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# All Saints Lutheran in NYA saying goodbye to pastor

BY MEGAN GLENN  
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No matter what your job is, eventually you need to retire. For Eric Aune, pastor for All Saints Lutheran Church, that time has come. While a bittersweet time, Aune has quite the send off from the community being set up. As part of being a pastor, he's receiving a specific blessing from a Minneapolis Area Synod bishop, who will be coming to All Saints this November.

"Having somebody here like Eric who has served so many years, of course it's hard to let go," said Pastor Matt Schroeder. "We are excited to see where the future is going to take us, but it's still bittersweet."

Aune has been a part of the All Saints community for 36 years, and is quite beloved, according to Schroeder. During his time, he's participated for every holiday, blessing, and service he could. To honor his service, the Minneapolis Area Synod was contacted for the opportunity to do a Godspeed Blessing. This blessing is done when someone or multiple people leave the service, whether that's to move or retire. Essentially, the blessing wishes them happiness in their new place, wherever it may be.

The Synod responded, and is sending Bishop Ann Svennugsen to perform the blessing. As part of the celebration, All Saints will be providing free coffee and



Pastor Eric Aune giving a service to the congregation of All Saints Lutheran. (Submitted photo)

donuts for those that come to the service. A lunch will also be taking place afterwards, catered by Hillcrest.

As part of the blessing, Svennugsen will also provide the service for the day, so anyone who attends All Saints will have a special day ahead of them.

"It'll be great to have her in worship," said Schroeder.

While Svennugsen is coming out on Nov. 21, Pastor Aune's final day isn't until Christmas Eve. There are a couple

reasons for this. One was the fact that it was assumed most of the congregation would like the chance to say goodbye in the upcoming months. The second is knowing that families are stressed with the holidays, and the church didn't want to surprise families in December.

As for what Aune plans on doing now that he's retired, he's "already gone full grandpa," according to Schroeder. Aune is planning to spend time with his family, starting with Christmas, of course. He is a

local resident, so he'll still be seen around town, and will likely reappear at All Saints occasionally, but not as a pastor.

With his departure, an interim pastor will be sent by the Synod for the time being. Since All Saints has two pastors, Schroeder and the interim will take over for now. The likely scenario is Schroeder becoming the head pastor and receiving an assistant, as has been pattern. However, the congregation will help determine the next course of action for All Saints' future over the next few months.

"We're all a little sad that Eric isn't coming with us in the future, but there's a lot to look forward to as well," said Schroeder. "And it's not like we'll never see him again."

The Godspeed Blessing will be taking place at All Saints Lutheran Church in NYA on Nov. 21 at 10:15 a.m. The blessing is open to all, however it has been requested that anyone wishing to attend lunch RSVP using the following link: [www.allsaintsnya.org/\\_forms/view/36504](http://www.allsaintsnya.org/_forms/view/36504). This so the church staff can be aware of how many plan to eat and how many places to prepare.

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# The mystery of the disappearing workforce

Let's see if this makes sense. Employers are begging for workers. Doing its part, the federal government has opened up the southern border, welcoming anybody with a pulse, no paperwork necessary. That also continues the spiraling increase in drug overdoses from fentanyl and the like.

Last year, 93,331 Americans died from drug overdoses, more than the total who died from car accidents and gun shots combined. In Minnesota, 1,008 died, a 27% increase over 2019. Through the first quarter of this year, the state was on track to surpass that dubious record by another 30%.

While the overwhelmed Border Patrol was waving people through, it did manage to confiscate a record amount of fentanyl – more than two and a half tons from Oct. 1, 2020, to March 10, 2021. That was more than it found in the previous 12 months.

Meanwhile, store shelves are becoming ever emptier as ships line up halfway to Hawaii to off-load their cargo. The reason? Allegedly nobody can find enough help.

Where did these people go? The common thought is that they are home eating Cheetos and watching soap opera reruns while living off the federal government's supplemental unemployment compensation. However, the politicians' excessive generosity ended last month.

The fact is, in a 14-county area of central Minnesota, ranging from Carver to Wadena counties, in the 12 months ending on Aug. 31, the available labor force shrunk by



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1,488 people while 4,205 more people were added to the employed work force. In all 14 counties, the jobless rate shrank, so now the highest rate is only 3.9% in Mille Lacs County and the lowest is 2.1% in Pope County. Almost any economist will tell you that, by definition, is full employment.

Where did these people go? Here's three possibilities: 1. Obviously some of them OD'ed, but not enough to explain such a labor shortage. 2. More Baby Boomers went on Social Security than Millennials entered the work force, and Social Security recipients don't show up on jobless totals. Again, that can only be part of it. 3. Some people got tired of waiting for Gov. Walz to take the clamps off the economy and went off to other states to find work. There's no current study of how many people, if any, did that. The U.S. Census Bureau does say that 26,253 more Americans left the state than moved here from 2010 to 2019.

Regardless, as the culture wars continue, the power elites are firing people who refuse to get vaccinated. From Chicago

cops to college football coaches to NBA millionaires, the refrain is, "Get vaxxed or don't get paid." Even public employees, who never have anything bad to say about Democrat office holders, are protesting mask and vaccine mandates.

Can someone explain how those people are going to be replaced when so much of the labor force has disappeared?

Because of the labor shortage, we are told, goods can't get to market. However, Minnesota state government is rolling in dough. The first quarter of the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 found the state \$657 million over budget. Income and sales tax revenues were both up substantially, but over half of the surplus came from corporate taxes. Apparently, reducing workers and goods on shelves is good for the bottom line, but businesses are begging for more workers.

Not surprisingly, given the surplus of cash and thus demand and the shortage of goods and thus supplies, inflation is well into double digits on many products. Suddenly, unions are getting ornery because the increase in corporate profits has largely bypassed the workers on the factory floor.

About the only group that has yet to get that message is the Social Security Administration. (Conflict of Interest Alert: Your correspondent is of a certain age that he pays attention to such things.) The SSA said it will raise payments next year by 5.9%, the highest percentage in years. While an increase of that size should move

up the program's insolvency another year, it is based on the theory that food prices have risen 4.6%, energy costs are up 24.8% and everything else is up only 4.0%.

Of course, senior citizens are mostly affected by housing, food and mobility costs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics found that fuel oil and gasoline prices are up 42%, natural gas is up 20.6% (with predictions that it will be up 30% this winter over last), new vehicles are up 8.7% and used vehicles are up 24.4%.

The Producer Price Index offers an even grimmer outlook. Just in the nine months since Joe Biden became president, the overall PPI is up 6.6%. The PPI is a precursor of consumer prices because it consists of the changes in prices for the raw materials used to assemble the finished products. Steel mill prices have doubled since Jan. 1. The PPI for food is up 10.5% during the same time frame.

This is why many local governments have adopted double-digit increases in their preliminary levies. Government employees need to eat, too.

Congress should stop trying to figure out how to spend \$5 trillion that it doesn't have on new programs and fix the problems in the programs that already exist. The economy is a mess.

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## CAREGIVERS WANTED

### Nursing homes, assisted living communities face crisis, according to survey, local providers

BY AL LOHMAN

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The need for quality nursing care has never been more prevalent, from full hospitals posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to the need for nurses and aides to assist a growing elderly population in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. But staffing levels have never been thinner, with about one-third of U.S. nursing homes reporting lower levels of nurses and aides than before the pandemic began, according to an Associated Press report.

Meanwhile, results from a recent survey conducted by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) show that nearly every nursing home and assisted living facility in the U.S. is facing a staffing shortage. Almost 60 percent of nursing homes and nearly one-third of assisted living providers are experiencing a severe worker shortage.

Local nursing homes and assisted living facilities confirm the conditions.

“We are facing unprecedented, record-level workforce shortages in assisted living and nursing homes across our state,” said Mike Senden, CEO, Auburn Homes & Services, which has senior living facilities in Waconia and Chaska.

“Our leadership team has been closely monitoring the situation and meets on a regular basis to discuss potential solutions,” Senden wrote in a message that went out earlier this month to families and friends of the senior housing and care services provider.

“Businesses across the nation are grappling with worker shortages in the wake of the pandemic, and the long-term care industry is no exception,” adds Michael Deuth, executive director of Good Samaritan Society, which has locations in 22 states, including an independent living, assisted living and long-term care campus in Waconia. “Our frontline staff

are the heart and soul of our organization and its mission – they’re essential to helping us fulfill our core purpose of taking the best possible care of our residents.”

But according to data from the Bureau of Labor, nursing homes and residential care facilities have lost more than 425,000 employees during the course of the pandemic. Long term care facilities are experiencing growing staff vacancies as burned-out caregivers exit the profession – both front-line workers and overwhelmed executive directors. And facilities say their workforce situation has gotten worse in recent months.

Even before COVID-19, thin staffing was a hallmark of nursing homes around the country, with too few caring for society’s most vulnerable. As the pandemic surged, some workers fled over fears of exposure and some were laid off by homes as occupancy fell.

Others were lured to easier work at similar or higher pay in restaurants and stores, or have been slow to return as a result of generous unemployment benefits and relief packages. And now, others are resisting vaccine mandates by departing employment.

Due to these shortages, nearly every nursing home and assisted living community is asking staff to work overtime or extra shifts, according to the AHCA/NCAL survey. Nearly 70 percent of nursing homes are having to hire expensive agency staff.

Whatever the reason for skeletal staffs, the result is residents have fewer helpers to answer their calls to keep them safe, clean and fed. Long-term residents require around-the-clock clinical assistance, and nationally there have been media reports about severe neglect.

Fewer caregivers also are forcing many facilities to have to turn away new residents. The AHCA/NCAL survey found that 58 percent of nursing homes have had to limit new admissions because of

a lack of employees.

It also has left hospitals sometimes unable to find places in nursing home for patients recovering from surgery.

A recent story in MarketWatch also highlighted the significant drop in nursing home occupancy during the pandemic. In just the span of a year, occupancy rates fell from 85 percent to 68 percent. So, between staffing shortages and occupancy rates, 61 percent of assisted living facilities and more than one-third of nursing homes say they are very concerned about having to shut down their facilities, according to the AHCA/NCAL survey. Some, like a facility in Wayzata, have shut down already.

What are other nursing homes and assisted living providers doing to survive?

Good Samaritan Society is a large provider with 300 locations, and Deuth points out that network enables the organization to temporarily move workers to help care for residents. Still, its location in Waconia is hiring workers in a variety of roles. It also is employing a number of tools to recruit and retain caring, skilled staff, including competitive benefits and wages.

Auburn Homes also has been focused on recruitment and adjusting hourly and yearly pay scales as much as fiscally possible to align with current market demands, Senden reports.

Recruitment actions include utilizing social media, job boards and employee referral incentives, plus hiring incentives to qualified applicants.

Another focus is employee retention, he adds, including efforts to make for a positive work environment, employee incentives for picking up shifts or working on a weekend, and additional employee appreciation events.

“We are actively hiring new mission-driven team members with a passion to serve others,” adds Laurie Hilgers, executive director at The Harbor and The Haven at Peace Village in Norwood

Young America.

“We’re also hopeful that the state will appropriate money to enhance caregiver wages to help with retention and recruitment efforts in long-term care,” she said.

On a broader level, advocates for senior citizens and long-term care providers have formally launched campaigns at the state and federal level to encourage lawmakers to address the growing workforce crisis in senior care.

They say providers want to offer higher wages and better benefits to attract and retain employees but lack the necessary funds to do so. The reasons: historically low Medicaid reimbursement rates that do not adequately cover the cost of care, coupled with additional expenses from the pandemic, have left many facilities in financial turmoil. Approximately 1,800 nursing homes could permanently close without government assistance, according to industry leaders.

To address chronic staffing challenges, advocates are proposing a package of solutions such as assistance programs for caregivers through tax credits, loan forgiveness and childcare, as well as incentives for higher learning institutions to train the next generation of health care providers.

“Through all of our current challenges, I can’t begin to tell you how proud I am of our staff,” Senden said. “They continue to show their loyalty and commitment...working double shifts when needed, working a weekend day when they usually work during the week and asking how they can help out in other departments.”

As thousands of long-term care jobs remain vacant, the industry says lawmakers must recognize the severity of the workforce shortage and “work together to invest in these heroic caregivers, so no resident is left without the care they need.”

Bottom line: Long-term care needs long-term solutions.



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## First steps made in Congress to honor Prince

NEW YORK (AP) — Minnesota’s Congressional delegation on Monday is introducing a resolution to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to pop superstar Prince, citing his “indelible mark on Minnesota and American culture,” The Associated Press has learned.

The medal is one of the nation’s highest civilian honors and past recipients include George Washington, the Wright Brothers, Rosa Parks, Mother Teresa, the Navajo Code Talkers, the Tuskegee Airmen and the Dalai Lama.

“The world is a whole lot cooler because Prince was in it — he touched our hearts, opened our minds, and made us want to dance. With this legislation, we honor his memory and contributions as a composer, performer, and music innovator. Purple reigns in Minnesota today and every day because of him,” said Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who represents the state, in a statement.

Prince, whose hits include “Little Red Corvette,” “Let’s Go Crazy” and “When Doves Cry,” died April 21, 2016, of an accidental fentanyl overdose at age 57 at his Paisley Park estate in Chanhassen, Minnesota.

The resolution for Prince is led by Klobuchar and U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, a Democrat who represents Minneapolis in the House. The full Minnesota delegation serves as original cosponsors, including Sen. Tina Smith and Reps. Jim Hagedorn, Angie Craig, Dean Phillips, Betty McCollum, Tom Emmer, Michelle Fischbach, Pete Stauber and Omar.

“Prince is a Minnesota icon,” said Omar in a statement. “He showed that it was OK to be a short, Black kid from Minneapolis and still change the world. He not only changed the arc of music history; he put Minneapolis on the map.”

The legislation notes that Prince is “widely regarded as one of the greatest musicians of his generation,” with seven Grammy Awards, six American Music Awards, an Oscar for the score to “Purple Rain” and a Golden Globe.

It adds that he is a member of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, sold more than 150 million records worldwide and that “Purple Rain” was added by the Library of Congress for preservation in the National Film Registry. The bill also puts into the Congressional record the glyph he used instead of his name for a time that Prince called “The Love Symbol.”

Under the rules, Congressional Gold Medals require the support of at least two-thirds of the members of both the Senate and House of Representatives before they can be signed into law by the president. The Prince legislation will be introduced in the House and Senate.

Born Prince Rogers Nelson, the singer, songwriter, arranger and instrumentalist broke through in the late 1970s with the hits “Why You Wanna Treat Me So Bad?” and “I Wanna Be Your Lover,” and soared over the following decade with such albums as “1999” and “Purple Rain.” Among his other notable releases: “Sign O’ the Times,” “Graffiti Bridge” and “The Black Album.”

If the gold medal is approved and made, the bill asks that it be given to the Smithsonian Institution, which should make it available for display at the National Museum of African American History and Culture or on loan.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Norwood Young America

<p>All Saints Lutheran (ELCA) 511 N. Merger St. Rev. Eric Aune, pastor 952-467-3388 Services: Sundays, 8 am, 9 am and 10:15 am during school year; 8 am and 9:30 am 3rd Sunday in May through Labor Day.</p> <p>Church of the Ascension 323 Reform St. N. Fr. Abraham Kochuparackal 952-467-3351 Masses: Tues 6:15 pm &amp; Fri 8 am Saturdays 2nd, 4th, 5th at 5 pm; Sundays 8 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 mins prior to Sat, Tues Mass or by appt.</p>	<p>Church of Peace 424 N. Franklin St. Church office 952-467-3946 Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School, JR Bible Study/ Confirmation 9 a.m. Pastor Dale Inman</p> <p>Living Rock Church, C&amp;MA, Sunday Worship @ 9 am &amp; 10:30 am Meeting at Central Elementary School Rev. Roger Eng 952-467-2498 livingrockchurch.com</p>	<p>Church in the Maples UMC meeting at the Church of Peace's Chapel 8:00 am Worship Contact Genia Young Phone: 612-248-9891 Live Streaming on Facebook</p> <p>Friedens UCC (The County Line Church) Corner of Carver County 34 &amp; McLeod County 3 and Zebra Ave. Church 320-238-2200 Rev. Al Fiene 320-238-2483 Services: Sundays 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John's Lutheran Church 101 2nd AVE SE Josh Bernau, Administrative Pastor Josh Hoffman, Vicar Sunday mornings- 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am- Education Hour 10:30am- Contemporary Worship Wednesday Services- 7:00pm</p>
<p><b>Belle Plaine</b> St. John's Assumption Catholic 26523 200 Street Monsignor Eugene Lozinski. Masses: Wed 8:30 am Sundays 8:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation: Varies</p> <p><b>Bongards</b> St. John's United Church of Christ 12984 County Road 51, Norwood Corner of Hwy. 212 and Co. Rd. 51. www.stjohnsuccny.org Pastor Rev. Shuji Morichi 952-466-2080 Sunday Worship Service at 9:15 am Communion 1st Sunday of month.</p> <p><b>Cologne</b> St. Bernard's Catholic 212 Church St. E. Fr. Abraham Kochuparackal 952-466-2031 Masses: Sunday 10 am. Wed. and Thur. at 8 am</p>	<p>Saturdays: 1st &amp; 3rd at 5 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 mins prior to Sat, Wed Mass or by appt.</p> <p>Zion Lutheran Church 14735 CR 153 Cologne, MN 952-466-3379</p> <p>Rev Eric Zacharias Services Sept-May 9:30 June-Aug 9:00 Kids Corner during church Communion 2nd, 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>Hamburg</b> Emanuel Lutheran 18175 Co. Rd. 50 Rev. Ronald Mathison, Vacancy Pastor Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. &amp; Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Every day, taped worship services are broadcast on Cable 107.2 at 8:30 and 2:30</p> <p>St. Paul's Ev. Reformed Stpaulsrcus.org Pastor Dan Schnabel 952-467-3878</p>	<p>Services: Sunday Worship 9:30 am Sunday &amp; Bible Study School 8:30 am, Choir Practice after Worship Wednesday Catechism Class 6:30-8 pm</p> <p><b>New Germany</b> St. John's Lutheran of Hollywood 17725 53rd St. Pastor Dean Mahlum Sunday service, 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible classes, 10:30 am</p> <p>St. Mark's Lutheran Church 500 E. Broadway 952-353-2464 or 952-353-2151 after hours Pastor LeRoy LaPlant Saturday Worship 5 pm with Communion Sunday Worship 9 am with Communion Bible Class 10 am</p> <p><b>Plato</b> St. Paul's UCC 308 1st St. N.E. stjplato@embargmail.com www.platochurch.com</p>	<p>Pastor Brian Brosz Sunday Worship (Sept.-May) Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>St. John's Lutheran 216 McLeod Ave. N. www.christ-4-u.org Pastor Tyson Mastin 320-238-2550 Services: Sunday service 9 am, Communion every 1st and 4th Sunday Sunday School 10 am Sunday Adult Bible Class 10:10 am Wednesday: Confirmation 6 pm; Thursdays: Bible Study 8:30 am</p> <p>Lighthouse Assembly of God 10478 Bell Ave. Pastor Dale Baker, Pastor pastordale@firstlove.one http://lighthousechurch.one Sunday: Worship at 10 am Tuesday: Small Group Study at 6:30 pm Worship &amp; Prayer: 6:30 pm, 1st Sunday of the month</p>



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# Lawmaker wants donations for family charged in Jan. 6 riot

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minnesota lawmaker is encouraging supporters to donate to a Lindström family facing federal criminal charges in connection with participating in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Sen. Mark Koran, a

North Branch Republican, on Friday posted a link to a crowdfunding site launched by a member of the Westbury family — four members of which are now among the eight Minnesotans to be charged so far with crimes related to the deadly Capitol riot.

“Here’s a local family in Lindstrom who can use some help,” Koran wrote.

The Star Tribune reports Prosecutors in the District of Columbia charged Robert Westbury, 62, Isaac Westbury, 19, and a third man, Aaron James, 35, with crimes ranging from

assaulting Capitol police officers to disrupting government business. The arrests occurred barely six months after another son, Jonah Westbury, 26, was charged in connection with the Capitol siege.

The new indictment linking three of the four rela-

tives included allegations that two of the men — Isaac Westbury and Aaron James — used a shield to assault and impede a law enforcement officer at the Capitol.

The crowdfunding campaign has a goal of raising \$50,000.

## Obituaries

### John “Jack” W. Gleason

John “Jack” W. Gleason, age 89, of Norwood Young America passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Good Samaritan in Arlington.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at Johnson Funeral Home (141 East 1st St) in Waconia with Father Jim Devorak as officiant. Gathering of family and friends held 1 hour prior to the service. Interment in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

John William Gleason was born July 1, 1932 in St. Paul, MN, the son of John and Anastasia (O’Brien) Gleason. He graduated from Mankato Loyola High School. On August 25, 1978 John was united in marriage to Ann Marie Bachmann at Church of Peace with Rev. Kurtz as officiant.

Jack grew up in St. Paul until his early teens when he moved to St. Peter. Upon graduating from high school he enlisted in the United States Army. After proudly serving, Jack began a life long career, working for various creameries. He worked for the St. Peter and Bongard’s Creameries before settling at Oak Grove Dairy, where he worked many years until retirement in 1997. Jack remained busy after retirement, volunteering as a driver for the Red Cross and mowing lawns. In his free time, he enjoyed watching sports and was a tremendous Nascar fan. He enjoyed morning coffee sessions at Midtown and Last Call.

Jack cared deeply for others and delighted in visits with friends and family. His simple, joking and loving spirit will be dearly missed.

John was preceded in death by his parents John and Anastasia Gleason; father-in-law and mother-in-law Herman and Grace Bachmann; brother William Gleason; brothers-in-law Patrick Lally, Leland Bachmann.

John is survived by his loving family: wife Ann Marie Gleason; sister Mary Ann Lally of St. Paul; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law LuAnn Gleason of Kansas, Bertha (Larry) Ide of Lester Prairie, Kenneth (Jill) Bachmann of South Carolina; former sister-in-law Diane (Robert) Mielke; uncle Orville Bachmann of Norwood Young America; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Arrangements are with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia. 952-442-2121 [www.johnsonfh.com](http://www.johnsonfh.com)

### Elaine M. Klaustermeier

Elaine M. Klaustermeier, age 96, of Lester Prairie, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at GlenFields Living with Care in Glencoe, Minnesota.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, October 30, 2021, 11:00 A.M. at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie, Minnesota, with interment following at the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021, 9:00-11:00 A.M. at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie, Minnesota. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred. Masks are recommended.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Lester Prairie. [www.mcbridechapel.com](http://www.mcbridechapel.com)

### Darrell Joseph Lachermeier

Darrell Joseph Lachermeier, age 79, of Howard Lake passed away on Wednesday October 20, 2021 at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

He was born on April 25, 1942 in Watertown, the son of Joseph & Catherine (Rogers) Lachermeier.

He graduated from St. Mary’s Catholic High School in Waverly.

Darrell J. Lachermeier and Gladys “Gladys” Driver were joined in Holy Marriage September 14, 1963, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Waverly. God blessed their marriage with four children Natalie, Dean, Dennis and Brian.

Faith and family were very important to Darrell! He was employed for many years in construction and later started Lachermeier Tours. Darrell was a very hard worker! Darrell was a Minnesota sports fan especially the Vikings and Twins. Though not a musician himself he loved to watch and listen to music and various entertainers of all genres. He loved his news programs watching and recording multiple each day. In earlier years, Gladys and Darrell were in a doubles bowling league. Darrell was a faithful member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted and an usher for many years.

Survived by his children: Natalie (Joe) Caouette of Winsted, Dean (B.J.) Lachermeier of Howard Lake, Dennis Lachermeier (Special friend Diane) of Waverly, Brian (Stacey) Lachermeier of Watertown and Colleen Trejo of Saint Paul; ten grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; siblings: Joseph “Joe” Lachermeier Jr., Ron (Bernie) Lachermeier, Joni (Dale) Ingersoll and Jim (Jeanette) Lachermeier; many other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his wife Gladys “Gladys” Lachermeier on September 15, 2015 and by his parents.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial for Darrell Lachermeier will be held on Friday, October 29th, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted. Father Matthew Wiering will be the Celebrant. Inurnment to follow funeral Mass at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Waverly.

Lavon Kielkucki will be the organist for the Mass and Joe Neumann will be the soloist.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, October 28th from 4-8 P.M. at The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted. A Prayer service will be held at 7:30 P.M. Further visitation will be held on Friday, October 29th one hour prior to Mass at the church. Urn Bearer will be Rhoda Atkins.

The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted is serving the family. Online condolences may be made to: [www.chilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.chilsonfuneralhome.com)



### Elaine Martha Pijahn

Elaine M. Pijahn, age 94, of Norwood Young America, Minnesota, passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at Haven Homes in Maple Plain, Minnesota.

Memorial Service was held Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Norwood Young America, Minnesota with interment in the St. John’s

Lutheran Cemetery in Norwood Young America, Minnesota. Clergy Officiating: Vicar Josh Hoffman. Organist: Rita Luecke. Congregational Hymns: “Lift High the Cross,” “Holy, Holy, Holy,” “Doxology.” Honorary Urn Bearers: great grandchildren. Urn Bearers: grandchildren.

Elaine Martha Pijahn was born on January 19, 1927, in Bloomington, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Reverend Paul J. and Alma (Pieske) Affeldt. Elaine was baptized as an infant on February 2, 1927, in Bloomington, Nebraska. She was later confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 2, 1939, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ormsby, Minnesota. Elaine received her education in Trimont, Minnesota and was a graduate with the Triumph Monterey High School.

On December 12, 1947, Elaine was united in marriage to Lorenz Pijahn at Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd, Minnesota. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Jessica, Gregory, and Kathryn. Elaine and Lorenz made their home in Norwood Young America. They shared 48 years of marriage together before Lorenz passed away on January 4, 1996.

Elaine was a bank teller at Citizen’s Bank in Norwood Young America for 23 years. Elaine was a lifelong member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Norwood Young America where she participated in the St. John’s Missionary League, as well as the Altar Guild. She was also a member of the WWII Civil Air Patrol and the Edward Born American Legion Auxiliary Unit 343, Norwood Young America.

Elaine volunteered her time at Ridgeview Medical Center and the Carver County Historical Society. She enjoyed listening to audio books, especially about history, and spending time with her family and friends.

Elaine is survived by her children, Jessica Hilgers and her husband David, Gregory “Greg” Pijahn and his wife Jackie, Kathryn “Kathy” Briggs and her husband Melvin; grandchildren, Michelle Hilgers, Julie Hilgers, Phillip (Thi) Pijahn, Marcie (Brandon) Zabel, Brianna (Ben) Westphal, Bethany (Eric) Rathmanner; step grandchildren, Jon (Candy) Schwochert, Lu Ann Schwochert; great grandchildren, Isabel Pijahn, Connor Pijahn, Charlotte Pijahn, Silas Zabel, Zachary Zabel, Mallory Zabel, Graham Rathmanner, Baby Westphal; step great grandchildren, Lily Draheim, Rander Draheim, Avery Mohn, Jeremy Mohn; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Elaine is preceded in death by her parents, Reverend Paul J. and Alma Affeldt; husband, Lorenz Pijahn; brother, Paul Affeldt; daughter-in-law, Judy Pijahn.

Arrangements by the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel of Norwood Young America. Online Obituaries and Guest Book available at [www.mcbridechapel.com](http://www.mcbridechapel.com). Please click on Obituaries/Guest Book.



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unseen, unheard but always near,  
still loved, still missed,  
and very dear*



# Commissioners talk no wake ordinance, FirstNet transfer

BY MEGAN GLENN  
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The Carver County Board of Commissioners met Oct. 19 to discuss a few community items. Among those were plans to conduct a public hearing regarding a temporary wake ordinance becoming permanent, as well as a discussion of FirstNet, a wireless communication provider.

The High Water No Wake Ordinance was established in 2014 and again in 2019 in response to heavy rainfall. Due to higher than normal water levels, the county installed the temporary measure on Lake Waconia, Lake Bavaria, and Reitz Lake to stop high wakes from buffeting the shore line and causing damage to the lakefront and properties.

Paul Moline, Planning and Water Management Director, presented the item to the commissioners. The permanent ordinance is still in the drafting phase, but the recommendation is for ratifying so is dated back to 2019,

to avoid having to avoid instituting an ordinance whenever water levels rise - which is a fairly common occurrence on the lakes in question.

With the permanent ordinance, this would no longer be an issue, and it would have the same effect as the temporary ones, though this time also expanding to Pierson Lake. For Lake Waconia, it would have a two-stage zone because of its size, with a separation between the whole lake within a specified distance of the shoreline. The ordinance would only be triggered by high water elevations, so while permanent, it wouldn't be used constantly. The PWM would be the ones determining when the ordinance needs to be enforced, and the sheriffs would ensure that the rules are followed.

Not all lakes are included in the ordinance. Victoria and Chanhassen, for example, have city ordinances already in place, and other any lakes that haven't needed the temporary ordinance or had the city or township interested in one aren't part of this. Lakes that don't have

water craft use don't need this kind of ordinance, either.

The proposed process for this draft is fairly simple. The first step is to notify the community about the upcoming public hearing. Once the hearing takes place and the draft has a few edits, it will be sent off to the DNR for review. After the draft review, a final ordinance would be submitted, with the hope of everything being complete by spring of 2022.

With all that said, the draft for the high water ordinance was motioned to a vote and approved unanimously.

Next on the agenda was a discussion about FirstNet, with County Information Technologies CIO Peter Henschel. After the county IT department determined that moving from Verizon to another provider was beneficial, officials selected FirstNet as their recommended provider. FirstNet is designed for public safety use by the government, and the sheriff's office has already transitioned to it, so it's a familiar provider already.

The reason that this is beneficial is because it was established as a safety line. For example, if a cell phone tower gets knocked down by a tornado - because FirstNet is designed with those kinds of emergencies in mind, the system is able to still connect with other devices, allowing law enforcement, county employees, and emergency responders to continue to communicate.

The employees for Carver County will also receive upgrades to their current equipment, including antennas in the court rooms in order to help receive signals there; and in the judicial offices nearby. All of this would be done by FirstNet itself, including the transfer from Verizon.

After thanking Henschel for his time, the commissioners made a motion to approve the transfer from Verizon to FirstNet, which was approved unanimously.

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**TEEN WRITING CONTEST**

**UNTIL OCT 31** - TEENtober 2021 in Six Words writing contest, for teens in grades 6-12. This year our theme is "Where Do We Go From Here?" After the changes 2020 brought to our world where do you see the world moving? Where do you hope? Describe your perfect future in six words. The contest is open to anyone in grades 6-12 that lives in or goes to school in Carver County, MN. A winner in each grade will receive

a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card. Thank you the Carver County Library Foundation for their sponsorship of the contest. Additional details and online submission form available through October 31 at [www.carverlib.org](http://www.carverlib.org)

**HAMBURG LIONS BINGO & MEAT RAFFLE**

November 19 - Being held at the Hamburg Community Hall. \$10 for 25 games of bingo. Numerous meat raffle choices will also be available. Beverages & food available too. Bingo begins at 7:00pm - Doors will open at 5:30 pm. Proceeds benefit community projects.

**NYA SENIOR CENTER**

**ONGOING** - The NYA Senior Center is back! We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month. A light lunch will be served at both days. This

year we will be meeting at the Willkommen Pavilion, 21 E Main St. NYA, 10:00 - 2:00. On Wed. Oct. 6th we will be playing Domino's, something new for 2021. Please come and join in the fun event.

**LIBRARY STORYTIMES**

**ONGOING** - Storytimes are back with both in-person as well as virtual events for pre-K children. The weekly in-person storytime at the NYA Library is Tuesday at 10:30 am. The Wattertown Library offers a storytime on Thursday at 10:30 am. There is also a virtual "Monday Funday" broadcast live from our Facebook Live site every Monday evening at 6:30 pm. Some of

these Monday Funday events will be recorded and available later. Be sure to check [www.carverlib.org](http://www.carverlib.org) for details such as the suggested ages for each storytime session.

**LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY**

**ONGOING** - In order to get a pulse on how well we are doing and where we have room to grow, the library is conducting a survey across Carver County. You are invited to stop at any branch of the Carver County Library to complete a paper survey, or you can complete it online at [www.carverlib.org](http://www.carverlib.org). It will only take a couple of minutes and your input is important.

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# COVID-19 overwhelms rural hospitals short on ICU beds

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Bob Cameron, 87, spent two days in his hometown

hospital in Hallock, Minnesota, where caregivers searched nonstop for space in a larger hospital that could find and fix the source of his severe gastrointestinal bleeding and treat his COVID-19.

The bleeding exhausted the hospital's blood supply, so state troopers shuttled new

units 130 miles from Fargo, North Dakota to Hallock to keep Cameron alive. A bed was secured Oct. 12 at Sanford Health in Fargo, but his condition worsened after surgery there to find the source of his bleeding. He died Oct. 13, the Star Tribune reported.

"We can't say for certain,

of course, that if he got to an ICU bed sooner that he would have survived, but we just feel in our hearts that he would have," said Cameron's granddaughter, Janna Curry.

During a three-week stretch this month, rural hospitals were caring for more COVID-19 patients than Twin Cities hospitals.

"We're playing tag back and forth between Aitkin, Crosby, Brainerd and Princeton," said Dr. Arden Virnig, supervisor of a five-bed ER at Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia, Minnesota. "Basically, we're calling each other all day long to say, 'Who's got a new bed open?'"



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## Royals win with late touchdown

### Watertown-Mayer eeks past G-SL in 10-7 game

BY JAMES STITT  
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While it wasn't as high scoring as their previous five wins where the Watertown-Mayer football team scored 24 or more points, the Royals proved they could get the job done against a stout defense, as Watertown-Mayer eked out a 10-7 win over Glencoe-Silver Lake Oct. 20 in their lowest scoring output of the 2021 season.

The Panthers scored on a 19 yard run in the first quarter and led almost the entire game until Jackson Drahos recovered a fumble for a touchdown with

4 minutes, 27 seconds remaining to give the Royals their first lead of the game and their sixth win of the year.

Ashton Hecksel again proved how valuable a reliable kicker can be when he knocked in a 39 yard field goal in the final seconds of the first half that proved to be the difference in the 10-7 win.

Wyatt McCabe led the offense with 95 yards on 16 carries (5.9 yards per carry), while hauling in five catches for 29 yards. Albert Rundell completed nine passes for 66 yards in the win, while the Watertown-Mayer defense held

the opposing offense to under 200 yards of offense (170).

With the win, the Royals finish the regular season with a 6-2 record, earning a No. 3 seed for the Section 2AAA Tournament. Watertown-Mayer hosts No. 7 Glencoe-Silver Lake Oct. 26, with the winner taking on No. 2 Dassel-Cokato or No. 7 Holy Family Catholic Oct. 30. The championship game is set for Nov. 5 at Crown College, with the other half of the bracket featuring No. 1 Providence Academy and No. 4 Rockford vs. No. 5 Litchfield.

## Softball state champions



The 10U Fall Softball Crow River League State Tournament Champions. Pictured, front row, from left, Gwen Huggett (Dassel-Cokato) and Paisley Klein (Dassel-Cokato). Middle row, Lilly Draeger (Brown-ton), Macey Wilkens (Glencoe), Paige Linder (Annandale), Brynlee Bergstrom (Annandale), Kenley Everson (Olivia). Back row, coach Jill Huggett (Dassel-Cokato), Avery Kranz (Hamburg), Mylee Klein (Dassel-Cokato), Addison Nott (Glencoe), Natalie Silfverston (Brown-ton), Tenley Roberts (Glencoe), coach Luke Huggett (Dassel-Cokato).

## Royals defeat Tigers in five sets

### Watertown-Mayer wins regular season finale

BY JAMES STITT  
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The Watertown-Mayer volleyball team won a back-and-forth battle with Hutchinson Oct. 19 to finish the regular season with a 22-5 record.

The Tigers won set one 25-14 before the Royals came back with wins of 25-14 and 25-21, though a 26-24 win by Hutchinson sent the match into a fifth set. Watertown-Mayer came out strong and cruised past the Tigers with a 15-3 win in the final set to clinch the match.

Natalie Ernhart dished out 43 assists, while Alaina Burns, Emily Burns and Arisa Intlekofer each had one. Libby Burns and Mal-

lory Czinano led the team with 13 kills each, while Ashley Olson had 10 and Alaina Burns had nine. Kate Thibault had four kills, Ernhart chipped in two kills and Haley Baker added one.

Thibault, Alaina Burns and Ernhart led the back row to combine for 76 digs – 29 from Thibault, 25 from Burns and 22 from Ernhart. Libby Burns had 12 digs, Emily Burns had five, Baker had three, Jada Kosmatka had two and Ashley Peterson had one.

Czinano and Libby Burns each had four block assists, while Olson and Intlekofer both had three. Olson also had

two solo blocks.

The Burns trio accounted for six aces – two each from Alaina, Emily and Libby, while Peterson added one.

The No. 4 ranked Royals, who won the Wright County Conference West Championship, earned the No. 1 seed for the Section 5AA Tournament, hosting either No. 8 Kimball, No. 9 Spectrum or No. 16 Cristo Rey Jesuit Nov. 2, with the winner heading to St. Michael-Albertville Nov. 4. The section championship game is set for Nov.

6 at STMA, with a 6 p.m. start time. The other top seeds are No. 2 Annandale, No. 3 Rockford and No. 4 Maple Lake.



## Royals run conference championships

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The Watertown-Mayer cross country team traveled to Corcoran Oct. 19 for the Wright County Conference West Championships.

Bryn Domjahn led the girls with a 21st place finish of 22 minutes, 17.2 seconds and was followed by Sophia Oscarson (22:19.1, 22), Anja Gilbert (23:25.0, 34), Alexis Pogreba (25:24.8, 49), Ella Holmstrom (26:09.9,

52), Ava Rousseau (26:32.9, 54) and Charlotte Becker (27:14.4, 55). Caleb Barnhart led the boys (20:04.3, 35) and was followed by Jacob Oscarson (20:41.6, 41) and Grant Pogreba (20:43.5, 42).

## Crusaders win seventh game in a row

### Mayer Lutheran earns No. 1 seed for Section 2A Tourney

BY JAMES STITT  
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The Mayer Lutheran football team capped off the regular season with a 34-0 win over Cleveland/Immanuel Lutheran Oct. 20, finishing with a 7-1 record that has the Crusaders as the No. 1 seed for the Section 2A Tournament. Mayer Lutheran battled injuries throughout the year, but are on a seven game win streak and look to be healthy heading into postseason play.

"We started the season with some challenges but as the season progressed, we worked our way into a number

one seed," said coach Dean Aurich. "We are getting closer to being healthy with a full roster ready to play. Sam Dennis has returned to practice and will hopefully get back on the game field in the next couple weeks. We have yet to play a game with all 16 seniors ready for action. It's nice to earn home field for the first two games of the playoffs."

The Crusader offense had yet another explosive first quarter with three touchdowns in the opening 12 minutes to put the game away early. A balanced effort saw the Crusaders move the ball with ease to the tune of 400 yards of offense, 200

yards in the air and 200 on the ground.

Ty Hoese had six completions for 186 yards, with Elijah Jopp hauling in three catches for 139 yards and two scores (46.3 yards per catch), while Teigan Martin caught two passes for 26 yards, Abram Jopp had a 21 yard touchdown catch and Jack Grimsley caught a 20 yard pass from Connor Olsen.

Dylan Nelson had five rushes for 95 yards and a score (19 yard average), Cole Neitzel had 59 yards on five carries (11.8), Grimsley had six rushes for 33 yards (5.5), Abram Jopp had an 18 yard running touchdown, Justus Shimanski and

Nate Pawelk both ran for 5 yards.

Cole and Tyler Neitzel led the defense with 13 combined tackles, while Caden Robbins had five and Isaac Hahn had four and a sack. Elijah Jopp, Chris Corrigan and Abram Jopp each had three tackles, while Connor Olsen had two. Recording one stop each was Caleb Olsen, Hoese, Gavin Lofgren, Marcus Johnson, Shimanski, Martin, Grimsley and Sam Shipler.

The Crusaders host No. 8 Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons Oct. 26, with the winner taking on either No. 4 United South Central or No. 5 New

Ulm Cathedral Oct. 30. The Section 2A Championship game is set for Nov. 5 at New Prague and the other half of the bracket has first round matchups of No. 2 G-F-W vs. Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton and No. 3 Lester Prairie vs. No. 6 Cleveland/Immanuel Lutheran.

"Season one is complete - now it's do or die each and every game," said Aurich. "Should be lots of fun and exciting to watch these seniors take on all of the challenges we will face in the upcoming games."

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## Bulldogs run at conference championships

BY JAMES STITT  
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The Mayer Lutheran/LPWHT cross country team traveled to Montgomery Oct. 19 for the Minnesota River Conference Championships, where the girls placed second.

Addison Hoof won the girls race with a first place finish of 19 minutes, 54.77 seconds and was followed by Miranda Malak (20:36.89, 4), Jessa Heimerl (21:59.45, 12), Brooke Heimerl (24:21.80, 24), Anah Lee (25:33.70, 32) and Kara Lee (26:32.19, 37).

Zach Nelson led the boys (20:22.50, 25) and was followed by Connor Meyer (20:28.79, 26), Andrew Ruwersma (22:05.85, 35), Colby Reading (22:27.05, 36), Mitchell Peterson (23:09.59, 39), Josh Hecksel (23:13.72, 40) and Luke Erdman (26:24.36, 42).





Pictured from left, EllaMae Neaton, Jake Druley, Gabe Michels, Amanda Brinkman and Mitchell Druley. (Photo courtesy of Chrissy Druley)

## Raiders run well at MRC Meet

BY JAMES STITT  
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The Central cross country team traveled to Montgomery Oct. 19 for the Minnesota River Conference Championships and came back with a pretty good haul, returning with five medalists, a first place finisher, with second and third place team finishes.

"We did pretty good," said Jake Druley. "Everyone had a strong race and there were a few [personal records] out there."

Belle Plaine won the boys race, with four runners finishing in the top five, but the Tigers did not have the fastest runner Tuesday afternoon, as Jake Druley crossed the finish line first with a time of 17 minutes, 19.47 seconds.

"Belle Plaine had one of their top runners out, but it was a nice day out and a pretty good course,

I just went out and ran and tried to get a PR."

Gabe Michels joined Jake Druley on the All-Conference team with a sixth place finish of 18:10.49. Mitchell Druley earned an All-Conference Honorable Mention with an 11th place finish of 18:45.08, and the Central boys' second place effort was aided by Tyler Neubarth (19:01.78, 14), Aaron Druley (20:02.32, 20), Roman Holland (20:07.98, 23) and Nolan Glander (22:58.44, 38). "We're a small team but we're a pretty strong team - we got a lot of good runners on varsity, so I think we're doing pretty well," said Jake Druley. "All you really need is five [runners], and we've got a pretty strong core on our team."

The girls also had a strong showing when taking third place, led by All-Conference runner Amanda Brinkman, who

placed eighth (21:08.11).

"Amanda ran a great race - very even splits in both laps of the course," said coach Mark Lagergren. "Our young girls team really stepped up and ran well."

EllaMae Neaton earned an All-Conference Honorable Mention when taking 16th place (23:02.13) and was followed by Lacy Buckentin (23:56.52, 18), Teagan Wenzel (24:19.01, 22), Sarah Steinhagen (24:28.88, 25), Marlena Beneke (25:57.64, 34) and Josie Beneke (26:29.56, 36). "The athletes both as a team and individually ran extremely well," said Lagergren.

The Raiders move on to the section meet at Blue Earth Oct. 28 and the top two teams and only six (not 8) individuals not on the top two teams advance to the state meet at St. Olaf.

## Raiders head into postseason

### Central earns showdown with Sibley East

BY JAMES STITT  
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With a 3-0 loss to Mayer Lutheran Oct. 19 (25-15, 25-12, 25-15), the Central volleyball team finishes the regular season in the middle of the Minnesota River Conference standings with a 4-3 MRC record, ending the 2021 campaign with an 11-16 record and a No. 5 seed for the Section 2AA Tournament. The Raiders travel to No. 4 Sibley East Oct. 28 for their third meeting with the Wolverines, with the two sides each winning one meeting against the other 3-0. The winner travels to New Prague Nov. 1 to take on No. 1 Southwest Christian or No. 8 Tri-City United.

Against the Crusaders, Laya Hallquist dished out 15 assists, while Britney Smith, Morgan Johnson, Cadee Vinkenmeier each had one.

Emma Dose and Lauren Schmidt led the



Mikayla Tellers attacks the ball at the net. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

team with five kills each, Hallquist had four and Meghan Barr had three. Lueck, Mikayla Tellers and Emma Conser each had one kill.

Johnson led the team in digs with eight and was followed by Lueck (7), Hallquist (6), Conser (5), Emma Dose (3),

Schmidt (2), Maddy Nueman (2), Smith (2), Adeline Willems (2), Vinkenmeier (1) and Grace Dose (1).

Schmidt had two block assists, while Emma Dose, Conser and Barr each had one.

Hallquist had two aces.

## Raiders race past Giants

### Strickfaden scores five touchdowns in win

BY JAMES STITT  
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Noah Strickfaden found the endzone early and often when Le Sueur-Henderson came to town Oct. 20, passing for two touchdowns and running for three more in Central's 42-13 win over the Giants. The Raider quarterback's four first half touchdowns had Central up 28-0 at the break, and the Raiders cruised to a win that moved them to 4-4 on the year and helped earn them a home playoff game.

Strickfaden led an offense that tallied 400 yards in the win, completing 13 of 19 passes for 269 yards and two scores. His favorite target on Wednesday night was Hunter Neubarth, who caught six passes for 141 yards (23.5 yards per catch) and a touch-

down. Aiden Wachholz caught three passes for 71 yards (23.7) and Austin Dent had three receptions for 52 yards (17.3) and a score. Ben Molnau had a 12 yard catch and Tanner Neubarth caught a 5 yard pass.






Strickfaden also led the rushing attack with 43 yards on nine carries (4.8) to go with three running touchdowns. Jacob Kalkes also had 43 yards, rushing 12 times (3.6) and scoring once. Josiah Schabel had six carries for 29 yards (4.8).

Daniel Padilla was once again the lead tackler with eight total tackles and an interception, while Kalkes was close behind with 7.5 stops. Also recording tackles was Nathan Panning (4.5), Oliver Paulson (4.0), Schabel (3.5), Grant Erickson

(3.0), Wachholz (3.0), Devin Zellmann (2.5), Ben Hoernemann (2.0), Bennet Molva (2.0), Strickfaden (1.5), John Mackenthun (1.0), Tanner Neubarth (1.0), Brandon Backstrom (1.0), Samuel Pauly (1.0), Dent (0.5), Anthony Simons (0.5) and Nicholas Christianson (0.5).

Strickfaden also had a sack in the win.

The Raiders earned the No. 4 seed for the Section 4AA Tournament, hosting No. 5 Concordia Academy Oct. 26, with the winner taking on No. 1 Minneapolis North Oct. 30. The other half of the bracket includes No. 2 St. Agnes vs. No. 7 Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted and No. 3 Rush City vs. No. 6 Maple Lake, with the championship game Nov. 5 at Crown College.

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# Crusaders finish season with big wins

## Mayer Lutheran earns No. 1 seed after 25-win season

The Mayer Lutheran volleyball team closed out the regular season with a conference win over Norwood Young America to win the Minnesota River Conference Championship, before taking third place at the Chaska Tournament. The Crusaders earned the No. 1 seed for the Section 2A Tournament and take on either No. 8 Sleepy Eye or No. 9 Lester Prairie Oct. 28, with a win sending them on to the Nov. 1 Subsection Semifinals at Sibley East, which would feature the winner of No. 4 New Ulm Cathedral versus No. 5 Nicollet. The other top seeds in the bracket are No. 1 Cleveland, No. 2 Sleepy Eye St. Mary's and No. 2 Cedar Mountain.

### MAYER LUTHERAN 3 NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA 0

With a 3-0 win over the Raiders Oct. 19 (25-15, 25-12, 25-15), the Crusaders finished the conference season undefeated to capture the Minnesota River Conference Championship.

"As a program we are excited with this yet realize this is part of the journey and we are striving to win our section and perform at the state tournament," said coach Joelle Grimsley.

With setter Emma Lade out (who recently surpassed 2,000 career assists), the Crusaders made the adjustment with Amber Hoese and Madeline Guetzkow stepping up to run the offense with 36 assists between them.

"The team came out a bit slow and had a few rocky moments but played much better as we settled in," said Grimsley. "Amber Hoese and Madeline ran an effective offense and got many of our hitters involved."

Lilly Wachholz led the team in kills with 14, Gabby Wachholz and

Julia Carns both had nine, Guetzkow had six, Danica Martin and Stella Maass each had two.

Much like the kills being spread out, the digs came from everywhere as well – Lilly Wachholz (9), Guetzkow (8), Hoese (8), Maass (6), Gabby Wachholz (5), Brooke Sauter (4), Julia Maetzold (4).

### MAYER LUTHERAN 2 EDINA 0

The Crusaders started the Chaska Tournament a bit off, but worked throughout the game to get back into a rhythm, defeating Edina 25-18 and 25-18.

"Crusaders started a bit slow today and picked up the pace as the match proceeded," said Grimsley. "We know that we want to play at a high level today and bring that into post season play."

Guetzkow and Lade combined for 23 assists with kills coming from Lilly Wachholz (9), Carns (5), Gabby Wachholz (4), Maass (3), Martin (2) and Guetzkow (2).

Guetzkow led the team with nine digs, Maass and Lilly Wachholz each had eight and Gabby Wachholz chipped in three.

### MAYER LUTHERAN 2 BETHLEHEM ACADEMY 1

In what would be the first of three battles of ranked teams for the Crusaders Saturday, Mayer Lutheran was a force early, racing past the No. 7 ranked Cardinals 25-7 in set one. Effective ball movement by Lade and Guetzkow led to four kills from Lilly Wachholz, while Maass and Gabby Wachholz each had two.

"Crusaders came out very strong and took advantage of the Cardinals free balls that they sent over," said Grimsley. "Emma and Mads moved the ball around effectively this set, while

Madeline also led with five digs."

The Cardinals then bounced back with a 25-23 set two win before the Crusaders closed out the match with a strong 15-7 win.

"Set two went back and forth and Bethlehem Academy kept the ball alive and pushed the match to a third set, "In set three, the Crusaders seemed to be back on track and started out to a fast 4-1 lead. The team was able to play a fast paced set as defense was playing strong and working together. It was good for the Crusaders to feel this pressure."

Lilly Wachholz' 17 kills not only led the team, but resulted in her eclipsing 1,000 career kills.

"Today was a great day for the Crusaders as a team to be able to acknowledge Lilly Wachholz getting her 1,000 kills," said Grimsley. "We are all so proud of her for this accomplishment and for the teammates Lilly has had over the last 4 years. Way to go Lilly."

Lade dished out 21 assists and Guetzkow added 11, with kills going to Gabby Wachholz (7), Lade (4), Carns (2) and Guetzkow (1).

Guetzkow led the back row with 12 digs and was followed by Maass (5), Gabby Wachholz (4), Sauter (3), Lade (3) and Carns (2).

### MAYER LUTHERAN 1 CHASKA 2

The No. 1 Crusaders lost just their second match of the season when taking on the No. 4 ranked team in Class AAAA.

"It was good for us to be in this type of match," said Grimsley. "The team will need to learn in the loss and take that with us to playoffs."

Mayer Lutheran had a few too many errors in set one, losing 25-21.

"The Crusaders just



Gabby Wachholz leaps up to attack the ball at the net against Central. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

made too many mistakes in set one to come away with a win," said Grimsley. "Chaska put on a lot of pressure every play, which was very good for us."

In set two, the Crusaders took the lead early on and kept it close throughout the set on the way to a 25-21 win.

"The defense was able to step up our game and work together with our setters to distribute the ball evenly and keep Chaska more honest in their defense," said Grimsley. "This gave us more opportunity to go one on one with them. Chaska had a few errors that we were able to capitalize on."

The third set of the back-and-forth affair continued to see both sides exchanging runs, with the Hawks ultimately pulling out the 15-12 win.

"This set went back and forth with the Crusaders jumping to a 9-4 lead," said Grimsley. "The Crusaders were playing strong and making great choices. It was exciting to see how well we were playing and

putting the ball away. The Crusaders had two errors and the Hawks picked up their side of the net with four kills and the score was 11-11. They mixed up their shots effectively and the Crusaders were caught a few times flat footed. To finish the set, the Crusaders fought hard but came up short."

Lade tallied 21 assists and Guetzkow had five, with kills coming from Lilly Wachholz (11), Gabby Wachholz (7), Guetzkow (5), Carns (4) and Maass (3).

Sauter and Guetzkow led the back row with seven digs each, while Lilly Wachholz had six, Maass and Lade had four each, Carns had three and Gabby Wachholz had two.

Lilly Wachholz finished with two blocks.

### MAYER LUTHERAN 2 CHAMPLIN PARK 0

The Crusaders closed out the Saturday tournament with a win over the No. 6 ranked team in Class AAAA, defeating Champlin Park 25-19 and 25-17 to take third place.

"The Crusaders came out strong and kept our errors down," said Grimsley. "Overall this was a great match and tournament for us to finish up on. We are now looking forward to the postseason tournament and take one match at a time. What we have done throughout the season has been our journey and we will continue on this road as we come up on Thursday. The Crusaders look forward to that match and playing at a high level and realize that we are going to take one match at a time."

Lade dished out 13 assists and Guetzkow tallied six as kills came from Guetzkow (8), Lilly Wachholz (7), Gabby Wachholz (4) and Carns (3).

Sauter and Lilly Wachholz led the team with seven digs each, Lade had four, Guetzkow had three, Gabby Wachholz and Maass each had two.

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# Watertown council plans 2022 mill and overlay, rezoning

**BY MEGAN GLENN**  
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The Watertown City Council met on Oct. 19 to discuss a few items in the community.

Two items on this week's agenda were authorizing the mill and overlay specs for upcoming projects, and the rezoning of the Newton Lot.

Andrew Budde, city engineer, presented on the mill and overlay for 2022. For many residents, these kinds of projects likely aren't a surprise. Minnesota is very harsh on roads, so the city began doing yearly overlay checks and projects in order to maintain them.

Next year's program has budgeted for a few different projects. The streets being overlaid include Lilium Circle, Geranium Drive, Monarda Way, Vernica Place, and Iris Drive - for a total of \$249,000. The city is also planning to tackle the city parking lots, as well as the alleys connecting them, at a cost of \$350,000. Finally, the Luce Line Trail is also seeing some attending, for approximately \$53,000.

These are all different types of projects, and some proposals have had alternates sought in order to help save money. All projects also don't have to be done in the same year, and can have

parts delayed in favor of others. Budde recommended that at least City Hall's parking lot be resurfaced, in part because the parking lot is seeing a few slated improvements anyway, such as resurfacing for the dumpster area and improved drainage.

Knowing this, the council worked out a hybrid plan—a motion was made to approve a plan that would mill and overlay the Wildflower area as well as the City Hall parking lot and drainage. Council approved the measure unanimously, so be ready for detours and construction in spring of 2022.

Next on the agenda was the

Newton Lot rezoning, presented by City Planner Mark Kaltsas. The request is to annex, then rezone and subdivide the lot into two properties. Because the property is part of the city's annexation agreement, there are a few extra steps in order to bring it into the city as it is currently part of Watertown Township.

The property owner hopes to divide the lot into two parts - one with the house that is already there, and the other simply remaining an open lot. The applicant has already paid the annexation fee to Watertown Township in order to help the process. The city would have to attach the

house's utilities to the city, and submit the proposal to the state board to adjust the boundary.

According to Kaltsas, the recommendation from the Planning Commission is to approve the project. With that, there were three resolutions to approve. First was the motion to approve agree to the annexation with Watertown Township was approved unanimously. Next was to amend the zoning code, including the maps, for Watertown, which was also approved unanimously. Finally, motion was made to approve the lot split for the Newton Lot - again approved unanimously.

## UNITY AT WM

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and Unity Day is a show of solidarity in schools. To represent this solidarity, traditionally students wear the color orange, as Watertown-Mayer did on October 20. Students signed their name on a banner, showing unity in trying to reduce and prevent bullying on campus, as well as participating in other activities to bring the students together. Here's to kindness and understanding in our Royals! (Submitted photos.)



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# Local school board resignations triple in Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Contentious disagreements over COVID-19 policies and critical race theory have caused a significant increase in the number of local school board resignations in Minnesota.

According to the Minnesota School Boards Association, nearly 70 board members have resigned their positions this year, triple the number of resignations in a regular year.

That equates to an unusually high number of district special elections, according to the association’s executive director, Kirk Schneidawind.

“We have a number of special elections around filling vacant seats. We’ve seen a number of school board members have resigned or moved on to special positions and as a result it’s going to require some elections,” Schneidawind said.

Violent school board meetings and threats toward school board members over divisive issues that have caused dozens of board leaders to quit their positions are now at the center of many school board campaigns and platforms, Minnesota Public Radio News reported.

“People love their schools and love their

kids and want it to be the best,” Schneidawind said. “Vaccines, masks, CRT, other relevant hot issues have certainly and will certainly play a part in the school board election this year. More so than we have seen.”

Critical race theory, or CRT, is a way of analyzing American history through the lens of racism. While the term has been applied broadly by some to any efforts toward inclusion, the theory itself is not a fixture of K-12 instruction.

In the Minnetonka school district, the school board race is hotly contested. There are three open board positions

and eight candidates have filed to run for those seats.

And, it’s not just adults who are weighing in on the school board race. A group of high school students has taken it upon themselves to make sure their voices are heard in the debate about who leads their school as well.

Jin Bang, a 17-year-old Minnetonka High School student, helped form the group Minnetonka Coalition for Equitable Education. She’s led protests and discussions with current board members. And recently she led a forum, grilling candidates on their policy positions.

## Legals

**CITY OF HAMBURG**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Public that on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021** the Hamburg City Council will hold a public hearing to consider amending the Chapter 160A Zoning Ordinance, Section D, Subd. 3.B.3.d.1. The proposed amendment will allow properties zoned R-2 Multiple Family Residential District the option to use the same front yard setback exemptions available to properties zoned R-1 Single Family Residential District.

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cil, which will be at **City Hall**, located at 181 Broadway Ave, Hamburg, MN 55339. **This meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.** and other items may be on the agenda.

Additional information on the project is available through the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. All interested parties are urged to attend the public hearing or submit comment via email to: [DeputyClerk@CityofHamburgMN.com](mailto:DeputyClerk@CityofHamburgMN.com) or by phone at (952) 467-3232.

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**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 108 (CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM**

Notice is hereby given THAT Independent School District No. 108 (Central Public Schools) shall perform a public accuracy test of the optical scan voting system to be used in the District's November 2, 2021 election. The test shall be conducted at: NYA City Hall – 310 Elm Street Norwood Young America, Minnesota on November 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Interested individuals are authorized to attend and observe. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Franck at 952-467-7000.

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By: /s/ Richard Schug  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 108  
(Central Public Schools)  
State of Minnesota

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARVER  
DISTRICT COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No.: 10-PR-21-164  
In Re: Estate of  
Timothy J. Scully a/k/a  
Timothy James Scully,  
Decedent.

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated January 26, 2005. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Shannon M. Scully n/k/a Shannon M. Lyons, whose address is 155 Elk Drive SE, Hutchinson, MN 55350, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: September 29, 2021  
By: /s/ Lisa Traver  
Deputy Registrar  
By: /s/ Mary P. Dalbec  
Court Administrator  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
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2013, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Bryan Ebensteiner, whose address is 564 N. Lujo Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate Petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Dated: September 29, 2021  
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By: /s/ Mary P. Dalbec  
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**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 108 NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 108, Norwood Young America, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 2021 for the purpose of a new referendum. The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:  
Norwood Young America City Hall - 310 Elm St W,  
Norwood Young America, MN 55368

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: September 17, 2021  
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
/s/ Richard Schug  
School District Clerk

**Official Ballot**  
**Special Election Ballot**  
**School District Question Ballot**  
**Independent School District No. 108**  
**(Central Public Schools)**  
**November 2, 2021**

Instructions to Voters:  
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

**School District Questions**  
To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

**School District Question 1**  
**Approving the Issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds**  
Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 108 (Central Public Schools), Minnesota (the "School District"), be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$25,475,000, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition, betterment and equipping of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, safety and security enhancements, the completion of various deferred maintenance projects, environmental systems improvements, energy efficiency upgrades, technology infrastructure improvements, parking expansion, expansion and modernization of special education spaces, a new boys and girls locker room, weight room, fitness center, and, modernization of classrooms, including the creation of flexible learning spaces, STEM labs and new furniture?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

**School District Questions**  
**School District Question 2**  
**Approving the Issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds**  
If School District Ballot Question 1 is approved, shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 108 (Central Public Schools), Minnesota (the "School District"), be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,380,000, for the purpose of providing funds for acquisition, and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, construction of an additional two-court auxiliary gymnasium at the High School, construction of a new athletic stadium for track, soccer, and football with concourses, visitor seating, synthetic turf, and parking; construction of a new wrestling training room; and creation of an additional hall field with bleachers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARVER  
DISTRICT COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File: 10-PR-21-150  
Estate of  
Veronica Ebensteiner,  
a/k/a Veronica L. Ebensteiner,  
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated October 24,

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BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
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School District Clerk  
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(Central Public Schools)  
State of Minnesota

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 108 (CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA NOTICE OF LOCATION WHERE BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election judges for Independent School District No. 108 (Central Public Schools) shall count the ballots cast in the School District's November 2, 2021, Special Election at the following location:  
COMBINED POLLING PLACE: NYA City Hall  
310 Elm Street  
Norwood Young America MN

Dated: 10/14/2021  
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
By: /s/ Richard Schug  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 108 (Central Public Schools)  
State of Minnesota

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2013, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

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Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate Petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Dated: September 29, 2021  
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DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No. 10-PR-21-165  
Estate of  
Robert L. Thoen, also known as  
Robert Leroy Thoen and  
Robert Thoen,  
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated October 20, 2017, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Darlyne M. Thoen, whose address is 14980 Maplewood Lane, Cologne, Minnesota, 55322, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Dated: October 19, 2021  
By: /s/ Lisa Traver  
Deputy Registrar  
By: /s/ Mary P. Dalbec  
Court Administrator  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
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2013, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Bryan Ebensteiner, whose address is 564 N. Lujo Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate Petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Dated: September 29, 2021  
By: /s/ Lisa Traver  
Deputy Registrar  
By: /s/ Mary P. Dalbec  
Court Administrator  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Craig P. Goldman #228904  
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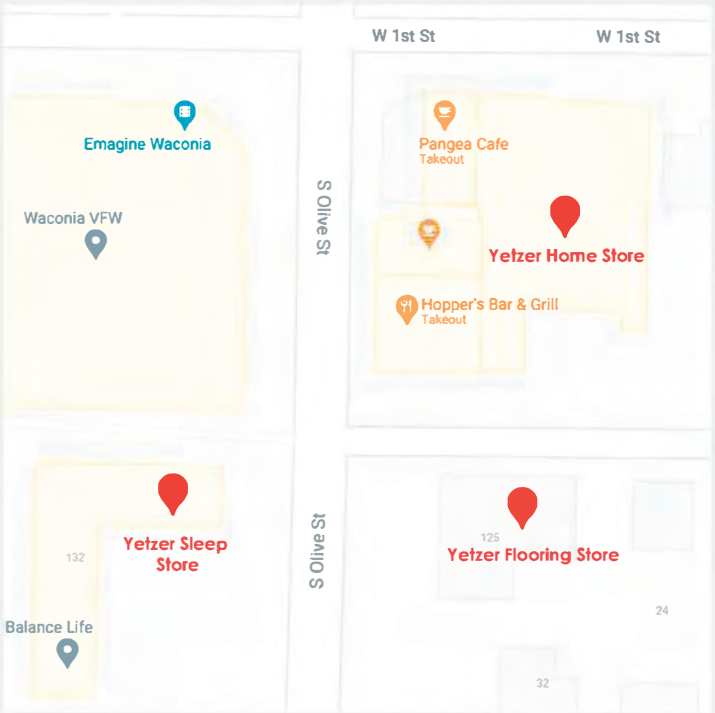


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