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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Scarecrows from Philp Family Dentistry, Hometown Bank and Trinity Lutheran all placed in the Waconia Chamber of Commerce's annual Scarecrow Tour event. (Submitted photos)

# Chamber announces Scarecrow Tour winners

Philp Family Dentistry is the Grand Prize Winner and the People's Choice Winner of the 2021 Waconia Scarecrow Tour. This is the first time in Scarecrow Tour history an entry has been named the champion in both categories.

Philp Family Dentistry's "Teeth as White Snow" scarecrow featured Snow White and the seven dental-themed dwarfs with an amazing amount of detail incorporated into the display. One of the judges commented on her appreciation for the amount of time, effort, and thought that this small business put into their scarecrow.

Over 40 scarecrows entered the contest hosted at Waconia Chamber of Commerce member businesses Oct. 14-24. Other favorites in the People's Choice voting were Waconia 1 Collision's "Pumpkin Butts," HomeTown Bank's "Star Savers Luca & Alberto Save for a Vespa," Trinity Lutheran's "Autumn leaves, Jesus doesn't," and SunnyDays Therapy's "SunnyDays Carousel of Dreams!" The creative ideas abounded this year with honorable mentions from the judges: City of Waconia, Lakeview Clinic, Laketown Elementary, and Waconia

Middle School. A panel of judges that included chamber staff and local artists chose the Grand Prize winner, while the community voted on the People's Choice winner. Out of the submitted community ballots, three voters were drawn to win one of three gift cards donated by Everson's Hardware Hank, Iron Tap, and Mackenthun's Fine Foods.

The chamber hosts the Waconia Scarecrow Tour annually to highlight member businesses, encourage community engagement, and spotlight Waconia as a fun destination. To see all the scarecrows, visit the Waconia Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or visit [DestinationWaconia.org](http://DestinationWaconia.org).

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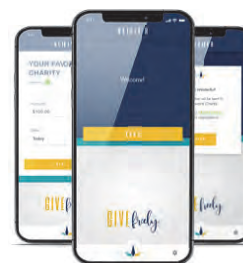


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# Council OKs plan for 2nd Kwik Trip in Waconia

BY AL LOHMAN

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A second Kwik Trip should be opening in Waconia late next summer.

The city council at its meeting last Monday, Oct. 18, approved a site plan and design for a new gas station and convenience store at 1300 Sparrow Road near Target.

The site had earlier been proposed for a combination apartment complex/commercial facility, but that's not part of the current plan.

The Kwik Trip facility will be located on 3 acres of the site, will be about 10,800 square feet in size, and include fueling stations for gas and diesel, plus a car wash.

Discussion last Monday focused on site access and traffic flow at Sparrow Road and County Road 10. There will be

three access points to the new station and the plan was approved with several conditions for related to access, landscaping, grading, utility installations and other requirements.

A Kwik Trip representative indicated construction could begin in spring 2022 and be completed in late August. There's also a Kwik Trip location at Vista Boulevard.

In other business, the council on a 3-2 vote rejected a plan from city staff to use \$216,000 in American Rescue Plan funds, also called the COVID-19 stimulus package, to renovate and reconfigure office space at city hall and the public services building to accommodate growing city staff numbers. A second service window was also proposed.

While Mayor Kent Bloudek and council member Nicole Waldron argued the proposed

improvements would be a good eligible use of those dollars and lead to efficiencies in providing city services, the majority of the city council, Peter Leo, Randy Sorensen and Carl Pierson indicated the money would be better spent on current infrastructure projects and needs.

City administrator Shane Fineran indicated the proposed renovations will now likely be built into smaller projects as part of the city's capital investment plan.

With winter approaching, the council also adopted the city's winter maintenance policy. The policy outlines operational and maintenance plans for snow removal, and is updated annually to incorporate additional service areas from new developments and other plowing needs for the community. The policy was established to provide consistent procedures and priorities

for snow removal, according to Craig Eldred, Public Services director.

Recent plans also have been focused on using less salt to protect surface and groundwaters from chloride contamination, instead employing plowing and liquid application strategies. A thrust this year, Eldred said, is to work with local contractors and businesses to get them to use less salt in their snow removal operations as well.

The council also agreed to enlist consultant, Rapp Consulting to work with council members and city staff leaders to facilitate and develop a long-term strategic plan for the city. As new city administrator, Fineran encouraged development of the plan to set and address priorities, create alignment in city operations, and create measurable outcomes for success. Consultant fees are proposed at \$14,500.

A facilitated workshop is expected to occur early next year, with the strategic plan targeted for completion in the first quarter of 2022.

In visitor presentations, the council heard from Katie Schaumann, community engagement coordinator for Southern Valley Alliance, who noted that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. SVA is a non-profit organization that supports victims of domestic violence in Carver and Scott counties. The organization has assisted more than 22,000 victims since it started 40 years ago, according to Schaumann. SVA also works to raise awareness and partners with law enforcement, county legal systems, social services and healthcare providers to attempt to end domestic violence in communities.

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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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Auburn Homes & Services is one of the many senior care facilities facing extensive worker shortages. (Al Lohman/The Patriot)

# 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.



## CONVERSATIONS IN FAITH

# Loving each other trumps any talk of individual rights

Some people have pointed out that Christianity is a religion of contractions: Jesus is both God and man. God is all just, but also all merciful. God is transcendent, but also near, and the list can go on.

Currently there is a concern by many people over religious rights, one that goes back in some form to the founders of the country: freedom of religion – worship, or not worship, as one desires. People are now dividing over issues and invoking religious rights in their support or not support. Among the latest is whether mandated vaccines or even wearing masks in certain situations restrict religious rights or whether acquiescing questions one's faith, a sort of tame handling of serpents. This is just the latest of many such concerns, such as requiring a privately held company or religious institution to provide medical insurance that also covers some procedures

that are morally objectionable to the owner.

I was recently asked what we might do to protect our religious rights. I responded that we would best protect them by using them, by which I mean we should attend our various church services, see to education of our children in the faith (they won't just figure it out someday and by advocating for more, not less of that education. (Many congregations find that people resent additional preparation for Confirmation, for example, or to go on a retreat as part of the preparation.) It would seem to me that if we want to honor our veterans for preserving our freedoms, we should use those freedoms, such voting, free speech, free press, free assembly, and yes, freedom of religion.

But let us do some thinking before we proclaim our rights. So often we think of our rights with little sense of the responsibility we have to other

people. "My body, my choice" is a slogan used by strange bedfellows, as it is used for everything from unrestricted abortion, getting tattoos on our faces, ingesting harmful beverages or drugs, to refusing vaccines.

The song "America the Beautiful" has a wonderful refrain in the second verse: "... God shed His Grace on thee. Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law." We want to speak about our rights without thinking through the consequences it has on us and on other people. Long ago Paul addressed an issue in his first letter to the Corinthians that dealt with the question of whether a Christian could eat food that had been consecrated to a pagan god. Paul and many of the early Christians realized that these pagan gods did not really exist, so it really didn't matter whether a Christian ate that food. But some were recently from that pagan world, their faith and

understanding were still weak and eating such food was a great matter of conscience for them. So, Paul said for the sake of those not so full of understanding, he would not eat that meat. It was a way of love, of allowing the other to be more comfortable. Paul had rights, as a Roman citizen, as an apostle, as a Christian, but he tempered it with love and care for the other. (1 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9). He will return to the topic later in 10:23-24: " 'All things are lawful,' but not all things are helpful. 'All things are lawful,' but not all things build up. Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor."

Might we be less adamant about our rights and more concerned about our love for one another.

*Fr. Stan Mader leads the congregation at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waconia.*

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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 relatives 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.



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# Waconia picks new fire chief

BY AL LOHMAN  
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Justin Sorensen is Waconia's new fire chief.

His selection was confirmed Oct. 18 by the city council following an evaluation of two internal candidates involving council members, department heads and fire department personnel.

The fire department has been operating under a shared assistant chief arrangement involving Sorensen and Mike Dressel since February following the resignation of former chief Chris Nelson.

Sorensen has 16 years of service as a member of the Waconia Fire Department in various roles including captain and the past two years as an assistant chief. He also has been a member of the city's Public Services team since 2007. He started in the street department and held multiple positions within public works and the fire department since, most recently as a Public Services technician and an assistant chief.

Sorensen will transition from his current full-time

roll with the Public Services division into the full-time fire chief position effective Nov. 1.

Sorensen is the son of long-time former fire chief Randy Sorensen, now a city councilman. Sorensen abstained in the council confirmation vote because of the connection.

"Growing up the son of a chief, I knew I would find a way to be involved in firefighting, but didn't know to what capacity or when," said Justin Sorensen.

A 2000 Waconia High School graduate, Sorensen joined the Mankato Fire Department through a resident firefighter program while attending college there to study automotive engineering technology. Upon graduation, he returned to Waconia to begin a career in that field and joined the Waconia Fire Department.

"I have been working my way up the ranks and educating myself the last five years or so to prepare myself for an administrative fire career," Sorensen said.

He is married to wife Brittany and the couple have two kids, Natalie, age 16, and Ryder, 12.

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## Obituaries

### Thomas H. Rademacher

Thomas H. Rademacher age 75 of Cologne passed away on Monday October 18, 2021 at his residence.

A private Family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waconia.

Tom was born on May 10, 1946 in Watertown the son of Thomas and Rosella (Worm) Rademacher. On April 26, 1968 Tom was united in marriage to Ruth Ann Theis at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waconia.

Tom was an active member of the Farming Community in Cologne for 50+ years and known in Carver and Scott county for his painting business of 43 years. He graduated from Waconia High School as a 4 time All Conference Wrestler and loved spending his days in a field, in his shop, or on the lake; always keeping himself busy. He was an active Service Member of the Army, a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of St. Joseph's Church in Waconia. He raised his family on a farm, giving his children a strong work ethic and always getting a job done. He loved spending time with his grandkids at the family cabin, showing them how to use a tool or fix something and providing them with the land and tools to do what he enjoyed most, hunting and fishing. He loved fishing, duck, pheasant, deer & elk hunting where he visited many places such as Canada, Colorado, New Mexico and Alaska. One of his favorite things to do was to have a fish fry. He leaves us knowing all the best fishing holes and keeping his best fishing spots a secret.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Rosella Rademacher; brothers and sisters.

Tom is survived by his loving family: wife Ann; daughter Kari (Tony) Kardell of Bloomington; sons Don (Holly) Rademacher of Elgin, Mike (Lisa) Rademacher of Belle Plaine, Matt (Mandi) Rademacher of Norwood Young America; grandchildren Joshua Kardell, Ryan Kardell, Cole Rademacher, Owen Rademacher, Eli Rademacher, Shaylee Rademacher, Rayann Rademacher, Jace Rademacher, Lily Rademacher, Weston Rademacher; sisters Arlene Engelen of Waconia, Agnes (Ed) Kohman of Fairbault; brothers John Rademacher of Grand Rapids, Marvin (Joann) Rademacher of Waconia, Ron (Rita) Rademacher of Waconia; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Robert (Diane) Theis of Waconia, Sharon (Calvin) Haasken of Chaska, Jeff (Florene) Theis of Carver; nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Memorials preferred to St. Jude [https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=7265929&pg=personal&fr\\_id=39300](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=7265929&pg=personal&fr_id=39300)

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



### Jody J. Snow

Jody J. Snow, age 51, of Mayer passed away on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

Funeral Service held Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. at Zion Lutheran Church (121 Bluejay Ave N) in Mayer with Rev Adam Gless as officiant. Visitation Tuesday at the church from 1:00 P.M. until the time of the service. Interment in the church cemetery.

Jody Jane (Stender) Snow was born September 25, 1970 in Glencoe, MN, the daughter of James and Linnea (Schultz) Stender. She was baptized October 18, 1970 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in New Germany by Rev. Robert Corded. She later confirmed her faith on March 31, 1985 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in New Germany with Rev. Roger Hett as officiant. On June 26, 1993, Jody was united in marriage to Wayne Snow at St. Mark Lutheran Church in New Germany by Rev. Jack Dahl. Their union was blessed with three children, Haley, Brayden and Casandra.

Jody grew up in New Germany and graduated from Waconia High School. After high school, she continued her education at Rasmussen Business College. Jody worked as a legal secretary for a law firm in Minneapolis. As the children grew, she managed her own home childcare business.

Jody embraced life and lived it to the fullest. She enjoyed playing Volleyball, Bongo and Darts and spending time at the Stender family cabin. Jody loved being in the great outdoors. On her bucket list, she wanted to ride in a hot air balloon which she gleefully achieved just recently. Jody delighted in decorating for the holidays and always had candy out for guests. She was a tremendous host and wonderful cook. Jody's greatest achievement was her love of others. She was generous and found joy in giving. Jody was adored by her family and will be dearly missed. They will cherish her memory until they see her again.

Jody was preceded in death by her mother Linnea Stender; sister Angela Stender; grandparents Harold and Eleanor Stender, Victor and Eldoris Schultz; uncles Scott Schultz, Alan Stender.

Jody is survived by her loving family: husband Wayne "Butch" Snow; children Haley Snow and fiancée Brady Rolf, Brayden Snow, Casandra Snow; father James Stender; sister Stacy (Tom) Derner; father-in-law Wayne (Barb) Snow; mother-in-law Elda (Tom) Kaliher; sister-in-law Brenda (Bob) Dessen; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Casket Bearers: Wyatt Schultz, Shane Johnston, Lonnie Bruckelmyer, Dillon Derner, Tom Derner, and Brady Rolf.

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# REBUILDING THE SHELVES

Waconia United Food Shelf is scheduled to re-open its doors to shoppers next Monday, Nov. 1, following a full remodel. As reported last month, the local food shelf at 11 Elm Street is getting new lighting, new flooring, upgraded heating and air conditioning, sprinkler system installation, a fresh coat of paint and a new floor plan giving it a more open grocery style feel. The new space also features a larger area for fresh produce and healthy food options, according to executive director Angie Cruzen. Here are some scenes from the transition that has been going on since the middle of October. Also watch for a rebranding to “Gather and Grow.” (Photos courtesy Waconia United Food Shelf)

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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.

"This election has kind of been looming over our heads for so many months ... because we knew how important, after having interacted with the school board, how important school board representation is and their goals," Bang said. "In this year, where there's finally an election and there are progressive candidates and pro-equity candidates running. We knew it was really 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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# Wildcats place fifth at State True Team

## Waconia swims past some of the best teams in the state

BY JAMES STITT  
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The Waconia girls swimming and diving team is no stranger to the state meet, but competing at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center Oct. 21 brought a different experience for the Wildcats. For the first time in program history, the 'Cats were competing as a team rather than individuals.

"It was very exciting to be at the U, usually we're only at the U for the [individual state meet], so it was fun to have the whole team there and it was a way different experience," said Claire Canfield.

Waconia has sent numerous individuals to the Class A State Meet in the past, but this year they qualified for the Class A True Team State Meet. Rather than qualify as a relay team or as an individual, the entire team competed, with four entrants in each event competing against 11 other teams.

"Everyone on our team, top to bottom, count as points so they all contributed up there, everyone mattered," said Jordyn Grotbo. "[Having] everyone here brought up the entire team spirit."

The Wildcats earned one of the last spots at the True Team Meet, taking third at their True Team Section Meet to lock down a wild card spot. Waconia competes in probably the toughest section in the state, which had four teams at the true team meet, with one out of every three swimmers coming from Section 3A.

"It's very competitive," Jerica Warrington said of the section competition. "[Coach Ashley] Westphal always says we are the strongest section in the state because we have the most depth, so it's very hard come sections to win



Claire Canfield gets an early lead in the 100 yard backstroke with a fast push of the blocks for the Wildcats. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

your event to make it to state."

That means some of the fastest swimmers and best divers in the state are unable to make it to the state meet with such tough competition at the section level. But the true team meet allows for the entire team to experience competition at the state level.

"It was a lot more exciting and it was fun to have a lot of the younger girls who have never experienced this level of meet in high school before," said Canfield. "So they were excited about it and I think that helped with the whole team attitude."

That excitement paid off as Waconia finished better than expected, moving up several spots from their seventh place ranking. The Wildcats entered the final event in fourth place and managed to hold on to a fifth place finish, with section rivals Orono

and Delano ahead of them, with Hutchinson behind them.

"Everybody, whether they were ranked last or ranked first, they all pulled together," said Julia Bartell said. "Some of the girls went where they were seeded and some girls upped their seed, so it was the combination of everybody's hard work put together."

Competing at the True Team State Meet gives the Wildcats a boost as they reach the toughest part of their season and head into the section meet looking for spots at state.

"This gives us all confidence," said Warrington. "Going into the postseason, being where we are at the hardest part of our season and dropping time, there's nothing that can bring you more confidence."

### MSHSCA GIRLS TRUE TEAM STATE CLASS A

The Wildcats delivered at their first ever true team state meet, placing fifth out of 12 teams. The event went down to the wire, as the difference between fourth and seventh place was 65 points (Waconia scored 1,467.5 points).

"Overall, it was a great experience for our team," said Westphal. "It was so fun to go to the U with our entire varsity squad and finally show how strong we are as a team, not just a few individuals. This meet is also a strong indicator for how our girls who earn state berths in individuals and relays in November will fare."

The Wildcats' strongest event of the evening was the 100 yard backstroke where they placed 2nd, 12th, 17th and 18th among a field of 48 swimmers. Warrington placed second (58.80 seconds), Canfield finished 12th (1:03.62), Abigail Voelker

ed a time of 4:17.99.

Waconia's highest finishers for the night came from two of their senior leaders as Julia Bartell placed second in the 50 and 100 free-style (24.40 and 52.80) and Jerica Warrington placed second in the 100 backstroke (58.80).

Waconia also got a boost from some of the younger swimmers.

"We saw many season best times, while freshman Laura Stockinger stood out among her teammates," said Westphal. "She earned three new top times and also bumped up several places in her two individual events."

### WACONIA 64 ORONO 122

Just 2 days before the true team meet, the Wildcats had a rare loss, falling to Orono Oct. 19.

"We dropped a Metro West Conference dual to Orono, who is a very tough squad with tons of depth," said Westphal. "They placed second at our True Team Meet and will do some damage at the MSHSL State Meet in November - but it's always fun to swim against great competition."

Waconia won a pair of relays, as the 200 medley relay team of Warrington, Swanson, Voelker and Bartell posted a time of 1:53.91 and the 200 free-style relay team of Bartell, Canfield, Voelker and Warrington posted a time of 1:42.72.

Waconia's strongest event of the night was the 100 butterfly, where Bartell placed first (59.63), Voelker took third (1:01.94) and Warrington finished fourth (1:02.57). Bartell also won the 100 backstroke (1:01.20).

Amalia Schaefer placed third and Graecie Smith was fifth in the diving competition - both posting season best scores of 155.95 and 129.75.





# Waconia rushes for 300 yards in tight game

## Wildcats score four rushing touchdowns in another close matchup

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The Waconia football team went down to the wire yet again with a ranked team, but fell just shy of victory when No. 10-4A Academy of Holy Angels found the winning score with 5 seconds left in the game to defeat the Wildcats 33-26.

Things looked grim early on for the 'Cats who were coming off a last-second lost the week before, yet the 'Cats found their footing and took the fight to the Stars with their first possession of the second quarter.

The Academy of Holy Angels had the ball for almost the entire first quarter, running 19 plays to Waconia's three, going down the field twice for a pair of touchdowns that had them up 14-0 at the start of the second quarter. Waconia then got the ball to their workhorses in Max McEnelly and Alex Riley, with the duo ripping off explosive runs to bring the excitement level back up. McEnelly took slipped past the defense for a 29 yard run on the first play of Waconia's second drive,

then Riley moved the ball 20 yards on two carries. McEnelly did the rest of the work on the drive, reaching the endzone twice. His 8 yard touchdown run was called back due to a holding penalty, but backing up the 'Cats 13 yards did not change the outcome, as McEnelly found the endzone on the next play with a 21 yard score.

Waconia took advantage of the momentum and Tanner Micke executed a surprise on-side kick that saw him recover the ball and send the Waconia offense back on the field. McEnelly and Riley then found more room opened up by the offensive line, driving the offense down the field for a 48 yard scoring drive that resulted in McEnelly's second rushing touchdown of the game and a 14-14 tie at the break.

Waconia kept going with what was working in the second half, with McEnelly and Riley both finding the endzone on the next two drives to give the Wildcats 26 points, but Waconia only got the ball twice in the second half. The Academy of Holy Angels had two long scoring drives of 16 and 19 plays to keep the ball away from the

Waconia ground game that accounted for 330 yards and four scores.

The Wildcats averaged 9 yards per carry and the Stars averaged 4.4, but a slow-moving offense that saw the Academy of Holy Angels' running back carry the ball 50 times managed to keep the ball away from the explosive running game of the 'Cats, with each team only having two possessions in the final 24 minutes of play. The Stars second scoring drive of the half ended with 5 seconds remaining to give them a 27-26 lead, with another touchdown coming with no time left as the 'Cats tried to lateral the ball several times on the final play before fumbling in the endzone.

McEnelly carried the ball 22 times for 212 yards (9.6 per carry) and three scores, while Riley had nine carries for 84 yards (9.3) and a score.

McEnelly was the lead tackler as well with 16 stops, while Riley had 11 and Gage Mueller added 10. Also recording tackles was Aaron Hayes (8), Josh Wagener (6), Sam Koppi (6), Jorge Toledo (6), Calvin Larson (5), Blake Simonson (3), Aidan Chambundabongse (2),

Bo Schmieg (2), Owen Amrhein (1) and Anders Rodning (1).

Waconia finishes the season with a 3-5 record, but four of the losses were by one score. The 'Cats enter the Section 2AAAAA Tournament as the No. 6 seed, traveling to No. 3 Chanhassen Oct. 26. The winner heads to No. 2 Chaska Oct. 30. The championship game is Nov. 5 at the high seed, with the other half of the bracket featuring No. 1 Mankato West and No. 4 New Prague vs. No. 5 Mankato East.

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Alex Riley shakes off a defender on a run. (James Stitt/The Patriot)

## Waconia heads into postseason



The Waconia volleyball team played in a thrilling season finale against Benilde-St. Margaret's, going to a fifth-set tiebreaker with the Red Knights. Benilde-St. Margaret's won the first set 25-17 before Waconia came back with wins of 25-23 and 25-22, but a 25-15 win from Benilde-St. Margaret's sent the game to a fifth set, which the Red Knights won 15-9. Waconia finishes the regular season with an 11-14 record. The Wildcats earned the No. 7 seed for the Section 2AAAAA Tournament, taking on No. 2 Chaska Oct. 26. The winner takes on No. 3 Shakopee or No. 6 Chanhassen Oct. 28, with the section championship set for Nov. 4 at the high seed. Eden Prairie is the No. 1 seed, with No. 4 Prior Lake taking on No. 5 Minnetonka.

## Waconia finishes undefeated



The Waconia White 5th/6th grade football team wrapped up the 10-game Waconia Community Ed. 5th/6th grade tackle football season, compiling an undefeated record. Waconia White finished with a record of 9-0-1, with the only non-victory game coming in their last game as a spirited and exciting draw with Belle Plaine Black. Pictured, front row, from left, coach Jeff Eischens, Frank Aune, Keegan Hammarsten, Liam Techau and Graham Davis. Back row, Sam Precht, Brad Eischens, Mason Wyatt, Michael Zimmerman, Jake Bach, Ian Westling, Cam Schular, Cohen Porubcan, Leo Deering, Ben Heiberger, Griffin Mittelsteadt and coach Nathan Bach. Not pictured, Pierce Limoges, McCoy Archambault and coach Dan Precht. (Photo courtesy of Michael Deering)



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<b>Thur., Oct 28</b>		Section Semis, vs. TBD @ Waconia High School, 7pm	State Tournament, TBD vs. TBD @ TBD	State Tournament, TBD vs. TBD @ TBD		State Tournament, TBD vs. TBD @ TBD	
<b>Fri., Oct 29</b>						TBD vs. TBD @ U of M-Baseline Tennis Center, TBD	
<b>Sat., Oct 30</b>	Section Semis, vs. TBD @ Waconia High School, 7pm						
<b>Mon., Nov 1</b>			State Tournament, TBD vs. TBD @ U.S. Bank Stadium	State Tournament, TBD vs. TBD @ U.S. Bank Stadium			1st Day of Practice
<b>Tues., Nov 2</b>							
<b>Wed., Nov 3</b>		Section Finals, vs. TBD @ Waconia High School, 7pm	State Tournament, TBD vs. TBD @ U.S. Bank Stadium	State Tournament, TBD vs. TBD @ U.S. Bank Stadium			



## Waconia makes noise in postseason play Wildcats take on the giants of Class AAA and play well

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The Waconia boys soccer team has been no stranger to postseason success, but their lone playoff win of the 2021 season stands out as a major accomplishment despite it being a first round game.

"Moving up to 3A and being the 63rd biggest school out of 64, we knew that it would be challenging," said coach Tyrel Seim. "Shakopee is the 11th biggest school in the state and we were not at full health but anytime you can win a game as a lower seed it feels like a massive sense of accomplishment. Our team goals for our first season in 3A and in a new conference were to go above .500 and advance to the semi-finals of sections. To

reach both goals was amazing and took total team buy-in. We played Shakopee twice and played 190 minutes of shutout soccer, not sure that would happen again but both teams were at their best. It really felt like we were playing a section final in 1A, that might seem a bit far off for our seven teams that have played in a section final but the intensity level was really that high for a section 3A playoff game.

Waconia had a strong regular season, jumping out to a 7-4-1 record, but a tough last week of the regular season saw the 'Cats go winless in four outings (0-3-1).

"We really had both our captains banged up the last 2 weeks so the fall off was somewhat understandable," said Seim. "We really just kept our team focused

on our goals and accomplishing them. We couldn't go over .500 without a playoff win so we desperately wanted to get out of the first round."

The Wildcats fought with all their might when taking on Shakopee in the first round of the postseason, forcing overtime and then a shootout in a 0-0 game. That is when the blessing of being the underdog came into play.

"When it comes to penalty kicks it's really psychology in sports at it's finest," said Seim. "We just told our kids we're under no pressure, we were the lower seed so just shoot your shot on goal and hard enough it can go in, and rule number one is put the shot on frame. We also emphasized we had Evan White as our goalie, he's made massive saves all year and

we just needed him to make one for the win, which he scared the Shakopee kid into hitting the cross bar in the first five and saved the eighth shooter for the win. White was huge for us all year, he made some incredible saves and the playoff game was no difference. We had eight shooters and these guys just had ice in their veins making seven of the eight shots, it was a really relaxed feeling on our sideline as our guys felt confident they could put the shots in."

And while Waconia's season came to an end the following game when they lost to Minnetonka, the 'Cats had a strong showing in their first year of Class AAA play.

"Well the Shakopee game gave us some confidence that we can play with the big

schools," said Seim. "Our semi-final game was against state power Minnetonka and the first half it was fairly even. Our guys felt really confident heading into the second half, they made us pay for a foul in our own half with a goal and scored off a corner kick to go up 2-0 early in the second half. We gave up a late one pushing for a goal but on the whole we were pumped about our season and anytime you achieve your goals you set out to achieve their is a sense of accomplishment. This was a great group of players who achieved a lot of success this season and our seniors really led us well, we left everything on the field this season and earned our success."

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## Wildcats run at conference championships

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The Waconia cross country team traveled to Bloomington Oct. 19 for the Metro West Conference Championships, where the girls placed fourth and the boys placed sixth out of 10 teams.

The Waconia girls had a group of runners finish near the front of the pack, as Adorisa Kaeding placed fifth with a time of 19 minutes, 23.37 seconds, with Madeline Lage in sixth (19:43.45) and Amelia Herold in eighth (20:13.08). Following the lead pack was Danica Kendrick (21:47.51, 24), Maya Lindstrom (22:44.63, 47), Emily Gustafson (22:54.85, 52) and Evelyn Mickolich (23:21.13, 56). Mark Rud had the top finish for the boys when he crossed the line in sixth place (17:18.88) and was followed by Jack Ulrich (17:37.58, 11), Ian Lage (18:10.25, 22), Ryan Glaser (18:28.83, 36) and Lukas Johnson (19:05.68, 54).

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## Crusaders win seventh game in a row Mayer Lutheran earns No. 1 seed for Section 2A Tourney

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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 Shieler.

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

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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).

# 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



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

a few too many errors in set one, losing 25-21. "The Crusaders just 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 made 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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## DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH ELSIE MACHTEMES

## 10 YEARS AGO – OCTOBER 27, 2011

Cass Wagener, third grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Waconia, was recognized as the Outstanding Educator of the Year from the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Randy Falkosky of Waconia has always wanted to find a way to serve the nation's troops. This past weekend, he left for a three-year term in Afghanistan helping the troops stationed there. He is not a member of the military. He is a master technician in the MVAC industry. He will work on heating and air conditioning units there. For the next three years, Randy will live in a tent with other contractors.

Waconia native David Maiser is the new president of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Maiser is the son of Ray and Cecilia Maiser of Waconia and Mesa, Arizona.

Country music legend Red Johnson and award-winning cowboy reciter Rich Bellert will be part of a fundraising event at the Waconia American Legion. The fundraiser on October 29 benefits many community projects.

Danielle Williams of Waconia is continuing a long family history of athletics by playing women's hockey at Bemidji State University. Her father, Brian Williams, was a football pro player for the New York Giants. Her mother, Rochelle, was a volleyball player at the University of Minnesota. Her younger brother, Maxx, a senior at Waconia High School, has committed to play football as a tight end at the University of Minnesota next fall.

## 25 YEARS AGO – OCTOBER 24, 1996

An accident at the intersection of

Hwy. 284 and Hwy. 5 in Waconia on Oct. 12 resulted in the death of Becky Olson, 14, from Waconia. She died of complications on Friday. She is the daughter of Selmer and Cathy Olson of Waconia.

**PATRIOT FORUM:** What is the best and the worst part of your week? "The least favorite is having strep throat. The best is going to visit my grandparents." – Amanda Janzen, Waconia. "My worst is Sunday. My favorite is Friday because school is out." – Megan Bailey, Waconia. "Having to do chores is the worst. My favorite is Fridays when I get to relax." Kaylee Rasmussen, Waconia.

A house fire at 309 West Second Street in Waconia caused damage in the rear and inside. According to fire chief Randy Sorensen, the home is a total loss. No one was injured in the blaze.

St. Bonifacius – Over the past two months, residents of St. Boni have reported an alarming number of thefts from vehicles. In addition, about \$1,000 in damage was caused to one of the St. Boni fire trucks.

**FOUND:** A set of car keys, 3rd and Maple Street, Waconia. Can be claimed at the Waconia Patriot office.

## 50 YEARS AGO – OCTOBER 28, 1971

Tim Bloudek, WHS student and resident of Lakeview Terrace in Waconia, sounded "Taps" at the World War I memorial at the city park in Waconia at noon on Monday, Veterans Day. He also sounded "Taps" at the Army Tank World War II memorial at the grounds of the Carver County Historical Museum as part of the Veterans Day observance in Waconia.

Loren Noeldner, Waconia, and Marvin Ohm, Mayer, were injured in an auto crash near Granite Falls, Minnesota, on

Saturday evening. The pair were returning home after a hunting trip in South Dakota. Mr. Noeldner, cashier at First National Bank in Waconia, was driving the pickup truck Mr. Ohm uses for his building contractor work at Mayer.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Segner, Waconia, was born on October 23 at the Waconia Ridgeview Hospital. The son will be named Derek. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Segner of St. Bonifacius and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kuntz of Waconia.

The Waconia High School Drama and Music Department will present the musical "Fiddler on the Roof." Directing this year's musical is Mr. Bob Danger and Mr. Ron Larson. Also assisting is Mr. Bill Niebuhr.

**KETTLER BAKERY** – Waconia – Special this week: White, Rye, Vienna and Whole Wheat Bread – 3/\$1.

## 75 YEARS AGO – OCTOBER 24, 1946

Waconia High School had a thrilling homecoming football game. They beat Deephaven 21 to 12.

Cologne: The Cologne Baseball Club held its annual meeting on Thursday evening. The following officers were elected for the coming baseball season: Thomas Zrust - Manager, Eugene Moonen – Business Manager, Willard Sauter – Sec'y. Treas., Clarence Wirtz and Gordon Mohrbacher – Auditing Committee.

Mayer: While Ralph Kusske was loading gravel in his pit, the gravel suddenly caved in, burying him up to his neck and leaving but one arm free. With his free arm he was able to scratch away enough gravel so he could breathe normally. After an hour he was able to extricate himself and was mighty lucky as no one

was in the immediate vicinity to give me assistance.

Announcing the Opening of LA-VAUN BEAUTY SHOP! Waconia, Minnesota. LaVaun Graff, Manager, Doris Simon, Operator. The shop will be located on the site now occupied by ETHEL'S BEAUTY SHOP. Shop Phone 72-2. Residence Phone 28-2.

Waconia's Boy Scout Troop held its initial meeting. Twenty-six boys from the community were present, with 21 signing membership cards. John Scheuble will be Scoutmaster of the Waconia Boy Scout Troop with Wilfred Yetzer and Ralph Buelow as assistant Scoutmasters. The Waconia Lions Club is sponsoring the Boy Scouts in this community.

## 100 YEARS AGO – OCTOBER 27, 1921

Grover Radde was to Mortordale Sunday last where he met "Kid" Dixson in a wrestling match. Grover made Dixson look at the ceiling twice, the first fall going to Radde in 25 minutes with a toe hold and the second fall also to Radde in 8 minutes with a toe hold. A large crowd was out to see the match. They had a chance to see Radde in action against one of the best in the Northwest.

This evening (Thursday) mothers, wives and sisters of the former servicemen will meet at the Waconia City Hall for the purpose of organizing a Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion. Ex-servicemen are also invited to attend.

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Peter Weinzierl motored to Lester Prairie last week Thursday.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SOUP DRIVE THROUGH

**OCTOBER 29** – The West Carver Lions will hold their fall soup drive-through Friday, Oct. 29, at Willkommen Park in Norwood Young America, serving 4:30-6:30 p.m. Meal includes chicken wild rice soup, breadstick, apple and a cookie for \$10.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**NOVEMBER 3** – The American Red Cross continues to experience an emergency blood shortage that has caused the blood supply to drop to the lowest post-summer level in at least six years. Help meet the needs of patients this fall by giving locally at a blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1-7 p.m., at the American Legion, 233 Olive St. South, Waconia. Appointments can be made by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## LOVE INC COAT DRIVE

**STARTING NOVEMBER 1** – St. Joseph Catholic Community is launching a Youth Coat Drive to provide a winter coat to youth in need. Please donate gently used winter coats in Youth size XS to

Adult Large to help our youth in need stay warm this winter! Place donation in a drop off bin in any one of 7 different locations around Waconia between Nov. 1- Dec. 3. Youth in need are invited to pick up a coat at St. Joseph Catholic Church either Friday, Dec. 10, from 7-9 p.m., or Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8-10 a.m. Go to the coat drive website <https://stjosephwaconia.org/coat-drive/> for more information.

## WACONIA TOY DRIVE COLLECTION

**BEGINNING** – To provide holiday gifts to children in our community, the Women of Waconia are preparing for the 18th annual Waconia Toy Drive and are seeking local businesses that are willing to host a collection box. The Waconia Toy Drive collects new, unwrapped toys and other gift items for children (ages infant through teens) during November. The toys and gifts are then offered to families living in ISD 110 on Friday, Dec. 3, at Freshwater Church. Could you place a decorated box in your business, and encourage your customers to consider donating a gift? As a donation host, your busi-

ness provides box(es) to collect gifts, makes them available by November 1, and then delivers the donated items to Waconia City Hall on or before Monday, Nov. 29. If you would like to host a collection box, or if you'd like more information about the Women of Waconia, please contact [women\\_of\\_waconia@yahoo.com](mailto:women_of_waconia@yahoo.com). More information is also available on the Waconia Toy Drive Facebook group.

## SVA POINSETTIA SALE

**NOVEMBER 1** –SVA is selling beautiful Bachman's poinsettias again this year as a fundraiser to provide our essential domestic violence services. In response to requests, order and delivery dates are earlier this season. All orders must be placed by Nov. 1 for delivery or pick-up Nov. 22-24. Cost is \$25 per poinsettia. Available colors: red, white and pink. Free delivery in Scott/Carver counties for orders of 6 or more plants. Order by phone (952-873-4214), email [info@svamn.org](mailto:info@svamn.org) or online at [www.svamn.org](http://www.svamn.org).

## SVA BREW HALL BINGO

**NOVEMBER 4** – On Thursday, Nov. 4, from 5-8 p.m., South-

ern Valley Alliance is partnering with Shakopee Brewhall and the Shakopee Lions to host Brewhall Bingo For Southern Valley Alliance. This fun-filled event includes 10 rounds of bingo, prizes, and a ton of fun. Not to mention, all bingo proceeds support Southern Valley Alliance domestic violence programs. For more information on the event, or to get help, please connect with Southern Valley Alliance at [www.svamn.org](http://www.svamn.org) or by calling 952-873-4214.

## THANKSGIVING FIXINGS

**NOVEMBER 15** – St. Joseph Catholic Church is hosting a "Turkey & Fixings" Thanksgiving food delivery event with Love INC partner churches, providing a frozen turkey with everything needed to make a Thanksgiving dinner for families in need in Western Carver County. If you are part of a family in need, register with Love INC at 952-442-3261 by Nov. 15 to receive a "Turkey & Fixings" basket delivered to your home. To donate or volunteer visit [stjosephwaconia.org](http://stjosephwaconia.org).

## WACONIA LIBRARY EVENTS

**Library Strategic Planning Sur-**

**vey** – 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.

**Teen Writing Contest** -- TEEN-tober 2021 in Six Words writing contest, for teens in grades 7-12 features the theme "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. A winner in each grade will receive a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card. Thank you to the Carver County Library Foundation for their sponsorship of the contest. Additional details and online submission form available through Oct. 31 at [www.carverlib.org](http://www.carverlib.org)





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<b>ISD 110 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 7:00 PM CENTRAL WACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM D110 1400 COMMUNITY DR. WACONIA, MN 55387</b>  Members present: Geller, John- son, R. Myers, A.Myers, DeBoer, Bullis Members absent: none  Motions approved (unanimous) 1. increase of SPED staff due to increase of students 2. appoint B. Rothstein to fill	board vacancy 3. appoint member DeBoer as Treasurer  Meeting adjourned at 8:51PM. The preceding is a summary of the official transcript on file at the Dis- trict Office located at 512 Industrial Blvd, Waconia, MN. Published in the Waconia Patriot October 28, 2021 1176417	<b>CITY OF WACONIA OCTOBER 4, 2021</b>  Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Waco- nia was called to order by Mayor Bloudek via Zoom as well as in person at 6:00 p.m. The follow- ing members were present: Kent Bloudek, Nicole Waldron, Randy Sorensen, Carl Pierson, Pete Leo.  Staff Present: Shane Fineran, Jackie Schulze, Nicole Meyer, Craig Eldred, Lane Braaten, Ann Meyerhoff.  Pledge of Allegiance was led by	Mayor Bloudek.  The following motions were ap- proved:  Adopt Agenda as presented. Adopt Resolution 2021-228, Approving Tax Abatements for the 2021 Infrastructure Improvement Projects. Adopt Resolution 2021-229, Giving Preliminary Approval for the Issuance of the City's General Ob- ligation Street Reconstruction Plan Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 and Adopting the City of Waconia, Minnesota Street Re- construction Plan therefor. Adopt Resolution 2021-230, Ap-	proving the vacation of a portion of Township Road T.360. Adopt Consent Agenda minus Resolution 2021-231. Adopt Resolution 2021-236, Authorizing Accepting the Space, Needs and location Study for a Future Fire Station and Authorizing Site and Schematic Design Phase. Adopt Resolution 2021-237, Award Construction Contract to GMH Asphalt Corporation in the Amount of \$1,952,748.02 and City Supplied Lighting for the East Frontage Road Improvement Proj- ect. Adopt Resolution 2021-231, Approving Premises Permit Appli- cation for Lawful Gambling Activity,	Waconia Fire Relief Association. Adjourn 6:42 p.m.  /s/Kent Bloudek, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Ann Meyerhoff, Office Assistant  NOTE: These minutes are con- densed for publication purposes. Discussion detail is contained in the official minutes which may be reviewed or a copy obtained in the office of the city clerk during reg- ular business hours or <a href="http://www.waconia.org">www.waco- nia.org</a> . Published in the Waconia Patriot October 28, 2021 1176611
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<b>ISD 110 SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 7:00 PM CENTRAL WACONIA CITY HALL 201 S VINE STREET, WACONIA, MN 55387</b>			Reith, Amy Replacement	Educational Assistant 4 hours/day; 175 days	SV
Members present: Geller, Johnson, A. Myers, R. Myers, Bullis, Member DeBoer will be joining via ZOOM from 450 Park Ave, Broadus, MT 59317.			Schultz, Vanessa Replacement	ECFE Teacher 5.5 hours/day; 138 days	ECFE
Members absent: none			Thies, Coreen Replacement	Nutritional Assistant 7.5 hours/day; 175 days	WHS
Call to order by Chair Geller at 7:00 PM			<u>Employee Status Changes</u>		
Motions Approved (unanimous) 1. adopt agenda 2. minutes of previous meetings 3. Consent Agenda Bills and Wire Transfers Human Resource Items <u>Employment</u>			Alger, Lynette, Guidance Counselor at WHS, add Overload to Trimester 1. Bettcher, James, Guidance Counselor at WHS, add prep/curr writing for Work Experience class. Bjerke, Alexa, Kids' Company Lead, from part-time to 6.5 hrs/day at Comm Ed. Bjerke, Sierrah, from Kids' Co. Site Lead at 8 hrs/day to SPED Educational Assistant at 6.5 hrs/day at BV. Brown, Peter, Agricultural Education Teacher at WHS, add Overload to Trimester 1. Gillmore, Mary Ellen, Educational Assistant, from 4 hrs/day to 7 hrs/day at SV. Gothmann, Holly, Nutritional Assistant from 22.5 hrs/wk at LT to 37.5 hrs/wk at WHS. Grengs, Heather, from Kids' Company Aide to Kids' Company Lead at Comm Ed. Laumann, Tabitha, SPED Educational Assistant, from 3 hrs/day at WEC to 6.5 hrs/day at LT. Siemens, Genell, Administrative Assistant I, from 24 hrs/wk to 40 hrs/wk at WMS. Melchert, Pam, French Teacher at WHS, add Overload to Trimesters 1 & 2. Olson, Kim, Administrative Assistant I, from 15 hrs/wk to 26 hrs/wk Media Assistant at WMS. Van Haften, Sandra, SPED Educational Assistant, from 26 hrs/wk to 27 hrs/wk at WEC.		
Adrich, Katie Replacement	Nutritional Assistant 4.5 hours/day; 175 days	WMS	<u>Extended Contracts</u> Seim, Lindsay, Instructional Coach, up to 3 additional duty days.		
Bixby, Tyler Replacement	Educational Assistant (SPED) 6.5 hours/day; 175 days	LT	<u>Leaves of Absence</u> Bloem, Jennifer, Nutritional Assistant at LT. Braun, Tracy, Administrative Assistant II-Nutritional Services at ESC. Greer, Angie, Grade 4 Teacher at LT. Jones, Evan, Vocal Music Teacher at WHS/WMS.		
Dyck-Juncewski, Cynthia New	Educational Assistant (SPED) 6 hours/day; 175 days	T110	<u>Retirements/Resignations/Terminations</u> Bardwell, Beth, Administrative Assistant I at WHS. Bender, Ryia, Kids' Company Aide at Comm Ed. Burge, Nathaniel, Educational Assistant (SPED) at LT. Doran, Elizabeth, ECSE Teacher at WEC Grengs, Jessica, Kids' Company Lead at Comm Ed. Hanson, Isaac, Custodial Maintenance at WMS. Hill, Scott, Custodial Maintenance at LT. Hinz, Sty, Kids' Company Aide at Comm Ed. Johnson, Anna, Kids' Company Aide at Comm Ed. Johnson, Christina, Educational Assistant at SV. Kirsch, Paula, Educational Assistant (SPED) at SV. Monson-White, Susan, Educational Assistant (SPED) at SV. Stanton, Craig, Educational Assistant (SPED) at WHS. Weinand, John, School Board Member. Yotter, Rachel, Educational Assistant (SPED) at BV. Receipts of Donation 4. Levy Limit Certification for 2021 Payable 2022 5. Second Read Board Policies 6. Adjournment		
Edsill, Nora New	Kids' Company Aide Part-time; hours will vary	Comm Ed	Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM. The preceding is a summary of the official transcript on file at the District Office located at 512 Industrial Blvd, Waconia, MN.		
Fatula, Emily Replacement	Educational Assistant (SPED) 6.5 hours/day; 175 days	WHS	Expenditures by Fund		
Kaeter, Anna Replacement	Educational Assistant (SPED) 6.5 hours/day; 175 days	BV	01 General	517,347.75	Published in the Waconia Patriot October 28, 2021 1176263
Kern, Elmira New	Educational Assistant (SPED) 3 hours/day; 175 days	WEC	02 Food Service	95,799.64	
Lanigan, Laura Replacement	Educational Assistant (SPED) 6.5 hours/day; 175 days	SV	04 Community Service	128,054.03	
McEnelly, Kari Replacement	Educational Assistant 4 hours/day; 175 days	BV			
Mitchell, Lindsey Replacement	Educational Assistant (SPED) 6.5 hours/day; 175 days	WMS			
Neenan, Heather Replacement	Educational Assistant (SPED) 6.5 hours/day; 175 days	BV			
Norris, Amy Replacement	Educational Assistant (SPED) 6.5 hours/day; 175 days	LT			
Norton, Sarah Replacement	Grade 4 Teacher Long-Term Substitute	BV			
Ombati, Charles New	Kids' Company Lead Part-time; hours will vary	Comm Ed			
Plagge, Lydia New	Kids' Company Aide Part-time; hours will vary	Comm Ed			
Randolph, Pamela Replacement	Educational Assistant 3.25 hours/day; 175 days	SV			

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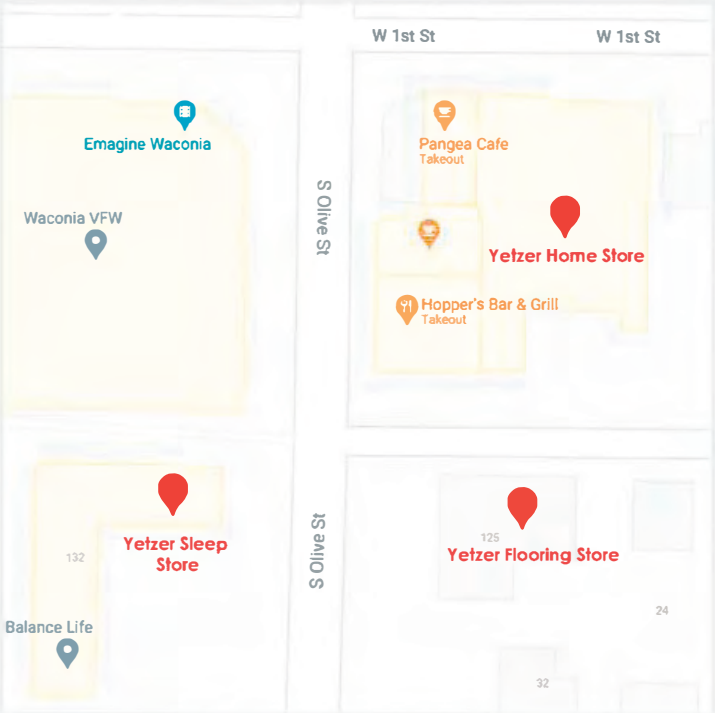


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