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## **DID YOU KNOW?**



Starting the school year after Labor Day had long been a tradition in Minnesota before it

# **Committee plans first Welcoming Windom event**

The celebration is an effort for all people to learn more about the community in a festive atmosphere.

Back in the day, when someone new moved to Windom, the "Welcome Wagon" lady paid the new residents a visit and shared all of the things the community had to offer. Additionally, local businesses often provided promotional items that the new residents could use in their home, or coupons for discounts at their busi-

Like doctor house calls, the Welcome Wagon is from a bygone era. But a local committee has come up with something in its place: "Welcoming Windom.

You could say the event, set for Saturday, Sept. 18, is an all-inclusive Welcome Wagon get-together.

So, what does a "Welcoming Windom" event look like?

The event is a come-andgo-as-you-please celebration that runs from 11 a.m. to 3

p.m., Sept. 18. The city is blocking off Fourth Avenue, between Eighth and Ninth streets, where a variety of local businesses, churches and organizations will have booths set up along the avenue.

"There is a lot of opportunity to get information out to new community members on volunteerism and the community in general," explains Drew Hage, Win

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DREW HAGE, Windom Economic Development director, is helping to organize Windom's first Welcoming Windom event on Sept. 18 along Fourth Avenue in Windom.

DAVE FJELD 9/8 Hage, Drew

Experience Trucking event set for Saturday at Fortune

Saturday's event is billed as a day for food, fun and family.

Windom area residents will get a close look at the trucking industry, Saturday, as Fortune Transportation hosts a big "Experience Trucking Event" at its headquarters in Windom.

The event, which Fortune is doing in partnership with the Minnesota Trucking Association, runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone from the public may attend.

Jeff Reeves, general



DAVE FJELD 9/8 WWG fall festival 15 AMONG THE ACTIVITIES at last week's Fall Festival at Westbrook-Walnut Grove High School was a petting zoo that attracted a number of youngsters and parents.

# WWG event gets staff, students ready for year

It's all about fun and community, but there's a healthy dose of education mixed in when it comes to Westbrook-Walnut Grove's annual Fall Festival.

Except for last year,

of during the upcoming school year.

It was a grand kickoff to a school year that officially started bright and early in Westbrook and Walnut Grove on Tuesday morning.

# – WESTBROOK FALL FESTIVAL —



became a state law in 1985.

The reason? Starting school earlier interfered with the State Fair. The resort industry also lobbied that many families plan a final big summer resort trip over Labor Day weekend.

Currently, Minnesota, Michigan and Virginia are the only states that mandate schools start after Labor Day. Wisconsin and Iowa start school on Sept. 1.

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when the event was cancelled due to the pandemic, the district has put on a late afternoon/ early evening event for students, parents and staff that brings everyone together in a festive atmosphere. Students get a taste of school through a book fair, a little physical education through human foosball and rock wall climbing and a touch of FFA through the petting zoo.

Student organizations had booths at which people could help with their fundrasiers or students could sign up to be



9/8 WWG fall festival 37 A BOOK FAIR, mostly for elementary and middle school students, was a popular stop for youth.



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PAT MERRICK CALLED the numbers during bingo just outside the school. Bingo players could pick up their food from one of the stands in the background and then enjoy a game of chance.

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WWG STUDENTS GOT an early dose of physical education class by taking their run up the climbing wall. These three athletic youngsters carefully scaled the wall and successfully rang the bell at the top.

manager for Fortune Transportation, says people can enjoy, "a day of food, fun and family while learning about the transportation industry."

Reeves added that the big reason for doing the event is to introduce people to the trucking industry. It is not tied specifically to driving truck, but rather the industry as a whole. There will be tours of the facility.

"It covers everything from the IT department, to customer service, to accounting, to mechanical, to logistics, to sales and brokerage as well," Reeves said.

As a bonus, people of all ages will get a chance to sit inside a truck. Reeves said folks can ride along as trucks weave through a bit of an obstacle course at the site.

Guests will also play yard games and see a presentation on how to share the road safely with trucks.

"We also have hot dogs, water and snacks," Reeves said."We have tried to make this as family friendly as possible."

Fortune has run this event a couple of times and Reeves believes it is getting bigger and better each time. If people can get a better understanding of the industry, he sees it as a win-win.

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# Windom man charged in child porn investigation

Rafael Antonio Segura-Arroyo, 48, faces four felony charges.

A child pornography investigation that began last winter concluded, recently, with charges filed against Rafael Antonio Segura-Arroyo, 48, of Windom.

Segura Arroyo faces two counts of "possess pornographic work; minor under 13" and two counts of "possess pornographic workcomputer disk/electronic/ magnetic/optical image with porn.'

All four charges are felony level offenses with the first

two carrying a maximum of 10 years in prison and the latter two penalized with up to five years in prison. The charges list an offense date of Dec. 21, 2020.

According to the complaint, the investigation stems from a cybertip received by a special agent with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

According to the complaint, a forensic search of Segura-Arroyo's devices was conducted by the BCA. The complaint says authorities found numerous videos and photographs.

The complaint goes into

detail regarding the digital multimedia evidence contained in two particular videos — one involving a young girl (whom authorities estimate is 10 years old) and another showing a young boy (that authorities believe is 7-10 years old).

# **County board OKs window grant application**

#### The grant will fund a historical architect who can design period-appropriate windows.

#### By JOEL ALVSTAD

The windows at the Cottonwood County Courthouse are in need of replacement. However, doing so without simulating the original windows could jeopardize the building's place on the National Register of Historic Places.

At Tuesday's meeting, Cottonwood County Commissioners heard a proposal from Dr. Jared Schmidt about the process of applying for grants to replace the windows.

"Because of the requirements for the National Register, we need to maintain period relevance, integrity and historic continuity," Schmidt said. "However, we also want to try to balance that with modern energy efficiency"

Schmidt said he hoped to apply for a \$10,000 grant to the Minnesota Historical Society, which would allow the county to hire a historical architect to develop a plan to replace the windows that would maintain period relevance and also be energy efficient.

Schmidt said the proposed grant application has one major thing working in its favor.

"We have the original blueprints for the courthouse, so that's a big plus," Schmidt said.

Schmidt added that if the county were to receive the \$10,000 grant, it could open the door for larger grants to cover some of the window replacement project.

"But few of those grants would be possible if we don't receive this one," Schmidt

added.

The board authorized Schmidt to proceed with the application.

#### Recorder requests

County Recorder Kathy Kretsch spoke to the board, requesting the board reconsider her proposal to offer extended hours on three days a week, and to provide merit-based raises to her staff.

Under the proposal, the recorder's office would offer extended-hour appointments, specifically geared to assist employees at Toro or HyLife. The plan was to have extra appointments until 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and

until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, as well as appointments beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

"I feel it's important to have this as an option for people at Toro or HyLife," Kretsch said. She added that the additional hours would not be available to the general public and would not be listed on the appointment website.

However, the board was again hesitant to extend hours for a county office.

Ultimately, a motion to expand the business hours for the office died for lack of a second.

Kretsch also proposed merit-based raises for the staff in her office, citing that the staff has taken on additional duties following a resignation of a part-time employee. There have been no plans to replace that position.

Commissioner Norm Hol-men noted, "If we do this for one department, we'll have every office in the county asking for merit raises for the staff."

The board did not vote on the matter.

Kretsch also addressed concerns from the board about complaints, particularly in regards to people

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- In September The City Council sets the preliminary tax levy for the upcoming year. This
- maximum amount set can be lowered but cannot be higher. • In October — The City Council holds budget workshops, which are open to the public, to review
- the proposed budgets and make their decisions.
- In November A draft budget is prepared.
- In December At the first City Council meeting of the month the draft budget is reviewed by the Council and is open for public comment. At the second City Council meeting of the month the Council votes on approval of the final budget and property tax levy. This information is then provided to Cottonwood County for tax statements

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# VIEWPOINTS

# **Caution at stop arms**

'n case you hadn't noticed, local schools are back in session and that, of course, means youngsters are boarding or departing a school bus at different parts of the day.

It has become a nearly annual plea to motorists to be careful as they drive near school buses. One would think we are pointing out the obvious. Yet each year police officers wind up ticketing folks who swerve around extended school bus stop arms.

Clearly stop arm violations can significantly lighten your pocketbook. However, the bigger penalty comes if you should hit a child who is crossing at a crosswalk, or exiting a school bus.

#### A few tips

Recently, the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety offered a few tips regarding school bus safety.

State law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended. Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.

Meanwhile, drivers can face criminal charges for passing a school bus on the right, passing when a child is outside the bus, or injuring or killing a child.

#### Motorists

Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is

## **NEWS & NOTES**

Each year, local police ticket motorists for failing to yield to an extended school bus stop arm.

Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.

Students should use great care in crossing a street..

#### displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm.

This rule involves motorists approaching from the rear and also from the opposite direction on undivided roads.

Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

The best way to be aware of your surroundings at all times is to put the distractions away.

#### Students

When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.

Wait for the bus driver to signal that it's safe to cross.

When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eve contact with motorists before proceeding.

— Rahn Larson

# Familiar face on North Shore

There are few better spots for a vacation in Minnesota than the North Shore.

Take a drive up Highway 61, past Duluth to Grand Marais, and you will find cool nights, comfortable days, spectacular scenery and some of the best hiking trails Minnesota has to offer. Stroll along Lake Superior and one can quickly get caught up in the moment. Things like home projects and work become distant

memories.

Usually.

A few weeks ago, upon arriving at Grand Marais, Paula and I explored a picturesque spot called Artist's Point. Named for the many artists who have spent time at this spot, it offers a terrific view of the Grand Marais Harbor, Like others, we took

in our office who knew, our publish-I sent Trevor a custard shop. He replied,

Editor rahnl@windomnews.com were both up there.

noon, we returned to Grand Marais for lunch and, wouldn't you know it, we bumped into Chris and Sarah again. This time, Sarah's parents, Lindsey and Jane Cartwright, were there. We laughed about the previous day's bizarre coincidence a bit more.

People say the best advice is, "leave your work at home when you go on vacation." Well, I'm sure Chris and I each had that

# ■OUR READERS RESPOND

Is there something you wanted to do this summer that you didn't get around to?

## **Norm Holmen**

"I got all of my camping in, so not really."

#### Tom Appel MT. LA

"We postponed a trip to Texas for the third time."

## Larry Anderson

"I didn't fix the windows and hot outside."

siding on my shop. It was too

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QUICK HIT ...

Cory Regnier



**Back to school** 

Just like most local parents, I sent my kids off to their first day of school this week.

There is always a bit of sadness that summer has come to an end, but there is a lot of excitement (or nervousness) to get back to school.

After the first day jitters, the kids get to be back with all their friends and learn more about their new teachers.

As for us parents, our schedules kind of get back to their regularly scheduled programs.

I hope everyone had a good summer and just want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy new school year and a great start to fall.

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**RAHN LARSON** 

er, Trevor Slette. That evening, photo of Chris and I standing together outside that frozen "Unreal. I knew you

I was wondering about that." The next after-

# A festive surprise Wow! Hats off to

the Westbrook-Walnut Grove School District for its Fall Festival in Westbrook last week. WWG didn't hold

the event a year ago, due to the pandemic, but it was back — in full force — on Aug. 31, in the big green space west of the

school. This is either the third or fourth year in the last four or five that they've had the event. The annual Fall Festival was the brainchild of Middle High School Principal Sam

Woitalewicz when he became the school's new principal. Now, Superintendent Loy Woelber always promotes the event whether I get the opportunity to talk to him about the upcoming

school year before or after the event is held. He always says it's a good time and that they have food, games and parents can pick up their child's packets from teachers.

I needed a photo to go with WWG's back-to-school story, so Loy invited me over to get a photo or two. Honestly, I believed that if I came away with one, I'd be happy.

As you can tell on the front of this week's issue, I got many more. When I arrived in Westbrook



**DAVE FJELD** Reporter

In the middle of the extravaganza was a rock climbing pillar. Children, three and four at a time, were scaling the pillar. I heard one dad say to his child, "You want to go up again?" Obviously the wall was a hit — and a good precursor to physical education class that started yesterday. There was a petting

zoo where youth could pay a few cents for

some feed to feed the animals. WWG had its miniature golf

course set up for anyone to play. A group of other younger students were playing human foosball

and judging from the laughs and smiles, they were definitely having a good time. Music was booming from a

sound system that simply added fun to the atmosphere.

Pat Merrick was calling out numbers as folks played bingo, set up in a picnic table area. And, of course, the area was lined with a row of food trucks and stands.

There was a book fair that included books mostly for elementarv and middle school students, but there were other books, mostly cook books, that adults would

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doing some of the yard work I hoped to do."

Kathy Marsh

some photos and simply soaked in the scene.

Afterward, the sun was setting and we strolled through what is a very walkable city. We spotted a place called Sydney's Frozen Custard with a street musician performing outside.

As Paula found a table, I walked over to get in line. Suddenly, I saw two people about 20 feet away, waving, trying to get my attention. I could hardly believe my eyes.

Near the same counter, waiting to receive his order, was Citizen IT technician Chris Tailowright and his wife, Sarah. At first we were stunned. Then we laughed.

Chris and I have desks less than 20 feet apart in the same office. Yet neither knew the other was heading to the North Shore on the same week, much less that we'd be in Grand Marais at the same time, visiting the same frozen custard shop.

However, there was one person

thought in mind as we drove up Highway 61. Fate had other ideas.

#### The unofficial, official list

We are heading into fall, which holds two of the Minnesota's five best months of the year. Here are my unofficial, official top five Minnesota months, in order:

- 1.) July
- 2.) August
- 3.) October
- 4.) November
- 5.) September

#### NEWS & NOTES

■ The Windom Cottonwood Lake housing development is moving quickly toward an agreement. There are hints we may even see site work begin before Christmas.

A Chamber gun & knife show will return in late October. We will have details. and headed toward the school, I saw lines of cars parked two blocks away from the school. I decided that everyone had come at once.

Once I turned the corner, I was blown away by the scale of this event. WWG staff and students pulled out all the stops to make this a very family-friendly experience.

More than half of the one block green space west of the school was filled with booths, inflatables, games, activities and music. The only portion that was left relatively untouched was the west end of the block and that area was being used by Westbrook Fire Department. Firefighters had hooked up a fire hose to the pumper truck and youth could come over and try their hand at spraying a fire hose, with the assistance of a local firefighter.

The gigantic inflatable obstacle course and slide that is commonly seen at Westbrook Fun Days was overrun by children looking to burn off energy before bedtime.

enjoy.

And then there were a variety of booths manned by students and staff. For instance, the Class of 2022 was selling WWG Charger signs that could be painted on driveways or made into signs that could be posted on lawns.

There were other booths promoting and encouraging students to sign up for their organizations.

Oh, I almost forgot, the superintendent himself was driving a tractor pulling a trailer upon which seats were arranged in a horseshoe. Whoever was getting a ride could easily converse with each other as though they were sitting in a moving family room.

I talked with a couple of people who had attended WWG's Fall Festivals in the past and they admitted there was a little more than usual this year, partly because it was canceled last year, but said the festival is always a grand event.

Great job, WWG, and a great way to kick off the school year!

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# Seatbelts can be a matter of life or death

Question: I have heard a lot about "click it or ticket" recently. I thought seatbelt use was at an alltime high.

Trooper Troy says: Most Minnesotans are making the life-saving decision to buckle up.

According to the 2019 Minnesota Seat Belt Survey, 93.4% of front seat occupants are wearing their seat belts.

Unfortunately, that means more than 7% of motorists continue to risk their lives and the lives of those in the vehicle by failing to buckle up.

#### It's a gamble

Riding without a seat belt is gambling with your life.

Preliminary numbers show 85 unbelted motorists lost their lives on Minnesota roads so far this year compared to 61 last year. This is the reason why education and enforcement are necessary: to save lives.

We'd rather meet you on the shoulder of the road now than at a violent crash scene down the road.

#### Click It or Ticket

More than 300 law enforcement agencies across the state routinely participate in Minnesota's statewide Click It or Ticket campaigns.

The Department of Public Safety Office

of Traffic Safety coordinates the extra enforcement and education campaign.

During these events, law enforcement working overtime patrols are on the lookout for unbelted motorists. All passengers must be properly restrained—even those in the back seat. All children must also be buckled in the proper child seat.

A seat belt is your best defense in

ery time you get into up—remind everyone

**TROY CHRISTIANSON** 

children must be in a child restraint until they are 4 feet, 9 inches tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

to buckle up.

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• Rear-facing child

seats—Newborns to at least 1 year and 20 pounds; recommended up to age 2. It is safest to keep a child rear-facing as long as possible.

• Forward-facing seats — Age 2 until around age 4. It's preferable to keep children in a harnessed restraint until they reach the maximum weight limit.

• Booster seats—Use after

outgrowing a forward-facing harnessed restraint; safest to remain in a booster until 4 feet, 9 inches tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

• Seat belts—Use when children can sit with their back against the vehicle seat and have their knees bent comfortably over the edge with their feet touching the floor. Belts should be worn snug across the hips or thighs and should never be tucked under the arm or behind the back.

#### A final tip

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

Sgt. Troy Christianson is an information officer for the Minnesota State Patrol.



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**Failure to stop for stop sign or lines:** Dakota H. Hockel, Windom, \$130.

Seat belt violation: Benjamin W. Davison, Storden, \$105; Douglas J. Fiedler, Webster, S.D., \$105; Carter A.K. Schellenberg, Mankato, \$140.

#### **Speeding/no Minnesota driver's license:** Victoriano I. Lopez Lopez, Worthington, \$240.

Speeding/driving after suspension: Cornelio Lopez-Martin, St. James, \$330.

Hands-Free Law-initiate, compose, send, retrieve or read electronic message: Nathan G. Miller, Jackson, \$130; Meghann T. Bergstrom, Comfrey, \$130.

Move Over Law violation-two lanes in same direction: Jacqueline L. Redmond, St. James, \$130.

**Following closer than reasonable:** Mario Ruiz Martinez, South St. Paul, \$130.

Driving without a valid license: Zachary D. Grant Sr., Sioux Falls, \$180; Elias Perez Miranda, Butterfield, \$180; Brian J. Miller, Mankato, \$180.

**Driving after suspension:** Roberto V. Tema Aguilon, Mt. Lake, \$280; Jalex Mike, Windom, \$280.

# ■ THE RECORD

#### Aug. 31

•8:02 p.m. A hit-and-run crash was reported at Island Park. A vehicle struck a light pole in the campground.

• 10:17 p.m. While on patrol, an officer saw a motorist with suspicious behavior. As a result, a 19-year-old Heron Lake male faces a possible DWI charge.

•11:43 p.m. A domestic disturbance involving siblings was reported on Windom's east side. A 16-year-old juvenile faces a possible disorderly conduct charge.

#### Sept. 1

•7:14 a.m. Officers were called to Windom's south side regarding a domestic dispute. The parties were separated for the day.

• 10:06 p.m. Officers were called to the central part of Windom regarding a possible domestic disturbance. The matter was forwarded to the county attorney's office for review.

#### Sept. 2

•7:07 a.m. A disturbance was reported on Windom's south side. Reports were forwarded to the county attorney's office for possible charges. •11:17 p.m. A Windom man reported a series of harassment incidents. The case has been sent to the county attorney for possible charges.

#### Sept. 5

•9:58 a.m. An officer spoke with a Windom resident about ongoing child care issues involving a father not returning a child to the mother. The case was forwarded to family services staff.

•6:37 p.m. A resident reported a threat of an assault. Upon investigation, the resident faces possible charges for misuse of emergency services (the 911 call) by a reporting party.

• 8:13 p.m. While on patrol, an officer spotted a motorist with suspicious driving conduct. Upon investigation, a 28-year-old Worthington man faces possible charges for fifthdegree drug possession and possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle.

#### Sept. 6

• 5:25 a.m. Officers were called to the central part of Windom where an intoxicated man was reportedly throwing things around the house. The parties were separated for the day.

# **Cleaner cars ahead**



CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN busy running their vehicles through Windom's new car wash. It had been several months since Windom had a local car wash available.

# Crystal Clean Car Wash fills a void

Crystal Clean Car Wash now has two self-serve bays and an automatic touchless car wash system.

They say you don't know what you had until it's gone.

Windom car owners would probably agree as the community has gone without a car wash for several months. The former Cenex car wash was torn down last winter to make way for a Kwik Trip store, causing residents to travel as much as 35 miles to get their cars washed in an automatic wash.

However, all of that changed last month when Bramer and Michelle Powers of Windom opened Crystal Clean Car Wash. The new 80x50-foot car wash, located near Running's on Highway 60, has two wash bays and an automatic touchless car wash system in operation. (A fourth bay is empty at this time, but will eventually be in use.)

The car wash is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The name, Crystal Clean Car Wash, comes from the name of another business owned by Bramer and Michelle — Crystal Windshield. Bramer says the new business will have no impact on the windshield business, which will continue to operate as usual.

The automatic car wash has the latest technology, us-

The system also takes laser measurements of your vehicle. Whether you are driving a compact car, or a larger pickup, it will recognize the vehicle's size. So it keeps the (car wash) equipment closer to the vehicle."

in full supply and everything

The building has in-floor

ing about 20 feet beyond the

Both of the self-serve bays

heat (33 degrees), extend-

building so doors will not

are 50 feet long, offering

ever. the doors are 10 feet

tall, which keeps livestock

trailers out of the car wash.

Powers said a few more

changes are coming, includ-

ing a menu board, change

vacuum. Those will be in-

machine and card-operated

stalled as soon as he receives

parts that are on back-order.

will eventually be used for

another self-serve wash, or

automatic wash, depending

"People have been ex-

so we've had mostly good

cited about it," Powers said.

"Everyone wants a car wash,

As for the fourth stall, that

plenty of room for cleaning

boats and other things. How-

operates as expected.

freeze.

#### BRAMER POWERS

OWNER OF CRYSTAL CLEAN CAR WASH

ing license plate recognition to allow people to purchase any type of car wash using an on site kiosk, mobile app, or website.

"Using the app, the plate number and a payment method can be added and then there is an opportunity to purchase unlimited washes, single washes, or even multiple washes at a discount.

"The system also takes a laser measurement of your vehicle," Powers added. "Whether you are driving a compact car, or a larger pickup, it will recognize the vehicle's size. So it keeps the (car wash) equipment closer to the vehicle — not six feet away for a small car, or right up against the paint on a pickup."

Bramer says his business philosophy is to show up daily and make sure everything about the car wash is effective. That means showing up daily, making sure bays are clean, chemicals are

## **INSIDE EDGE** LaCanne breaks ground in Jackson

Windom-based LaCanne Family Funeral Service has unveiled plans for rebranding and an additional location.

The business broke ground last week on a new 9,600-square-foot site in Jackson. It will now carry the tag, "LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center."

The site is located just off Interstate-90, near Industrial Parkway in Jackson. Meanwhile, owner Joel LaCanne says he will continue to operate the current Windom funeral service site which opened 18 years ago.

He noted that the Jackson location will have a large area that can be used for celebration of life events, but also retirement parties, graduations, and other events. He added that the Jackson location should be in operation by April.

"If we were going to expand somewhere, this was a natural expansion for us," LaCanne said. "Looking to the future, this made a lot of sense."

### Key fund donors to be highlighted

A list of names that has gained positive traction in Windom will be spotlighted again

very soon. That list

highlights



businesses and residents supporting Windom Area Foundation — described as, "a community booster from the word go."

Among projects the Foundation board expects to assist are:

• A new Windom

veterans memorial along Highway 60-71.

• A Lions Club shelter at Cottonwood Lake.

The list will appear in a large full color ad in the Citizen and Shopper. Gifts range from \$100 to \$30,000. To make a tax-

deductible gift, mail a check to Windom Area Foundation, P.O. Box 351, Windom, MN, 56101. To donate online, go to: www. swifoundation.org/donate Windom Area Foundation.

For information, contact one of these board members: Ryan McNamara, Dave Fischenich, Anne

Sept. 3

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### Aug. 30

• 12:12 a.m. The Cottonwood County Sheriff's Department received a report of a possible assault on Mt. Lake's north side. Upon arrival, Mt. Lake police were investigating the case and had learned that a suspect had apparently left the scene. The case remains under investigation by the Mt. Lake Police Department.

Aug. 31

•9:10 p.m. Deputies re-

ceived a report of a disturbance in the rural Mt. Lake area. Upon investigation, it was determined to be a verbal dispute. Parties were separated for the night.

#### Sept. 1

•9:50 p.m. A caller from the Delft area reported that a 78-year-old man with medical issues was missing from his home. It also appeared that a vehicle was missing. After filing a missing person report, authorities were contacted the following day at 8:45 a.m. The man and vehicle were located in Brown County. The man was taken to Windom Area Health for evaluation.

#### Sept. 4

• 7:58 a.m. Deputies received a report that a vehicle was off the roadway near the intersection of County Road 2 and Highway 60-71. Upon arrival, deputies found a green Chevrolet with moderate front end damage. The vehicle, which had apparently struck a culvert, was unoccupied and locked. Deputies were unable to contact the registered owners in Jackson County, so the vehicle was towed.

#### Sept. 5

•11 p.m. A Jeffers resident reported the theft of a vehicle. Upon investigation, the vehicle was found the same evening in another part of town. The vehicle was not damaged and nothing was

missing.

on demand.

feedback."

• 2:56 p.m. Deputies received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Mountain Park, south of Mt. Lake. Upon investigation, deputies found a silver Pontiac Grand Prix parked in a wooded area of the park. Since the vehicle's owner is from Jackson, deputies worked with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department on the case. The owner said the car was last seen when it was dropped off at a repair shop in Jackson. Foley, Mary Klosterbuer, Rahn Larson, Mike Nesseth, Peggy Pfeffer, Justin Schmit and Tony Scott.

### Shredding event set for Sept. 30

The Windom Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a shredding event Sept. 30 at Schwalbach Ace Hardware.

The event runs from 3-5 p.m. for Chamber business appointments. From 5-7 p.m., it will be open to the community. Individuals will be limtied to five boxes per vehicle.

For details, call the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce at 507-831-2752.

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# FAITH & FAMILY

# Carbo eager to build relationships in role as assistant principal

Jessica Carbo comes to Windom from Montevideo where she was an ESL teacher for the past five years.

If you meet Jessica Carbo for the first time it may be a race to see who introduces themselves first. Odds are very good that Carbo will win.

Windom Area Middle High School's new assistant principal is bubbly, outgoing and eager to build relationships.

"I'm here for all students," Carbo says. "I know we have a very diverse population — economically, socially and within the needs of each individual student. I'm here for all kids and want to advocate for them all.

"I'm thrilled to be here and I think Windom is going to be a great home to be in.'

The 30-year-old Carbo, who moved to Windom last month, replaces Paula Wolter-Mattson, who was hired as middle school principal at Marshall Public Schools.

Carbo, and her husband, Pedro, come to Windom from Montevideo, where she was the middle school's English as a Second Language instructor for the past five years.

She is a 2009 graduate of Moose Lake High School and earned her Bachelor of Art degree in Spanish and Portuguese from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

She received her master's degree in ESL from St. Mary's University in Minneapolis and earned her Doctorate in Education from Northcentral University in La Jolla, Calif. In April, she completed work toward her principal licensure at Hamline University in St. Paul.

What moved Carbo to transition from teaching to administration?

While building the ESL program at Montevideo, her principal, Shawn Huntley, recommended she move into more leadership roles.

"He took me under his

wing and we started work ing on developing programming and reaching out more to our Latino community in town," Carbo explains. "As I kept building that up, I decided, 'Let's go the full route.' So, I did my principal hours with him and in a couple of other places and decided to move into that next role.

Carbo began looking for a principal job in the spring, but wasn't about to take the first job that came along. She wanted to make sure it was the right fit and Windom was just that.

"Even the differences between Montevideo and Windom are very mild and not very far apart, size-wise and cultural-wise. It was the logical move for me," Carbo maintains.

"I focused on smaller towns because you can get to know people really quickly. I love being part of our activities that go on through the school, because you get to meet people in a different and less formal way."

One of the reasons Carbo was hired was her Spanish background, which will be especially helpful as the district meets the needs of a growing ELL and ESL student population.

'One of my goals this year is to start helping our Latino community to be more involved in our school, so that they know we have the resources and want them to be here, because they are such a big part of our community — and a growing part," Carbo explains. "We want to make sure that we're getting a good education for them and that they feel comfortable within our school, as well.

"The big trick is that I really want to build those relationships and get to know our community members. I do believe that a school isn't an island. Without the community we can't have a good school. Once you get to know me, I know we can have a good relationship, so people can feel more comfortable.



DAVE FJELD 9/8 Carbo, Jessica 4 JESSICA CARBO STEPS into Windom Area Middle High School's assistant principal role as the 2021-22 school year gets underway.

Her Spanish skills already have come into play, says her counterpart, WAMHS Principal Bryan Joyce.

"She is bilingual and that's already come into great use the last couple of weeks," Joyce says. "I've been excited with her. She's jumped right in, head first, and is taking on everything we're doing. She's very outgoing, personable and is going to be a huge asset especially to our incoming new students that might not have English as their

primary language. 'She's a learner and gogetter and we're excited to have her.'

Carbo admits she's going to miss the teaching aspect of education.

"Like most educators, we go into education to work with kids," she says. "I know that in this role, I'll have less individual time and won't be with 'my' kids every day. But I know that I can have a good impact on more students from this role, even if it's not as direct."

One of her early goals this year is to get to know students, or at least know every student's name. That's the whole point

of being in education, is for those students," Carbo concludes.

# WWG students see remodeled library

The district will start the 2021-22 school year with seven new teachers.

When students at Westbrook-Walnut Grove's 7-12 building in Westbrook returned to school Tuesday, there were plenty of oohs and aahs when they checked out the school's remodeled library.

Indeed, the library got an overhaul during the summer and it's unquestionably an eye-popper for local students, says Superintendent Loy Woelber.

"We brought the original ceiling back and got rid of the suspended ceiling," Woelber explains. "We put in all new windows, new carpet, all new furniture. It got a huge facelift.

"It's also going to be a Hmong history center."

That's not the only changes in the building. New flooring was installed in the hallway leading to and outside the gymnasium. Central air conditioning units were added to some rooms in the school, especially on the second floor in Walnut Grove.

Storage has been added on to the gym and stalls have been added to the van garage in Westbrook.

The district also purchased new Promethean boards (basically a 50-inch flat screen iPad), which unfortunately are back-ordered until October.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students also will note one other change happening at the school that has to do with their cell phones. Junior high students have been able to use their cell phones during school in the past, but starting this year, seventh- and eighth-graders will need to keep their phones in their lockers once they arrive at school.

'We were pretty loose with it — let them be and trust them with those — but they've gotten to be such a distraction," Woelber says, noting that elementary students must keep their phones in their backpacks at all times. "This year we're going with seventh and eighth grades and next year, it'll be 7-9 and then we'll keep it going. We're going to phase it in."

If there's been a challenge



to the start of the school year, it's been figuring out bus routes and filling drivers for the new year. WWG is one of the last districts that still owns and operates its own bus fleet.

"I think people just need to get settled in and try to get back to a somewhat normal year," Woelber says.

#### New teachers

New surroundings are not the only thing students will see. They'll see some new faces, too, at both the Westbrook and Walnut Grove schools.

Seven new teachers and a number of other staff have been brought in or moved around for the new academic year. Those new teachers and staff at Westbrook include:

• Michelle Koppien, art teacher.

• Meghan Beckendorf, shop/ag greenhouse/FFA. Wendy Ahnupkana, spe-

cial education. • Kristy Campbell, coun-

selor. · John Benson, head foot-

ball coach.

• Wendy Knakmuhs, district secretary, transportation and food service.

• Robyn Hanson, media/ fundraising/class trip coordinator/long-term math substitute teacher.

At the Walnut Grove building, new staff include: • McKenzie Deprez, physi-

cal education.

• Sara Zins, B-3 special education.

• Rachel Ulstad, kindergarten.

In addition, the district has hired six paraprofessionals at the Walnut Grove building and one at the Westbrook building, as well as a new assistant cook, bus driver and adjusted football coaching assignments.

#### Normal school year start

Things will look pretty normal at WWG, at least for

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# Slayton Women's Autumn Boutique returns Sept. 10-11

Entertainment and a food stand is provided during the two-dav event.

Slayton Women of Today will host its Autumn Boutique Sept. 10 and 11 on the Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton.

Decorated in fall hues with the last thoughts of dumme in mind, this 29th annual event features over 90 exhibitors features over 90 exhibitors presenting such items as traditional,

country, wood, seasonal creations, furniture, home decor, clothing, jewelry, purses and more.

The event will be held Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission and parking are free.

Traveling from the Upper Midwest, exhibitors fill seven buildings plus outdoor booths. As a juried event, each exhibitor is reviewed on quality, pricing and uniqueness.

In addition to the exceptional quality of shopping options, Slayton Women of Today also offer patrons a food stand which opens at 8 a.m., each day.

Entertainment also will be provided throughout the two-day event offering guests an enjoyable atmosphere for shopping and fellowship.

For additional information, group/tour specials and packages, write: Au-

tumn Boutique, P.O. Box 45, Slayton, MN 56172-0045; or e-mail: autumnboutique@ vahoo.com.

Slayton Women of Today is a nonprofit organization that hosts the Autumn Boutique each year and is able to make donations to local ventures from funds raised at its food stand.

During the past year donations have been made to many worthwhile area organizations and individuals in the Slayton community.



DAVE FJELD 9/8 WWG fall festival 8

LOY WOELBER POINTS to a roving camera and asks students at WWG to wave. The WWG superintendent was giving rides during last week's school fall festival that annually kicks off the new school year.

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Apostle Paul said, "There is no temptation that is not

## Having doubts



**REV. ROBERT L. TASLER** 

Rev. Tasler is a 1963 graduated of Windom High School and was ordained at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom in 1971. This

devotional is from his daily devotional book "Every Day With Jesus." His published writings are available on Amazon.com

common to all people... but with the temptation God will provide us a way out." (1 Corinthians 10:13) Jesus prayed to His Father in the Garden to show Him another way to save the world. He prayed for a less painful way. Was that doubt? We know His Father didn't condemn Him for it. Here are three principles:

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# **AREA FACES**

# You had me at pumpkin spice

Sweet September, a time when the leaves start to fall, you breathe in the cool, crisp morning air and the beginning of sweatshirts and football.

As we enter

world anxiously

anticipates the

the fall season,

much of the

greased muffin tins. Bake for 20 minutes. Below is a recipe for the legendary pumpkin spice latte. This healthier version will be sure to add some

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arrival of two little words — pumpkin spice. Pumpkin everything sparks many feelings of joy as we near the autumn season and there is a lot more than lattes to be said about pumpkins.

According to the American Optometric Association, pumpkins are, in fact, a fruit and loaded with nutrients including vitamins A, C, E, zinc and fiber. Due to the nutritional value of pumpkins, they are also outstanding for eye health.

To incorporate more pumpkin love into your diet, here are a few ideas:

• Stir a couple tablespoons of warmed canned pumpkin into your morning oatmeal. Add a dash or two of cinnamon and pumpkin pie spice for an added boost of flavor!

· Looking for an easy muffin recipe? Grab a spice cake mix (dry) and stir in one can of pumpkin (batter will be thick). Toss in some pumpkin pie spice and load into



the start of the school year. Woelber says the district is following recommendations from both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health in regards to masks. Masks are recommended, but not mandated. However, students will have to wear masks on the bus, according to Federal Transportation Administration requirements.

WWG remains a small enough district that it can keep students adequately spaced. Moreover, teachers will be constantly remind.



WINDOM AREA HEALTH

### **Healthier Pumpkin Spice Latte**

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and some joy to

your journey.

Happy fall!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup milk 1/2 cup brewed coffee
- 1 Tbsp. pumpkin puree or
- canned pumpkin
- 1 Tbsp. maple syrup
- 1/4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

#### **DIRECTIONS:** In a small saucepan over

medium-high heat, combine the ingredients and use a whisk to stir, incorporating everything smoothly.

As soon as the mixture starts to simmer, stir well, pour into a mug and serve right away.

Tip: Adjust the flavor by adding more maple syrup, spice or coffee.

This recipe is best served warm right away, as the pumpkin will start to separate as it sits. Source:

Recipe from Megan Gilmore at www.detoxinista.com.

larger kindergarten classes

(40 this year), the district

### will see a slight bump in enrollment.

## District in good position

WWG had its annual Fall Festival on Aug. 31 in Westbrook.

The event included games, a picnic and an opportunity for students and parents to meet with teachers and pick up information packets.

Meanwhile, at Walnut Grove, K-6 students were welcomed back to school with a DJ on the school lawn on the first day of school.

Woelber is again splitting his superintendent duties between three school districts. On Wednesdays, he is in Lake Benton and on the other four days of the week he is at WWG in the morning

# RRC moves up school day start/end

ESSER funds provide new technology for the district, as well as playground equipment.

When it comes to the 2021-22 school year, Red Rock Central Superintendent Todd Lee, who begins his third year as the district's head man, is ready to see a return to "normal" as students and staff return for the first day of school on Tuesday.

"We're just trying to get back to normal, as much as we can," Lee confirms.

"But it's exciting, a new year. It'll be nice to see the kids' faces. You just didn't see them before because they were wearing their masks."

Like other area districts, RRC will start the school year as close to normal as possible. Masks will not be mandatory, but recommended and the school will provide masks for those who wish to wear them.

Masks will be required on school buses.

## OBITUARIES

#### Alice Marsh

Alice Marsh, 90, of Westbrook, formerly of Jeffers died Aug. 30, 2021, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

A Celebration of Live service was Friday, Sept. 3, at 11 a.m., at Jeffers United Methodist Church in Jeffers with Pastor Cathy Tetrick Hoffbeck officiating.

Burial followed at Jeffers Cemetery in rural Jeffers.

Visitation and a time of gathering was held Friday from 9 to 11 a.m., at the church in Jeffers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Jeffers United Methodist Church in Jeffers.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.lacannefuneralhome.com.

LaCanne Family Funeral Service of Windom handled the funeral arrangements.

Alice Mae Marsh was born on May 14, 1931, in Waterford Township, Clay County, Iowa, to th Johanna Anna and Theodore (Ringering) Dirksen. She received her education in Spencer, Iowa, graduating from Spencer High School. On Feb. 14, 1952, Alice was united in marriage to Raymond Marsh at the First Reformed Church in Everly, Iowa, After marriage, they made their home on the Marsh Family Farm in rural Jeffers where they were blessed with three children: Tim, Dennis and Karen.



There is one very key change to the school day. Rather than starting at 8:30 a.m., as the school has done for years, the district is moving the start time up 15 minutes to 8:15 a.m. That also means that school will dismiss 15 min-

utes earlier at 2:58 p.m. 'We're changing 15 minutes on each side," Lee says. "A big part of that was to get a little extra time in the afternoon for our teachers to meet. The teachers' day starts at 7:45, but we weren't starting class until 8:30. So, we decided to use our time a little more wisely."

Lee anticipates a slight increase in enrollment this year. from 402 to 408 students, district-wide.

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#### New teachers

RRC welcomes several new teachers to its classrooms in '21-22, while a couple of others will be teaching new grades or academic disciplines this year.

### They include:

• Shania Kinghorn, who moves from second grade to teach secondary math.

• Tiffany Batalden, who moves from special education to teach kindergarten.

 Kristy Baker, who replaces Kinghorn as a

second grade teacher. • Shane Neperman, an RRC alum, who will teach third grade, replacing long-time teacher Sharon Furth, who retired following the last school year.

• Hannah Stevenson, another RRC alum, who will teach special education. Sarah Persons, a new

secondary English teacher.

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## **Russell Horkey**

Russell Horkey, 72, of Westbrook died Aug. 31, 2021, at Westbrook Good Samaritan Care



brance will be held Sept. 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Russell's home.

Stephens Funeral Service-Westbrook Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements.

Russell Edwin Horkey was born Jan. 1, 1949, to Elmer and Hattie (Kuehl) Horkey in Windom. He was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Westbrook. Russell attended West-

Loren Pankratz

Loren Pankratz, 73, of Larkspur, Col., formerly of Mt. Lake, died Sept. 1, 2021 in Larkspur



**CCHS** Fall Fundraiser is Monday

The Cottonwood County Historical Society will host its Annual Fall Fundraiser, Monday from 4:30 to 7 p.m., at the museum, located at 812 4th Ave., in Windom.

This year's fundraiser will be a drive-thru, pick-up event only. Those purchasing meals are asked to drive to the museum's south door along Eighth Street to pick up the meals.

A meal includes beef on a bun served with coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips and a cookie.

The prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (10 and under).

Pre-sale tickets are available at the museum or night of the event in the drive-thru line.

Proceeds will be used for ongoing projects at the museum.

brook Public School until entering the work force. He enjoyed working as a farm hard, at Butterfield Fields and later The Toro Company in Windom.

He also enjoyed the outdoors, especially during the summer when he fished, mowed the year, gardened and sat in the sun. He also enjoyed visiting and will be remembered for his chuckle.

He was preceded in death by three sisters: Bernice Grunewald, Violet Grunewald and Joyce Voelker; and three brothers: Richard, Arland and Maynard Horkey.

Survivors include his two brothers, Myron (Nancy) Horkey of Heron Lake and Larry Horkey of Westbrook; two sisters, Lois Huerkamp of Janesville and JoAnn Mead of Windom.

Con-Fed and his automation handiwork was featured in several news articles, farming magazines and television segments.

In 1986, Loren and his family moved to Colorado, where he became a financial planner and home builder until retiring to work as a van driver and maintenance man for an area medical transportation company. Loren enjoyed skiing, riding motorcycle, home improvement projects and keeping the road leading to his house in good shape with his own road grader. He also enjoyed fixing anything he could get his hands on and tinkering with things he felt could be improved. He also enjoyed discussing and debating political topics. Loren was a fan of science fiction, loved listening to music and never lost his admiration for farmers and John Deere equipment. He also regarded his move to Colorado as one of his great accomplishments, enjoying the scenic views, mountain air and changing seasons. Loren was preceded in death by his sisters, Margaret and Laura, and his brother, Marlin. Survivors include his wife, Leesa, of Larkspur, Col.; sons Shelby Pankratz of Zeeland, Mich., Jeremy (Lee) of Fall City, Wash., and Robbe (Amy) Uhrhammer of Mount Holly, N.C.; three grandchildren; and brother, Robert.



playing piano, wintering in Texas from 1997 to 2018 and, most of all, spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. Alice was a longtime,

taught Sunday School, was active in her church circle and president of the UMW for many years. She also was a member of the Odegaard-Quade American Legion Auxil-

iary. In 2019, Ray and Alice moved to Peterson Estates in Westbrook and enjoyed their time there together.

Recently, Alice's health began to decline, and she was hospitalized at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, wł

children, sewing, square dancing all over the United States, camping, traveling in the fifth wheel, gardening,

dedicated member of the United Methodist Church in Jeffers where she

ing students to keep their distance from one another.

In fact, the district's largest class is 40 students and the most students in any one classroom is 20.

Woelber also notes that after losing small senior classes the last couple years coupled with an influx of

and Fulda in the afternoon. Woelber says the district is great shape.

"The district's in a great position, with all its buildings, staffing and financially Westbrook-Walnut Grove is as strong as it's ever been," he concludes.

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

#### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

Sunday, Sept. 12

Sunday service for individuals involved in a 12-step program will be held at Church of the Good Shepherd, 453 10th St. in Windom, at 12:30 p.m., with Rev. Coleen Tulley officiating.

#### Monday, Sept. 13

The Windom Area Health Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at the hospital's Education Room.

#### LSS BISTRO

(Formerly Windom Senior Dining, each meal includes milk, bread and dessert.)

- Thursday Birthday Lunch: Ham, scalloped potato, peas.
- Friday National Hot Dog Day: Hot dog with ketchup and mustard, baked beans, chips.
- Monday: Sub sandwich, peas and cheese salad, fruit.

Tuesday: Chicken alfredo, fettucine pasta, mixed vegetables,

Mandarin oranges.

beans. Thursday (9-16): Ham pasta

fruit. Call 831-6161 the day prior to

the desired dinner and indicate eat-in, take-out or delivery.

#### WINDOM AREA SENIOR CENTER

at 1750 Cottonwood Lake Drive include:

Activities at the Center, located at 1750 Cottonwood Lake Drive include:

Men -- Monday-Friday: Pool and cards for men, 8 a.m.-noon. 1 p.m. Friday: Canasta, 1 p.m. Monday: Mexican Train Dominoes, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Tripoly and Canasta, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Canasta, 1 p.m. Thursday (9-2): Canasta, 1 p.m.

#### WEEKLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon: Presently not meeting. Contact: Lorri, 831-6107. AA: Fridays — 8 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m.; Sundays — 4 p.m.; Wednesdays - 9:30 a.m., Windom Fire Hall. Contact: Kathy, 822-1311.

Cottonwood County A.C.E. Bone Builders: Currently not meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gam-Anon: Thurs. — 7 p.m., Windom Fire Hall, 428 9th St. Gamblers Anonymous: Sundays - 7 p.m., Law Enforcement Center lower level, Windom.

Immunizations: Mondays-Fridays — By appointment,

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, broccoli salad, baked

salad, creamy cucumbers, fresh

Activities at the Center, located

Ladies - Thursday: Canasta,

Community Health Services, 235 9th St., Windom. Contact: 1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987. NA: Wednesdays - 7-8 p.m., BARC Second Floor. TOPS: Thursdays — 5 p.m., weigh-ins, 5:30 p.m., meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St., Windom. WIC Clinics: Mondays-Fridays - By appointment 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Community Health Services, 235 9th St., Windom: 1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987. Windom Area Chordhustlers: Currently not meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Windom Kiwanis Club: Thursdays - Noon, River City Eatery.

Through the many years on the farm, Alice helped around the farm along with raising their three children.

She had many enjoyments in life which

# SCHOOL MENUS Sept. 9-16

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#### **BREAKFAST MENU**

(Each meal comes with fresh fruit, juice and milk; cereal alternative is whole grain.)

Thursday — First day of school for Windom grades PreK-5: Cereal and Goldfish crackers, apple juice. PreK: Cereal.

Friday: French toast with syrup, applesauce, orange juice. PreK: Goldfish crackers.

Monday: Muffin and string cheese, fruit punch juice. PreK: Blueberry muffin.

Tuesday: Cereal and crackers, apple juice. PreK: Crackers.

Wednesday — MHS, SWWC ALC & ELC: Egg and cheese sandwich. Elementary: Omelet and toast. PreK Cereal.

Thursday (9-16): Pop Tart and Goldfish crackers, fruit punch juice. PreK: English muffin with jelly. LUNCH MÉNÚ

(All meals at all schools include 1% white or skim white, chocolate or strawberry milk.) Thursday (9-9) — First

passed away on Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, at the age of 90 years.

Alice is survived by her husband of 69 years, Ray Marsh of Westbrook; three children: Tim (Linda) Marsh of Mt. Lake; Dennis (Kathy) Marsh of Storden; Karen (Rocky) Kolar of Westbrook; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two siblings, Doris Dirksen of Spencer, Iowa; Rav Dirksen of Spencer, Iowa; and one nephew, Scott Jungers.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents: daughter-in-law, Janice Marsh; and one sister, Helen Jungers.

nuggets with dip, smiley fries, cucumber slices with ranch, colorful fruit. MHS alt .: Barbe-

Friday: Cheese quesadeilla sandwich, baked chips.

Monday: Beef hot dog, baked beans, baby carrots with ranch dip, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Barbecued pork rib on a bun.

egg, cheese, bread stick and Doritos

cut green beans, variety fruit.



in Mt. Lake. Burial will follow in the church cemetery, with a luncheon to follow.

Casket bearers will be Shelby Pankratz, Jeremy Pankratz, Robbe Uhrhammer. Robert Pankratz. Mark Pankratz and Roger Pabst.

Sturm Funeral Home of Mt. Lake is handling funeral arrangements.

Loren Pankratz was born Feb. 16, 1948, in Mt. Lake, to Peter and Anna (Derksen) Pankratz. He grew up on the family farm outside of town with two brothers and two sisters.

He graduated from Mt. Lake High School in 1966 and from Worthington Junior College in 1968.

Loren had two sons, Shelby and Jeremy, from his first marriage to Joan Rettke. In 1985, he married Leesa Klassen, with her son Robbe becoming his third son.

Loren worked many years with his father and brothers as a maintenance man, troubleshooter and technical innovator on the family farm, which grew into the hog operation Con-Fed, Inc.

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day of school for Windom grades PreK-5: Chicken

cued pork rib on a bun.

with romaine lettuce and toppings, green beans, fruit variety. MHS alt .: Ham and cheese

Tuesday: Walking taco with beef, Dorito tortilla chips, lettuce, tomatoes and toppings, variety fruit. MHS alt .: Mini chef salad with hard-cooked

Wednesday: Chicken patty on a bun, cooked corn, cherry tomatoes with ranch dip, fruit variety. MHS alt .: Hamburger.

Thursday (9-16): Sloppy Joes, pickles, French fries, MHS alt .: Pulled pork on a bun.

## WELCOME/ Event includes food, music, activities for kids FROM PAGE 1

dom Economic Development director, who is a part of the Community Integration Committee that is organizing the event.

Food vendors, including Plaza Jalisco, which is partnering in this endeavor, will offer their best treats; there will be free activities and crafts for youth; and the CIC has received grants to bring in the mariachi band, Mariachi Mi Tierra MN, to play from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Cottonwood County Historical Society is also a partner in the event and will be open during the celebration, with a sneak peak of the "Stitched by Hand: Cottonwood County Quilts" exhibit.

Hage says this event is not just for people new to Windom. He encourages longtime residents to attend as well to get to know the people who are new to the community. They also might learn something new about the organizations and businesses in Windom while enjoying some local cuisine and conversation.

"You can't have a welcoming event and have only new people," Hage confirms. "That's why the Lions Club, Kiwanis and others are going to be there because you want to have that involvement. It will be just like the music on the Square on Third Thursdays. That's what we're going for.

"It should be a good, fun afternoon."

Hage says the idea for the event was born out of the recent growth the city has seen with large employers, such as

## **RRC**/ESSER funds bring new technology FROM PAGE 6

#### New programs, additions

RRC is continuing to expand the new math curriculum it brought in last year.

"Big Ideas" was introduced to elementary grade levels a year ago and this year middle school students will be using the new curriculum.

The district also purchased and will be using a new health curriculum this ve

Toro and HyLife Foods, as well as other smaller employers, expanding their workforces.

That pressed into action the CIC, which includes people from Windom Area Schools, the Chamber, hospital, churches, as well as the EDA. It has been meeting monthly with human resources staff at HyLife and Toro, as well as others, to consider how it can reach its goal of attracting and retaining families in Windom.

Fortunately, there was already a model in place, thanks to the Southwest Initiative Foundation, based in Hutchinson. SWIF has helped spark other Welcoming Week celebrations across Southwest Minnesota, as part of a movement with the national organization Welcoming America. The Foundation approached the CIC about doing such an event in Windom and the committee agreed.

The Windom group considered what other neighboring cities, such as Worthington, have done.

"When you're thinking about human resources, and working with HyLife, Toro and others, we want to think about being family-focused and how can we support them to retain employees, which also grows our community," Hage says. "It's a win-win as long as we're working together."

The Welcoming Windom event is an event that not only supports local businesses, but, more importantly, plugs new people into the community.

"When you're talking to new employees, they really like the small-town feel of Windom and that's one thing that's going to help, when you're trying to attract and retain new families," Hage says.

Welcoming Windom is another one of those "smalltown feel" offerings.

Chromebooks and 70 touch-

#### RRC purchased 140 standard screen Chromebooks, as well as web cameras and microphones for teachers.

#### The district used its ES-SER II funds for such things as a five-year contract with Avera E-care for a virtual nurse, teacher laptops, a virtual welder for the ag program, 13 SMART boards for various classrooms, an LU video projector, a Craggy Climber for the playground (which won't be in until mid-September) and a 10-passenger van

ESSER III funds will be used for more technology, a



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In addition to changes in curriculum, RRC also used its three rounds of federal ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds to make several purchases. With ES-SER I funds in spring 2020,

well as things that will deal directly with learning loss caused by students not having access to in-person learning during the pandemic.

All totaled, the district has received \$1.007 million in ESSER funds.

# RRC gets 'favorable' review in seeking bond referendum

As Red Rock Central begins the new school year, the district's superintendent and school board will be focusing on one other issue this fall.

The district will hold a third bond referendum to build a new school.

But the board has one thing for this vote that it didn't have in the previous two: a favorable review from the Minnesota Department of Education and commissioner.

Why is that crucial? To pass the referendum, the district will need a simple majority — 50%.

In the previous two referendum votes, the "unfavorable" review from the commissioner required 60% approval to pass the referendum. The first vote in November 2020 received 52% yes votes; the second in February received a fraction more than 50%.

"We're very happy that the Department of Education and the Commissioner felt the same way we do, that a new building is needed to ensure our students have the kind of facility they deserve," says RRC Superintendent Todd Lee.

So, what was the difference in receiving a favorable review from the MDE and commissioner this time?

We changed construction consultants to Kraus Anderson, who also worked on the Windom Elementary school. They did a fantastic job of working with our community and coming up with a plan

that was right-sized for our students. We also changed the proposed location to land that the district currently owns," Lee says.

So, on Election Day, Nov. 2, RRC will ask district voters to approve a \$41 million bond referendum that would finance building a new PreK-12 facility on the existing school site. The amount includes almost \$30.7 million for a new PreK-12 school, \$1.8 million for site improvements, \$6.5 million for fees, permits and testing, \$1.6 million for contingencies and \$384,800 for bond issuance.

This will be a single question put before voters, whereas multiple questions were posed in the previous two referendums.

In the November vote, RRC posed two questions to voters, approving a bond for school construction and renewal of an operating referendum at a reduced rate. The former failed and the latter was approved.

The February vote was a three-question referendum — the first, a school construction bond at \$41.25 million; the second, \$2.88 million to finance additional building space, specifically a third gym station and wrestling room; the third, \$1.015 million to finance demolition and decommissioning of the existing school.

Although the latter two questions needed just 50% approval, all three questions failed.



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Windom had no

answers for BEA's

offense and couldn't

solve its defense.

**By JOEL ALVSTAD** joela@windomnews.com

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Area offense.

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The Eagle

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not slow down

the Eagle

a powerful

Blue Earth

The Bucs scored on their

first six offensive posses-

sions and added a defensive

touchdown, coasting to a 59-0

win over the Eagles at soggy

"It was tough for us to get anything going," O'Donnell said. "Last year's Blue Earth

team was really good, and

all of the guys who played

against us Thursday got reps

every day against a state-cal-

iber team. It's easy to reload

when you have a good team,

repping against a good team

"I think as we get things

shored up a little bit, we're

going to see pretty dra-

matic improvement. We

little things ironed out,

still had guys going to the

wrong places on offense and

defense. Once we get those

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TIME OUT Joel Alvstad Sports Editor



## **Pirates weren't** that far away

I'll admit that after the Windom Pirates were knocked out of the Class C State Tournament, I didn't pay much attention to how the rest of the tournament went.

That is, until Monday, when I saw the results of the championship game.

In that championship game, Sobieski—the team that knocked out the Pirates in the opening round—claimed a 3-0, 11-inning victory over Watertown to win the state title.

As it turns out, the Pirates weren't the only team that was baffled by Randall left-handed pitcher Caleb Strack, who was drafted by Sobieski for its state tournament run.

Strack picked up three pitching wins for the Skis in the state tournament, including a complete-game shutout in Monday's 11-inning championship game.

The fact remains that the Pirates went toe-to-toe with the state champions in their 2-0 openinground loss. While Windom's bats couldn't solve Strack, Sobieski was just as baffled by Pirate pitcher Collin Lovell for the better part of six innings. The lone runs by the champs scored on a wild pitch and on a

late RBI double. The Pirates should

# **Bucs batter Eagles in season opener**



EAGLE RECEIVER Henry Erickson is spun to the ground after a lengthy pickup during Thursday's season-opening game against

we're going to be much more competitive."

After the Eagles went three-and-out to start the game, BEA scored on a quick 14-yard touchdown run by Adam Schavey. The twopoint run gave BEA an 8-0 lead.

BEA forced another threeand-out and turned it into a 1-yard touchdown for a 14-0

lead.

Windom was able to move into BEA territory on its third drive of the game, but an interception gave the Bucs the ball at their own 25. Nine plays later, BEA scored on a 15-yard touchdown pass for a 22-0 lead.

On Windom's next possession, Schavey intercepted a pass and returned it 30 yards

BEA at Island Park. The Eagle offense couldn't get much more traction Thursday, falling 59-0 to the Bucs.

for a touchdown, giving BEA a 30-0 lead.

The Bucs forced a threeand-out, scoring on a 17-yard touchdown run. Then, late in the first half, an Eagle fumble was recovered by the Bucs, who turned it into a 17-yard touchdown run with 36 seconds left in the half for a 44-0 lead.

"Their defensive front

was very imposing and it was difficult to move the ball on the ground," O'Donnell said. "We also had a couple of turnovers in the passing game. But the guys were fighting every down. We had some positives and we're going to build off those positives.

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# Eagles settle in, sink SWC

The Windom Eagles had a strong night at the service line and at the net Thursday night, pulling away for a 3-1 victory over Southwest Minnesota Christian at Windom. Windom

Claimed the

way with 19 kills. Sydney Skarphol added seven kills and Kameron Rupp had six. Veenker finished the

match with 20 set assists. Sammons had a team-high 10 digs.

service line, putting Windom on the defensive.

In the third set, TMB raced to a 13-3 lead before a furious Eagle rally pulled Windom to within two points. TMB was able to score the final couple of



feel even better about their season and there is plenty of reason to be optimistic for next year.

### **A LOOK BACK TEN YEARS AGO**

A string of miscues doomed the Windom Eagle football team as it opened the 2011 season with a 20-8 loss to Martin County West. The Eagles lost five fumbles and threw an interception and were plagued by seven penalties in the game. The lone Eagle touchdown came on Lee Holt's 52-yard interception return. Jake Holt rushed for 33 yards. Adam Eisenmenger passed for 48 yards in the loss.

A new champion was crowned in the Windom **Country Club Ladies** Club Tournament, but the title stayed in the family. Tara Christensen scored an 81 to record a six-stroke win over Linda Dawson. Seventime defending champion Marlys Christensen, Tara's mom, finished third.

The heat was on as teams opened the 2011 cross country season in Mt. Lake. Several runners in the race had to pull out due to heat exhaustion. Windom's boys finished 12th, while the Eagle girls did not field a complete team. Meredith Hentges led the Eagle girls, placing 28th. Ryan Helmoski's 16th-place finish paced the Eagle boys. Daniel Maras rushed

for 206 yards and three touchdowns, leading RRC to a 28-22 come-frombehind win over MLBO in the season-opening football game.



#### fourth sets.

Jenna Veenker went 14-of-15 serving with four aces. Kendyl Sammons was 21-of-22 with three aces and Tristyn Maras was 15-of-15 with an ace.

At the net, Maras led the

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Windom Stat Leaders: Serving: Jenna Veenker 14-15, 4A; Kendyl Sammons 21-22, 3A; Sydney Skarphol 19-19, 1A; Tristyn Maras 15-15, 1A. Kills: Maras 19; Skarphol 7; Kameron Rupp 6; Elliot Espenson 4. Solo Blocks: Amelia Rivera 1; Leah Hauge 1. Set Assists: Veenker 20; McKenna McNamara 7. Digs: Sammons 10: Kenzie Doorenbos 8. 10: Kenzie Doorenbos 8

#### Panthers top Eagles

Tracy-Milroy-Balaton capitalized on Windom's miscues Tuesday night, pulling away for a 3-0 sweep over the Eagles in high school volleyball at Windom.

TMB put together lengthy runs in each of the first two sets as the Eagles finished the night with 18 hitting errors and four service errors. The Panthers also put pressure on the Eagles from the

points to close out the match.

Tristyn Maras led the Eagles with 10 kills. Amelia Rivera added six kills and Sydney Skarphol finished with five.

Kendyl Sammons went 9-of-9 serving with an ace. Kameron Rupp also went 9-of-9 serving.

Jenna Veenker finished with 14 set assists. Sammons had a team-high nine digs.



Windom Stat Leaders: Serving: Kendyl Sammons 9-9, 1A; Sydney Skarphol 6-8, 1A; Kameron Rupp 9-9; Charlee Huska 8-8. *Kills*: Tristyn Maras 10; Amelia Rivera 6; Skarphol 5. *Solo Blocks*: Maras 1. *Set As*-sists: Jenna Veenker 14; Huska 7. *Digs*: Sammons 9; Maras 5; Skarphol 5.



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ELLIOT ESPENSON tries to tip the ball around a TMB blocker during last Tuesday's match at Windom. The Eagle girls fell 3-0 to TMB last Tuesday, but rebounded with a 3-1 victory over Southwest Minnesota Christian Thursday.

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KAYLEE WALKLIN dashes past MCCF's Ashley Overgaauw as they prepare to race up the Hole 6 hill at the Mt. Lake Golf Course during Friday's Paul Metcalf Invite. Walklin placed seventh for the Eagle girls at the meet.

# **Eagles have impressive** start at Mt. Lake meet

Windom cross country coach Melissa Pletcher was curious to see just how her team would perform during Friday's Paul Metcalf Invitational in Mt. Lake.

Many of the Eagle runners had never run in a large-scale meet before—either because they are relatively new to the sport or because of last year's COVID restrictions.

And on a near-perfect morning for a meet, the Eagles exceeded the coach's expectations.

Windom's boys finished sixth in the team standings with 120 points. Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial-Nicollet won the boys' team title with 89 points.

Meanwhile, the Eagle girls finished eighth with



Cross

Country

Tracy, 4:30 p.m.

Monday—at

Marshall, 4:30

p.m.

Thursday —

Luverne won a hotlycontested girls' field with 44 points. "I was really happy with the boys, because we ran with

only five

197 points.

varsity guys on Friday," Pletcher said. "We had one who was gone for the state fair, who would have made a pretty big difference for us. I really liked how well the guys ran as a pack. It's been something they've worked on in practice and they really executed it well.

**Area Football Schedule** 

Friday—MLA at RCW (Danube), 7 p.m. WWG at GHECT (Truman), 7 p.m.

Saturday-BLHS at RRC (Lamberton), 12

times for 37 yards, while Curry added 12 carries for

18 yards. Orion Knakmuhs

yards, while Curry caught

had seven catches for 56

six passes for 36 yards.

Granada Friday to face

Granada-Huntley-East

"We need to continue

to focus on ourselves and

making ourselves better,'

Benson said. "I feel like we

played well against a very

good team. Now, we need to build on it."

RCW: Gasca 57 run (run failed) RCW: Jensen 14 run (pass failed) RCW: Haen 56 interception return (pass failed) WWG: Parker 4 pass from Curry (Kleven pass

from Ross) RCW: Wertish 3 run (Amsden pass from Gasca)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING: WWG: David Lee 13-37; Kole Curry 12-18; Brady Ross 2-(-2). PASSING: WWG: Ross 20-33-1, 155; Curry 2-2-0,

9, 110. **RECEIVING: WWG:** Orion Knakmuhs 7-56; Curry 6-36; Cole VanDeWiele 3-46; Dan Kleven 3-15; Austin Parker 2-6, 1 TD; Lee 1-5. **DEFENSE: WWG:** Parker 12 tackles; Kleven 8 tackles is tackles.

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WWG (0-1) travels to

# **Wolverines shut out Falcons in opener**

Entering the season, Mt. Lake Area football coach Tim Kirk knew this year's Wolverine team might have a different approach than previous teams.

With a more physical team with less breakaway speed, the Wolverines could resemble a more traditional "ground-and-pound" team.

In Friday's season opener, the big play ability didn't necessarily come from the offense, but rather the special teams, which flipped the field with three critical plays.

Meanwhile, the Wolverine defense battered Red Rock Central's offense, holding the Falcons to 107 total yards in a 24-0 MLA shutout win at Munson Field.

'We've stressed the need to be physical on offense and defense, but special teams is something that has been an area of emphasis early on—more so than in past years," Kirk said. "We had two punts that completely flipped the field position and we altered the game with the ability to put pressure on their punter.'

Meanwhile, RRC Coach Isaac Jenniges said the game came down to execution.

"It was a little bit damp out, but we have to be able to make catches," Jenniges said. "We probably dropped about 10 passes tonight, and we needed those to keep the chains moving and keep our defense off the field."

MLA's offense churned out 282 yards on the ground in the victory, with much of that yardage coming five or six yards at a time.

After forcing the Falcons to a three-and-out on the opening possession of the game, MLA scored on its first possession of the season, marching 50 yards in 10 plays, capped with a 1-yard sneak from quarterback Marcos DeLeon for a 6-0 lead.

After pinning the Falcons deep in their own end with a punt in the second quarter, the Wolverines went 46 yards in nine plays, capped with a 1-yard run from Micah Holmberg for a 12-0 lead.

The Wolverines then busted the game's biggest play on the third play of the third quarter, as DeLeon raced 54 yards to paydirt for an 18-0 lead.

"We were able to check and change to a different play at the line and Marcos hit the hole and came up



JOEL ALVSTAD 9/8 football 233 RRC SENIOR Mason Strom looks for a lane to run in during Friday's game against MLA in Mt. Lake. Strom rushed for 61 yards, but the Wolverines claimed a 24-0 victory.

we were right in the game," Jenniges said. "What we couldn't afford was to give up a big play early in the second half. Unfortunately, they were able to hit a long one on us and take a threescore lead."

The Wolverines were forced to punt on their next possession, pinning RRC deep in its own end. MLA forced a Falcon punt, which was blocked. But MLA's attempt at a scoop-and-score was thwarted when the ball was fumbled out of the end zone for a touchback. RRC got the ball back, but was again forced to punt. The punt was blocked again, with the ball rolling dead at the RRC 5-yard line. On the ensuing play, Kolby Kremmin scored on a 5-yard run, giving the Wolverines the 24-0 victory.

"We use a rugby-style punt with one of our best athletes doing the punting, so we have the option to either kick it or try to get the first down," Kirk said. "Kolby (Kremmin) got off two beautiful punts that really put RRC's backs to the wall. And after our defense forced them to punt, we were able to put some pressure on."

DeLeon finished with 106 yards rushing on 13 carries. Kremmin added 106 yards on 18 carries and Holmberg

KOLBY KREMMIN (19) tries to shed RRC tackler Nick Marsh during Friday's game at Munson Field. Kremmin rushed for 106 yards and a touchdown in the Wolverines' 24-0 victory.

Mason Strom led RRC on the ground with 61 yards on 15 carries. Isaac Simonson completed 5-of-22 passes for 37 yards, with Strom pulling in all five Falcon receptions.

MLA (1-0) travels to Danube to take on Renville County West Friday.

'RCW is a different team than last year, but they've gotten a taste of success and that's been big for them,' Kirk said. "They have a big, physical line and they're quick and athletic in the backfield, so it's going to be a very good test for us.'

line, but they don't have a lot

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| Fumbles Lost  |          |          | 2-         |
| Penalties-Yards   |          |          | 6          |
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# Jaguars sink Chargers in season opener, 26-8

Westbrook-Walnut Grove's offense couldn't quite find its footing Thursday night as the Chargers dropped their season-opener, falling 26-8 to Renville County West in Westbrook. WWG's offense went

three-and-out on its first five possessions, while RCW's offense held the ball for much of the first quarter.

The Jaguars built an 18-0 halftime lead, but WWG was able to score early in the second half when Kole Curry connected on a 4-yard touchdown pass to Austin Parker. The twopoint pass from Brady Ross to Dan Kleven cut the RCW halftime lead to 20-8.

"Unfortunately, it just took us too long to get things going on offense," WWG Coach Johnny Benson said. "Once we did get something going on offense, we were able to move the ball but just couldn't finish off drives.

"Defensively, our guys were put in kind of a tough spot. It seemed like our defense was on the field the entire first quarter, and that was really hard to overcome."

RCW added a score late in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Ross completed 20-of-33 passes for 155 yards. David Lee rushed 13

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| of guys," Jenniges said. "For   |
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| us, the big thing is focusing   |
| on ourselves and correcting   |
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| First Downs   | 5         | 15     |
| Rushes-Yards  | 28-70     | 49-286 |
| Passing Yards   |           | 5      |
| Passes (Com-Att-Int)  |           | 2-13-0 |
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with a huge play," Kirk said. The run was a back-breaker for the Falcons.

"At that point, we were struggling on offense, but

rushed 16 times for 74 yards in the win.

DeLeon completed 2-of-13 passes for 5 yards, with both completions to Holmberg.

RRC (0-1) hosts Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart in a noon game on Saturday in Lamberton.

"They have a big front

HUSHING: HHC: Mason Strom 15-61; Jacob Amsden 4-13; Zak Zimmerman 3-3; Jake Jackson 1-(-1); Isaac Simonson 4-(-11). MLA: Kolby Kremmin 18-106, 1 TD; Marcos DeLeon 13-106, 2 TD; Micah Holmberg 16-74, 1 TD; Tanner Koetzle 2-0. PASSING: RRC: Simonson 5-22-0, 37. MLA: DeLeon 2-13-0. 5

RECEIVING: RRC: Strom 5-37. MLA: Holmberg 2-5. DEFENSE: RRC: Jackson 2 fum. rec.; MLA: Wyatt Wall 2 OB sacks, 1 blk. punt; Kaden Haberman 1 blk. punt; Holmberg 1 QB sack.

# Wolverines take fourth at Metcalf Invite

Mt. Lake Area cross country coach Kyle Blomgren knew going into Friday's Paul Metcalf Invitational that his team would be somewhat shorthanded.

Both the Wolverine girls and boys were without at least one key varsity runner when the gun sounded to start Friday's meet.

But by the end of the meet, the Wolverines had turned in a pair of impressive fourth-place performances on their home course at the Mt. Lake Golf Course.

MLA's girls took fourth with a score of 121 points. Luverne won the team title with 44 points.

MLA's boys were fourth with 104 points. Lake Crystal-Wellcome-Memorial-Nicollet won a hotlycontested team title with 89 points.

"I was very pleased, especially with the performance of the girls," Blomgren said. "The girls' race was a premier race, with three state-ranked teams and six state-ranked individuals. We were the top of the unranked teams.

"For the boys, I was hoping for a higher placing, but we saw a lot of nice things and beat a few really tough teams.

MLA's girls ran without one of the team's seniors, Riley Schroeder.

In her absence, fellow seniors Kate Janzen and Lana Kestner led the way.

Janzen placed 15th with a time of 22:24, while Kestner placed 19th, finishing in 23:00.

"Kate had a huge personal best run," Blomgren said. "She and Lana helped work with our younger girls early, then broke away and ran consistently late.'

Julia Brinkman finished 28th (24:00), followed by Annika Brinkman in 34th (24:27) and Lydia Rete in 37th (25:05).

"Julia tied up a little with about a half-mile to go, but she got her wind and finished strong," Blomgren said. "Annika came on nicely in the second half. Lydia ran a tough, strong race and Aleeza Schultz continues to improve each week and ran well in her first-ever 5K.

For the boys, Kody Wassman was in the hunt throughout before falling back in the pack late, placing eighth, individually, with a time of 17:43.

Caden Swoboda also dropped a bit late in the race, but turned in a strong time of 18:38 to place 16th. Zach Klassen was 25th (18:58), followed by Cayden LaPointe in 31st (19:35) and Luke Klassen in 34th (19:57).

"Kody did a nice job controlling the pace early in the race," Blomgren said. "Caden looked very strong throughout the race. Zach is getting stronger each week after an injury last spring. And we had Preston Xayachak as our



KATE JANZEN (left) and Lana Kestner push the pace during Friday's Paul Metcalf Invite at the Mt. Lake Golf Course.

sixth runner and he had a personal best by nearly two minutes.

'Our tight one-throughfive spread helped us beat some really nice teams."

The Wolverines travel to Luverne Saturday for another morning meet against several top teams from Southwest Minnesota and Southeast South Dakota.

Paul Metcalf Invite Girls Results: 1. Luverne 44. 2.

MCCF 60. 3. Fairmont 75. 4. MLA 121. 5. GSL 128. 6. St. James 151. 7. LCWMN 157. 8. Windom 197. 9. Blue Earth Area 247. *MLA Results*: 15. Kate Janzen 22:24; 19. Lana Kestner 23:00; 28. Julia Brinkman 24:00; 34. Annika Brinkman 24:27; 37. Lydia Rete 25:05; 43. Aleeza Schultz 25:32.

Paul Metcalf Invite Boys Results: 1. LCWMN 89. 2. JCC 93. 3. Luverne 100. 4. MLA 104. 5. St. James 115. 6. Windom 120. 7. Fairmont 149. 8. MCCF 152. 9. GSL 208. 10. MVT/ML/GHEC 212.

MLA Results: 8. Kody Wassman 17:43; 18. Caden Swoboda 18:38; 25. Zach Klassen 18:58; 31. Cayden LaPointe 19:35; 34. Lukk Klassen 19:57; 51. Preston Xayachak 20:56; 66. Ben Bartsch 22:06.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK





**Sport:** Windom Eagles Volleyball Year: Sophomore Parents: Wayne and Cheri Maras

Tristyn fired a team-high 19 kills and was 15-of-15 serving with an ace in Thursday's 3-1 victory over Southwest Christian.

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# Falcons roll past Jaguars Thursday

Red Rock Central bombed away from the service line Thursday night, rolling to a 3-0 sweep over Renville County West at Lamberton.

The Falcons fired 14 ace serves as a team, led by four aces on 19-of-19 serving from Karli Arkell. Josie Horning was 12-of-12 with three aces and Lilly Stavnes went 10-of-11 with three aces.

At the net, Arkell pounded out 15 kills. Horning finished with five kills.

Emily DeCock had a teamhigh 13 set assists. Stavnes led the Falcons with 15 digs.

| RCW12<br>RRC25                             |      |     |
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| RRC Stat Leaders: Serving: Karli Arkell 19 | -19. | 4A: |

RRC Stat Leaders: Serving: Karli Arkell 19-19, 4A; Josie Horning 12-12, 3A; Lilly Stavnes 10-11, 3A; Emily DeCock 9-12, 2A; Sondra Rindfleisch 13-14, 1A. Kills: Arkell 15; Horning 5; DeCock 3; Mercedes Myers 3; Rindfleisch 3. Solo Blocks: Arkell 2; Rindfleisch 1. Set Assists: DeCock 13; Nora Herminingsen 12. Digs: Stavnes 15; DeCock 13; Horning 10.

#### Wolverines fall to Saints

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey couldn't overcome a rash of hitting errors Thursday night, falling 3-0 to St. James Area at Comfrey.

The Wolverines bombed away from the service line, recording 15 ace serves as a team. But a total of 19 hitting errors killed any momentum the Wolverines could build.

Kearney Wall went 11-of-12 serving with five aces. Jaci



Area Volleyball Schedule Thursday—MLAC at Cleveland, 6 p.m.; Luverne at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

Saturday — MLAC at Sleepy Eye Tourney, 9 a.m.; WWG at WWG Tourney (Westbrook), 9 a.m. Monday --- Cedar Mountain at RRC (Lamber-

ton), 6 p.m. Tuesday ---- Edgerton at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 6 p.m.; HBC at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

Tollefson and Kavlie Baerg added three ace serves each.

Michala Morin led MLAC with 10 kills. Brooke Naas added six. Tollefson recorded 20 set assists. Baerg finished with 18 digs.

#### St. James Area. MLAC ..... .....28 25 25—3 .....26 18 20—0

MLAC Stat Leaders: Serving: Kearney Wall 11-12, 5A; Jaci Tollefson 12-14, 3A; Kaylie Baerg 6-7, 3A; Alexis Romsdahl 10-11, 2A; Brooke Naas 9-9, 2A. *Kills:* Michala Morin 10; Naas 6; Wall 4; Tollefson 3. *Set Assists:* Tollefson 20. *Digs:* Baerg 18; Morin 10; Naas 10; Romsdahl 10.

#### Chargers win opener

A wild, back-and-forth match ended up with Westbrook-Walnut Grove pulling out the final two sets Tuesday night, claiming a 3-1 victory over Springfield in Westbrook.

WWG cruised to the opening-set win, but Springfield bounced back to win set two.



KIM NAAS PHOTO LEXI ROMSDAHL lunges to dig up the ball during last week's MLAC match against St. James Area in Comfrey.

The Tigers then had a commanding lead and set point in the third set, but WWG scored the final six points of the set, winning 26-24.

In the final set, Springfield was able to fight off a string of match points for WWG before a kill from Abby Wiggins finally ended the set with a 29-27 WWG win, giving the Chargers the match.

Kayla Freeburg went 28-of-28 serving with four aces for

the Chargers, including the final six points of the third

set. Natalie Wahl finished with a team-high 13 kills. Wiggins added 12 kills. Kelsey DeSmith had a team-high 15 digs. Addeson Jenniges finished with 35 set assists.

| Springfield<br>WWG            |        |       |       |      |
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Www stat Leaders: Serving: Rayla reeouig 26-26, 4A; Kelsey DeSmith 11-11. Kills: Natalie Wahl 13; Abby Wiggins 12; DeSmith 9. Solo Blocks: Wiggins 3; Freeburg 1. Set Assists: Addeson Jenniges 35. Digs: DeSmith 15; Isabella Rentschler 14.

ZACH SQUIRES looks to move up in the pack during Friday's meet at Mt. Lake. Squires finished with a career-best time as the Eagle boys placed sixth at the season-opening meet. **MEET**/ Eagle boys take sixth,

## girls eighth in opener

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"For the girls, it was a pretty loaded field with three state-ranked teams and six or seven stateranked individuals, but we had some pretty good performances.<sup>2</sup>

The pack mentality of the Eagle boys was evident, as Windom's first four runners all finished between 16th and 28th place, with a time spread of less than 45 seconds.

"It was really fun to watch, because they all kind of fed off of each other," Pletcher said. "One minute, one of them would lead the way. The next minute, someone else took over and on a different stretch, it was someone else.'

Aaden Nauman crossed the finish line first for the Eagles, placing 16th with a time of 18:37. He was followed closely by Thomas Green in 19th (18:43) and Jacob Green in 20th (18:48). Zach Squires finished 28th (19:12). Eli Bordewyk was Windom's final runner, finishing in 47th (20:49).

"Aaden, Thomas and Jacob have been pushing each other every day, but it was great to see the time Zach finished with,"

Pletcher said. "I don't think

#### For the girls, freshman Kaylee Walklin served notice that last year's ninth-place finish at sections was no fluke.

Running in a large meet for the first time, Walklin held her own against a star-studded field, finishing seventh with a time of 19:27.

"Kaylee went in knowing who some of the girls to compete with were, but the big thing was she wanted to break the 20-minute mark," Pletcher said. "She ended up smashing the 20 minute mark and didn't back off at all against a lot of talented runners.'

The rest of the Eagle lineup was back in the pack but performed admirably. Airanna Boldt finished 52nd (26:37), followed by Camryn Elness in 60th (27:48), Mikalah Konz in 62nd (27:52) and Alexa O'Donnell in 64th (28:25).

"Most of those girls have either never run the varsity distance at Mt. Lake or have never run in a meet before," Pletcher said. "We know that the girls are going to be a little bit of a work in progress, but I believe that we can cut some significant time and make a big step up in the standings."

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Windom Results: 7. Kaylee Walklin 19:27; 52. Arianna Boldt 26:37; 60. Camryn Elness 27:48; 62. Mikalah Konz 27:52; 64; Alexa O'Donnell 28:25; 73 Emma Holtz 30:47.

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## FB/ Eagles held to 80 yards of total offense FROM PAGE 9

"Defensively, we have a lot to work on. We had a little bit of overpursuit. Our pass coverage was good most of the night. It's just small things. We believe in our offense and defense. We just have to keep working on keep improving.'

BEA took the opening kickoff of the second half and marched 67 yards in six plays, capped with a 10-yard touchdown run for a 51-0 lead.

Windom had its best drive of the night on its first possession of the second half, holding the ball for 12 plays and moving to the BEA 11. But on fourth-and-4 from the 11, the Eagles were stuffed for a loss, turning the ball over on downs.

BEA moved the ball to the Windom 5 before turning the ball over on downs. But on the Eagles' first play of the



TUCKER RENQUIST had his path cut off by a BEA defender during Thursday's season-opening

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| Renquist had four carries for<br>16 yards.<br>Braydon Kreofsky com-<br>pleted 2-of-5 passes for 45 | BEA: Schavey 14 run (Schavey run)<br>BEA: Douglas 1 run (run failed)<br>BEA: Lloyd 15 pass from Schavey (Douglas run)<br>BEA: Schavey 30 interception return (Schavey run)<br>BEA: Johnson 17 run (Smith kick)<br>BEA: Nelson 17 run (Smith kick)<br>BEA: Nelson 10 run (Smith kick) | Punts-Ya<br>Fumbles<br>Penalties<br>INDIVIDU<br>RUSHINO<br>Renquist |
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| 7); Quintin Tietz 1-(-7).     |              |          |
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ensuing possession, Windom fumbled a handoff, with BEA recovering the ball in the end zone for the game's final touchdown.

Wyatt Haugen led the Eagles with 21 yards rushing on six carries. Tucker

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Windom (0-1) travels to Mapleton to take on Maple River Friday. Maple River opened the season with a 35-8 win over Jackson County Central.

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he's ever finished under 20 minutes in a meet before, and he's never run at Mt. Lake before.'

# HANK YOU!



Pictured, from left: Chris Grunewald (President of the Fair Board), Tom Seigfreid (CFO & Senior Director of Business Operations), and Holly Larson (Secretary of the Fair Board).

On Tuesday, August 24, 2021, we had the opportunity to present a \$1,218 check to Chris Grunewald and Holly Larson, Cottonwood County Fair Board members. The **Cottonwood County Fair** took place in Windom from August 11th through the 14th. HyLife was honored to have the opportunity to connect with the community by serving delicious pork out of the food trailer and sharing more about our company.

This year was the first year that HyLife had the opportunity to participate in our local county fair. The tent stayed busy handing out balloons to eager children, and the food trailer stayed busy serving up tender pork roast with roasted potatoes and crispy tonkatsu bites served with ratatouille.

Holly and Chris were thrilled and shared how this donation will make a big difference in the community.

'The funds given to us from HyLife will give us the financial ability to make improvements to the fair that have not been made for over 40 years. It will also give us the possibility of getting better quality entertainment for our fair patrons," said Holly.

"HyLife is a huge advocate for any community they are in. HyLife has made a big impact in not only Windom, but the surrounding communities with the support they have given and their participation in various events. The workers friendly smiles and attitudes are always a pleasure to work with too.

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# Swami thinks it could be now or never for Cousins, Zimmer and Vikings

Labor Day weekend is always a balancing act for me.

The office is closed for the holiday. But since I have events from Friday to write about, I always have to come in to get work done.

So it was a fairly peaceful Monday at the Citizen office when my cell phone buzzed. I figured my wife wanted something from the store.

Instead, it was an unknown number with a text message: "Now or never." Maybe it was referring to my upcoming foot surgery.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw a gleam of light beside my computer monitor. It was the golden turban of wisdom that would transform me into the Swami. seer of all things football.

When I placed the turban

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on my head, I immediately saw the Vikings, in the hunt for the division title, only to be derailed by a COVIDrelated lineup disruption. After the division title

slips from their grasp, fans call for the heads of Kirk

Cousins and Mike Zimmer. Instead, the duo fully recover in time for the playoffs, carrying the Vikings to the brink of Super Bowl glory. I quickly jotted down my notes

NFC North: As I stated, I think a potential division title run gets derailed by COVID late in the year, while the final year of the Aaron **Rodgers Revenge Tour wins** the division for Green Bay. with the Vikings taking second and a wild card berth. Improved Chicago takes third, while Detroit takes fourth

NFC South: The ageless Tom Brady has the champs primed for more. Tampa takes first, with New Orleans, Atlanta and Carolina

NFC East: Washington's defense is scary good, and if

they have some Fitz-Magic, they'll win the division with Dallas second, the Giants third and Philly fourth.

NFC West: The best division in football gets three playoff teams, with Arizona edging the Rams and Seattle for the division title and San Francisco close behind.

AFC North: I'm a Baker believer. Cleveland wins the division, with Baltimore second, Pittsburgh a fading third and an improved Cincinnati team fourth.

**AFC South:** Tennessee wins the division by default. Indy and Jacksonville will battle for second, while Houston battles for the top

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finishing well off the pace.

**AFC East:** Just how much is the guard changing? Buffalo wins the division, with the Dolphins and Jets close behind. The once-mighty Patriots finish fourth in rebuilding mode.

pick in next year's draft.

AFC West: A solid division is won by Kansas City, with the Chargers second, Vegas third and Denver fourth.

NFC Playoffs: Tampa will have the best overall record and home field advantage, but don't be shocked if the Vikings somehow figure out a way to push all the chips in and make a run to the Super Bowl behind a coach and quarterback on the hot seat. AFC Playoffs: The ex-

panded playoffs make things

even more interesting in the AFC, but I think it again comes down to Kansas City and Buffalo, with the Chiefs winning it.

Which gives us a rematch of Super Bowl IV and, unfortunately for Vikings fans, the same result. Through it all, the Vikings will somehow come up short against Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs for the title.

I finally snapped out of my trance when my phone buzzed again. The turban was gone and my notes were in front of me. This time, my wife had texted me.

But it was followed by another text from a number I didn't recognize. It simply read: "You heard it here first.

BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF **MINNESOTA Diocese of** Winona-Rochester Chapter 11 Reorganization Proceeding (Case No. 18-33707) **NOTICE OF HEARING** AND OBJECTION **DEADLINE FOR MOTION TO APPROVE** THE SETTLEMENT WITH SETTLING INSURERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Diocese of Winona-Rochester ("Diocese"), the Debtor in the captioned bankruptcy proceeding, case number 18-33707, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota ("Court") and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors ("UCC") filed a joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization [Docket No. 316] ("Plan") and a disclosure statement for the Plan [Docket No. 317] ("Disclosure Statement") under Section 1125 of the United States Bankruptcy Code ("Bankruptcy Code"). On July 16, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Disclosure Statement.

PLEASE TAKE FUR-THER NOTICE that the Diocese has entered into a Settlement Agreement and Release ("Agreement") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a). 363, & 365 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(1), 6004(c), and 9019(a) with Interstate Fire & Casualty Company, National Surety Corporation, and London Settling Market Insurers ( Insurers"), and on August 17, 2021, filed in the Court a motion to approve the Agreement ("Motion"). [Docket No. 339]. If the Motion and the Plan are approved, the Diocese will (a) sell, and the Settling Insurers will purchase, certain insurance policies and certificates issued to, or subscribed on behalf of or allegedly issued to or subscribed on behalf of, the Diocese ("Subject Insurance Policies"), by the Settling Insurers, as described more particularly in the Agreement, free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests, and (b) fully release any all claims against the Settling Insurers and certain related entities under or relating to the Subject Insurance Policies, including extra-contractual claims. In addition, there are other provisions in the Agreement than those set forth in the preceding sentence, which should be reviewed to understand completely the Agreement and its effect on your rights. IF THE MOTION IS AP-PROVED, FOR THE AGREE-MENT TO BE EFFECTIVE, THE PLAN MUST ALSO BE **APPROVED AND PROVIDE** FOR THE ENTRY OF AN **INJUNCTION, PERMA-**NENTLY BARRING ALL **ENJOINED CLAIMS (AS DEFINED IN THE AGREE-**MENT), BY ANY PERSON **OR ENTITY AGAINST** THE SETTLING INSURERS AND CERTAIN RELAT-**ED ENTITIES; INCLUD-**

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tion to the Motion must be filed and served by September 17, 2021. Any written response must reference case number 18-33707, state the specific legal and factual basis for the objection, be accompanied by a proof of service, and conform and be served in accordance with the Local Rules for the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota.

IF YOU HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DIOCESE AS TO WHICH INSUR-ANCE COVERAGE IS OR MAY BE AVAILABLE OR HAVE AN INTEREST IN ANY OF THE DIOCESE'S **INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECT-**ED.

(633-Sept. 8, 2021)

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Bingham Lake on September 13, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. in the Bingham Community Center, Bingham Lake, Minnesota. The purpose of said hearing will be to consider the petition of vacate a certain alley within the City of Bingham Lake described as follows:

The alley contained and lying within Block Twelve (12) of the Original Townsite in the City of Bingham Lake.

Such persons as desired to be heard with reference to the proposed vacating of the above-described alley will be heard at this meeting.

report (engineer's report) for the petitioned improvement is received and also on file with the Drainage Authority. The reports, along with amendments, if any, are available for inspection at Cottonwood County by contacting Donna Torkelson, Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer, by email or phone (donna. torkels on @co.cotton wood.mn.us or (507) 831-1342). In the event that the hearing on redetermination of benefits runs longer than 9:30 a.m., the hearing on the improvement proceedings will commence following conclusion of the redetermination hearing.

At the final hearing, the Drainage Authority will accept public comment regarding the viewers' reports. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment. Written comments will be accepted through close of business on October 3, 2021, by email or by U.S. Mail to the Cottonwood County Auditor's office (donna.torkelson@co. cottonwood.mn.us or Cottonwood County, Attn: Donna Torkelson, 300 3rd Avenue, Windom, MN 56101).

JD 24 provides drainage to portions of Sections 31, 32, & 33 of Bashaw Township and Section 36 of Stately Township in Brown County and Sections 4, 5, & 6 of Selma Township and Sections 1, 2, & 12 of Delton Township in Cottonwood County. The proposed improvement includes a realignment of the Mainline tile into a North Mainline, South Mainline and an addition of Branch K tile lines. This realignment will eliminate the need for Branches C, D, E, H1, H2, J2, J3, J4, and J5. The system will also be improved by deepening and enlarging the proposed tile

in comparison to the existing. Option 1 is designed for a 0.50 inch/day drainage coefficient while Option 2 is designed for a 3/8 inch/day drainage coefficient.

The Drainage Authority will consider the application of separable maintenance as part of the improvement. If separable maintenance is applied, the repair cost portion of the improvement will be off-set from the improvement costs and assess against the redetermined, pre-improvement benefits.

The following properties are affected by the proposed improvement and redeterminations of benefits and damages:

Bashaw Township, Brown County (T108-R34), Sections 31, 32, and 33

Stately Township, Brown County (T108-R35), Section 36 Selma Township, Cottonwood County (T107-R34), Sections 4, 5, and 6

Delton Township, Cottonwood County (T107-R35), Sections 1, 2, and 12

The following owners of property are affected by the proposed improvement and redeterminations of benefits:

Bashaw Township Section 31: JOYCE PLATZ, ETAL. ERNEST & NANCY VOGEL FM TR ETAL, CHRIS-TENSEN FARMS & FEED-LOTS

**Bashaw Township Sec**tion 32: CURTIS & LORA LEE FREDERIKSEN, NICK P & TAMERA BERNING, MARY ANN SCHUMACHER REV TRUST SCHOLTZ FAMILY REV LIV TRUST, JARED & STACY GREEN, MICHAEL AMSDEN ETAL, MICHAEL AMSDEN, CAROL A PETER-SON TRUST ETAL, ANDREW L RHODES **Bashaw Township Sec-** tion 33: PETER J SAMUEL-SON, PETER J & TAMARA SAMUELSON, JUNE R HAN-SON, CURTIS & LORA LEE FREDERIKSEN, RICHARD G GROEBNER, LEROY S PETERSON REV TRUST, CAROL A PETERSON TRUST ETAL

Stately Township Section 36: SHERRY ARNDT TRUST, ELAINE S TORABI **REV TRUST** 

**Selma Township Section** 4: ELLEN M AMSDEN LE, LEROY & CAROL PETER-SON TRUST, TIMOTHY L & RACHEL N EVERS

Selma Township Section 5: SHELDON W STINE, SCHOLTZ FAMILY TRUST, RICKY L THOM, RICKY & AMBER THOM, ARNOLD E SCHENK TRUST

Selma Township Section 6: SCHOLTZ FAMILY TRUST, DARRELL K & JOLENE L PLATZ, DARRELL PLATZ, KENNÉTH M & CINDI B SIMON, ERNEST & NANCY VOGEL TRUST ETAL & WEN-ZEL VOGEL, YVONNE L LOOMIS

**Delton Township Section** 1: JOYCE PLATZ, JOYCE & KENNETH PLATZ TRUST, PEGGY L THOM, CHRIS-TENSEN FAMILY FARMS INC, JAMES C WOLF, MARI-LYN PETERSON, KEVIN & BETTY OELTJENBRUNS, KELLY PAULING ETAL

**Delton Township Section** 2: VERNA FARMS LLC

**Delton Township Section 12:** RICHARD HOEK ETAL

The following governmental entities are affected by the proposed improvement and redeterminations

#### ING OR IMPLEMENTING ANY CHANNELED CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE **PROTECTED PARTIES OR** SETTLING INSURERS.

Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement and Motion are on file with the Court, 200 Warren E. Burger Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and Motion may be obtained by (a) contacting the Diocese's counsel by mail, telephone or email at Bodman PLC, Attn: Robert J. Diehl, Jr., 6th Floor at Ford Field, 1901 St. Antoine Street, Detroit, MI 48226, Tel.: 313-259-7777, Email: rdiehl@bodmanlaw. com; (b) visiting the Diocese's website at https://www.dowr. org; or (c) visiting the website of United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota at https://www.mnb. uscourts.gov. A PACER login and password are required to access documents on the Bankruptcy Court's website and these can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FUR-THER NOTICE that the hearing on the Motion will occur on [September 23, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.] before the Honorable William J. Fisher, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Courtroom 2A, 200 Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Any response or objec-

By order of the City Council

**Denise Nichols** City Clerk (634— Sept. 8, 2021)

STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT DRAINAGE **AUTHORITY OF COTTONWOOD AND BROWN COUNTIES** SEATED AS DRAINAGE **AUTHORITY UNDER** STATUTES CHAPTER 103E FOR THE REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS AND **IMPROVEMENT OF COTTONWOOD AND BROWN COUNTIES JUDICIAL DITCH 24** NOTICE OF COMBINED FINAL HEARINGS

Please Take Notice: The Joint Drainage Authority of Cottonwood and Brown Counties, Drainage Authority for Cottonwood and Brown Counties Judicial Ditch 24 ("JD 24") will hold a combined final hearing on the redetermination of benefits for JD 24 and the petitioned improvement of JD 24 on October 4, 2021, at the Comfrey Community Center located at 120 Brown Street E, Comfrey, Minnesota, with the hearing on redetermination of benefits beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the hearing on the improvement beginning at 9:30 a.m. The viewers' reports of redetermined benefits and improvement benefits and damages is received and on file with the Drainage Authority. The detailed survey

of benefits:

BROWN COUNTY, BA-SHAW TOWNSHIP, COTTON-WOOD COUNTY, DELTON TOWNSHIP, SELMA TOWN-SHIP

(635-Sept. 8, 2021)



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## COUNTY/ Board discusses office hours FROM PAGE 2

without appointments. "No customers are turned away without being offered an appointment," Kretsch said. "But we've been booked solid for weeks at a time. Things like Real ID are time-consuming and difficult to process. Having appointments are a safety and time issue for us.

"We try to fit walk-ins, but we have over 100 customers a week. Having walk-ins means long lines in the courthouse and people who have made appointments end up having the times they scheduled pushed back. And because of COVID, we can't accommodate long lines anymore."

#### Adopt-A-Highway

Highway Engineer Nick Klisch presented plans to begin an adopt-a-highway program for county highways.

Klisch said each adopted stretch would require two signs with a cost of roughly \$200. He added there would be regulations about wearing visibility vests, which the county would provide. The county also would provide trash bags. County highway or solid waste employees would pick up the bags once groups were done cleaning.

A master spreadsheet would be used by the Highway Department to keep track of which groups would sponsor particular stretches of highway.

The board authorized the program to move forward.

#### Other business

In other business, the board: • Approved a conditional use permit for Randy Loewen for the construction of a garage on Lake Shore Drive in Mt. Lake.

• Approved advertising for a vacant heavy equipment operator position.

## **FORTUNE**/ Local firm got its start in 1980

#### FROM PAGE 1

"If they are not interested in being a truck driver, maybe there's a grandchild who needs a job," Reeves said. "And maybe it is not in trucking, but in a trucking firm's accounting department."

Reeves noted that people as young as 18 can become truck drivers, driving inside state lines until they are 21 and then throughout the country. How do they get involved?

"They need to go to a school that is specific to truck driving," Reeves said. "Or, if they want to be a mechanic, or something in the business office, they can go to a place like Minnesota West."

Reeves says the industry needs drivers of all ages at this point. The company's youngest driver, at the moment, is 28-years-old.

#### 40th anniversary

Saturday is also a big day for Fortune Transportation in other ways. After the community event, plans are to hold a private 40th anniversary party.

Fortune Transportation was started in Windom by Don and Sharon Olson, 41 years ago, but the celebration was delayed, due to COVID.

Today, the company has 210 employees, including 150 drivers, operating out of sites in Windom, Greeley, Colo.; and Roswell, N.M. It has all refrigerated trailers and transports mostly ice cream, cheese and beer.



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FRI., SEPT. 10, 5-7 P.M. AND SAT., SEPT. 11, 8-11 A.M. Jewelry, Budweiser stein collection, books, cookbooks, Christmas decor, pictures, kitchen items, photography lenses, fishing/hunting/camping, a lot of misc. All must go! Cash only.

## 704 MILLER AVE.

FRI., SEPT. 10, 2-6 P.M. AND SAT., SEPT. 11, 8 A.M.-NOON. Girls clothes up to 4T, boys clothes up to 9 months, changing table, baby swing, toddler bed, new island light and more.

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FRI., SEPT. 10, 2-6 P.M. AND SAT., SEPT. 11, 8 A.M.- 2 P.M. Multi-family sale! Many household items, home decor, lamps, holiday decor, adult and kids clothing, hockey skates, some Windom Eagle apparel, books and toys. Cash only.

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| Eric Erskine, Loveland, CO        |              |
| Glen Zuck, Victoria, TX           | 1,407,102    |
| Donald Asmus, Blue Earth, MN      | 1,375,000    |
| Chris Franco, Hagerman, NM        | 1,372,532    |
| Jose Vazquez, Aurora, IL          |              |
| John Streeter, Miller, MO         | 1,331,713    |
| Tommy Barber, Spearman, TX        |              |
| Andrew Cummings, Arnold, MO       |              |
| Tony Hood, Bellville, TX          |              |
| Steven Mau, Windom, MN            |              |
| James Kellar, Des Monies, IA      |              |
| Randolph Breckson, Hobbs, NM      |              |
| Shanna Goodin, Las Cruses, NM     |              |
| Steve Benning, Minnesota Lake, MN |              |
| Stephen Chavez, Raton, NM         |              |
| Jason Johnson, Horizon, TX        |              |
| Ismael Mata-MeIndez, El Paso, TX  |              |
| Jason Ham, Vega, TX               |              |
| David Brown, Roswell, NM          |              |
| Jimmy Regenhardt, Clovis, NM      |              |
| James Webster, La Salle, CO       |              |
| Matthew Alonso, Rolla, MO         |              |
| Billy Bounds, Mineral Wells, TX   |              |
| Jody Tracy, Carlton, KS           |              |
| Nolan Anderson, Kingsland, TX     |              |
| Alex Pavich, Killeen, TX          |              |
| Jay Calvillo, Homestead, FL       |              |
| Ray Wingo, Raton, NM              |              |
| Mitch Carpenter, Oxford, MI       | 858,398      |



| Driver   | Career Miles   |
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| Christopher Lopez, Roswell, NM                             | 713,022        |
| Adam Peyron, Richardson, TX                                | 710,832        |
| Vicente Salcido Iii, Roswell, NM                           | 707,948        |
| Joshua Cannon, Velma, OK                                   |                |
| Lawrence Garcia, Chicago, IL                               |                |
| Lorenzo Sanchez, Roswell,NM                                |                |
| Michael Swift, Roswell, NM                                 |                |
| Jeffery Albert-Blaisdell, Rio Rancho,                      |                |
| Ross Smith, Los Lunas, NM                                  |                |
| Carlos Jaramillo, Roswell, NM                              |                |
| Paul Garcia, Hobbs, NM                                     |                |
| Randall Works, Killeen, TX                                 |                |
| Todd Schumann, Lakefield, MN                               |                |
| Matt Marler, Cuba, MO                                      |                |
| Michael Woodall, Thomas, OK                                |                |
| Vergil Smith, Roswell, NM                                  |                |
| Kelly Kersten, Pueblo, CO                                  |                |
| Philip Rabenbauer, Sebastian, FL                           | -              |
| Dale Sloan, Mt. Vernon, MO<br>Rodney Miller, Ft. Bragg, CA |                |
| Randal Patterson, Alamogordo, NM                           |                |
| Lee Willson, Montgomery, TX                                |                |
| Nathan Galbreath, Whitehall, MT                            |                |
| Brian Alley, Greeley, CO                                   |                |
| Bertha Chavez, Greeley, CO                                 |                |
| Daniel Clements, Roswell, NM                               |                |
| Benny Coronel, Roswell, NM                                 |                |
| Kenley Cossen, Greeley, CO                                 |                |
| Scott Dyer, Greeley, CO                                    |                |
| David Ferguson, Roswell, NM                                | . Local Driver |
| Jason Grant, Dexter, NM                                    | . Local Driver |
| Shannon Maupin, Greeley, CO                                |                |
| Eddie Ponce, Greeley, CO                                   |                |
| Omar Torres, Thornton, CO                                  |                |
| Pedro Villarreal, Roswell, NM                              | . Local Driver |
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| Derek Lokre, Marshfield, WI   | 849,204 |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Jimmy Cox, Roswell, NM        | 831,376 |
| Fernando Liendo, Longmont, CO | 812,573 |
| Peter Ballard, Deer Park, TX  | 759,784 |
| Nick Grundhofer, Roswell, NM  | 731,411 |
| Richard Chairez, Roswell, NM  | 725,751 |



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