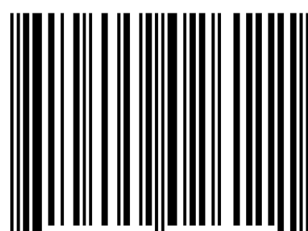


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Correction

In last week's paper in the *Janesville City Council* article, it was posted as a 18% tax levy increase. The correct amount should be a 15% increase. The Journal regrets the error.

5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 8 | 67°

Rain 2%
Wind SE 8 mph
A mainly sunny sky. High 67F.
Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.

Thu 9 | 68°

Rain 3%
Wind SSE 17 mph
Partly cloudy skies. High 68F.
Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.

Fri 10 | 72°

Rain 4%
Wind NW 9 mph
Sunny. High 72F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sat 11 | 74°

Rain 12%
Wind SE 13 mph
Sunshine and clouds mixed.
High 74F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.

Sun 12 | 73°

Rain 24%
Wind SSE 18 mph
Partly cloudy. High 73F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.

JFD hosts Annual Pancake Breakfast

Annual breakfast kicks off Fire Prevention Week



The Janesville fire department held its annual pancake breakfast Sunday, October 5. Pictured above are some of the firefighters preparing the breakfast. (Journal Photos by Mike Roy)

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

It's that time of year for the fire departments to prepare ways to educate the community on how to prevent fires.

To kick off Fire Prevention Week, the Janesville Fire Department hosted its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 5, from 8 a.m. to noon. It was the usual fare you'd expect at a pancake breakfast; the star of the show, of course, was the flapjacks, with the supporting cast of eggs and sausage.

Like last year, the Minnesota Vikings were playing at the same time the JFD held the breakfast, as they were once again playing in London, this time against the Cleveland Browns. The Vikings fans out of the 40 in the fire hall were likely anxious, as the purple and gold scored a last-second touchdown to win ugly against the Browns 21-17. Oh well. At least the breakfast was good.

All proceeds from the



breakfast will be donated to the Janesville Fire Department to support the purchase of necessary equipment and other essential items throughout the year.

The JFD also hosted a program on Fire Prevention at

JWP on Tuesday, October 7.

The members would like to remind you to stay safe and take all necessary precautions to prevent an accidental fire from occurring. Oh, and they hope that you enjoyed the food.

Autumn Acres 5th Annual Fall Festival; a warm weather success



By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

The Fifth Annual Autumn Acres Fall Festival delivered a massive turnout, drawing families and couples in droves despite an unseasonably warm fall day. Focusing on a "family-oriented" atmosphere, the festival successfully provided a full day of entertainment, food, and classic farm activities, solidifying its place as a regional favorite.

The Fall Festival was packed with dynamic live performances by Electric Duo and Shenanigans to keep the music flowing throughout the day. Autumn Acres has added some new equipment and attractions to their play area, making it a notable hot spot for youngsters to frolic; a favorite amongst them were the corn pits, the jungle gym, and a massive device used for blowing large bubbles. On the other end of the field, the beloved Goofy Goat Farm drew the curious to the pen for a quick feeding...and some of these kids (baby goats) were eager to munch on their lunch.

As the cornerstone of Autumn Acres, roughly 150 varieties of pumpkins were available for visitors to haul home. It was a

delightful sight to see grandparents accompany their grandchildren through the pumpkin patch, pick a couple of gourds, and promise to "carve them up good" for potential decorations and more family fun. Couples also took part in the gourd-gathering...boyfriends trailed behind, lugging a full wagon while their girlfriends eagerly plucked the next pumpkin for "decorations" at the humble abode. Happy spouse, happy house, as they say.

Wagon ride brought attendees on a brief trip through some of the more, less-traveled locations at Autumn Acres; the back acreage had remnants of another pumpkin patch, but the land had been tilled up for next year's batch. After the ride, visitors were encouraged to stop at the General Store to cool down from the hot sun and possibly purchase a variety of unique wares including some homemade dips: one in particular, a jalapeno popper had a surprising amount of kick.

As the fall season continues, Autumn Acres has carefully crafted events that tailor to the natural beauty it brings; events like the Fall Festival provide a proper blend of entertainment, family-fun, and plenty of pumpkins.

Inductees honored at JWP Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

While homecoming festivities happened for the students of Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton throughout this past week, a few alumni celebrated a homecoming of their own, as eight individuals and three teams were inducted into the JWP Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 4.

The individual inductees were Mike Cummins, Travis and Trent Gunsolus, Bob Hendricks (posthumously), Tim Johnson, Josh Melchior, Greg Strauss, and Dr. David Pope. Hendricks and Pope were inducted as contributors. The teams inducted were the 2000 JWP Golf Team, the 1996-97 Boys' Basketball Team, and the 1996-97 JWP



The 1996-97 wrestling team was one of three teams inducted into the JWP Athletic Hall of Fame. (Journal Photos by Mike Roy)

Wrestling Team.

The celebrations took place in the form of a banquet at the Purple Goose. There was a

social hour at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 5 p.m. Before the program that introduced the 2025 inductees, some special

guests were honored: The Class A State Champion Girls' Track Team of JWP. Most of the members who participated in

the state tournament, along with Head Coach Sam Schruin, were present to receive recognition as the first-ever team from any sport at JWP to win a state championship title. MaKenzie Westphal received an additional nod for taking an individual state title in the 800.

Some of the speeches were much shorter than in previous years, many of them thanking their coaches and families for their support. Josh Melchior's speech was especially short and sweet, and much of it was dedicated to fellow inductee Bob Hendricks. "I always wanted to hear him announcing at the

Banquet

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Quote of the Week

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

- Thomas A. Edison

Community Happenings

Autumn Acres
Date Night
Janesville
Oct 10

Fall Festival
Farmamerica
Oct 11

City Council Mtg
Janesville
Oct 14 7pm

City Council Mtg
Pemberton
Oct 14 7pm

Janesville Food Shelf
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Thursdays 1-3 p.m.
Second Thurs. of month
6-7 p.m.
First & Third Sat. of
month 1-3 p.m.



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Virtual Author Event:
Leigh Bardugo

Celebrate ten years of daring heists and loveable outcasts with bestselling author Leigh Bardugo at a virtual Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library System event at **6 pm on Thursday, October 9th.**

Since publishing in 2015, Leigh Bardugo's highly popular *Six of Crows* has taken the world of YA literature by storm—and it's not hard to see why. The complex fantasy setting, thoughtfully-structured magic system, and deliciously morally gray characters all collide in a world readers have flocked to! Pick the brain of the author herself, celebrating the release of her *Six of Crows* (The Dregs Edition).

This event will be recorded and people who register will be emailed a link to the recording. Register at the library or at wasecalesueurlibraries.com/ getregistered

Romp and Rhyme Halloween Story Time

Waseca Public Library will hold a Halloween-themed story time on **Monday, October 13th at 5:30 pm.** From puppets to pumping music, from bubble machines to banging bands, these are not your average story time. The Library uses movement, STEAM activities, curiosity, imaginative play, and active learning to keep kids engaged. Free and open to the public.

Lego Club

Kids ages 7-12 are invited to join Janesville Public Library's creative Lego-building club. Kids will unlock the magic of Legos by ditching the instruction manual and building their own

creations. This month's Lego Club event will be held on **Tuesday, October 14th at 3:30 pm.** Each event will have a theme to inspire and Legos to build with.

Paper Ghosts

Create a stylish, dapper ghost using pages from a book and googly eyes at 10 am on **Wednesday, October 15th at Waseca Public Library.** Will it wear a bow tie? A little hair bow? Use your imagination and give your ghost a unique personality. Ages 7-12.

Macramé Ghosts

In this spooky twist on a classic craft, teens will create their own macramé ghosts at **Waseca Public Library on Wednesday, October 15th at 1 pm.** Whether you're a total beginner or a macramé wizard, this hands-on workshop will guide you step by step to making your own boho-chic décor. Free and geared for ages 13-18.

Little Explorers

Kids will enjoy interactive sensory stations—Mold & Dig, Scoop & Pour, Snap & Pop, Count & Sort, and Color & Texture—at **Waseca Public Library on Thursday, October 16th at 10 am.** This free event is geared for ages 2-5 years.

Dare to Self Care for Teens

Go ahead and get your relaxation on. Turn a delicious dessert into Jello lip gloss. Then chill out with reusable ice cubes that remind you of ways to manage stressors on **Thursday, October 16th at 2 pm at Janesville Public Library.** Then watch your stress fade away. Free and exclusively for ages 13-18.

TID-BITS OF TRIVIA

- According to superstition, where should you never put a hat?
- According to the 1993 book, "The Left-Hander Syndrome," roughly what percentage of the world is left-handed?
- According to the 2011 Forbes list, how many billionaires are there in the world?
- According to the actress, Nichelle Nichols only stayed on what TV series because Martin Luther King, Jr. told her to?
- According to the Association for Dressings and Sauces, what is the most popular salad dressing in the U.S.?
- By definition, a defenestrated object has been what?
- By definition, a diurnal event occurs how often?
- By definition, a doctor specializing in geriatrics primarily treats problems relating to what?
- By definition, a gully washer is a sudden, strong what?
- Despite its name, the popular piece of meat for barbecue known as "pork butt" comes from what part of the pig?

The answers to today's Trivia questions can be found on the Archives Page of the Janesville Journal.

Echoes from a Loafers' Club Meeting

I don't drive on roads that are under construction.
Where do you go?
Nowhere.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. We had a fellow in the neighborhood who had a lot of dogs on his farm. When I say a lot, I mean more multitudes than I could count with a slide rule. There were no Chihuahuas in the pack. The gargantuan canines probably ate them. That was a farmyard where a stranger was once heard to say, "Why is the rain falling only on my leg?" The owner of the dogs was a good guy, and I liked him, but one rite of passage for boys in the community was to ride a bicycle past the drive where all those snarling, aggressive dogs lived. The central part of that rite of passage was to live through that passage. That was an exceedingly important part. We rode like the wind. The dogs might have eaten a bicycle or two, but collateral damage was to be expected. Thanks to participating in high-speed chases involving vicious dogs, we grew up to be good but nervous men.

I'd recently come out of major surgery at a major hospital. Minor surgery is what someone else has. It was time

It's Monday, October 6, when I'm getting to writing this column. With homecoming for JWP in the rear-view mirror, I'm confident that I've been marked safe from being a target of the toilet paper mafia that so many houses in the area were a victim of.

When interviewing the homecoming court the previous week, they kept talking about their favorite stories of TP people's houses. A couple of them even gave me a vague threat, saying, "Oh, we'll find your place." I'd say they'll have better luck next year, but by then, all the candidates will have graduated. Too bad, so sad. (Watch me get bombed with TP by next year's seniors.)

I mentioned last week that it had been ten years since I had been a senior during homecoming. Many of the activities since then have changed, but they have mainly remained the same. The girls still play powderpuff football (although they play on an actual field and not in the gym), and the boys still duke it out in volleyball. But I don't remember there ever being a pie-eating contest or musical chairs involving basketballs.

Ten years is a lot of time to pass. I've spent over half of that at the Journal. At times, it isn't easy to reflect on those years because so much has happened in a little bit of time. Part of what we do is document history (and correct ourselves if we end up inaccurately documenting said history). This week's stories reflected history quite a bit.

The JWP Athletic Hall of Fame was a reminder that the 1990s were a great time for

Collateral damage to be expected



Compostings

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for me to order something to eat. I ordered ginger ale and saltine crackers. I think of ginger ale as ginger ail, and its combination with saltine crackers was the family health plan while I was growing up. There was no deductible required. When I felt poorly or looked peaked, my mother prescribed ginger ail and saltines. My mother could detect a peaked look at 100 paces.

I've learned

I've enjoyed visits to the Harkin Store, located in what was once the town of West Newton, about 9 miles from New Ulm. It began in 1870 and closed in 1901. You could get a pinch of chewing tobacco for a penny in 1870. That price must have gotten too high by 1901.

DIY is an abbreviation for Destroy It Yourself.

Heated seats are rear defrosters.

Enjoy your knees and hips while they're young.

Bad jokes department

The CEO of IKEA was elected prime minister in Sweden. He should have his cabinet together in a couple of weeks.

Scientists have grown human

vocal cords in a petri dish. The results speak for themselves.

Last night, I yanked out a couple of nose hairs to see if that hurt. Judging by how fast my wife woke up screaming, I'm guessing the answer is "Yes."

My cousin's wife said he had no sense of direction. So he packed his things and right.

Nature notes

It's difficult to keep an opinionated blue jay a secret. Blue jays have an impressive vocal repertoire, and they're not afraid to use it. Jays are excellent mimics that impersonate red-tailed, red-shouldered and broad-winged hawk calls. I heard one doing a broad-winged. Why? The jay might have been alerting other birds of a hawk's presence, or it was trying to trick other birds into thinking that a hawk was nearby, which allowed the jay access to a feeder that lacked a crowd. Or maybe it made the call just because it could.

Great horned owl fledglings scream in the darkness. That's not dipping into a reservoir of charm. They aren't screaming for ice cream, but they are screaming for food. They want

their parents to feed them. Mortality is high for the immature owls trying to find their place on the planet.

Orb web spiders regularly take down and eat their webs to recycle the silk proteins. As I admired a web's engineering, a dried raspberry cane snagged my pant leg and held on for dear life. "The Giving Tree" is a lovely book by Shel Silverstein that teaches generosity and unselfishness. It's a story of a tree willing to do anything for the boy it loved. Maybe I'd encountered "The Giving Raspberry Cane." Later, I ran into "The Giving Burdock," which generously endowed me with its Velcro-like burs.

Grasshoppers have short antennae, auditory organs (tympanal organs) on their abdomens and call (stridulate) by rubbing their hind legs against their forewings. Crickets and katydids have long antennae, auditory organs on their forelegs and stridulate by rubbing their forewings together.

Mourning cloak butterflies fly early in the spring while there's still snow on the ground. They hibernate through the winter as adults, under bark or in other small crevices.

Meeting adjourned

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."—Amelia Earhart.

Old and new generations



Mikes Corner

by Michael Roy
Staff writer

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sports if you were a Bulldog. The wrestling team nearly earned the school's first state championship in that decade. Meanwhile, the boys' basketball team was beating teams like Mankato East, and the girls' basketball team was setting up for a strong run in the 2000s. Even the golfers of Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton had a surprise season in 2000.

The 2020s will be a great decade for JWP sports, too, possibly even better than the 1990s and early 2000s. The girls' track team, which won the school's first-ever state championship title last season, received recognition at the Hall of Fame banquet (I hope they get in as soon as they are eligible). The basketball teams won conference championships (and the girls were seeded #1 in their section), the wrestling team has contended for a section championship, and even the football and volleyball teams are starting to trend upward.

I think due credit should be given to the athletes of the 1990s for making today's athletics at JWP such a success. Josh Berndt, now at least a two-time inductee, helps the football team and has coached many students on the JWP boys' basketball team. Tim Johnson, the JWP HOF's most recent inductee, is currently a pole-vaulting coach and has helped many reach new

heights (including some record-breakers on the girls' team). Still, his record for JWP in the pole vault remains secure.

Faith Lutheran Church also celebrated its 60th anniversary as a congregation. Some of the founding members attended, and it was great seeing a blend of those who were there from the beginning and some of the newest members finding a home at Faith Lutheran.

I think that's what made this week so fantastic, seeing the older and newer generations

together in harmony. Politics has done a great job of dividing us in many ways, one of which is by generation. I often hear from those in my generation (including myself) that the older generations don't understand how different things are now compared to when they were our age. Simultaneously, the older generations seem to find it far too easy to say that young people don't want to work anymore or that they don't care.

To me, this weekend proved both wrong. Our generation does want to work, and many of us are willing to work hard for something that we want and need. And I believe the older generations do understand more than we give them credit for. We're all in this life together, and homecoming and the celebration at Faith Lutheran were prime examples of that.

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Janesville City Council

Council approves Cumberland as new clubhouse manager at special meeting

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

The Janesville Council had a brief meeting on Tuesday, September 30, at 5 p.m., to approve Kevin Cumberland as the new clubhouse manager at Prairie Ridge Golf Course. Cumberland was one of three "very good" candidates considered, and the background check came back good, according to City Administrator, Clinton Rogers. "I visited with him yesterday," Rogers added. "He could be available to us in two to three weeks. He just needs to work it out with his current job." Cumberland is a current high school teacher. He is additionally the coach of the golf

team at that high school. Prior to earning his teaching license, he spent several years working at a clubhouse, where he ran events and tournaments. He also has some experience working in a kitchen, which Rogers said was a bonus, given the small setup at the Prairie Ridge clubhouse for food.

The only question posed by the council was by Ivan Maas, who asked if they could discuss his salary. Rogers responded that the city had posted the initial salary of \$55,390 to \$63,544 (plus benefits) on its job advertisements. But since he had several years of experience, they decided to give him "one more step than advertised."

"We still save on the budgets because of wage levels and insurance," he assured the council.

With that, the council approved 3-0 to approve Cumberland for the position officially; Mayor Andy Arnoldt and council member Sarah Johnson weren't present.

With that, the short meeting adjourned at roughly 5:05 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church celebrates 60th Anniversary

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

It has been 60 years since Lutherans in Janesville decided to establish a new church, founded on the values held by the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) in America. This past Sunday, October 5, the church held a celebration celebrating its 60th Anniversary, with the theme "Rooted in Faith, Growing in Grace."

With the celebrations taking place, Faith's sister church, North Waseca Lutheran, was closed. Instead, parts of the North Waseca Church choir joined the Faith Lutheran choir to form the "Anniversary Choir," which led most of the hymnals and performed a piece called "Hold on to Hope". Melissa Schultz took on piano duties, also performing Claude Debussy's "Clair de Lune" during the offering. Reverend Emily Carson, director of the Evangelical Mission of the Southeast Minnesota Synod, delivered the sermon, while Rev. Sara Krolak of Faith Lutheran focused on the children's sermon.

Following the service, a brief



program was held, featuring a presentation highlighting the church's 60-year journey, including interviews with founding members Ole and Jean Lundquist and Pauline Fenelon.

A lunch followed. Faith's beginnings were in 1964, when Lutherans started forming a new church based on the American Lutheran Church branch of Lutheranism (known as the ELCA today). "Each couple had their own reason that they wanted to start a church," Jean Lundquist shared.

Fenelon highlighted during her interview, many felt that the values they were taught in their faith weren't being reflected; the only other Lutheran Church in Janesville was Trinity Lutheran, which was part of the Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Faith Lutheran's first worship

took place in two classrooms at Janesville High School on February 21, 1965. "Superintendent Christianson was our contact man there," Olof Lundquist said. According to an excerpt in the church service program, the congregation voted to be officially recognized as the Faith Lutheran Church. Olof Lundquist was elected president.

Later in 1965, Faith brought the former Methodist Church (located on the southwest corner of Mott and Second Streets), where they held services until 2005.

Before the church's 40th anniversary, many decided that it was time for a new church. "We thought it'd be a good idea to build a new church," Fenelon explained. "It was tough for the elderly to attend church, and we wanted something more handi-

cap accessible."

The congregation officially broke ground with a ceremony on August 28, 2005. Bishop Harold Usgaard gave the blessing for the site and the congregation. The 40th anniversary was the congregation's last at its former location.

On January 15, 2006, the community joined the congregation in a ceremony that marked the closure of their former location. For 132 years, the church building on Mott-2nd served as the site for Christian worship, starting with the United Methodist Church and ending with the Faith Lutheran Church.

The congregation took great pride in celebrating its 60th anniversary as a church. They will continue to follow the theme of their anniversary, staying rooted in faith while growing in grace.

Banquet

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games," he said. "He is a true legend."

Hendricks's son, Kirk, accepted the award on Bob's behalf. Kirk shared plenty of stories about his dad's announcing days. When he first started announcing the games, Bob would sit on top of a school bus. However, they had built a crow's nest as high as one could go.

"There was one night where it was storming and windy," Kirk recalled. "And that thing didn't just shake. It swayed back and forth. I remember looking at my dad and coach Gene Wiebusch on either side of me and thinking, 'Both those guys combined have to be 500 pounds.'"

Let's say being an announcer back then wasn't an easy task. But Bob did it with as much passion as anyone. It's why a handful of inductees remembered him so well.

Travis and Trent Gunsolus, as you may have guessed, are brothers. Since Travis was first to speak, he took advantage by roasting (joking harshly) his brother as much as he could. "He's in the Hall of Fame...I don't know about that," he said. "I had the better winning record."

Trent had the last laugh, though, as he talked about the one time, he and his brother sorted out their differences. "I got the chance to beat him up with no parents around," he said. "We were told to just have at it."

He also won a state championship, so... Travis, be nice to your older brother.

Dr. Pope had several stories to share about his own sports



The 2025 girls' track team received recognition at the banquet for becoming the first team in JWP history to earn a state championship earlier in June. Members present for the recognition were Head Coach Sam Schruin, MaKenzie Westphal, MaKaela Westphal, Ashlynn Wolff, Onikia Herme, Nevaeh Weimert, Brielle Bure, and Lilly Strauss.



career as a member of Kiester High School. He reminisced about how all he remembered doing when in football was tackling. "I didn't really pay attention to anything else," he joked. "When the announcer said my name, it was usually, 'Tackled by Pope.'"

Another story he shared was about when he and his fellow

football players wanted crew cuts, a style that was popular in the 1950s. However, it turned out his father didn't exactly have the natural talent of a barber, and he earned the name "skinhead." He had several other fond stories



about his coaches and his time in baseball, including one game where his team was behind by two runs, and he hit the ball



perfectly over second base to help win the game. "I remember them saying things like, 'Not bad, skinhead!'"

The 1996-97 wrestling team shared some fond memories, including their section championship match against New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva.

They had faced the Panthers earlier in the season and narrowly beat them 31-24. In the championship match, they narrowly beat their rivals 30-28.

"I remember smacking chairs around and how everyone was losing it," said Dave Carleton, one of the captains of the team during their state tournament run. "If there was one thing we loved doing, it was winning."

The team also dedicated the induction to Mike Fasnacht, one of the team's most valuable wrestlers, who was a 1st Lieutenant in the Army killed in action during the Iraq War on June 8, 2005. As many may know, there is an annual tournament named in his honor every summer, with occasional tournaments at JWP during the winter season, known as the "Fasnacht Memorial Tournament."

The JWP boys' basketball team of 1996-97 was feeling pretty good about themselves. They had an eventful state tournament campaign in the previous season, finishing with a 25-2 record, their only losses coming against Redwood Valley in the regular season. However, Caledonia upset them 71-66 in the first round of the Class AA state tournament.

"We went from being the hunter to becoming the hunted," former player Josh Berndt explained. "And we liked that."

However, the 2000 JWP Golf

team did not have high expectations of themselves, according to Evan Holmes. "We were honestly just young kids having a good time," he explained. "Reid Olson isn't here tonight, but he's probably the number one reason we made it to the state tournament."

In Olson's words, he had a 72 even par "out of nowhere," helping JWP upset the heavy favorite in the section that year, St. Peter. "I ran into some players from St. Peter years after," he said, "and to this day, they still remember us beating them."

It was a fantastic night that featured a plethora of great stories from the teams and athletes from decades ago, along with a salute to the current athletes at JWP for bringing home the school's first-ever state tournament. It's evident that athletics hold a sacred place at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, whether the inductees were Waldorf Warriors, Pemberton Tigers, Waldorf-Pemberton Colts, Janesville Golden Bears, or JWP Bulldogs. There will undoubtedly be many more legends retold, and stories written for years to come. One thing's for sure, though: sooner or later, there will be a spot in the Hall of Fame waiting for many current JWP athletes, including the JWP girls' track state champions.

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Obituaries

HERBERT FRITZ GUSE

Age 93 of Janesville, Minnesota, passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center in Waseca, Minnesota.

Herbert was born January 22, 1932, in Iosco Township, Waseca County, Minnesota to Fritz and Hattie (Gahler) Guse. Herbert was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Janesville. Herbert graduated from Janesville High School in 1949.

Herbert served in the United States Army from May 1953 to May 1955. He was stationed in Germany where his duty assignment was Cryptographic Operator.

Herbert was united in marriage to Mavis Wilking on April 8, 1956, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, North Mankato. They enjoyed 68 years of love and marriage until Mavis passed on October 26, 2024.

On March 1, 1958, Herbert and Mavis (and daughter, Debra) moved to their farm near Janesville. Herbert and Mavis worked together milking cows, baling hay, planting and harvesting crops.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards and family gatherings. Herbert was active in church and community.

He served on many boards

and committees. Even though his health did not allow him to live on the farm the last couple of years, he looked forward to his frequent farm visits. He cherished his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Herbert is survived by daughters, Debra (Denny) Rossiter, Sharon (Steve) Krassin, Janine (Tom) Schubert; son, Kevin Guse; grandchildren, Craig (Melissa) Rossiter, Ryan Rossiter, Jared (Genevieve) Krassin, Jenna (Austin) Hansen, Britta (Kyle) Peterson, Brandon (Emily) Schubert, Mattea Schubert (fiancée Kobie Koenig), Lynsey (Brandon) Ploenzke, and Chad Guse; great-grandchildren Harvey Rossiter, Waylon Krassin, Landon and Graham Ploenzke; brothers, Paul Guse, Carl Guse, Marvin (Kathy) Guse; sisters, Lila (Dick) Karrer, Ruby (Dave) Isebrand and Grace Guse; sisters-in-laws, Beverly Guse and Paulette Guse.

Herbert was preceded in death by his wife, Mavis; parents; siblings, Ruth Schoenfeld, Clarence Guse, Lyle Guse, Vera Stolt, and Nora Gille

The family would like to thank the staff at Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center for the care and support shown to Herbert.



Herbert Guse

A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville, Minnesota, Rev. Timothy Contreras officiating.

Herbert's family greeted guests at a visitation on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Janesville Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial took place at St. John's Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Janesville following the service; along with Military Honors.

Class of 1974 "Over 50" Reunion held



The Class of '74, 51st year, "Over 50" reunion was held on Sept 17 at St. Ann Parish Center in Janesville. Pictured in the front row is: Sheryl (Westphal) Williams, Carol (Bergmann) Steinberg, Colleen (Ryan) Gerdts, Judy (Osborne) Seys, Ann (Schultz) Carda, Helen (Jewison) Peterson, and Jane (Osborne) Wilmes. Back row is: Chuck Schwab, Lee Daschner, Gary Seys, Bob Carda, Lyle Gahler and Chuck Wilmes.

By Gary Mittelsteadt

The annual "Over 50" year Janesville High School All School Reunion was held Sept 17th at St. Ann Parish Center in Janesville.

This years honored guests were the Class of 1974. Faculty member in attendance was Mike Niemcyk, and his wife Rene.

The oldest honored classmate from the Class of 1948, was Robert Wolff, age 96.

The classmate who traveled the farthest distance was Ray Wolff from Surprise, AZ. Gift

certificates were respectively presented to each from Best Thai Cuisine and the Bistro.

Committee members for this year were Dorothy Kiner, Norma Witt, Marlene Goltz, Ruby Isebrand, Susan Jaspersen, Marcyne Cahill, Vonda Britton, Gary Mittelsteadt, and Katie Lau.

Vonda Britton has joined our committee, and Norma Witt, Dorothy Kiner, and Judy Adams are retiring from the committee.

Kendra and her staff from Infinity Catering, did a superb job catering the dinner with the main entree of Roast Beef

served with garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, romain salad with candied walnuts, and an assortment of dessert cakes.

The FACS (Family and Consumer Services) assisted us with the set-up of chairs and tables, and also the clean up after the program. FFA also made and placed the table floral arrangements. Both organizations are from JWP.

With many of the older class members uncomfortable driving at night, the committee has decided to hold a noon luncheon for next years reunion.

Third Annual Fall Festival: food, fellowship, and a fierce Cornhole fight

JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

Despite a few rainy clouds threatening to dampen spirits, the third annual Fall Festival at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran kicked off with a heartwarming turnout and an abundance of community cheer. The weather may have put the outdoor events in a "maybe" state, but nothing could stop the friendly competition and amazing food prepared by a generous congregation.

Following a 9:30 service led by Pastor Jeff Enderle, the centerpiece of the Festival was the ceremonial lunch, featuring a delightful, friendly cook-off. Members contributed 11 distinct soups and pies, filling the air with incredible aromas. While many generations of this congregation gathered, the kitchen proved to be the domain of its elders, as well-meaning



youngsters attempting to help serve were affectionately yet sternly shooed away—you can't knock them for trying.

Among the incredible entries were chilis, classic chicken noodle soups, and sweet baked goods. A special shout-out goes to Angela Enderle, who contributed one of the delicious soups. The crowd favorites included the slightly peppery,

cold-weather-perfect Chicken Chili and the incredibly comforting Potato Bacon Soup, which one attendee described as a hearty meal in a bowl. For dessert, the Caramel Apple Pie was decadent, striking the perfect balance of sweet and tart, recalling a crisp evening campfire. Each member voted on their favorite soup and pie, though it's unclear who received

top honors and another year of kitchen bragging rights.

After the meal, the festival officially began with arts and crafts for the kids, including decorating pumpkins generously donated by Autumn Acres. Even with full bellies, nothing deterred the youngsters from enjoying the bounce house, albeit a partially rain-soaked one, outside. The highlight of

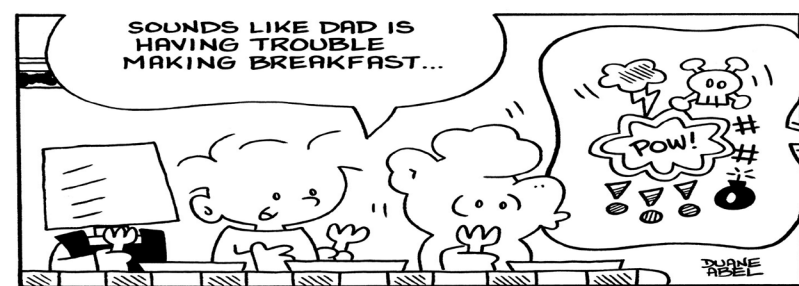


the afternoon had to be the epic cornhole match, featuring Pastor Enderle against a pair of talented young brothers. The youth showed no mercy, delivering a crushing defeat with a final score of 21-4. A great sport, he took the "L" gracefully, but will look forward to his comeback next year! A bible trivia showdown rounded out the Fall Festival and surely

tested the knowledge of even the most devout follower.

While St John's Fall Festival may not be as jam-packed with events compared to others, it was still viewed as a resounding success defined by fellowship, delicious food, and a sense of community only a congregation can bring.

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JWP FFA Chapter Officers of the Month



Lillian Ewert, Reporter

I'm Lilly Ewert and This is my 6th year in FFA I joined FFA because I've always liked agriculture and hands on learning the monthly meetings is what got me hooked. My favorite event is donkey basketball because it brings the community in and we all get a Laugh out of it. I think any student should join FFA because it has something for everyone and we do so much as a group and get to experience a lot of new things.



Dylan Hood, Treasurer

I'm Dylan Hood and this is my second year in FFA. I joined FFA to get the opportunity to bring awareness to the jobs that are the backbone of our country and the people that help it run. My favorite event is the parade, because it's a first step in implementing our purpose into the community and the younger generation. Students should join FFA because our world needs people who care about and believe in the future of agriculture.

5th Annual Flackets & Flannels Fall Fundraiser



By JORDAN CARRILLO Staff Writer

Although it was a tad warmer than many expected, the 5th Annual Flackets + Flannels Fall Fundraiser at Ruby Ranch brought tremendous success while maintaining the quintessential fall spirit. Approximately 100 guests—a significant increase from last year—gathered together for a fun, grown-up night in support of the Ranch's crucial educational mission.

While flackets and flannels were initially only tied around the waist, they were certainly put to good use for warmth as the sun went down. The wind kept the bugs away and made the bonfires and the warm glow of the lights at the Goat Farm particularly cozy. Tall cornfields made an ideal concert-like backdrop for fantastic live performances by Brandon Grady and the Neon Live Band. Guests enjoyed competitive yard games, the classic appeal of tractor rides, and the 360° camera station was a huge hit in the selfie area, capturing joy from every angle.

To keep the campout feeling

going strong, meals of pulled pork, mac n cheese, and roasting marshmallows for succulent smores were offered to those who attended.

The energy around the raffle and silent auction was palpable, with over 20 items up for grabs. Like a serene sunset boat ride on Lake Elysian, a premium skin-care light therapy wand, numerous gift cards and baskets by local businesses, and an incredibly unique "Sip Happens" brandy set that correlated with the 12 zodiac signs.

Behind Flackets and Flannel, and the overall success of Ruby Ranch, owner Ashley Rehder has been the orchestrator for the Ranch's unbelievable growth. 2025 in particular served as the culmination to years of hard work for Ruby Ranch; the nonprofit educational center and summer camp celebrated great growth and achievements including being named Mankato's Best Childcare Center. This once small center of a dozen or so kids has quickly expanded to care for 50 students a day with a dedicated team of five licensed teachers, two assistants, and a full-time chef. The funds raised for the evening



would go toward renovating the outdoor spaces, like the goat barn and playland areas.

As Rehder welcomed guests for attending Flackets and Flannels, she became overwhelmed with gratitude by the dedication of her staff and the support shown by various local communities, "It's very humbling to see how much this

place has grown since we started five years ago...the support from so many different communities is incredible to see. Their commitment and enthusiasm to see these kids learn, grow, and thrive in an outdoor environment all year long has made this place so special."

Summer has come and gone

LOOK! Too late. It's gone. Summer has come and gone and I'm not sure where it went. The calendar says it's officially autumn.

We had a cool snap as the trees around the neighborhood started to turn colors. Then it warmed up again in which the rest of the leaves stayed green. Even though the calendar says it is autumn, the temperatures have been summer like.

The children are all back in school now with a small fortune spent on back-to-school supplies with a full-page long list, and new clothes. Do you remember when we bought a couple tablets, pencils, and an eight pack of crayons? We also would wrap our books in brown grocery bags. With the school buses back on the roads, we all need to be extra cautious.

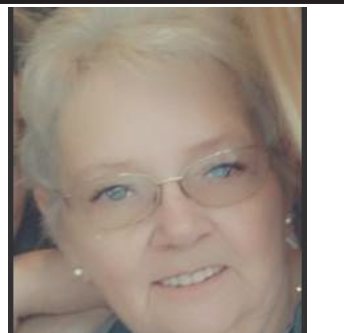
Many schools have had their homecoming festivities of coronation, homecoming football games, and dance. Whether they won or lost, each team gave their all and enjoyed themselves.

With the warm, dry temperatures, the farmers have

Mother Knows BEST

By Kathy Richardson

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been very busy getting in the fields and harvesting the crops, and thankful for the dry crops whereas they didn't have a high moisture count in their pickings. With working the fields, there are also many tractors going from field to field along with many more semi-trucks on the roads also. A person really must be alert and patient these days.

The temperatures were so warm that I almost had to turn on the air conditioners and now we almost want to turn on the heat for the morning temperatures. We almost must cover our flowers so don't freeze. I personally am not ready to lose the beauty of our summer flowers. My outside flowers did so well this year with all the rain at just the right time. I am going to bring my begonias

into the house this year to see if I can get them to keep them in the winter. If they don't survive, it's nothing lost but my time. The trees will be changing their colors quickly now with leaves falling everywhere which means people will be busy raking them up and bagging them all.

While the younger generation has been busy getting back into the swing of school and their activities, the older generation is busy with fall cleaning. My oldest daughter, Tracie, has been coming over for several days helping me with mine. Since it hasn't been done for over a year, everything is terribly dirty requiring a lot of work. Plus, the fact that I am home all day in which I smoke also, it has been time consuming and hard work, for her, getting everything clean.

I do what I can with washing the windows and curtains, but she has been the one climbing up and down a ladder to wash the walls. She still likes to get down on her hands and knees to wash the floors in every nook and cranny which I haven't been able to do for many years. So, when she cleaned my floors, she made sure it was done here also. It's nice to have everything clean again from ceilings to floors including all the wall hangings and nick-nacks.


My neighbor and I are going to try something different this fall in preparation for our lawns for next spring. Usually, we put fertilizer on in the spring, but this year, just before the first snowfall, we are going to put it, and grass seed, on our lawns. We are going to wait till the last minute so that the birds don't eat all the seed. We have many birds in our neighborhood, so they have a field day with our lawns.

May everyone enjoy the changing of the seasons and be safe on the roads and with your fall projects.



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Business Spotlight

K&Co Beauty Collective; the story behind Kirsten Spengeler's new Janesville Salon

JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

K&Co Beauty Collective officially opened its doors in Janesville this past April, but the story of owner Kirsten Spengeler is one of dedication, strategic pivots, and exciting new beginnings—both professionally and personally.

The Path to Cosmetology

Spengeler's professional path was a studied transition into the beauty industry. She initially pursued a traditional college route, earning Associate Degrees in Arts and Medical Administration. However, the dream of working in beauty—nurtured by early experiences doing wedding makeup and selling products—never faded.

She made the leap in 2017 and enrolled in esthetician school with a strong focus on skincare. This initial training laid the foundation for her holistic approach to beauty, emphasizing natural products and helping clients be the "best version of themselves." For seven years, Spengeler rented a room at Fury Barbershop and has slowly but surely built a loyal clientele under her business, "Lashes by Kiersten."

Though she remains appreciative of time spent at Fury Barbershop, a brick and mortar with products of her choosing and services done by her steady hand, ultimately motivated Spengeler to pursue additional training. She returned to school in 2021 at Nova Academy in Mankato to complete the required 1,550 hours for her

cosmetology license.

A Leap of Faith and a Miraculous Surprise

The origin story of K&Co is one of remarkable timing. Spengeler found the Main Street location—a building that previously housed an American Family Insurance office, a photo studio, and cabinet makers—to be available after receiving a text from a realtor during the State Fair in 2024. Being a fixture on a Main Street that has waned over the years, Spengeler jumped at the chance of owning a piece of history in a town she now calls home, "I had always dreamed of owning a storefront, especially coming from a family of business owners. Janesville welcomed me when I first came here a decade ago, and to be able to have a business here is incredibly special to me."

A few months later in mid-October, she closed on the building; however, that wouldn't be the only surprise for this beautician. In a stunning coincidence, Spengeler found out she was expecting her first child the very day she closed on the building. The new baby, Kieran, is now the unofficial mascot of the salon. The new name, K&Co Beauty Collective, was chosen to be cohesive and inviting. "Lashes by Kiersten" was such a long name," she explained. "We offer so much more than just that, and the 'Co' reflects the multiple services and space I have available to share." Her husband, Jonathan, was instrumental in helping paint and renovate the space.

The Art of Beauty Service

Today, K&Co offers a full

suite of services, with a focus on one-on-one appointments. Her favorite services are facials, where she educates clients on skincare routines using pure, green, and natural products. Hair coloring is also a popular service, but wedding and event makeup remains a major ticket. Wedding season, running from May to October, keeps Spengeler busy, often dolling up to five to seven faces for one bridal party. She specializes in natural glam for weddings, engagements, and maternity photos.

A signature service that truly showcases her patience and precision is eyelash extensions. Described as a "very tedious" process that requires incredible patience, the application takes about two hours for a full set and involves using both hands and two tweezers to isolate an individual natural lash, dip a faux lash in adhesive, and adhere it precisely. It seems a bit nerve-wracking to take part in such a process, but Spengeler takes great joy in the practice, "It's an art, so there's always room for improvement," she says, noting that clients often enjoy the "lash nap" that comes with the comforting presence required for the meticulous work.

The Collective's Future

Since opening in April and working part-time due to her maternity leave, Spengeler is now ready to utilize the full potential of K&Co Beauty Collective. has been working part-time since opening in April due to maternity leave but is now back full-time and excited to utilize the full potential of the



space. As the wedding season enters its busiest time, her schedule is packed with variety, from full foils of highlights to eyelash extensions and waxing.

Looking ahead, Spengeler plans to expand the service menu by offering back facials and grow her retail shelves with curated skincare and haircare lines. Crucially, the "Collective" part of the business looks to add a self-employed stylist to rent an available chair and share the business responsibilities.

Spengeler had many thanks to those who supported her during this eight-year cosmetic odyssey, "To all my clients for being so supportive—I still have clients from when I first started who followed me here—and for being so gracious during my maternity leave. And a huge thank you to my husband, Jonathon, for working so hard to make this dream come true."

The doors are open at K&Co, ready to serve Janesville with beauty services backed by passion, precision, and a warm, collective spirit. Spengeler's journey is now deeply intertwined with the revival of Janesville's Main Street.

Meet the 2025 JWP Homecoming Court

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

The Janesville Journal wanted to get in on a bit of homecoming fun this past week. One of the ways we did that was by interviewing the homecoming court the afternoon before their coronation.

We asked each of them the same questions about homecoming, and here are their responses.

Queen Brielle James - What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? Volleyball. What is something people may not know about you? "I've moved four times." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "Seeing everyone bring their spirit throughout homecoming." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I was both thrilled and thankful that I was chosen to be on the court." What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "I would have to say the pep fests have always been my favorite." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "Playing in the homecoming volleyball game and watching the football game on Friday."

King Caleb Quast - What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "I love all the sports I'm in. But if I had to pick one, it'd be football." What is something people may not know about you? "I don't know... I have two pets." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "I'm really proud of the football team and how we've played so far this season." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I was really excited, and I hope I win." (He did, in fact, get crowned king.) What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "TP'ing our classmate, Daulton Bauer." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "Beating Medford at the homecoming game."

Mrs. Lips Tiera Anderson

What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "Honestly, just hanging out with friends and family at events." What is something people may not know about you? "I still have a baby blanket." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "I like seeing people lining the streets at the homecoming parade." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I was surprised and a bit nervous." What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "Seeing Aiden Cummins win the pie-eating contest." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "Seeing Aiden win the pie-eating contest again."

Mr. Lips Aiden Cummins

What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "I love all sports, but my favorite is football."

What is something people may not know about you? "I can juggle." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "I like how we support each other and the community with fundraisers." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "My jaw dropped." (This may or may not have been a sarcastic statement.) What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "Running away from TP'ing someone's house." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "TP'ing everyone."

Katie Olson - What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "Either basketball or the musical." What is something people may not know about you? "I have a cat named Jiminay." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "I like seeing all of us coming together as a school and celebrating homecoming." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I felt honored to be chosen." What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "The senior sunrise." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "The pep fest."

Michael Walker - What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "Football." What is something people may not know about you? "I bought my own dog at 14. His name is Cash."

In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "I love the culture we have here at JWP." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I was happy." What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "TP'ing houses." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "Playing Medford in the homecoming game."

Nevaeh Weimert - What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "Basketball." What is something people may not know about you? "My name is 'heaven' spelled backwards." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "I love spending time with classmates." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I was pretty excited." What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "Aiden winning musical chairs in 8th grade." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "Powderpuff football... and winning." (They did, in fact, win.)

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October Baseball, baby!

As the NFL season captivates us with a 40-40 tie between the Packers & Cowboys (good), the Chargers losing to the Giants (bad), and a Joe Burrow-less Bengals (ugly), another sport has finally drawn my attention—baseball.

I have written a Jay's Way here and there about the 2025 MLB season, but admittedly, I know very little about the ebb and flow of a season that for the most part, has been by the numbers. The pride and joy teams like the Dodgers, Yankees, Cubs, and Red Sox are all perennial teams with playoff aspirations and lesser knowns like the Seattle Mariners and the Cincinnati Reds have caught baseball fans by surprise with their play. It took me to the end of the season to mention the Mariners, a team whose star player is a catcher nicknamed Big Dumper? What have I been doing over the past six months?

Though the MLB season has had its highlights, there have been points of contention worth a mention. Two franchises, the Rays and A's, played in minor league stadiums and may continue that path for another season or two. I've already said my piece on this particular topic, and in the Rays' defense, their stadium suffered damage after a tropical storm; however, the A's organization is at the mercy of an owner unwilling to cough up coiffers for a renovation. It should be a blight on the league to attend a major league game at a minor league park, and the impact may not yet be calculable, although both teams

Jay's Way

By Jordan Carrillo



finished under .500 and placed fourth in their respective divisions.

Actually, in researching baseball news for this column, I learned that the Rays officially sold their franchise on September 22 for 1.7 billion dollars. That's a lot of ballpark franks. Two other teams, the Minnesota Twins and Chicago White Sox, attempted to put their franchises on the market as well, but poor interest caused them to reconsider...that didn't stop the former in trading nearly a third of the roster at the deadline, nuking any chance at a competitive season.

But hey, at least these franchises aren't the Colorado Rockies. Boy, the Colorado Rockies stink, huh? That's one tall stench for the mile-high team that set a franchise record with an abysmal 43-119 record as well as an MLB record of largest run differential (-424). To put that in a proper context, the Milwaukee Brewers touted the best differential (+144), making the gap between these two specific teams 568 runs wide...the second worst

differential was the Washington Nationals with (-212) which oddly is still 212 runs better than Colorado.

Being absolutely dreadful is a typical jumping off for a Jay's Way; however, I've already expressed what should happen to the mile-high club and everyone who runs the organization. Instead I'm going to focus on one of the most improbable comebacks in a division in baseball history. For much of the 2025 season, the Detroit Tigers were poised to take the AL Central division in a landslide; they held the largest divisional lead in MLB history at 15.5 games back on July 8. Trailing behind them were the Cleveland Guardians, which for me is not the greatest reclaiming of a former "controversial" team name, but a team that had essentially thrown in the towel at the halfway point of the season after several trades and a gambling scandal left the team a tangled mess of scrappy players.

As September rolled around, a 12.5 game chasm separated the Tigers and Guardians and every baseball expert started to roll out

the red carpet for the soon-to-be AL Central Champions. But hold on there, sparky.

With 30+ games remaining, both teams went on historic runs, just in completely opposite directions as the Guardians went 22-9, including a 17-2 streak, while the Tigers went 8-20. A once dominant Tigers lineup was tamed as they ranked 26th in runs scored and a once stellar pitching rotation failed to keep the ball on the ground as they went from great to average with the 16th worst ERA in the league. I know there's that Wind, Fire, and Ice song about remembering a specific night in September, but I'm guessing Detroit remembers every single September night their once insurmountable lead shrank with each defeat. Or maybe they should have just taken a nap and been woken up when September Ends?

In a manner most fitting for a team of destiny like the Guardians, a walkoff victory via a hit-by-pitch decided the AL Central in Cleveland's favor. Both teams will make the playoffs, but you would be hard pressed to find a Tigers fan that is confident in their ability to shake off what is a historically terrible drought during the absolute worst time of year.

Oh yeah, I forgot about the Mets missing the playoffs, too. Watching a team as braggadocious as the Mets collapse in spite of a whopping 330 millions dollar payroll makes me so happy. I guess money does buy you happiness as long as it's not yours.

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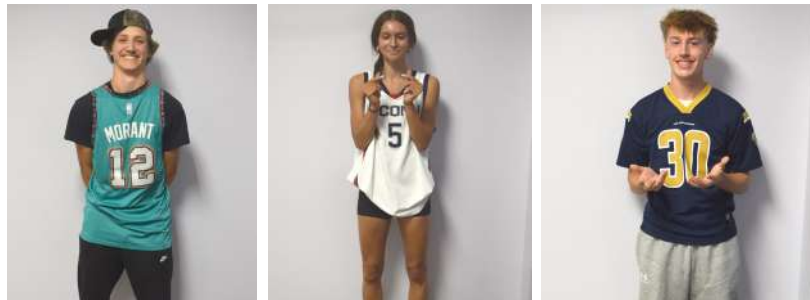
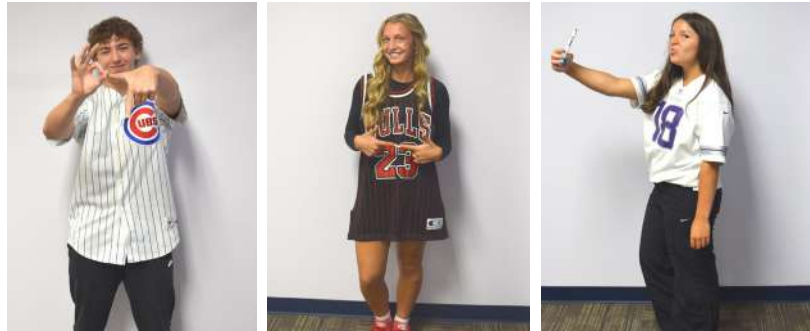
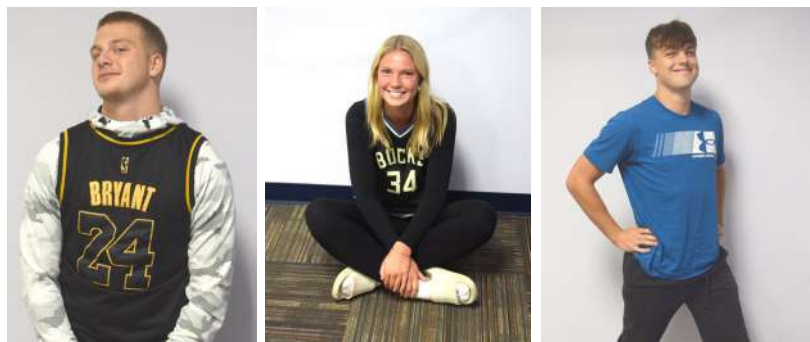
Dylan Hood - What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "Either football or the musical." What is something people may not know about you? "I've only lived in Janesville for three years." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "Being an active role model for my siblings." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I wasn't expecting to be on it, so I was surprised." What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "Getting caught TP'ing." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "Beating Medford."

Lily Quast - What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "Softball or volleyball." What is something people may not know about you? "I have double-jointed thumbs." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "Seeing the energy everybody brings to Pep fest." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I felt great knowing my classmates voted for me." What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "Our class winning everything at pep fest." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "Winning powderpuff football." (She called it.)

Rocco Scholl - What is your favorite activity, whether it's sports, music, or club-related? "Definitely football." What is something people may not know about you? "I'm fully blind in my left eye." In the spirit of homecoming, what makes you proud to be a JWP Bulldog? "Seeing how many people come out to support us at the football games." What was your reaction when you found out that you were chosen to be part of the homecoming court? "I was honestly shocked." What has been one of your favorite homecoming memories up to this point? "Winning against WEM that one year during homecoming." What are you most looking forward to this homecoming week? "Beating Medford this week."



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SPORTS

Bulldogs' 53-8 blowout the perfect end to homecoming

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

It was a beautiful week for Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton to have its homecoming festivities. And after a Friday full of pep fests, a parade, and other school spirit-related shenanigans, the Bulldog football team capped the festivities on the highest of notes, blowing out section and conference rival Medford 53-8 on October 3.

Following the introduction of the homecoming court, JWP didn't take long to get down to business. After forcing the Tigers to go three-and-out, the Bulldogs' offense marched down the field. It was senior quarterback Daulton Bauer's first game back since getting injured two weeks ago in the opening quarter against Waterville-Elysian-Morristown, and he looked ecstatic to be back on the field. A 23-yard pass to his younger brother, Gavin, followed by Chase Gerdts cutting through Medford's defense at will, including a running touchdown, set up the first score of the night. Ayden Peterson showed off his kicking ability with a nice extra point.

Head Coach Ryan Luedtke commented on D. Bauer's first game back, stating, "It was great seeing him back and playing so well against a varsity caliber team. He was doing a great job of leading all week, and it showed tonight."

The defense forced another three-and-out, and the Bulldogs' offense scored once again, this time only needing three plays. D. Bauer found Caleb Quast in stride, and the senior receiver broke tackles and juke defenders for a 46-yard touchdown for the 13-0 start.

An already rough night for a Medford team looking for its first win this season only got worse. Senior Aiden Cummins, who had won a pie-eating contest for the third straight year at the homecoming pep fest earlier that afternoon, put those extra calories to good use, acting as a monster on defense all night. He forced Tigers' Liam Ahrens to throw the ball up for grabs instead of taking the sack, leading to an easy interception for Gerdts. Sophomore running back Tyson Kronbach followed with a



The seniors (along with junior Trenton Huber) line up in a victory formation with Daulton Bauer snapping the ball and Aiden Cummins taking the knee, capping off a perfect end to homecoming for JWP.



Senior Aiden Cummins (left), who has led by example all season, was a monster on defense against Medford. Here, he tackled Tigers' quarterback Liam Ahrens, who threw the ball instead of taking the sack, leading to an easy interception by fellow senior Chase Gerdts (right).

35-yard touchdown to make it 20-0 with only eight minutes off the clock in the first quarter.

Ahrens' night only got worse as it was Aidan Rider grabbing the ball for the pick on the next drive.

It looked like JWP would make it 26-0 before the clock ran out in the first quarter. However, Medford held them until there were zeroes on the board. JWP scored on the first play of the second quarter, with D.

Bauer finding Quast again for the 22-yard score.

Elliot Jones took over the Medford quarterback duties on the next drive. It was apparent that no matter who they put behind their



Sophomore Quinn Anderson had his homecoming moment when he took a fumble recovery to the house for a touchdown.

O-Line, Aiden Cummins was finding his way to them. He forced a fumble, with Gerdts falling on it at Medford's 36-yard line. Quast took it in on a designed wide receiver run for a 28-yard touchdown to make it 33-0. The Bulldogs gave Peterson a chance to make it 36-0 seconds before halftime, but it looked like the ball may have been slightly impacted by Medford near the line of scrimmage, falling short.

Bauer's night was done, and Seth Dahlberg received some playing time. Although he had his fair share of struggles against fantastic teams, WEM and Southland, in the past two weeks, he found senior Rocco Scholl wide open for a 50-yard touchdown for the 39-0 score.

So far, this wasn't an ordinary homecoming game. It was a party. But you know what made it better? A JV player who usually doesn't see the field contributes a big play for the team. Sophomore Quinn Anderson got his homecoming moment when he seized the opportunity to return a fumble by Medford for a touchdown to extend JWP's lead further to 46-0.

"This moments couldn't have happened to a better kid," Luedtke said. "It's Quinn's first year out for football, and he's been working hard all year. And to have it happen

on homecoming. It was great seeing him have that special moment."

Jaxon Wolff added six more off a 58-yard run later in the fourth quarter to make it 53-0.

Medford had at least one thing going for it for the most part: its special teams. They had set up good field coverage for the offense all night, and they nearly took it to the house in the final minutes of the fourth quarter on the kickoff. Gerdts, who was in as a kicker for Carson Schultz, was the only one who could stop the score, and he made a great open-field tackle to do so. The Tigers eventually prevented a shutout by scoring eight points off a rushing touchdown and a successful two-point conversion. But by that point, JWP was fielding many freshmen and other JV players.

The perfect end to homecoming was when all ten seniors on the team – accompanied by junior Trenton Huber to field eleven – took a knee on the final play. However, D. Bauer played the center as Cummins – typically on the O or D-line for the Bulldogs – took the final snap.

It was an all-out assault by JWP, as both sides of the ball put in immense work for the victory. The offense amassed a total of 377 yards, featuring a balanced attack with 172 rushing yards and 205 passing yards. Medford was held to 43 yards of total offense, including -1 passing yard. The defense recorded five turnovers, including two interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

D. Bauer didn't need to do much in his first game back, doing all his damage with 7/9 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns in one half. Seth Dahlberg took it from there, recording 66 yards and a touchdown off three passes out of four attempts.

JWP's record is currently 3-3, and they are ranked #3 in Section 2AA, closely behind #2 Maple River. Although they will be on the road the rest of the regular season, they have a good chance of locking up a home game to start the playoffs, especially if they can get a win in their next two games. They will take on Blooming Prairie, who are currently 1-5 (their only win against St. Clair), on Thursday, October 9.

Rockets shut down spikers in homecoming match

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

The JWP volleyball team has done its best to chase a winning record after a tough start to the season. While they were able to maintain at least an even record throughout the past two weeks, conference foes New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva and Randolph made their homecoming week a challenging one, as both the Panthers and the Rockets earned 3-0 victories over the Lady Dawgs, putting a slight damper on the girls' homecoming spirit.

Panthers 3, Bulldogs 0

The NRHEG Panthers have quietly built a stellar volleyball program over the past few seasons, and were tied with Waterville-Elysian-Morristown for second place in the Gopher Conference until recently, when they lost to Kenyon-Wanamingo. They had a stellar 15-4 record going into the matchup. The Bulldogs were hoping to ride off the momentum of a good showing at Nicolle's tournament and the celebration of senior Nevaeh Weimert hitting 1,000 set assists during the tournament, and get an upset on the road on Tuesday, September 30.

Unfortunately, NRHEG dominated JWP throughout the game. It's always hard to play in New Richland, and the Panthers took advantage of having the home court. The Bulldogs lost all three sets 25-14, 25-16, and 25-15.

"NRHEG has very good ball control," Head Coach Toryn Richards commented. "They were able to execute on free balls as well as run a fast offense."

The loss put the Bulldogs back to a losing record at 9-10.

Rockets 3, Bulldogs 0

Things sadly didn't go better for the Lady Dawgs at the homecoming game on Thursday, October 2.



Senior Mikayla Wheelock (left) and freshman Ashlynn Wolff put their hands up for a block as Randolph sends one toward their side of the court. The used all six feet of her height to get seven block assists against the Rockets.

Randolph had a similar 8-8 record going into the match, and they seemed content on getting a road win against JWP.

Despite the result, Richards seemed to be taking in her first coaching experience at homecoming with JWP quite well. "I think the overall vibe was that we were excited but a little nervous," she said, speaking about the team. "You could tell the girls were a little nervous since for most of them, this is their first time playing on varsity for a homecoming game."

Much of the contest was a battle in front of the net. Neither team had the advantage over the other in serving. While the Bulldogs had some looks where they were able to place spikes for kills perfectly, Randolph blocked many of them throughout the night, including senior Katie Olson's first attempt to

get the 1-0 advantage. Suddenly, the Rockets launched into a 4-1 lead.

JWP was behind for much of the first set by at least four or five points. Despite Aubrey Adams supplying a block followed by a spike (with Olson mirroring her actions later in the set), Randolph still held slim leads. Both teams traded errors as well. The Bulldogs went all out near the end of the set to try a comeback. Weimert, freshman Ashlynn Wolff, and senior Mikayla Wheelock were blocking and killing it throughout the final moments, but it wasn't enough as the Rockets took the set 25-22.

The second set featured some great plays by several players. Olson kept killing it, with Lilly Ewert earning her first ace of the night. Throughout the set, JWP tied the score at least five times, but could never take the lead from

Randolph. While Weimert's usually the one setting up the plays for everyone, she had two kills and an ace in the set. Adams and Wolff were on top form as well as the set went on. But lapses on defense allowed the Rockets to take the second 25-18.

The Bulldogs had their first lead of the night in the third set as Olson struck the ball for a kill. The lead didn't last long, though, as Randolph had gone on a 5-1 run for a 6-2 lead. A pair of blocks by Wolff helped the team tie it, and they took another brief 12-11 lead. Coach Richards commented on Wolff's blocking ability, saying, "Ashlynn has been working on her block a lot this season, and it was great to see her shine. It helps build her confidence as well as the rest of the team."

Despite Wolff's efforts, Randolph repped their school mascot as they sent several rockets toward JWP's side of the court for a 25-20 finish and a clean sweep to rain on the Bulldogs' homecoming game.

The loss put JWP at a 9-11 record. The two conference losses, including the one to NRHEG, unfortunately flipped their winning record in-conference to 3-4. They are still winless in Section 2AA play.

They only had three games left in the regular season; as of the printing of this issue, they played at Triton on Monday, October 6. They will host United South Central for their final home game of the regular season on Friday, October 10. Their last match will be on the road against a tough Waterville-Elysian-Morristown squad on Tuesday, October 14.

"Right now, we are focusing on playing as a team and playing together," Richards said. "The girls want it, it is just a matter of coming together and wanting it more than other teams."

Grizzlies in the middle of the pack at Waseca meet

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

The WEM-JWP Grizzlies have stayed within the vicinity of Janesville and Waterville in the past few weeks, with their latest meet in Waseca on Thursday, October 2, at Lakeside Golf Course. The meet usually features tough competition. WEM-JWP is a Class A team, and Waseca is a Class AA program. That means the Bluejays frequently compete against bigger schools, such as Faribault and New Ulm.

The Grizzlies were up to the task, though, as both the boys' and girls' teams took third place in their respective races. Faribault took the boys' race at 29 points, with Tri-City United in second with 48 points. WEM-JWP's 67 was enough to get them past Waseca, who had 91. United South Central/Alden-Conger had 131, and New Ulm scored 173. The Lady Jays took the girls' competition with a 37, narrowly beating Faribault's 46. WEM-JWP had 80 points, beating Maple River's 102 and New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva's 108.

The WEM-JWP boys had one of their more impressive meets, with everyone placing in the top 30. Leading the way for the boys once again was Wyatt Jans, who was denied a top-five position, taking sixth place with an 18:47.6 time. Teagan Mulder cracked the top 15, taking 12th with a time of 19:38.7. Brennan Welvaert and Auston Holicky stuck together throughout the race, taking 17th and 18th, respectively. Other finishers were Wesley Heinz in 24th, Cash Wenker in 28th, and Parker Smith in 30th.

The girls were happy to have sophomore MaKenzie Westphal return to the lineup after she had



The Waseca meet marked the return of MaKenzie Westphal, who had been out due to an injury during the past few weeks.

to bow out of the meet hosted by Maple River early due to an injury. She was slowly easing her way back into it, keeping up with Norah Welvaert, who was the top runner in her absence, throughout the contest. However, Welvaert ended up still leading the team with a 13th-place finish in 22:43.5. Madalyn Miller took 16th with a 23:26.5, and Lydia Couley narrowly cracked the top 20 with a 24:07.4 time. Kwynn Krause and Emma Huelsnitz took 22nd and 23rd, with Jaelyn Wilmes in 25th. Westphal ended up last out of the group of runners the Grizzly ladies fielded, but still placed a respectable 26th at 25:20.

By the time this paper hits newsstands or is mailed out to you, the Grizzlies will have already completed their meet at Oaks Golf Club near Freeborn on Tuesday, October 7. Results for that meet will be in next week's paper.

SPORTS

An eventful week for Lady Cyclones

Blount breaks own kills record during senior night

By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

On an evening dedicated to celebrating nine graduating seniors, the St. Clair Cyclones, fueled by an unstoppable, record-breaking performance by Payton Blount, delivered a momentous 3-1 victory (25-13, 22-25, 25-20, 25-20) over the GHEC-T-ML Jaguars.

Before the match began, nine seniors received an ovation for their hard work and commitment to the volleyball program. Some seniors, like Brooklin Hinze, Brooklyn Meng, and Aubree Mathiowetz, may see more time on the court, but each senior earned the recognition they deserved. The celebratory atmosphere quickly shifted as a series of aces gave the Jaguars an early lead; however, Haddie Jobe and Hinze retaliated with a few aces of their own, then the latter battered a shot down the middle to give St. Clair a 5-4 advantage.

That change in momentum carried the Cyclones to a dominant 25-13 win in the opening set. The front court of Blount, Ashlyn DeMartini, and Hinze controlled the net with unbridled ferocity—the Jags coach had to jump out of the blast zone after Blount bazooka-ed a shot down the opposite line. It was a historic night for the striker as she broke her own kill record (23), but Meng also impressed with her patented left-handed strike, contributing to the team's overpowering offense.

If set one's result suggested a quick sweep for the Cyclones, set two proved the Jaguars were far from finished. Despite early dominance from St. Clair, GHEC mounted a persistent defense and counterattack to claw its way back. The score tied seven times as both teams displayed terrific timing and technique; however, the scorching hot play stopped abruptly when the school's fire alarm sounded. A mishap in the concession stand caused a batch of popcorn to catch fire, resulting in a brief pause in play that allowed both teams a moment to regroup and game plan. As play resumed, the Cyclones held a slim 21-19 lead, but a costly rotation penalty provided the Jaguars their opportunity to pounce, securing the second set with a 25-22 win.

With the match tied and momentum shifting, St. Clair soon found themselves on the back foot down 0-6 to start the critical third set. Fittingly, the team relied on its seniors to storm back as Meng used her patented quick strike for her squad's first two points while St. Peter made her presence known at the net with a block and two straight kills to tie the set at 7. Refusing to buckle under the pressure, the Cyclones reclaimed the lead and never looked back, taking the third set 25-14.

Heading into set four with a 2-1 lead, the focus of the match centered around Blount's pursuit of her own match-kill record at 23—a record she set a fortnight prior, and the anticipation had the home crowd giddy with excitement. DeMartini opened the scoring with a finesse touch, but Blount quickly returned to form, hitting the 20-kill mark. The Cyclone machine, also benefiting from Jobe's ace and the defensive work of Mathiowetz, built a commanding lead. Blount tied her personal record at 17-10 and,



Brooklin Hinze lunges for the volleyball as it's only a couple feet away from hitting the ground. (Journal photos by Jordan Carrillo)



Payton Blount broke her own kills record during the game against Martin Luther-GHEC-Truman to start the week. The new record to beat is now 26.

moments later, recorded her 24th kill, setting a new career high; she ended the night with 26. The Jaguars showed some spirit to keep the set interesting, but DeMartini delivered the final haymaker to clinch 25-20 and a 3-1 victory for St. Clair.

The win marked the 13th of the season for the Cyclones, with Blount and the team's core seniors leading the charge. St. Clair kept their stellar play going strong with a sweep against the Sibley East Wolverines the following night. Jobe was the standout as she landed two aces and served 23 times behind the line. Their next test pitted them against their rival LCWM Knights during the Pink Dig Out match on Saturday, October 4.

Dig'n Pink Night
The atmosphere at LCWM was electric and, fittingly for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, overwhelmingly pink for the "Dig'n Pink" volleyball night. This collaborative fundraising effort between the two schools successfully united students, fans, and players in the pursuit of a common goal: raising funds to support cancer patients.

The evening was a resounding success off the court, featuring pink decorations and a bustling silent auction that included items such as a summer 2026 admission to Ruby Ranch Camp, handmade blankets, and a doggy basket from Bella House of Doodles. Crucially, the dollars raised—including the \$473 collected during the "Chuck a Duck" intermission—are set to stay local, benefiting the Mankato Clinic Foundation to directly aid cancer patients.

The most moving moment of the night arrived when cancer survivors were recognized and honored with roses. Though the competition remained fierce on the court, the Dig'n Pink event served as a powerful reminder that some things are more important than victory.

The Cyclones entered their rematch against the Knights with momentum, winners of four out of five matches, and had defeated their rival 3-1 at home on September 16. However, the Knights came to play, setting the stage for an instant classic that went the full five sets.

The opening frame was a slugfest, featuring five ties as neither team could pull away. Led by DeMartini's strikes, the

Cyclones battled the Knights' persistent defense. LCWM maintained a slight defensive edge late, using two crucial blocks to tie the score at 16. A four-point run provided them the necessary cushion to take the close first set 25-22.

The Cyclones came out firing in set two, with Demartini delivering a thunderous slam and Mathiowetz landing two early aces, driving STC to a 9-4 lead. The Knights jostled back with a five-point run to tie the set at 9, and later knotted the score at 16; however, the pivotal moment came off a DeMartini block and Hinze kill that fueled a 9-1 run to clinch a 25-17 win.

Despite an 8-4 deficit early in the third set, STC fired back as their dynamic duo, DeMartini and Blount, wreaked havoc at the net. Oddly enough, it was a delicate touch by DeMartini that handed the Cyclones a 25-23 win in the set and a 2-1 lead in the match. Facing elimination, the Knights dominated the start of set four, racing to an 8-3 lead with a seven-point run. STC struggled to find momentum, constantly countered by the Knights' defense. Although Demartini and Blount repeatedly fought back—the two combined for 35 kills on the night—the deficit was too large to overcome. The Knights hung on to win 25-22, sending the match to the decisive fifth set.

As the final set—a race to 15—began, STC faced an immediate four-point deficit early. Blount blasted three consecutive kills to rally the troops, and the Cyclones briefly led 10-9; however, the Knights capitalized on a mistimed attack to not only regain control but execute the final strike to take the set 15-12 and complete the comeback with a 3-2 victory. The final set was a race to 15 points. LCWM jumped ahead 7-3 before the Cyclones took a timeout.

The match marked the first time all season the Cyclones had been pushed to five sets, and it was only their second loss in the South Central Conference. An unbelievable display of power and precision by both squads, this was a contest between two evenly matched teams playing at the height of their ability. After two weeks of nonstop competition, the Cyclones will experience a break in their schedule with one SCC matchup against MVL on October 7.

Crusader strikers cruise to 5-0 victory before playoffs



Shelby Beyer preps a kick toward the net. She contributed a score in Loyola's 5-0 victory against Worthington. (Photo by Jordan Carrillo)

By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

There is no better time for a team to find its identity than during the final stretch of the season. After suffering a sluggish offensive start to the year—zero goals in six straight matches—the Lady Crusaders have unleashed an offensive onslaught with 14 goals over the span of five matches, winning four of them.

Despite losing a rematch against Stewartville (2-0) the night before, the Crusaders bounced back with a dominant 5-0 showing against the Worthington Trojans on Senior Night (September 30). The team's seniors: Stella Munson, Vivian Krosch, Janessa Carstensen, Sophie Nachreiner, and Ally Wheeler all received an ovation from the home crowd, and each had their moment of glory on the pitch. While the pre-game ceremonies featured an unforgettable welcome with parents donning inflatable T-Rex, chicken, and pony costumes, Loyola quickly got down to serious business, showcasing the offensive momentum they have built in recent weeks.

There would be a David v Goliath feeling to the matchup as the Crusaders loomed over Trojans, but their quickness made the opening minutes compelling as they swiped away passes, denied shots on goal, and even mounted a swift counterattack that would be snuffed out by Munson. Neither team backed down from contact although Worthington lost two of its goalkeepers due to physical plays at the net. A steady attack by Beyer and Johannes kept the defense wary, and a deflection on a corner kick broke through the Trojans' protection to net the first goal of the match. The Crusaders maintained possession for much of the half, and Beyer sliced one past the keeper for a 2-0 lead heading into the break.

The Lady Crusaders came out of the halftime huddle with immediate intensity, nearly scoring in the first 30 seconds off a Johannes kick, followed quickly by a thunderous Beyer strike that clanged off the crossbar. A poetic testament to teamwork allowed the third goal of the match as an extraordinary cross by Johannes to

a rolling Wheeler initially bounced off the Trojan keeper's hands, but carried far enough past the line to mark the score. A fitting moment for the senior forward. The youngster later took matters into her own hands, or feet, with a deceptive dribble move that stiffened a Trojan defender and a decisive strike to blow the match open 4-0.

As the match neared its foregone conclusion, the Crusaders rallied to provide its seniors a curtain call for their hard work and dedication to the soccer program. Though she had limited time on the pitch, cheers erupted from the sideline every time Krosch controlled the pace; she managed a strong shot by the right side, but it sailed high and wide.

In the final few minutes, a collision by Carstensen and the Trojan's backup goalie caused a delay in play. Though no malice was intended, the contact resulted in a cleat or knee to the face, causing significant blood and a possible broken nose—a tough moment in an otherwise competitive matchup. Following the restart, Wheeler split the defense and nailed the Crusader's fifth goal of the night, sealing the victory.

Loyola would defeat St. James Area 3-0 on October 2, marking the fourth win in five games. Johannes was the standout player for the squad with a hat trick...the first of her young career. These victories come at a pivotal time as the Crusaders conclude their regular season with a 5-8 record and a seventh place finish in Class A Section 2. Coach Sims & Nachreiner have been thoroughly impressed by their team's improvement, and look forward to making a splash in the playoffs. "Ending the season winning four of the last five is a great way to go into postseason play...we're playing together as a team and having fun out there. We're excited to see what this group can do."

In the opening round of Section play (October 9), the Lady Crusaders square off against a team they played at the very start of the season: Albert Lea. Much has changed for this squad since conceding a 3-1 result back on August 21, and their relentless attack could lead to an uplifting result this second time around.

Crusaders beat the heat in Sleepy Eye

By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

Despite a surprisingly tasty autumn evening, the Loyola Crusaders beat the heat to continue their streak of top finishes at the Sleepy Eye meet on October 2. The Lady Crusaders took top honors with a well-rounded performance that led to a 28-point victory, while the Boys took second place.

Soren Kelly continued his dominance on the circuit with his third straight first-place finish (16:24) and fourth of the season; Mitchell Buboltz placed ninth. The Crusader JV Boys fared well with a third-place finish; Ethan Beenken was neck-and-neck with an

LCWM-Nicollet runner until the very end, but took second place. Keeping their own rivalry going, Charlotte Meyer and Valerie Quast took first and second place, respectively...marking Meyer's third victory this season. Most impressively, 10 Crusader runners placed in the Top 25, with its youth leading much of the pack. Although she may be one of the youngest, Riley Quigley performed beyond her age with a fifth-place finish, her best varsity result of the season so far. Rounding out the Top 10 were Lila Quast & Charlotte Kirschner, placing eighth & ninth, respectively.

With the XC season nearing its final few weeks, the Crusaders have one final tune-up at Madelia on October 9.

Spartans plunder Buccaneers 22-8

By JORDAN CARRILLO
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After suffering a heartbreaking defeat on Homecoming, the SCL Spartans dug deep to reveal a treasure chest of offensive talent against the Blue Earth Area Buccaneers on October 3.

Sticking to the ground game was the blueprint for a 22-8 victory over the Bucs as the Spartans charged forward for 279 yards; seven different gloved hands carried the rock with both Wilmes and Youngerberg breaking 100 yards

each. Freitag used his legs effectively as well, with 36 yards on the ground, including an 18-yard dash that led to the game-sealing score in the third quarter.

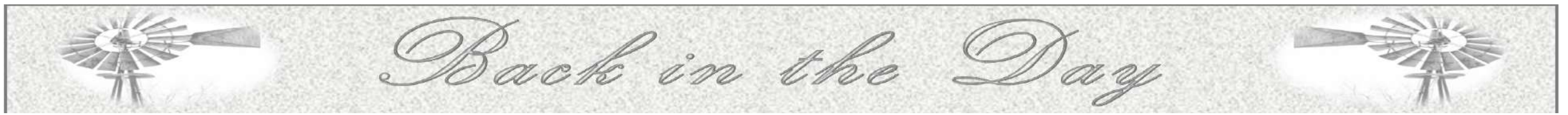
Following a two-yard rushing touchdown by the Bucs, Freitag delivered a 33-yard dime to Cumberland to knot the score at 8. The Spartans batted down the hatches quickly against BEA and forced punts on 10 of their possessions; Vaughan commanded the field with nine tackles, a sack, and one TFL...four players recorded 7+ tackles, and the team combined for five TFL. Hansen punched in a two-yard

run for a score in the final minutes of the first half, and McClinton added some insurance with a score on a five-yard scurry right through the heart of the Bucs defense. A fourth-quarter interception by Freitag made for some choppy waters late, but Wilmes pilfered a pass of his own to help SCL stem the tide en route to a convincing victory.

A bruising style of run-heavy offense has been the identity of this program for many years, and the game against the Bucs was a return to form. Coach Willaert credited his team's effort on the ground, even noting McClinton's first Varsity

touchdown that sealed the deal for the Spartans. "We're very happy with the bounce back victory...we distributed the ball very well and had a solid rushing attack all night."

While the victory over BEA brings some life to the Spartans as the season enters its final few weeks, the challenges ahead may prove unbelievably daunting. Loyola will celebrate their Homecoming with an October 9 showdown against juggernaut WEM...oddly enough, the second straight battle with the Buccaneers, and hopefully with similar results.



This is a continuation of St. Clair's history found in the book, "Years of Memories: St. Clair, MN - 1855-2005."

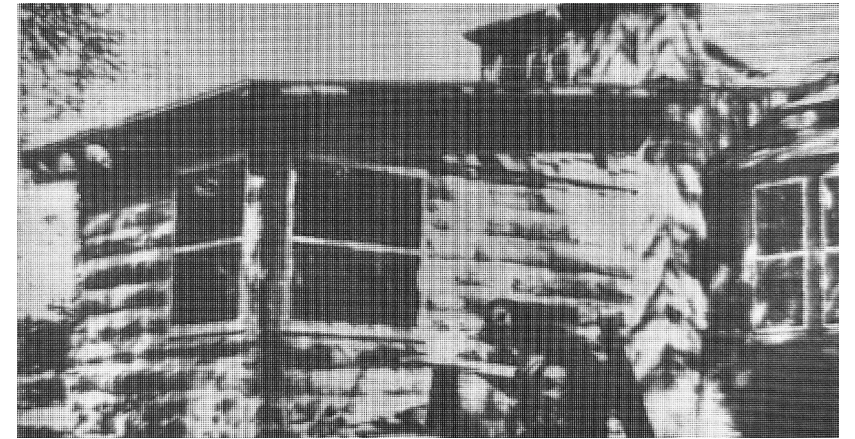
1952

- The following story is a continuation from last week.
- Minnesota Lake won over St. Clair on home ground in ten innings on April 30. Score 9-7 favor of Minnies. St. Clair and Minnesota Lake have now a split of games apiece. St. Clair and Minnesota Lake have seven even

in the hitting box. Gordie Juliar led St. Clair with three or five.
- Pemberton jumped back at St. Clair on May 13, with Jans pitching and held us to a 3-2 victory. St. Clair had five hits for 22 trips and Pemberton three for 24. Jim Riese handling hurling for home team had eleven strikeouts with Jans having nine.
- The Janesville Bears growled their way by the Saints in the eight innings of a close game. Gordie who started out

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Sometimes, all a man needs is a small space to call his own. In 1975, Wayne Warner converted a chicken house on his family's farm near Lake Francis into a log home.

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1925

- The city dads have decided that slot machines will have to be put out of commission in Janesville. Numerous complaints have been made that the machines are doing too thriving a business with the result that considerable money that could be spent - or saved - more wisely is being taken from the pockets of a good many youngsters. Chief Klinder has been ordered to see that the devices are removed. A committee representing the Civic League appeared before the council and asked that steps be taken to acquire a site for a park in the city. The women reported that the club is willing to equip the park so as to provide tourists with a fair degree of comfort and convenience. At the same time it was pointed out that there is a pressing need for a place where local people might hold picnics and gatherings.

- Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gayer celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Tuesday evening, though the celebration was not of their ordering. It was on the concerted action of about 325 of their friends that the celebration took place, the popular couple having no more to do with the affair than to be the guests of honor during the evening and to go through another marriage ceremony in which dignity had a hard fight against the burlesque permitted in a mock ceremony.

- Regularly enrolled free classes in poultry, dairying, swine-raising, beekeeping, gardening, and flower growing will be taught by radio through WCCO, Minneapolis, and will be organized at once by the Agricultural extension Division, Department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota. Instruction in poultry raising will be given on Monday evenings, beginning Oct. 23; time, 7:45 to 8:00. Plans for the other subjects will be announced later.

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1950

- The Janesville Hearty Workers 4-H club met on Monday evening, September 25, with Dean Cowdin and Keith Born acting as hosts. Eleven members were present. At this meeting the members signed up for the 4-H projects and activities that they wish to take for the year that begins now. John Morrill, president, presided. The new business for the evening was election of officers. Dean Cowdin was elected president; Pete Glynn, vice president; Clifford Gardner, treasurer, and Early Dimmel, secretary. It was decided that the member having the club meeting would furnish the recreation for the evening. Dean Cowdin gave a very instructive demonstration on the selection and cleaning of vegetables that are to be exhibited at a fair.

- An open house for residents of Waseca and surrounding communities will be held at Waseca Tuesday, October 17, at the Birds Eye-Snyder packing plant to officially launch Birds Eye-Snyder's own packing operations in the State of Minnesota. The Birds Eye-Snyder Division of General Foods Corporation purchased the Waseca, Madelia, and Mapleton operations of the Fairmont Canning Company last February. Fairmont continues to be a Birds Eye Co. packer at its other locations.

1975

- Seventeen year old Beverley Joan Hesom, Dundee, South Africa, will be Janesville Rotary's fifth exchange student, according to Cliff Gardner, Chairman of the Janesville Rotary Student Exchange Program. Beverley was born in Dundee, South Africa on November 8, 1957. Her father, Edwin Hesom, is a farmer. She has two sisters, Louise and Leslie. Her hobbies include horseback riding, all types of sports and singing. She is a member of the National Youth Choir. She plans to attend college and to secure a teaching degree.

- Wayne Warner likes to keep things that are simple and old. That's why he lives in a

renovated chicken house, drives a 1951 Hudson, and farms 68 acres his great-grandfather, Bert Carpenter, bought in 1891. Warner, 30, lives with his mother and father, Verna and John Warner, on a beautiful, hilly farm on the northwest edge of Lake Francis. His grandmother, Lois, 79, lives with his parents. The Warners are a close family, but Wayne likes to keep late hours and finally decided the only way to live his own life was to move out of the big frame house. Since the old barn had blown down in a tornado, the only place he could move into was a chicken house that is built into a hill north of the farm house.

- The Janesville Jaycees have set October 25 as the date for their Yard Grooming Project. On that Saturday Jaycees will rake lawns and haul away leaves and branches for Janesville residents. A donation will be accepted upon completion of the yard work. All proceeds will be donated to Multiple Sclerosis.

2000

- If you don't count your political signs being moved as vandalism, or toilet paper hanging from trees and buildings as too annoying, Homecoming last week at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School went pretty well. Jack Eustice, JWP High School Principal, said he was very impressed with the student spirit and participation during Homecoming week. "Participation in 'Spirit' days was 75 percent," said Eustice. "The students were energetic at the pep fest, powder puff football games, volleyball games, and student relays."

- Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton's balance and consistency were too much for Medford to overcome. The JWP volleyball squad whipped Medford for the second time this season, sweeping the Tigers 15-7, 15-6, and 15-2 at Janesville Oct. 3. The Bulldogs won the earlier meeting in four games. "We played consistent volleyball tonight," said JWP coach Scott Bernard. "Our serving was strong, and we spread the ball around among our hitters."

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