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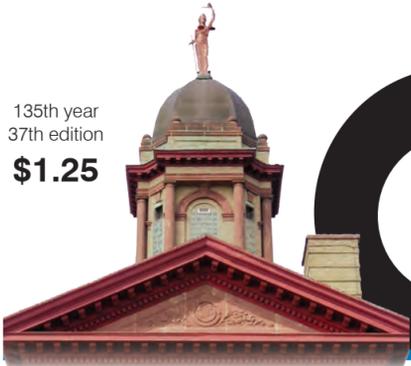
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Last Week's Results

"Fur-ternity Leave" is offered to employees of a Minnesota company who have adopted a new pet. Should this be the new norm?

No **85%**
 Yes **15%**

Next Week

Some have called for limiting daily attendance at the Minnesota State Fair. Would you favor such a change?

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DID YOU KNOW?

Hooked on social media



Social media's presence in the United States is vast and continues to grow.

It was reported that in May, Facebook had over 164 million users in the U.S.—over half of the entire population.

The most popular social media sites are:

- Instagram—111 million.
- Twitter—71 million.
- Pinterest—56 million.
- Snapchat—53 million.
- Reddit—29 million.
- Tumblr—23 million.

WEATHER

A look back . . .

	H	L	P
Tues.	72	64	2.15"
Wed.	73	54	—
Thurs.	74	55	—
Fri.	75	54	—
Sat.	74	54	—
Sun.	73	55	—
Mon.	81	61	—

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THREE-YEAR-OLD Hadley Inman had that look of determination and conviction as she drew back the string on her bow ready to hit the target during Saturday's Kids Rodeo Fall Festival at Rainbows Inc. Hadley was getting a little assistance holding the bow and arrow from volunteer Steve Kuntz. Hadley is the daughter of Bill and Nicole Inman of Windom.

Reinbows doles fun at Fall Fest

Fall officially arrived Saturday, at least in one corner of Windom.

Rainbows, Inc., located in southwest Windom, held its annual Kids Rodeo Fall Festival. A perfect day brought out lots of families to enjoy everything from a petting zoo, to carnival games, to horse riding demonstrations, to rodeo games, including mutton busting.

The fundraiser for the organization's various programs not only brought in dollars, but more importantly, offered loads of fun for kids all around the area. Whether it was riding a horse or playing a game, there were smiles all around.



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EGG AND SPOON was the game these horse riding program participants demonstrated during Reinbows' Fall Festival. The girls are (from left) Madison Green, Rylie Raverty (pink helmet), Taylor Vondrak (front) and Saydie Raverty.

EDA considers plan to address housing issue, water retention

■ Annual city tax revenue from a 46-unit apartment complex and four fourplexes would exceed \$90,000.

At Monday's regular meeting, the Windom Economic Development Authority got its first look at a \$7 million housing project that would also address water issues on the city's north side.

Details are still coming together, but Monday's discussion centered on proposals from two different developers — one calls for four fourplexes, the other is a 46-unit middle class apartment complex. In addition, there are plans for a seven-acre water retention site which would address drainage concerns for nearby homes.

Construction would occur northwest of Windom Area Middle High School, beyond the school district's property which stretches to 17th Avenue (see map on page 2). The apartments would be built near the end of the paved portion of 18th Avenue, with buffer space between the homes and the complex. The four-

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School board debates scaling back subdivision

■ The school board could rescind its agreement with the EDA to allow for expansion of the CTE program.

By **JOEL ALVSTAD**

A potential residential subdivision on current Windom Area school property could see significant changes in the near future.

At Monday's school board meeting, the board discussed the possibility of exiting or adjusting its current agreement with the Windom Economic Development Authority regarding the Prairie Meadows subdivision, which is located along 17th Street, west of the current middle high school campus.

Board member Dustin Stevens, who is on the board's buildings and grounds committee, said the hope is to use some of the lots as the district expands its career and technical education (CTE) course offerings — specifically with the hope of adding building trades courses.

"In light of the new developments with the elementary school going on the east side of the campus, we found there was both a need for more land on the west side

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Another banner year for county at State Fair

■ Cottonwood County 4-H'ers brought home 21 honors of purple ribbon or better.

Cottonwood County 4-H Program Coordinator Crystal Reith was asked if other counties shudder when they see Cottonwood County in their Minnesota State Fair encampment.

She smiled, chuckled for a moment, then offered an honest assessment.

"You're always looking at certain counties to bring quality exhibits," Reith said, just a few days following the conclusion of the 2018 Minnesota State Fair. "And people are out there going to different county fairs, checking to see who has what and see what the competition is. People know that we are a county that has some quality livestock coming out of it."

Indeed, Cottonwood County 4-H returned from the state fair with another incredibly successful showing. In all, Cottonwood County 4-H'ers garnered 21 purple ribbons or better. The "better" is what is particularly astounding. In addition to the six livestock purple ribbons, the county had one grand champion, five champions in six classes, five reserve champions and a pair who finished third and fourth in their respective showmanship divisions.

On top of that, the county had one individual whose Clothes You Buy garment in fashion review wound up in the prestigious Fashion Revue Honor Court.

"We've had another great year," Reith said. "A lot of kids keep going back, more and more, and they keep doing well and being success-

ful. We had a few new ones in there this year, which was good to see."

Cottonwood County also had another strong showing in FFA as well. One Windom FFA'er, Ryan Franz of the Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers 4-H Club, showed the overall reserve champion market hog, while Megan Wiebe of the Windom FFA showed the champion black faced market lamb and the reserve champion black faced market pen.

Kennedy Vold of the Red Rock Central FFA took top honors in wheat as well as specialty crops. Mt. Lake FFA'ers turned in another strong showing in crop samples.



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BRITTANY ERICKSON SHOWED the grand champion breeding gilt in the 4-H Swine Show at the 2018 Minnesota State Fair, which was also the champion Yorkshire gilt and champion purebred breeding gilt. She also placed third in breeding gilt advanced showmanship.

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