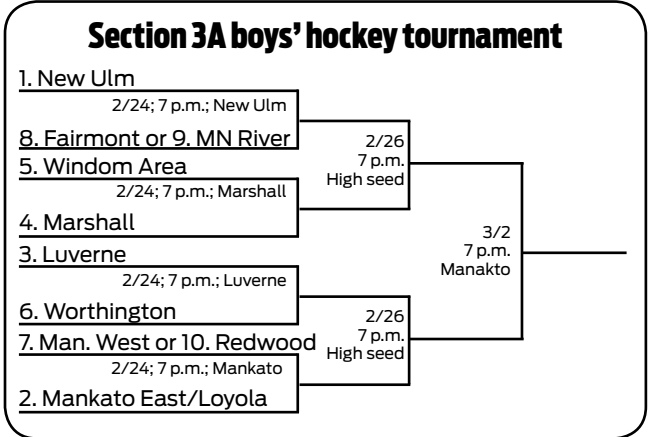
The winner advances to the section semifinals, likely against top-seeded No. 1 New Ulm. New Ulm faces the winner of No. 8 Fairmont and No. 9 Minnesota River in the quarterfinals.

Windom Area and Marshall split a pair of regular-season games this season. The Eagles (11-13-1) won 5-3 on Dec. 7, 2021, before the Tigers (14-11) won 3-2 on Jan. 27.

In the other quarterfinal matchups, No. 3 Luverne hosts No. 6 Worthington and No. 2 Mankato East/Loyola faces the winner between No. 7 Mankato West and No. 10 Redwood Valley.

The section semifinals are Feb. 26 at the high seed and the finals are March 2 in Mankato.

The Eagles have four Jackson County Central players on their roster: Dan Stubbe, Brad Gentry, Chase Hamlett and Luke Anderson.



BBB: Tough defense and patient offense

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but the Huskies were outmanned on the glass. BEA outrebounded JCC 34-23 in the contest.

Roman Voss scored 17 points and added three assists, while Travis Rogotzke scored 15 points and just missed a double-double with his nine rebounds.

Erik Hesebeck scored 10 points for the Huskies, with Christian Benda adding six and Kaden Cother three.

Damien Phaly grabbed six rebounds and snagged three steals.

Defense helps Huskies in possible playoff preview against Cards

JCC used a strong team defensive performance and patient offense to beat Luverne last week.

Head coach Alex Hein thinks the win is enough to get the Huskies the No. 4 seed in the upcoming Section 3AA tournament and a possible rematch with the Cardinals, who he projected to be seeded fifth.

"It was a great team win," he said. "It might get us a home playoff game."

The Huskies started strong, scoring the first 10 points of the game and holding the Cardinals off the scoreboard for more than five-and-a-half minutes.

"We played our best game on defense," Hein said. "We took away their stud (Gannon Ahrendt) — he only had eight points. That's team defense. That was all our guys committing to doing what we needed to do."

The Cardinals eventually climbed back within four, but the Huskies took a nine-point lead into the half when Phaly hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Huskies handled Luverne's 2-3 zone pretty well in the first half, but Hein really liked how the Huskies played on offense in the second half.

"That second half we really did a good job,"

he said. "The first half we had a couple possessions where I thought we took some 3s where we just kind of got bored and shot it. The second half we did a much better job of getting the shots we wanted."

Hesebeck erupted for 11 second-half points, Voss scored seven after the break and Rogotzke added six.

Hein said the plan was to get Hesebeck and Voss involved in the paint, and they came through.

"We got some good matchups inside with Roman and Erik and we took advantage of that," he said.

"Last time we played Luverne, Erik and Roman did a very good job inside against them and we knew we'd have to hit the outside shot a little more. We did that early — we didn't hit as many as maybe we wanted, but we hit them early, which made their zone get a little wider, which opened up Roman and Erik down low."

JCC outscored Luverne 36-16 in the paint, thanks in large part to Voss and Hesebeck.

The duo combined for 15 of JCC's first 17 points of the second half and JCC built its lead to 44-30 by that point.

The Cardinals never got any closer than 10 points the rest of the way as the Huskies sank their free throws down the stretch.

Hein said he liked his team's smart approach on offense against the Cardinals.

Boys' basketball					
JCC at Blue Earth Area					
JCC	24	27	51		
BEA	31	32	63		
JCC (52)					
Player	2	3	FT	PF	TP
Voss	4	3	0	0	17
Rogotzke	5	1	2	3	15
Cother	0	1	0	1	3
Benda	0	2	0	2	6
Hesebeck	2	1	3	2	10
Totals	11	8	5	12	51
Blue Earth Area (63)					
Totals	15	8	9	10	63



Roman Voss

nal zone.

"The biggest thing that worried me was their 2-3 zone and their pressure — what they throw at us defensively," he said. "But I thought we played really, really smart on offense. We kept moving the ball until we got good looks. Our patience to get the ball inside and attack the rim, that was really big for us on offense."

A couple days of practice ahead of the matchup made that possible.

"We see some teams play some 2-3, but most teams play more man than they do," Hein said. "We haven't seen a 2-3 for a while, so it was a good thing we got two days of practice to work on it."

Voss led the Huskies with 15 points and added four rebounds and four assists. Hesebeck finished with 13 points and three rebounds.

Rogotzke scored eight points and Phaly added five. Both matched Voss' team lead with four rebounds and Phaly added three assists.

Benda poured in seven points, Caleb Thurmer finished with five points and three assists and Cother added two points.

Trojans too tough

JCC and Worthington played a tightly contested game for 31 minutes last Tuesday, but the Trojans pulled away in the final five minutes to win 72-63.

A basket by Hesebeck and 3-pointer by Cother early in the second half got the Huskies within one, but the Trojans rattled off six straight points to lead 48-41.

Boys' basketball					
JCC vs. Luverne					
LUV	18	24	42		
JCC	27	28	55		
JCC (55)					
Player	2	3	FT	PF	TP
Phaly	1	1	0	4	5
Voss	7	0	1	3	15
Rogotzke	2	0	4	3	8
Cother	1	0	0	2	2
Thurmer	1	1	0	1	5
Benda	1	1	2	1	7
Hesebeck	5	0	3	2	13
Totals	18	3	10	16	55
Luverne (42)					
Totals	10	5	7	19	42

Boys' basketball					
JCC vs. Worthington					
WOR	40	32	72		
JCC	36	27	63		
JCC (63)					
Player	2	3	FT	PF	TP
Phaly	3	0	4	5	10
Voss	5	1	0	4	13
Rogotzke	2	0	5	4	9
Cother	1	1	1	0	6
Timmer	3	0	4	1	10
Benda	1	1	2	5	7
Hesebeck	3	0	2	2	8
Totals	18	3	18	22	63
Worthington (72)					
Totals	20	5	17	22	72

GBB: Huskies hang with the Cardinals

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ally good team. They're the No. 1 seed for a reason. I thought our girls came out and played hard."

The Huskies trailed 11-2 early, but fought back to tie the game late in the half.

Kylee Wenzel scored and Rylie Cother drilled a 3-pointer to knot the score at 18 with less than two minutes to play in the first half. Destiny Timmer answered a Cardinal basket with one of her own to tie

the game again before the Cardinals took a 23-20 lead into the half.

Early in the game, the Huskies had four shots blocked as they tried to drive to the basket.

"We ran into their tall girls a little too much and missed a few shots," York said. "I told them, 'No. 5 and No. 1 are probably the best shot blockers around, so maybe instead of challenging them, let's shoot the pullup.' Then No. 5 got hurt and No. 1 got in foul trouble, so we didn't have to worry about it quite as much."

Luverne scored the first four points of the second half to lead by seven and still had a seven-point lead until Sadie Voss hit a 3-pointer with just less than 15 minutes to play.

That was the first basket of the game for Voss, who added four more points to finish with seven.

Maci Farmer made a pair

of free throws to get the Huskies back within four points and Emma Haren knocked down a 3-pointer to get the Huskies back within six after a mini Cardinal run.

A basket by Timmer and two free throws by Kylee Wenzel cut the Luverne lead to seven, but the Cardinals continued to keep a lead of around 10 points most of the rest of the game.

Farmer finished with a team-high 17 points and

nine rebounds, while Cother tallied 14 points and six boards.

Voss finished with seven points, three assists and three steals. Wenzel (six rebounds) and Timmer (five rebounds) each scored four points and Haren (four rebounds) added three.

Up next

JCC opens the section tournament Saturday at home against St. James Area (see preview below).



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON

Above: Sadie Voss puts up a left-handed shot during last week's game against Luverne. Left: Destiny Timmer eyes a 3-pointer against the Cardinals.

Huskies open playoffs Saturday at home against Saints

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central girls' basketball team gets one more home game this year.

The Huskies earned the No. 4 seed in the South half of the Section 3AA tournament and host fifth-seeded St. James Area Saturday at 7 p.m.

JCC won the regular-season matchup between the two teams 81-72 on Feb. 5.

Head coach Rafe York says he hopes the post-season matchup isn't as close.

"That was a nine-point

game last time," he said. "I think we can do better this time, but we'll see what happens."

The Huskies have had plenty of time to prepare for the Saints since they ended the regular season this past Friday.

"It's going to be a lot of prep for St. James," York said of the team's practice plans. "There's going to be a lot of film watched to see if we can't figure out how to improve from last time."

The Saints won't be a pushover, though, York said.

"Their point guard is really good," he said. "We need to try to limit what

she does and take care of the other ones. We've got to play good defense. That's been our focus for a while now is playing good D."

With a win over St. James Area, the Huskies would likely face top-seeded Luverne in the sub-section semifinals Tuesday at a site to be determined.

The Cardinals won both matchups this season, winning 76-58 last December before winning 57-49 in last week's regular-season finale.

York liked the way the Huskies played against the Cardinals last week

despite the outcome. Georgianna Wenzel missed nearly the entire game with an injury and the Huskies missed some makeable shots, which gives York confidence if the teams meet again.

"I'd love to see Luverne again," he said. "If we can play that kind of game and make a few more shots, it'll be fun."

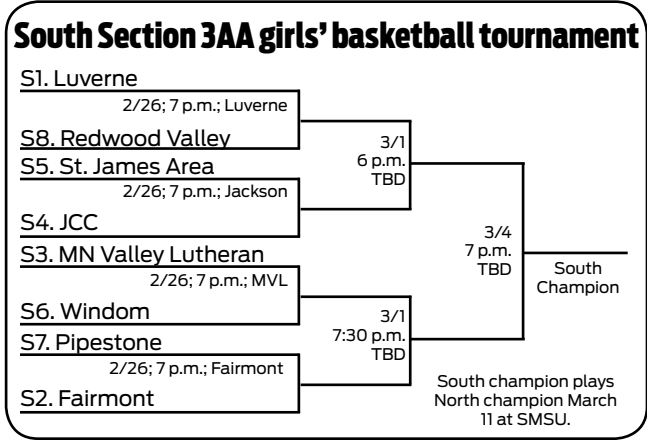
In other first-round matchups on the south side of the section, No. 2 Fairmont hosts No. 7 Pipestone and No. 3 Minnesota Valley Lutheran hosts No. 6 Windom.

Montevideo and New London-Spicer are the top

two seeds, respectively, on the north side of the bracket.

The sub-section finals are March 4 and the sec-

tion championship game is March 11 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.



CHAMPS: Domination

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JCC answered with pins by Nolan Ambrose and Kie Anderson to take a 12-3 lead.

The Panthers elected to keep Carter off of second-ranked Anderson at 120 pounds, but the move didn't pay off for TMB/WWG. Anderson beat Carter 7-4 nine days earlier and was 4-0 against the Panther.

Anderson said he was geared up to face Carter yet again.

"I was planning on it," he said, adding it didn't change his strategy when the Panthers sent out David Schuh. "I just try to think logically and calm myself down and think what I need to do to score and win."

Anderson said he and top-ranked Ambrose can provide a big boost to the entire team with wins early in the dual.

"Isaac does a really good job and once me and Nolan get out there, if we can get a couple pins, it really helps with morale against their team. It puts them down and helps us get going and get on a roll."

The Huskies were on a roll after the back-to-back pins and then really took control with Andrews' upset.

Carter got the initial takedown, but Andrews worked an escape and takedown to lead 3-2 after the first period.

Another escape by Andrews build the lead to 4-2, but Carter tied the match with a takedown of his own. Andrews followed with an escape and takedown to lead 7-4 after two periods.

Andrews allowed a takedown in the third, but worked an escape and held on for an 8-7 victory.

"I think that was a really early blow to them mentally as much as it was on the scoreboard," Hanson said. "They were probably thinking six points there and Landon came out and wrestled just a great match. He controlled the whole thing."

Andrews said his goal was to keep the match close, but knew he could win it after the second period.

"It was pretty awesome," he said.

The upset, along with the two early pins from highly ranked Ambrose and Anderson, gave the Huskies plenty of momentum.

"That fuels us a lot," Payton Handevidt said. "Once the momentum gets going, one big win can just boost the whole team and lead to a great day."

Logan Butzon followed Andrews' victory with a pin to give the Huskies a 21-3 lead.

The Panthers got their second and final victory of the day at 138 pounds as fourth-ranked Ayden Horner beat Thomas Freking.



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Members of the Jackson County Central wrestling team celebrate their Section 3A championship Saturday. Team members are (front, from left): Landon Andrews, Isaiah Rodriguez, Kie Anderson, Andrew Boyum, Payton Handevidt, Isaac Rodriguez, Skyler Andrews, Ben Dahlin, Trey Rossow and Nolan Ambrose. Back: Matt Haley, Will Freking, Cameron Scholten, Dylan Withers, Trace Michelson, Caleb Vancura, Jack Mix, Thomas Freking, Logan Butzon, Seth Stai and Braydan Winter.

ing 3-2 with a third-period takedown.

Dylan Withers followed with a third-period pin for a 27-6 lead halfway through the dual and that started a streak of eight straight wins to end the tournament.

Isaiah Rodriguez picked up a pin with just eight seconds left in the first period before JCC's big thumpers took control.

Top-ranked Handevidt got a pin at 160 pounds and eighth-ranked Matt Haley did the same at 170 pounds for a 45-6 lead.

Third-ranked Caleb Vancura beat fourth-ranked Caden Johnson at 182 pounds for a 48-6 advantage.

Vancura had Johnson on

his back in the second period and led 9-3 after two periods before hanging on for a 10-8 victory.

"Caleb had a big win over a ranked guy," Hanson said.

Fourth-ranked Will Freking made it back-to-back wins over ranked wrestlers for the Huskies as he stuck sixth-ranked Travis Willhite with four seconds left in the first period.

Handevidt said having four straight ranked wrestlers in the second half of the lineup gives himself and the team plenty of confidence.

"We're pretty good there," he said. "We all work together in practice and we all push each other. That's just what makes us great."

Trace Michelson followed with a second-period pin and Cameron Scholten finished off the victory with a 7-0 decision at 285 pounds.

"Cameron wrestled another really smart match against a good heavyweight from Tracy," Hanson said. "We beat him 5-0 and 7-0 and he's beat a lot of guys in the section, so that could be a section finals preview."

Michelson has wrestled well down the stretch, which included a win over Travis Willhite on Feb. 10.

"Trace took care of business again and Will made quick work of the sixth-ranked guy," Hanson said. "Trace wrestled another great match. He's wres-

ting really well for us. He's probably one of our most improved wrestlers from the beginning of the season until now."

'Pretty special'

Hanson said winning the section title for the second straight year is "pretty special" and getting to wrestle at the Xcel Energy Center this year after last year's tournament was moved to St. Michael-Albertville High School makes it even better.

"It'll be everybody's first time at the X, which is a big deal," he said. "It's just a great experience for the 14 guys, plus the seven alternates."

Handevidt said getting the chance to wrestle as a team at the Xcel Energy Center will be pretty neat. He and Butzon have wrestled there in the individual state tournament, but none of the current Huskies has been there as a team.

"It's super special, especially since this year it's going to be at the Xcel," he said. "We're all going to be able to feel the whole town and crowd there behind us."

Andrews said he's looking forward to the opportunity to wrestle on the state's biggest stage.

"It's pretty awesome knowing that we'll be there," he said.

Second straight shutout

The Huskies had their second straight shutout to open the postseason with an 82-0 win over F/MCC in Saturday's quarterfinals.

JCC got a pin in all but one match, which was a

major decision by Isaiah Rodriguez.

Isaac Rodriguez, Ben Dahlin, Ambrose, Anderson, Butzon, Thomas Freking, Withers, Handevidt, Haley, Vancura, Will Freking, Michelson and Scholten all got pins in the huge win.

Huskies blank Tigers

The Huskies were nearly perfect in their postseason opener, beating ninth-seeded Springfield 81-0 last Thursday. JCC got the maximum amount of points in 13 of the 14 matches, with 11 coming via pinfall.

Isaac Rodriguez, Ambrose, Andrews, Butzon, Thomas Freking, Withers, Isaiah Rodriguez, Handevidt, Vancura, Will Freking and Michelson each pinned their opponents, with Ambrose's fall the quickest in just 20 seconds.

Anderson and Haley received forfeits and Scholten capped the win with a 5-1 decision.

Up next

The Huskies compete in the individual Section 3A tournament Saturday in Wabasso (see preview below).

The team state tournament takes place March 3 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, with the individual state tournament March 4-5 at the same spot.

Brackets for the team tourney were released Tuesday and are available online at jacksoncountypilot.com and lakefieldstandard.com.

A complete preview of the state tournament will be in next week's paper.



Will Freking works for a pin in JCC's shutout win over Fulda/Murray County Central.



Landon Andrews controls Devin Carter of Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove in the Section 3A finals Saturday. Andrews beat the third-ranked Panther 8-7.



Dylan Withers works his way to a pin in JCC's win over Fulda/Murray County Central in the section semifinals.

JCC wrestling			
JCC 63, TMB/WWG 6			
106	Carlson (TMB) dec. (12-10 OT)	Isaac Rodriguez	0-3
113	Ambrose (JCC) fall (:49)	Gillette	6-3
120	Anderson (JCC) fall (2:16)	D. Schuh	12-3
126	L. Andrews (JCC) dec. (8-7)	Carter	15-3
132	Butzon (JCC) fall (2:30)	Swanson	21-3
138	Horner (TMB) dec. (3-2)	T. Freking	21-6
145	Withers (JCC) fall (4:49)	A. Schuh	27-6
152	Isaiah Rodriguez (JCC) fall (1:52)	Squires	33-6
160	Handevidt (JCC) fall (2:39)	Crumrine	39-6
170	Haley (JCC) fall (1:34)	Erbes	45-6
182	Vancura (JCC) dec. (10-8)	Johnson	48-6
195	W. Freking (JCC) fall (1:56)	T. Willhite	54-6
220	Michelson (JCC) fall (2:20)	Martinez	60-6
285	Scholten (JCC) dec. (7-0)	N. Willhite	63-6

JCC wrestling			
JCC 82, Fulda/MCC 0			
106	Isaac Rodriguez (JCC) fall (3:26)	Meyer	6-0
113	Dahlin (JCC) fall (1:41)	L. Kuball	12-0
120	Ambrose (JCC) fall (:58)	Clarke	18-0
126	Anderson (JCC) fall (:32)	Mathiowetz	24-0
132	Butzon (JCC) fall (4:15)	Ash	30-0
138	T. Freking (JCC) fall (2:56)	Lorenzen	36-0
145	Withers (JCC) fall (4:28)	Olsem	42-0
152	Isaiah Rodriguez (JCC) maj. (16-6)	Benda	46-0
160	Handevidt (JCC) fall (:07)	Landsman	52-0
170	Haley (JCC) fall (1:32)	C. Klein	58-0
182	Vancura (JCC) fall (3:32)	C. Kuball	64-0
195	W. Freking (JCC) fall (1:04)	Kesteloot	70-0
220	Michelson (JCC) fall (1:00)	Henning	76-0
285	Scholten (JCC) fall (:19)	R. Klein	82-0

JCC wrestling			
JCC 81, Springfield 0			
106	Isaac Rodriguez (JCC) fall (:32)	Groebner	6-0
112	Ambrose (JCC) fall (:20)	Wi. Schmidt	12-0
120	Anderson (JCC) forfeit		18-0
126	L. Andrews (JCC) fall (3:38)	Wy. Schmidt	24-0
132	Butzon (JCC) fall (1:05)	Bast	30-0
138	T. Freking (JCC) fall (2:54)	P. Johnson	36-0
145	Withers (JCC) fall (:50)	Moudry	42-0
152	Isaiah Rodriguez (JCC) fall (1:16)	Weber	48-0
160	Handevidt (JCC) fall (1:41)	A. Johnson	54-0
170	Haley (JCC) forfeit		60-0
182	Vancura (JCC) fall (1:09)	Honeman	66-0
195	W. Freking (JCC) fall (:55)	Streich	72-0
220	Michelson (JCC) fall (:58)	Rummel	78-0
285	Scholten (JCC) dec. (5-1)	Clemmon	81-0

'Goal is to get them all through'

Individual trips to the Class A state wrestling tournament are up for grabs Saturday at the Section 3A individual tournament in Wabasso, which begins at 10 a.m.

The top two finishers in each weight class advance to state and Jackson County Central head coach Nate Hanson said getting all 14 Huskies through isn't out of the question.

"I wouldn't be shocked if we could get all 14 guys through," he said. "We're not going to be favored to do that, but I think that's

the goal is to get them all through."

The Huskies have some inspiration from south of the border. Waverly-Shell Rock sent all 14 of its wrestlers to the Iowa state tournament, setting a goal for the Huskies.

"We wrestled Waverly-Shell Rock at The Clash and they got all 14 guys through and we split seven-seven with them," Hanson said.

The Huskies had 10 state qualifiers a year ago, albeit in a different postseason format. Last winter, the

top four finishers in the Section 3A tournament and Section 2A tournament advanced to the Super Regional. From there, the top four finishers were considered state qualifiers and the top two made it to the state tournament — which was just an eight-person bracket.

This year's tournament returns to normal, with each section sending two wrestlers to the Xcel Energy Center for a 16-person bracket at each weight class.

Senior Kie Anderson,

who finished third at state last year, said he's hoping to see as many of his teammates as possible on the mat at state.

"We want to take home as many titles as possible," he said. "See how many people we can get there and work hard to do as best as we can."

Other state qualifiers returning this season are Nolan Ambrose, Payton Handevidt, Logan Butzon, Caleb Vancura, Thomas Freking, Matt Haley, Dylan Withers and Will Freking.

Huskies are No. 1 seed at state

The Jackson County Central wrestling team is the No. 1 seed for the Class A state wrestling tournament and opens against unseeded Maple River/United South Central. The two teams face off March 3 at 11 a.m. at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

On the same half of the bracket, fourth-seeded Kimball Area opens against No. 5 West Central Area/Ashby/Brandon-Evansville.

On the other half, No. 2 Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa opens against unseeded Dover-Eyota and No. 3 Royalton/Upsala opens against unseeded United North Central.

The semifinals are at 1 p.m. and the championship dual takes place at 7 p.m.

The entire tournament, including consolation rounds, takes place March 3.

The only team in the field the Huskies have faced head-to-head this season is BBE, which JCC beat 48-19 on Feb. 11.

For a complete preview of the team and individual state tournament, see next week's paper.

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DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CONTINUE WHILE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE IGNORED

By LLOYD KALFS

All across southwest Minnesota, drainage improvement projects trend upwards along with land values, property taxes, and ditch assessments for all landowners whether they are for or against such projects. Controversy has surrounded drainage improvements that carry price tags in the tens of millions with questionable benefits and undeniable environmental consequences. Despite concerns from the DNR and the general public regarding the financial and ecological implications, drainage authority orders of approval continue for the petitioners of drainage projects.

It is an unfortunate fact that drainage has destroyed the water quality of southwest Minnesota. Right, wrong, or indifferent, public drainage systems were installed to drain wetlands and provide more farmland for settlers looking to make a living working the land. As time passed, private tile lines were added to improve the cropping potential of wet acres. Fast forward to today when many miles of pattern tile have been added to public systems and what results are overburdened streams surging with floodwaters leading to record lake elevations.

A recent update of the DNR Heron Lake Management Plan has documented that storm flooding can cause water levels to rise approximately 3 feet within 48 hours. Additionally, the DNR notes that late spring runoff may cause lake elevations to increase from 4-6 feet. Although systems such as JD 3 are said to be failing, the recently documented large fluctuations of Heron Lake’s water levels undoubtably come from the significant volumes of water added from private tile which now outlet into our public drainage systems. Now factor in an expanded public drainage system with lines two, three, and four times larger than what exists resulting in substantially larger volumes of water entering our lakes and streams. For added efficiency, any existing tile not excessively blocked by sediment will remain tied into the system further increasing drainage capacity.

Engineers insist that 97 acre-feet of storage ponds in the JD 3 improvement project (equivalent to only 0.05 inches of rain over the entire watershed) will reduce peak flows eliminating any impact to Heron Lake. A hydrograph of this scenario tells a different story and only shows a slight reduction in peak flow. Furthermore, the hydrograph shows that larger volumes of water will enter Heron Lake as a result of the improvement project as outlined in the April 22, 2021, DNR advisory letter.

Visit the Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) website and you’ll first see large lettering proudly expressing that the district advocates for lakes, rivers, and streams with a mission statement to protect and improve the water resources within its boundaries. Unfortunately, decisions to approve projects like JD 3 reflect a completely different attitude toward our natural resources. The North Heron Lake Game Producers Association (NHLGPA) sent a letter to the watershed board of managers dated August 30, 2021, expressing their deep concerns with the JD 3 improvement project. They explain that the altered hydrology of Heron Lake as a result of expanded agricultural drainage systems will cause increased lake level fluctuations further changing the native plant regime and impacting both wetland and upland nesting bird populations, all dependent upon stable water elevations.

The 472 square-mile Heron Lake watershed contains a total of 41 public drainage systems spread over four counties (Jackson, Nobles, Murray, and Cottonwood). Jackson County alone contains 104 ditch systems while neighboring Martin County hosts even more with 174. Over the last 50 years, every drainage system in southwest Minnesota has been expanded by the addition of private tile adding to the volume of water drained by the systems despite their “disrepair”. Considering the trend of drainage improvement projects across many counties, imagine each of these systems augmented by larger, longer tile lines doubled and tripled in size to gain an “industry standard” 0.5-inch drainage coefficient. Cumulatively, the massive volumes of water containing sediment and nutrients these improvements would add to our public waters is mind-boggling! Factor in the streambank erosion caused by swelling streams from increasingly larger rainfall events and the resulting ecological consequences are worthy of an environmental state of emergency. Unfortunately, drainage authorities approving these projects to not understand this dire situation.

I recently had the pleasure of attending the I-90 Soil Health Tour at the Heron Lake Community Center on Friday, February 11. This free event put on by the Jackson and Nobles County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD’s) featured three speakers who have been implementing cover crops and other soil health practices on their farms in southern Minnesota.

Besides an overabundance of environmental benefits, regenerative agriculture also boasts huge financial incentives such as a 45% decrease in fertilizer costs over conventional farming methods. Key speaker Mitchell Hora also discussed how cover crops can be used for moisture management. Cereal rye for example takes up enormous amounts of moisture drying fields for cash crops like soybeans. Infiltration studies on fields utilizing cover crops within the JD 3 watershed have shown water infiltration rates as high as 11 in./hour while adjacent fields utilizing conventional tillage sat under ponded water. This clearly indicates drainage improvements go far beyond necessity.

Alternative methods of soil moisture management, which immensely improve groundwater recharge, provide a cost-effective, sustainable alternative to the millions of dollars spent on drainage improvement projects. This begs the question, what about unmitigated drainage developments, cumulatively adding unimaginable volumes of water to our lakes and streams, is sustainable? In short, the trending popularity of drainage system improvements is **not sustainable!** Sensible drainage projects would restore failing tile lines to their original size while reducing overall output at the outlet with water retention and wetland restoration.

A January 20 article written in the Star Tribune by David Joles entitled If Politicians Coached the Vikings, Fans Would Learn Why Minnesota Conservation Loses So Often, explains how 201 legislators and the governor ultimately control policy affecting our natural resources. This is despite the perspective of many skilled DNR and BWSR (Board of Water and Soil Resources) staff whose expertise would go a long way to ensure conservation wins in Minnesota.

In regard to what goes on in the legislative aisles, Joles states, “For some, “victory” is defined as ensuring that many of the state’s lakes and rivers are not managed as pristine natural resources, but as wastewater and farm-runoff ditches.” Along with the weakening of wetland protection laws, he rightfully calls this “Minnesota’s conservation crisis”.

For the Heron Lake watershed, we have a board of five managers whose best interests do not align with improved water quality, wildlife habitat, or natural resources, nor do they advocate for lakes and streams as the HLWD website so proudly states. They’ll say, “once these projects start, they can’t be stopped”. Well, I guess that means they haven’t read Minnesota Statute 103E.341 subdivision 1. **Dismissal of proceedings.** This portion of Minnesota rule indicates clearly that a project may be dismissed for its overall environmental impact with regards to wetlands, water quality, fish, and wildlife resources.

What may be most disturbing is the manner in which these proceedings are considered. In a continuation of the final hearing for the JD 3 improvement project, the attorney representing the petitioners presented the engineers with several questions pertaining to statute as to whether the drainage project should be established. The chief engineer answered yes to all of these questions. In reality, these questions are not presented in statute for the engineer to answer. What is supposed to happen is that the drainage authority, in this case the HLWD board of managers, should take into consideration not only the engineers report, but also public comments, and the perspective of both the DNR and BWSR. Instead, it appears that the board of managers take the engineers report as gospel. In fact, during a public meeting, the board chair asked the engineer, “Okay, what kind of a motion do you need then?”

Consider also evidence presented by the DNR indicating that lake level fluctuations from this project severely threaten a rare wetland type known as a calcareous fen. These habitats are given special protection by statute (MN Statute 103G.223) in that they may not be degraded in any way. Yet state law, rare habitat types, endangered species (Henslow’s sparrow), water quality concerns, threatened birds (Wilson’s phalarope), nor nesting species of special concern (trumpeter swan) slows the approval of drainage projects.

The unmitigated drainage improvements that are being constructed at a rapid pace in southwest Minnesota represent a serious threat to our natural resources. It is a well-known fact that drainage is what destroyed our water quality a century ago and now the mindset is to do it bigger and better than before. The sheer number of public ditches and private tile in each county means extraordinary volumes of water will be added to our lakes and rivers as these systems are redesigned on a grander scale to provide better drainage. Mass public engagement is needed to change these trends to protect our waters and wildlife.

(About the author: Lloyd Kalfs has a degree in natural resources from Northland College. He lives in Okabena.)

Knowledge bowl teams see success

by JOSHUA SCHUETZ
Staff Writer

Jackson County Central's knowledge bowl teams are in the midst of what coach Rhonda Schmidt says is shaping up to a successful season, with several state-qualifying students returning from last year and meets moving back in person after a year of virtual competitions.

"We have one team that has placed first in all of our meets so far and we have quite a few kids out for it this year," Schmidt said. "I'm pretty confident that one of our teams will make it to state."

Knowledge bowl competitions have a similar structure to the show, "Jeopardy," with different categories of questions for students to take on.

"They start with a written round that ranks the teams, then they go against other teams," Schmidt said. "Judges and coaches read questions and they give 15 seconds to find the right answer."

One technique students use to make sure their teams are competitive is to cover each other's weaknesses. For example, if one student is particularly adept at mathematics, he or she could be paired with someone knowledgeable about history and English. As with many things in life, Schmidt said, balance is the key to success. Other techniques include being strategic about when to answer a question, as different questions may take more time to parse through than others.

"They learn a lot of different techniques," Schmidt said. "For example, on math questions you don't necessarily want to be the first one to answer, because you only have 15 seconds and math questions tend to take longer."

Last year, the kids had to

navigate virtual competitions, which Schmidt said was a challenge, as the activity doesn't translate well to the Internet.

"It's really an in-person sport, because it's a lot easier to cheat online, so we have to have coaches or referees in with the students," Schmidt said. "We actually used Discord, which is a gaming messaging platform."

It worked well, Schmidt said, but everyone on the team was happy to see in-person meets resume. Getting to meet other kids involved in the activity is one of the biggest benefits for students, Schmidt said. Sometimes, teams from JCC end up facing off against one another at meets, increasing competitiveness.

"They really like the social aspect, because you get to meet a lot of kids," Schmidt said.

The next meet, on Feb. 28, is at JCC and once March rolls around, the teams will compete at the sub-regional and regional levels at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. That will happen on March 7 and 10, respectively. On April 7-8, qualifying teams will compete at state-level competition at Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake in Brainerd.

Win or lose, Schmidt said she loves coaching the JCC teams, working with students and helping them learn to be the best they can be at the sport.

"I've been coaching it for 25 years and it's one of my favorite things to do," Schmidt said. "It's a lot of fun with this group of kids."



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CORY SPEAKS

Above: Students from Riverside Elementary School and Pleasantview Elementary School listen intently to motivational speaker Cory Greenwood during his seminar this past Friday at the Jackson County Central High School. Greenwood also spoke to middle- and high-school students and put on a public performance. Left: Greenwood and Ashley Selnes get high-fives from elementary students during the final portion of the seminar in which students were to high-five, hug or fist bump each other in a show of belonging.

DEAN'S LISTS

CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY

Rachel Salentiny of Lakefield has been named to the dean's honor list for the fall 2021 semester at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 grade-point average

or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Salentiny is majoring social work.

CONCORDIA

Isaac Hedstrom of Lakefield has been named to the fall honors list for the 2021-2022 academic year

at Concordia University in Mequon, Wis.

To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.6 grade-point average.

Hedstrom is a senior philosophy major at Concordia.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS

Cole Nolte of Heron Lake has been named to the fall semester dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

The list comprises students who have earned a 3.7 grade-point average or higher for the semester ending in December 2021.

UND

Anna J. Volk of Heron Lake has been named to the dean's list and president's roll of honor at the

University of North Dakota in Grand Forks for the fall 2021 semester.

The dean's list comprises students whose grade-point average are in the top 15 percent of the enrollment in each of the university's degree-granting colleges and schools. A student must have completed no fewer than 12 semester hours of academic work for the semester, of which eight or more hours must be graded work rather than "satisfactory/unsatisfactory."

To qualify for the president's roll of honor, a student must have an overall cumulative grade-point average of 3.8 or higher. The student must also have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours and have completed a minimum of 12 hours at the close of the semester, eight of which must be for traditional letter grades.

GRADUATE

NDSU

Hunter J. Gustin of Lakefield graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo following the fall 2021 semester.

Gustin graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences.



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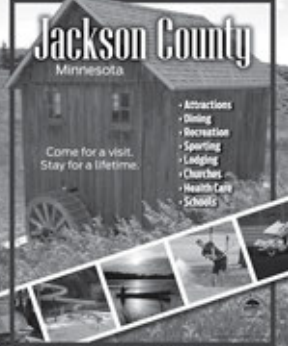
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JCC BASKETBALL

Girls' basketball scores

JCC 77	MCC	35
JCC 77	Redwood	23
JCC 80	Waseca	78
JCC 58	Luverne	76
JCC 66	Worthington	90
JCC 70	WWG	48
JCC 90	Windom	81
JCC 86	Pipestone	65
JCC 90	USC	28
JCC 94	GHEC/T/ML	80
JCC 70	Fairmont	74
JCC 44	Esterville LC	73
JCC 38	Marshall	80
JCC 90	Redwood	30
JCC 62	Worthington	86
JCC 89	Windom	72
JCC 75	Minnewaska	73
JCC 72	MLA/C	53
JCC 84	Pipestone	86
JCC 81	St. James	72
JCC 84	BEA	37
JCC 52	Marshall	80
JCC 74	Tri-City United	35
JCC 54	Caledonia	90
JCC 72	MCW	43
JCC 49	Luverne	57

JCC opens the Section 3AA tournament Saturday, Feb. 26 vs. St. James Area

The Section 3AA tournament continues March 1, 4 and 11.

The Class AA state tournament is March 16-19.

Overall record: 16-10

BSC record: 5-7

Photo by Dan Condon

Members of the Jackson County Central girls' basketball team are (front, from left): Blylee Anderson, Kailey Fricke and Brooklyn Stenzel. Middle: Assistant coach Easton Bahr, Megan Benson, Kylee Wenzel, Georgianna Wenzel, Maci Farmer and Rylie Cotter. Back: Head coach Rate York, Sadie Voss, Emma Haren, Madelyn Rowe, Destiny Timmer and assistant coach Jon Beckman.

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