

# Jayna Gronewold Hits 1,000 points

The night of February 25 was a special one for junior guard Jayna Gronewold as she scored her thousandth point in a game against Norman County East-Ulen Hitterdal. Gronewold entered Monday's game needing 21 more points to reach one thousand, a total she was able to hit shortly after halftime of the Tigers win over NCE-UH.

By: Cole Weets

"Jayna is such a hard worker and she spends a lot of extra time in the gym getting better. She is a great role model for the young athletes in our school," said Jayna's coach Anita Heier.

There has not been a Rothsay Girls Basketball player to reach one thousand points in 16 years as Christy Jensen was the last girl to do so in 2003.

When asked about the accomplishment, Jayna replied, "When I hit it, it felt like such a big accomplishment because I've been working towards it for so long. I couldn't have done it without my coaches always pushing me to do better and my teammates support. It's a moment I will never forget."



The team and Jayna holding the posters made by fans and parents.



Team members and Head Coach Anita Heier rushed to the court to help Jayna celebrate her 1,000th point.

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## Barnesville Sure Has A Lot To SHOWCASE



By: Bailey Thompson

Celebrating its 27th year of showcasing locally available goods and services, Barnesville's Showcase will be held Saturday, March 23 at the Barnesville High School from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a free admission event expected to attract over 700 people from around the area!

Over 40 booths will feature a variety of items from Barnesville businesses and service providers, home based businesses, and local organizations. Many vendors will also have cash and carry items!

People from all around the Barnesville area who support small town living or may be considering a move to Barnesville will enjoy this one stop opportunity to meet local business owners, residents and organization leaders. There will even be some kids showing off their entrepreneurial skills by having a booth of their own!

That same morning, the BHS Trap team will also be flipping pancakes at the school from 8:00-11:00 a.m. This is a great fundraiser for their team and we hope everyone comes out to support them! We are also excited for Suz Dance to hit the stage at 11:30 a.m.!

Last year, the Main Street Program decided to cut down on rentals in order to bring the cost

of registration down and make it affordable so more businesses and organizations to participate. It worked out well and everyone seemed to like the more casual atmosphere.

There is still time if you want to put together a booth! We have a few spots still available. If you are interested or have questions, please call Bailey at 354-2479 or email [mainstreet@bvillemn.net](mailto:mainstreet@bvillemn.net) today.

This event is just one of many put on by the Main Street Program. The program is focused on promoting Barnesville as "a neighborly place to live, work, and play." Mark your calendars to come check out the businesses, have some delicious food, see great entertainment and enjoy the day!



## Minnesota 4-H Holds NW BLU Workshop



Minnesota 4-H held the Northwest BLU workshop on February 9-10 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes. BLU – Building Leadership and Understanding – welcomed 114 youth from across the Northwest region of the state as well as youth from as far away as Anoka and Sibley Counties.

West Otter Tail participants included, from left to right Rachel Nelson (Dane Prairie), Nicholas Wiezorek (Oscar Trondhjem), Stella Oland (Oscar Trondhjem), Brianna Carter (Nidaros), Natalie Bergem (Fergus 4-H), Nicholas Carter (Nidaros), Elli Meyer (Oscar Trondhjem), Isabelle Boyd (Fergus 4-H), Samuel Heeter (Dalton), Caden Meek (Barnhard), Benjamin Meek (Barnhard) and Conner Will (Sverdrup).

Nicholas Wiezorek won the Disney Themed Lip Synch Battle, congrats Nick!

The theme of this year's workshop was Connecting the Stars with 4-H, and youth learned

ways to make and strengthen relationships by expanding communication skills, learning how to carry on civil discourse, and reflecting on the people with whom they are already connected. The workshop was facilitated by 15 youth leaders from the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador program and a team of 12 chaperones from the Northwest region.

The Northwest BLU workshop is one of a set of regional workshops held across the state for youth in grades 6 and up. The emphasis of BLU is for youth to learn valuable leadership skills that they can apply in their communities and programs and for youth to make connections and build relationships with other youth from across the region and the state.

To learn more about BLU and other 4-H programs, please visit <https://extension.umn.edu/4-H/> or contact your local Extension office.

## Big J's SmokeHouse Eat-In Restaurant Opening Soon



Justin Matheson stands in the upper level of his new, soon to open, Big J's SmokeHouse Restaurant in Rothsay. Jennifer Vincent painted the walls. A new serving station was installed on this level complete with a pop machine. This was done to ensure service to the diners is more efficient.

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weddings, grooms dinners, family reunions and business meetings.

"I will cater any type of party," stated Matheson. He will continue to offer this service in the future.

Monday is a day when the food truck will be idle and the restaurant closed. That doesn't mean that Matheson gets a day off. It will be an opportunity to do some food prep for the week.

Restaurant hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Thursdays through Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Rothsay City Council approved a liquor license for Big J's SmokeHouse Restaurant. He will serve tap beer, bottled beer and a few options for mixed drinks.

Matheson says, "at this point in my life I am kind of married to the business." There seems to be little

free time in Justin's week and that is just how he likes it. "I like to be busy," he said.

With the opening of Big J's SmokeHouse Restaurant, a life goal will be attained by Matheson.

What the future may hold he isn't sure yet. Right now Chef Justin is just content to bask in his efforts.

Follow Big J's SmokeHouse on Facebook to discover the exact opening date of the new restaurant in Rothsay.