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Cottonwood County 4-H holds annual recognition banquet

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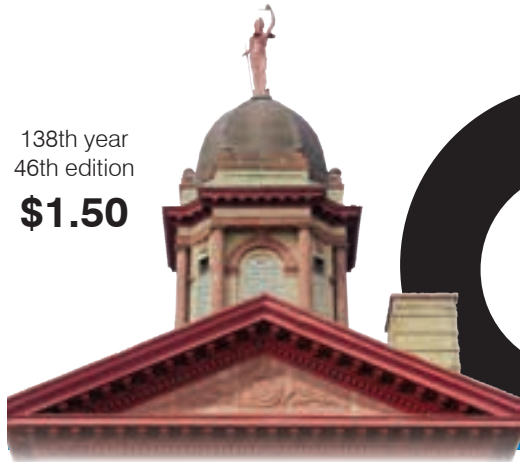
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Should the Minnesota Vikings fire Head Coach Mike Zimmer?

☒ Yes..... **67%**
☐ No..... **33%**

Next Week

Do you plan to gather with family for Thanksgiving?

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DID YOU KNOW?

The early days of telephone in Windom



Telephone service was introduced to Windom in 1893, when an exchange was built by the Southwestern Telephone Company.

This exchange was operated at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Eighth Street. In 1908 the exchange moved to the second floor of the Quevli building (near the present site of First Floral).

At the time, the directory listed 250 subscribers in Windom, plus 20 rural lines with 267 subscribers reaching Bergen, Bingham Lake, Delft, Jeffers and Storden.

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A look back . . .

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—WINDOM AREA HIGH SCHOOL FALL MUSICAL 2021—



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FELLOW STUDENTS GASP as a pie was splashed all over Sharpay Evans (portrayed by Ella Wilde) during the first act

of "High School Musical," Windom's 2021 fall musical. The scene is one of the highlights of the opening act.

It's show time for a 'High School Musical'

Windom Area High School students are back on the stage beginning Thursday night when the local theater department presents the Disney production, "High School Musical."

The show, the directorial debut for Emily Riordan, features a cast and crew of 30 students, who will present four performances of the 1 hour, 45 minute show in the WAMHS Lecture Hall Theater Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The modern day show deals with many of the issues typical high school students deal with today. However, it also has a strong message for students from any era.

For a cast photo and more on the show, see page 6.

COMEDIC SCHOOL announcers Jill and Jack Scott (Virginia Jensen and Moriah Lohrenz) offer plenty of fun throughout the show.



11/17 Act I 148



REAL SISTER and brother, Ella and Matthew Wilde portray musical sister-brother duo Sharpay and Ryan Evans.



11/17 Act II 7

TROY BOLTON (ALEX Garcia) and **Gabriella Montez** (Lauren Kelly) have a quiet, reflective moment to open the second act of the show.



11/17 Act II 139

WEARING EAST HIGH Wildcat red, the student body dances to the closing scene of "High School Musical."

County looks into mental health task force

■ **Representatives from the county, cities, schools, law enforcement and public health would be on the task force.**

Cottonwood County faces a critical junction when it comes to meeting the mental health needs of its residents.

That was the consensus reached at Tuesday's Cottonwood County Commissioners meeting.

With the closure of Southwest Mental Health's offices in Windom, the county has no local options for residents who may have mental health emergencies.

Ashley Johnson, along with representatives from public health, law enforcement and Red Rock Ridge Area Learning Center, expressed their concerns about the lack of services in the county.

"Based on the most recent data, there could be upwards of 546 people in our county whose mental health needs are not being met," Johnson said. "And now, an opportunity for them has been taken away. For many of those people, immediate assistance in a crisis could be a life or death situation."

Johnson said that some kind of task force needs to be developed, but needs to involve as many of the entities involved to find a solution. "Who carries the burden when the system fails?" Johnson asked. "The county ends up bearing the financial burden. Law enforcement and the hospitals bear the social burden. And the traumatic burden falls on the families."

"As a citizen, I feel the people making the decisions here are invested in our communities. Providers who are in our area will be more invested in our community than someone 90 miles away."

Commissioner Larry Anderson, who is the board liaison to Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services, said a meeting is scheduled Thursday between representatives from DVHHS and Sanford Health to discuss possible funding of enhanced mental health services.

"Basically, we'll be taking an inventory of what services we have and what services we need," Anderson said.

Johnson felt that more entities also needed to be included.

"The school and hospi-

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• BACK PAGE

Windom EDA moves closer to selling two parcels

■ **One parcel is located in North Windom Industrial Park. The other is just south of River Bend Liquor.**

It has been a busy couple of months for the Windom Economic Development Authority and it appears things will get even busier over the next 30 days.

At a recent meeting, the board held public hearings

on two property sales — one at North Windom Industrial Park and one for a one-acre parcel at River Bend Center. If all goes as planned, both of those sales could become official within a few weeks.

The NWIP sale involves a 5.3-acre parcel on the property's east edge and is being purchased by Cemstone. The sale price is \$102,060.

According to Windom Eco-

nomic Development Director Drew Hage, the board is waiting for language items in the purchase agreement to be finalized. Once that occurs and the board approves the agreement, EDA President Rick Clerc can sign the purchase agreement.

The sale is linked to the city's purchase of Cemstone property at the south edge of Cottonwood Lake. Closing is

expected to occur sometime in December.

Meanwhile, the EDA board has been careful not to reveal the purchaser of a one-acre lot just south of River Bend Liquor. The sale price is \$75,000.

"They (the buyers) want to do soil borings and get better estimates on putting in a private drive and raising the footprint to the same

elevation as the strip mall," Hage said. "That gets them out of the flood plain."

An access easement would be needed allowing traffic to and from Sixth Street.



Drew Hage

■ DISTRICT COURT

Speeding: Siyan Wei, Fulda, \$220; Kendra L. Black, Crystal, \$140; Colleen D. Buffalo, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, \$130; Malakal D. Goak, Omaha, Neb., \$220; Dylan J. Gyberg, Adrian, \$220; Israel G. Hernandez, Mission, Texas, \$220; Bonnie R. Huskey, St. Bonifacius, \$140; Feisal Issa, Bismarck, N.D., \$140; Farhia M. Jama, Minneapolis, \$140; Marta E. Junker, Mt. Lake, \$140; Kaleb L. Kempkes, Walton, Neb., \$140; Kimberly N. Legler, Minneapolis, \$120; Garrett M. Maxwell, Hanley Falls, \$220; Garrett M. Maxwell, Hanley Falls, \$130; Amanda R. Paredes, Windom, \$120; Florazell L. Price-Barber, Elkhorn, Neb., \$220; Daniel B. Ross, Lino Lakes, \$120; Joseph R. Rowen, Harrisburg, S.D., \$140; Linda J. Skluzacek, Shakopee, \$130; Jesse L. Snow, Renner, S.D., \$140; Prasanna K. Tenali, Eden Prairie, \$130; Melissa A. Verdun, Prior Lake, \$140; Benson Vue, St. Paul, \$130; Misty J. Willhite, Lamberton, \$140.

DWI (gross misdemeanor): Francis J. Eagle, Windom, \$910, local confinement 365 days, stay 365 days for two years, supervised probation for two years, pay for and complete chemical use assessment and follow all recommendations of evaluation, no use or possession of alcohol/controlled substance or drugs with the exception of prescribed medications, remain law-abiding, report to agent as directed; **DWI-refuse to submit to chemical test (gross misdemeanor):** Shannen H. Burns, Westbrook, \$710, local confinement 365 days, stay 365 days for two years, supervised probation for two years, no use or possession of alcohol/controlled substance or drugs with the exception of prescribed medications, pay for and complete chemical use assessment and follow all recommendations of evaluation, have no same or similar violation for two years, comply with ignition interlock program, random testing, sign all releases of information and report to agent as directed, have no misdemeanor or greater violations for two years. **Failure to report a fire/failure to obtain a burning permit/open burning of prohibited materials:** Frank L. Kerkvliet, Windom, \$380.

■ SCAM ALERT

Beware of charity fraud during year-end giving

For many, the last quarter of the year is often the most important for charities in terms of the volume of anticipated donations. According to the Better Business Bureau, along with a rise in charitable giving comes an increase of charity fraud.

How the Scam Works

An unsolicited call shows up on the Caller ID from someone claiming to be representing a nonprofit organization. In some cases, the “charity” has a name that includes a law enforcement word (“police,” “trooper,” etc.). There are plenty of variations on this scam. The caller explains that the goal of this nonprofit is to help keep police officers, their families, or even police dogs safe.

The organization’s goals seem noble, but then you learn contributions are not tax-deductible and no information is available on the organization’s president, board members and active chapters. According to tax records, only a small fraction of donations made to the organization actually support law enforcement.

This is just one example of how fundraisers can look and sound like a charity, but it’s scammers’ way of getting credit card information and a donation.

To avoid disappointment, BBB recommends the following tips for donors:

- Watch out for charity name confusion. Be alert to questionable groups seeking to confuse donors with names that sound similar to charities you know.
- Resist pressure to give

Failure to stop for stop sign: Donald L. Lubben, Fulda, \$130.

Seat belt violation/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Kirsten L. Crowell, Bingham Lake, \$305.

Marijuana in motor vehicle (less than 1.4 grams)/underage possession of alcohol: Hailey C. Hildebrandt, Minneapolis, \$230.

Hands-Free Law-en-gage in cellular phone or video call: Salomon Jimenez, Bigelow, \$130.

Seat belt violation: Anthony J. Krumwiede, Welcome, \$105; Raymond C. Thompson, Mt. Lake, \$105.

Speeding/no Minnesota driver’s license: Juan D. Lule Serrato, Windom, \$320.

Duty to drive with care: David W. Meyer, Mt. Lake, \$120.

No insurance owner: Tiara Ngirkelau, Windom, \$280.

Passing parked authorized vehicle-two lanes in same direction: Elizabeth Perez Lara, St. James, \$130.

Driving after suspension: Jendri L. Ramos-Morales, Worthington, \$280.

Hands-Free Law-access video content, images, games or software applications/driving after revocation: Elise A. Rodriguez, Lakefield, \$330.

Owner allows illegal operation: Rocio Z. Rodriguez, Madelia, \$180.

Speeding/no Minnesota driver’s license: Joseph T. Sahr, Chaska, \$220. **No Minnesota driver’s license:** Oscar O. Sorto Soloranzo, Tulsa, Okla., \$180.

Driving after revocation: Roberto V. Tema Aguilon, Mt. Lake, \$280.

No Minnesota driver’s license: Crisoforo J. Vasquez Lopez, Burnsville, \$180.

Marijuana in motor vehicle (more than 1.4 grams)/possession of drug paraphernalia/underage possession of alcohol: Colten M. West, Maplewood, \$380.

Speeding/driving after suspension: Tomas E. Zepeda-Sanchez, Bloomington, \$420.

Driving without a valid license: Kari M. Miles, Lauderdale, \$185.

Instruction permit violations (18 years or older): Stacy N. Ruiz, Heron Lake, \$130.

on the spot. Don’t give in to excessive pressure on the phone to make an immediate donation.

• Find out more about the charity. The charity’s website provides access to information on its programs, board roster and finances. Groups may also be verified through government registration. About 40 of the 50 states in the U.S. require charities to register with the attorney general’s office or secretary of state’s office.

• Watch out for vague program descriptions. Be alert for overly emotional charitable appeals that say little about what the charity intends to do to address the problems identified.

Share your scam story

Local law enforcement is very concerned about the impact scams have had on area residents, particularly the elderly.

Consequently, this newspaper is working with local police and sheriff’s departments to keep residents updated on common schemes. Scam Alerts will appear in future editions as often as possible in the coming weeks.

In addition, area readers can find online scam updates Thursdays at www.windomnews.com.

If you have been the target of a scam, your first contact should be the local authorities. Also, feel free to contact us with details (we can keep your name confidential, if you wish).

Send your story to: rahn1@windomnews.com, or call 507-831-3455. By sharing your story, you could prevent someone from being scammed.

Question: I am moving to Minnesota from Colorado. When do I need to register my vehicle, and will I have to take the driver’s test?

Trooper Troy says: Once you become a resident of Minnesota, you have up to 60 days to obtain your Minnesota driver’s license and register your vehicle(s).

Below are some of the details from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services on how to do this.

To apply for a Minnesota driver’s license, identification card or instruction permit, you may present:

- A Minnesota driver’s license or instruction permit
- A state identification
- A state identification card that is expired for five years or less if it has a photo, or one year or less if it does not have a photo.

If you do not have one of the items listed, you must present one primary and one secondary form of identification. The primary document must contain your full legal name (first, middle and last) and the month, day and year of your birth.

A valid license from another U.S. state, certain territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Virgin Is-



TROY CHRISTIANSON
STATE TROOPER

lands and Guam, or Canada), you can obtain a Minnesota driver’s license by passing the knowledge (written) test and a vision check. You do not need to take a skills (road) test unless your license has been expired for more than one year.

At the time of application, you must present your other driver’s license. Your license from your previous state of residence will be invalidated and returned to you.

New residents have a 60-day grace period in which to register their cars, passenger vans, 3/4 ton or less pickups, motorcycles, utility trailers or house trailers as long as the displayed license plates are current. If your registration expires before the 60-day grace period is up,

you must obtain Minnesota registration at the time of expiration. If the registration currently displayed on the vehicle is expired, or if you had to surrender your license plates in your previous state of residency, you must apply for Minnesota registration immediately.

The Minnesota No-Fault Act requires motor vehicle owners to maintain “no fault insurance.” The law means that it is a crime for an owner to operate (or permit operation) of uninsured motorcycles or motor vehicles on public roads and highways.

Violations may result in fines, imprisonment and/or revocation of driving privileges and license plates. Minnesota law requires that proof of insurance be in the vehicle at all times and shown to a peace officer upon demand.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson—Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach me at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

■ THE RECORD

Nov. 8

• 11:08 a.m. The Windom K-9 unit was requested to assist with a search in Jackson. The suspect, who had fled on foot, was located.

• 1:22 p.m. Officers assisted a former Windom resident with a matter related to an order for protection and the removal of property from her former home.

• 2 p.m. A two-vehicle crash occurred in the Hy-Vee parking lot. The mishap involved a 2008 Ford driven by Sheila Woizeschke of Windom and a 2006 Jeep driven by Serenity Schrupp of Lamberton. Both vehicles received minor damage.

• 5:43 p.m. A two-vehicle crash occurred in the Runnings parking lot. The mishap involved a 2012 Chevrolet SUV driven by Sue Rosenkranz of Bingham Lake and a 2007 Toyota driven by Clarice Gregg of Windom. Both vehicles received minor damage.

Nov. 10

• 11:50 p.m. An officer took a report from a Windom woman who said someone broke into her 2005 Dodge van. The intruder left behind a cell phone and, nearby, a bicycle. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

Nov. 11

• 8:32 a.m. A crash occurred in the River Bend Liquor parking lot. The crash involved a 2013 GMC SUV driven by Robert Weckwerth of Farmington and a 2006 Jeep driven by Osmar Parada of Windom. Both vehicles received minor damage.

• 1:53 p.m. Officers assisted the State Patrol with a crash that occurred at the south junction of Highways 60 and 71. The crash involved a 2018 Ford Escape and a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado.

• 3:41 p.m. Tiffany Carlson of Windom reported that her parked 2008 Dodge received minor damage in a hit-and-run crash that occurred in the 1000 block of Lakeview Avenue. The case is under investigation.

• 5:40 p.m. Officers were called to the 1800 block of Red Leaf Court regarding the theft of a bicycle. The bike was later found at the intersection of 470th Avenue and County Road 15.

Nov. 12

• 6 a.m. An accident occurred at the intersection of

Highway 71 and County Road 15. The mishap involved a 2015 GMC pickup driven by Alexander Woizeschke of Windom and a 2012 Volkswagen driven by Maria Lopez of Jeffers. Both vehicles received minor damage.

• 9:21 a.m. A member of the Cottonwood County Humane Society asked police to check on the welfare of a dog which did not seem to have ample food, shelter and water. After investigation, the pet’s owner voluntarily gave the dog to the Humane Society.

• 11:41 a.m. Officers assisted the State Patrol with a one-vehicle rollover in Jackson County. Three people were taken from the scene by a Windom ambulance.

• 12:21 p.m. Officers assisted the State Patrol with a jackknifed semi about three miles west of Windom.

• 12:28 p.m. Windom police officers assisted deputies with another jackknifed semi west of Windom.

Nov. 14

• 10:54 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a verbal domestic in the 1400 block of 17th Street. Upon investigation it was determined to be a verbal dispute and parties were separated for the day.

Sheriff’s report

Nov. 10

• 4:31 p.m. Cottonwood County deputies received a report of a theft in the rural Windom area. The party said that sometime between 3:15 and 4:15 p.m., that day a cell phone disappeared from a residence. The phone is valued at \$850.

Nov. 12

• 8:47 p.m. Deputies received a report of a possible fraud case in rural Mt. Lake. The party said he purchased an item through eBay. When the package arrived, the box

was empty.

• 11:41 p.m. Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 71, two miles south of Windom.

Nov. 13

• 6:11 p.m. Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a crash at the intersection of Highway 60 and County Road 47, a mile west of Mt. Lake.

• 6:15 p.m. Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a crash that occurred near the intersection of Highway 60 and County Road 27, near Mt. Lake. According to the report, Blong Thao of Brooklyn Park was driving his 2020 Toyota Tacoma in icy conditions when he lost control and entered the median, striking a guard rail. The vehicle received moderate damage.

• 6:30 p.m. A one-vehicle crash occurred on Highway 60 near Mt. Lake. Paulo Adem of Sioux Falls was driving his 2007 Honda when he lost control on ice, striking a cable guard rail and rolling down a nearby hill. The vehicle was totalled in the crash.

Nov. 14

• 7:54 p.m. Deputies received a report of a disturbance at a rural Sanborn address. Upon investigation, it was determined to be a verbal altercation between a mother and daughter. The parties were separated for the night.

• 10:28 p.m. A theft was reported in the rural Jeffers area. A resident reportedly set an air compressor and battery at the end of a driveway with a sign requesting \$50. A couple of hours later, both were missing. It was later determined that the items had not been stolen. The person who picked up the items had left a note and \$50 cash at the resident’s home.

INSIDE EDGE

Windom Area Health gets grant

Sen. Amy Klobuchar recently announced that Windom Area Health has been granted \$240,000.

According to the report, the United States Department of Health and Human Services will provide more than \$19.5 million in funding to more than 75 rural hospitals in Minnesota for coronavirus testing and mitigation efforts.

“Strengthening access to quality health care in rural areas is crucial to the success and prosperity of our state,” Klobuchar said. “This federal funding will make a big difference by supporting residents of rural communities.”

This funding will maintain or increase coronavirus testing and support mitigation activities such as contact tracing, the distribution of personal protective equipment, the establishment of alternate testing sites and testing education.

Four added to local Fire Department

Four new firefighters were recently added to the Windom Fire Department.

The group, which was formally approved by the Windom City Council, includes: Devin Homer, Daniel Maras, Jackson Oltmans and Isaak Paulson.

All four will now undergo formal firefighter training.

In addition, Chief Ben Derickson announced that Jordan Bussa has been appointed to fill the remainder of the First Assistant Chief term after the passing of Lonny Vollan.

Council restores city liquor fees

At a recent meeting, the Windom City Council voted to end the temporary reduction of city liquor license fees.

The fees were reduced 50% in early 2020 in an effort to assist local bars and restaurants that had struggled with the pandemic. Ultimately, the old rates were re-established with on-sale liquor licenses set at \$2,000, on-sale Sunday liquor at \$200 and on-sale wine and beer licenses ranging from \$100 to \$150.

Deadlines set for Thanksgiving

Deadlines are in place at Citizen Publishing Company for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Here is the schedule for our publications:

- Cottonwood County Citizen — No change for news and ad deadlines.
- Mt. Lake-Butterfield Observer/Advocate — No change for news and ad deadlines.
- Shopper — Ad deadline is Nov. 24 at 9 a.m.

A LIFETIME OF Care

Steven Hartberg, MD Family Medicine Physician

After 38 years of caring for his hometown of Windom, we congratulate Dr. Hartberg on his retirement on Nov. 14. Dr. Hartberg thanks his patients for entrusting him with their care over the years.

We also congratulate Bridget Lyons, LPN, and Karen Hartberg, lead office coordinator, as they begin their retirement this fall.

Join us in thanking Dr. Hartberg, Bridget and Karen for their commitment to care!

No formal party is occurring due to COVID-19 restrictions.



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Time to be on guard

Thanksgiving is around the corner, a time for family, giving thanks and, of course, gearing up for the Christmas holiday season.

Thanks to America's shipping issues, many area residents have already started making their lists, checking out local stores and ordering gifts online. Unfortunately, some of those people have experienced the scams and crimes that have become increasingly common during November and December — package theft and fake online offers.

Readers of our scam alerts that appear in the Citizen and at www.windomnews.com are well aware of the infinite variety of scams that target residents year around. However, it seems that scammers ramp up their efforts during the holiday season.

Hot toy scam

The Better Business Bureau recently issued a warning related to the 'hot toy scam.'

Here is how it works. You search for these toys, but they are sold out at every store you visit. So, you decide to look online.

A quick search takes you to a page that miraculously has the toy in stock. The site may look professional and have original images of the product. It may even offer the product at discounted prices, claiming a "last minute deal," or "flash sale."

The BBB reports that buyers often think though they had ordered a high-quality toy. Instead, they received a cheap counterfeit version — or the product was never shipped at all and the websites vanished.

Ultimately, the buyer had no ability to receive a refund.

The surest way to avoid online scams is to purchase your Christmas gifts in person, while supporting your local business that do so much for our community.

Beyond that, your best bet is to only buy toys from reputable stores and websites. Don't be fooled by extra-low prices. These are red flags for almost any scam, not just the hot toy scam.

NEWS & NOTES

■ November and December are increasingly becoming the busiest months for scams and package theft.

■ The hot toy scam is expected to be a larger problem this year, due to shortages related to American shipping issues.

■ As the trend toward online shopping grows, so does the number of cases related to package theft.

One other piece of advice from the BBB: "research before you buy." Even if the company seems legitimate, be extra careful with your personal and credit card information. Make sure the company has a working customer service number.

Porch pirates

The other big holiday crime we all need to keep on our radar is package theft.

Along with the rising trend of shopping online comes an increase in package theft. The crime is simple. Thieves watch the delivery person from a safe distance, taking careful notes as to where packages are delivered.

The thieves often don't steal the packages right away. Rather, they carefully plan their heists for times when they feel confident the resident isn't home, neighbors aren't watching and they can make a clean getaway.

According to cnet.com, a recent study shows that 43% of respondents reported having a package stolen — up from 35% a year ago.

Taking advantage of package tracking services, installing a video doorbell and xxx are good options to avoid package theft. But there's also something to be said for being a good neighbor.

Above all, act swiftly. No matter what the situation, if you see something suspicious, report it to the police as it's happening, not a day or two later.

— Rahn Larson

Family, tradition, memories

Family and tradition run deep in the countless deer camps around Minnesota.

Thursday, we rolled up the farm driveway of my brother Kim and his wife, Debbie. Soon after the laughs and stories flowed. By Friday morning we were enjoying priceless views from our deer stands.

The prairie, tree lines, rolling hills, and giant duck slough feel almost magical, not only for their natural beauty, but the tales they hold:



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"Andrew's first buck fell by those woods."

"Remember when Tim and Grandpa laughed together on that hilltop stand?"

This was our first season without Dad. Friday, as Andrew gutted the day's second deer, he paused and said, "Grandpa is looking down and chuckling right now." We laughed.

For countless deer camps, bagging deer is merely a bonus. Family, tradition, memories. That's what it's all about.

■ OUR READERS RESPOND

Thanksgiving is a week away. What do you look forward to most about Thanksgiving?

Carmen Elston

■ WINDOM



"I look forward to spending time with family, the great food and just enjoying the day."

Kermit Twait

■ WINDOM



"I'm looking forward to a good old oyster stew and the family coming over."

Luis Ruiz

■ MASON CITY, IOWA



"Lots of turkey, seeing family and thanking God for all of the good things we have in this country."

Amy Mead

■ WINDOM



"Hardee's will be open, but I have enough staff coming in so I can take the day off and go see family in Mankato. I really look forward to that."

Johnson at the Games — Part II

Windom native Karen Johnson's experience volunteering at the Olympic Games in Tokyo was even a little more than she bargained for.

Karen, the daughter of Buckwheat and Sonya Johnson, of Windom is a missionary with SEND International in Tokyo, working at Okutama Bible Chalet. It's a Bible camp in the mountains of Western Tokyo, where she's been working since arriving in March 2016.

She managed to work her schedule so she could help out as a translator at the Games in August.

Karen says she worked with all groups of athletes at the Asaka Shooting Range for shooting sports events, both during the Olympics and the Paralympics that followed. "I wasn't expecting to interact with the athletes and coaches the way I was able to," Karen says. "It was incredibly helpful that I have both English and Japanese because it allowed me to be a bridge in so many situations."

"I also didn't realize how much I would learn about sport shooting. It will always have a special place in my heart after this and something I will continue to follow. I also have gained so many new friends from this experience."

Karen was able to see quite a bit of athletes' practice, as well as qualification and final round competition, but only during her 15 to 20-minute breaks, or during lunch. "It was pretty special to watch the final competitions for both the Olympics and Paralympics," she notes.

Needless to say, Japan was still fighting the pandemic, so there were numerous protocols she had to follow. However, most of those protocols she had been following in

her day-to-day work. She said that the only thing different than what she already was doing was receiving regular COVID testing. That was required of all volunteers.

Karen says that almost 205,000 people applied to volunteer at the Olympics/Paralympics and a little more than half of those were selected to volunteer. Another 10,000 quit due to COVID and around 80,000 actually volunteered.

Her work shift ran from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. While that doesn't seem bad, there are extenuating circumstances.

"I had to catch the first train in the morning (5:28 a.m.) to get to my shift on time," Karen says. "There were some days when I was the personal assistant where my shifts would be 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. On volunteering days, I would wake up, volunteer, get home, wash my uniform and go to bed — to do it all over again. It was super busy, from start to finish, but so enjoyable!"

One of the fun aspects of the Olympics and Paralympics is trading pins. Karen wore her pins on her accreditation card lanyard and would trade pins with athletes and coaches.

"My lanyard was full when I finished at the Paralympics," she confirms.

Because she spoke a commonly-shared language (English), she had the unfortunate task of communicating difficult things, such as letting people who wanted to leave now, that they would have to wait for another bus.

Although she couldn't evangelize, even though she was a missionary, she always kept one thing in mind: "My prayer every day was to be able to reflect Christ to those I encountered."



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Bill Paulson, Mt. Lake area's unforgettable treasure

(Editor's note: This is an excerpt from a tribute by former Mt. Lake-Butterfield Observer/Advocate staffer Kurt Hildebrandt about publisher Bill Paulson, who passed away last week. For the full column, see this week's O/A.)

You don't encounter people like Bill Paulson in your life and not be influenced in at least some way, shape or form.

To know Bill Paulson was a joy. To work for Bill Paulson was an honor. And, to learn from Bill Paulson was, simply put — at least in my eyes — life changing, for my perspective as a writer.

Bill's superpower

Having worked more than two decades in newspapers and another near-decade in communications, I've crossed paths with many good storytellers in my life, but Bill was so much more than good. The ability to craft a great story was Bill's superpower, and Butterfield and Mt. Lake residents' lives were much richer and they were very well informed because of it.

Whether it be in print or through spoken word, Bill was a true artist with words.

Through the pages each week of the Observer/Advocate, Bill and his wife Marcia, and a rotating crew of many others that spanned four decades, kept their readers

in-the-know of the pressing local issues at hand. Bill learned the way Bill regaled us through his weekly columns and feature stories.

Rumor has it Bill had offers to syndicate his column, but I was told he felt such loyalty to his O/A readers that he wanted that relationship to be exclusive . . . which sounds like the Bill Paulson I knew and admired.

A life-changing call

I had the honor of working for Bill and Marcia in the mid-to-late 1990s, but it was almost by accident that I became part of the Paulson Publishing family. I was working as a sportswriter for the Fairmont Sentinel in the winter of 1995 with my then much-younger sights set higher (think the next Sid Hartman or Pat Reusse) when I received a call from Bill on some obscure afternoon, just as I was getting ready to leave for my duties at the Sentinel.

He explained to me his daughter, Marci, who had been working in her family's business for quite a few years, was moving to full-time work in another profession and the Paulsons needed someone to fill her shoes in the newsroom.



KURT HILDEBRANDT
Guest Columnist

my sports writing career demanded and, oh so subtly, leveraged that into my decision to at least come into his office for what he dubbed as "just a chat."

I remember thinking to myself, after hanging up the phone after that initial conversation, "Not a chance in H-E-(double-tooth-picks)," on the prospects of me working at my hometown newspaper. My move back "home" was just temporary as I was quite sure either the StarTribune or Pioneer Press sports department would soon beckon.

However, out of courtesy to the Paulsons, a well-respected family in the small-town newspaper game, I remember rhetorically asking Teresa, "What's the harm in just meeting with him?" So I agreed to the rendezvous.

Let's just say I never had a chance.

QUICK HIT

Cory Regnier
Composition



Healthy reminder

We are entering that time of year, even before COVID was a concern, when the common cold and flu typically starts to rear their ugly heads.

We are also entering the time of year when families, friends and colleagues start to gather for the holidays, parties and open houses.

To help ensure your health and the health of those around you, regardless of vaccination status, there are just a few simple rules to follow.

I'm sure you've heard these before, but it never hurts to be reminded.

- Make sure that you cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

- Wash your hands regularly and use soap and water.

- If you feel ill, stay home.

There are many other things you can do to reduce the risk of spreading germs, but the three above have been proven to be some of the most effective.

Stay safe out there!

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LIVESTOCK INTERVIEW MEDALISTS include, from left, front: Aubree Paplow, Kallie Hovland, Bowen Saffert, Cole Paplow, Natasha Erickson. Middle: Toria Robillard, Charles Dammann,

Eryn Friesen, Matthew Wiebe, Wilson Hochstein. Back: Heidi Imker, Tyler Maras, Tristyn Maras, Damian King, Fiona Robillard.

Top 4-H's honored at year-end banquet

■ The 4-H Recognition Banquet was held earlier this month in Windom.

Cottonwood County 4-H wrapped up 2021 with its annual Recognition Banquet in the fellowship hall at American Lutheran Church in Windom.

The banquet was hosted by the Amboy Sunrisers and Delton Doers 4-H clubs.

Members of the Cottonwood County Extension committee, Cottonwood County Commissioners and Livestock Improvement Association were introduced and thanked for their dedication and commitment to the 4-H program.

Five of the 36 Cloverbuds in the Cottonwood County 4-H program were present and recognized at the banquet. Each received a gift.

Winners of livestock interviews at the Cottonwood County Fair also received medals for their first- or second-place finishes.

Individual awards

Several top honors were awarded to county 4-H's again this year.

Top Club Treasurer went to Elizabeth Meiner, Highwater Lads & Lassies, while Top Club Secretary went to Tyler Maras, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.

Teagan Werner of the Highwater Lads & Lassies and Johanna Elston of the Springfield Sparklers received the county's "I Dare You" Leadership awards.

Cloverbud record achievement winners were Eli Gohr, and Kendrick Winters of the Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers; Isaiah Lewis of the Amboy Sunrisers; Hadli Nelson and Bentley Werner of Highwater Lads & Lassies; and George Paplow and Carson Soderholm of the Springfield Sparklers.

Junior record achievement winners were Danika



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SARAH WIEBE received the 4-H Alumni Award for 2021.

Gohr and Aubrey Winters, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers; Jaeda Nelson and Austin Werner, Highwater Lads & Lassies; Cole Paplow, Amboy Sunrisers; Raymond Paplow and Wyatt Soderholm, Springfield Sparklers.

Senior record achievement winners were Natasha Erickson, Heidi Imker and Teagan Werner, Highwater Lads & Lassies; Aubree Paplow, Kelsey Piotter and Zachary Piotter, Amboy Sunrisers; and Gabriella Symens-Otero, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.

Alumni, Friend honors

Cottonwood County also presented the Friend of 4-H Award and the 4-H Alumni Award.

Robert Van Maasdam is this year's Friend of 4-H for the many years he has donated his time to helping head up the 4-H Food Stand at the Cottonwood County Fair. The award is presented to a business or individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Cottonwood County 4-H program.



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TOP CLUB SECRETARY and "I Dare You" Leadership award winners are, respectively, Tyler Maras of the Windom Workers/Dale Diggers and Johanna Elston of the Springfield Sparklers.

Each club is encouraged to submit a nomination.

Meanwhile, the 4-H Alumni Award went to Sarah Wiebe. The award recognizes former 4-H's who, as adults, are contributing to their communities and 4-H clubs' work. The award is based on the candidate's citizenship, leadership and personal commitment to 4-H. Again, each club has an opportunity to nominate candidates.

Graduates

Graduates of 4-H in 2019 were recognized. They are: Sam Dammann, Owen Grant, Kelsey Piotter and Dominik Smith, all of the Amboy Sunrisers; Jack Derickson, Carissa Erickson and Heidi Imker, all of the Highwater Lads & Lassies; Sydney Pankonin of the Germantown Livewires; and Jackson Roll of the Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.

Key Leaders recognized included Hilary Paplow, Jana Piotter and John Smith, Amboy Sunrisers; Becca Meidl, Delton Doers;



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ROBERT VAN MAASDAM received the Friend of 4-H Award for 2021.

Christy Jackson, Germantown Livewires; Jane Imker

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Blackwell to speak at Lakeview Gospel Harvest Mission Festival

Kirk Blackwell, a Mt. Lake native now serving with Avant Ministries, will be guest speaker at Lakeview Gospel Church's Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday.

The service begins at 10 a.m. The church is located at 1002 North 10th St., in Mt. Lake.

Following the service, there will be a noon meal in the fellowship hall.



Kirk Blackwell

Kirk, the son of Marge Friesen of Mt. Lake, will share about missions, post-COVID, at the church's 7 p.m., service.

The community is invited to join the congregation at the evening service.

Christianson to share 'tales' of new hobby at Sons of Norway

■ Now through March, Lodge meetings are held the third Saturday morning of each month.

What do you do when a pandemic hits, the governor shuts down most businesses, a stay-at-home order is issued and you have extra time on your hands?

The answer is obvious: You start writing.

At least that is what LaVern Christianson did. Now, 12 short stories and two poems later, Christianson is ready to share his story at Thursday's Sons of Norway Stavanger Lodge meeting.

The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 4th Ave., in Windom.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend this free program.

Christianson will share why and how his new hobby started and describe the process he uses in writing a story from beginning to finished project. He also will be reading a short story he has written

especially for this meeting and dedicated to his friends in Stavanger Lodge. Christianson is a longtime member of Stavanger Lodge and a former teacher at Windom Area Schools.

From November through March, the Lodge now meets the third Saturday morning of each month. From April through October, the Lodge meetings are held on the third Thursday evening of each month.

Other special events are offered throughout the year for cultural enrichment and fund raisers.

The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve and cherish a lasting appreciation for the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic cultures while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members. The local Stavanger Lodge was chartered in 1974.

For more information about Sons of Norway or the meeting, contact Harvey Pedersen, Sons of Norway president, at 507-445-3188.

A.C.E. offers Zoom classes on living with chronic conditions

■ The classes will help participants find ways to manage their chronic condition.

Eighty percent of adults have a chronic condition, such as hypertension, arthritis, lung disease, diabetes, depression or anxiety. Living with those conditions can be difficult.

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota hopes to help adults living with those issues.

It is offering free online classes each Wednesday for six weeks, Nov. 17-Dec. 22, via Zoom. The classes run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., each of those Wednesdays in November and December.

Participants make weekly action plans, share experiences and help each other solve problems as

they carry out their plans.

Topics include nutrition, exercise, medication use, pain management, emotions and communicating with medical providers.

Managing your chronic condition can improve your health and quality of life.

For more information or to register, contact Brenda Skrove, Cottonwood County A.C.E. coordinator; or Joyce Wiekeraad, Murray County A.C.E. coordinator, at 507-836-8705.

Interested individuals may also register for class No. 2752, by calling 1-855-215-2174, or registering online at: <https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/2752>.

Again, there is no cost to attend these classes, however, donations are welcomed.

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A fish out of water



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God says, "Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy!" So how do you keep this "Rest" day holy? You may be one of those people who have heard or spoken this statement: "Being in church doesn't make you a Christian." I just read a wise response to this oft spoken excuse for neglecting regular church attendance: "Being in water does not make a fish a fish, but it sure does help in keeping a fish alive."

In the tradition of worship that my Lutheran upbringing and training has taught me, people like me call Sunday, or other day of the week worship time we observe, "The Divine Service." We teach and confess as believers that worship begins, continues and ends with God offering His own holy service in grace to us sinners. And as believers who also have to deal with the sin of our lives we most definitely need this liv-

ing grace of God.

One of the older, retired pastors who would attend monthly pastor meetings in our circuit would remind us other pastors that people coming together for "The Divine Service" were coming to God's hospital, for we, as sinner believers, always need the care and rest that Jesus, our Great Physician, freely gives. And the greatest of that care and healing we all need is the forgiveness of our sins, our own personal sins. This forgiveness He brings to us as the Living Word of Scripture touches our lives with its healing medicine. Jesus gives us true rest as His forgiveness and presence heals our lives battered by sin, Satan and the constant temptations of the world.

So, do you want to keep the Sabbath Day holy? Regularly attend a "faithful to God's Word" church with other needy sinners. Don't be a fish out of water!

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The **DISH**



VICKI RASMUSEN
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Have you started to get your recipes ready for Thanksgiving? I'm still pondering how we got to this point in the year so quickly. Can't ponder too much though, with Christmas sneaking up just as fast. But getting to spend the day with my family, eating some amazing food, is something I'm already looking forward to. So, here are a couple delicious ideas for you to add to your Thanksgiving meal!

Buttery Herb Turkey Breast

- 4-5 lb. bone-in, skin-on whole turkey breast
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. onion powder
- ¼ tsp. ground sage
- ½ tsp. crushed dried rosemary
- ½ tsp. dried thyme
- 1 tsp. sea salt
- ¼ tsp. cracked pepper
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- Fresh rosemary and thyme

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Mix butter, garlic powder, onion powder, sage, rosemary, thyme, salt, pepper and lemon juice.

Place turkey into greased roasting dish. Carefully pull up the skin from the breast and rub half the butter mixture under the skin. Smear the remaining butter on top of skin. Surround with lemon wedges and fresh herbs.

Roast turkey breast for approximately 2-3 hours or until internal temp reaches 165 degrees in the thickest part of the breast. Baste with juices 1-2 times while roasting. Tent with foil once turkey reaches the desired brown color.

Creamy & Cheesy Au Gratin Potatoes

- 6-7 medium Yukon Gold potatoes, thinly sliced into 1/8th-inch rounds (3 lbs. gold potatoes — by weight is a more accurate measure)
- ½ white or yellow onion, cut into slices

SAUCE:

- 2 Tbsp. salted butter
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1½ cups unsweetened almond milk (regular, skim or whole milk will also work)
- 8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ¾ tsp. salt, plus more to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper

TOPPING:

- ½ cup Gruyere cheese (or sub more sharp cheddar)
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Spray a two-quart square baking dish (or an 8-by-12-inch is good) with nonstick cooking spray or grease with butter or oil.

Place sliced potatoes in three tight slanted rows. You don't want them to be overly tight so make sure you leave enough space so the potato slices are slightly slanted. Add in onion slices in between the rows and on top of potatoes. Basically wherever you can fit them.

Next make your sauce:

Add 2 Tbsp. butter and place over medium heat. Once butter is melted, whisk in a little bit of the flour and then slowly add in milk, a little bit at a time, alternating with the flour and vigorously whisking away any lumps. Bring mixture to a simmer; it should be a similar consistency to creamy gravy. Turn heat to low and stir in shredded cheddar cheese, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Taste and add more salt and pepper, if necessary.

Pour the sauce evenly over the potatoes and onions to cover them. Don't worry, the sauce will get nice and creamy while baking. Cover the pan with foil, then bake for 45 minutes.

After 45 minutes, remove foil, sprinkle top of potatoes with ½ cup shredded Gruyere (or more cheddar) and ¼ cup Parmesan. Return to the oven and bake for 30-45 more minutes or until potatoes are done and nice and golden brown on top. (Potatoes are done when the middle of the potatoes can be easily pierced with a fork.) Remove from the oven and garnish with fresh chopped parsley.

Garlic Parmesan Roasted Brussels Sprouts

- 16 oz. brussels sprouts, rinsed
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil (or melted butter)
- ½ tsp. kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, or to taste

To prepare the roasted brussels sprouts: Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Trim the bottom of the brussels sprouts and slice each brussels sprout in half, top to bottom. Prepare a large baking sheet (you can line it with parchment paper if you like).

Pat the brussels sprouts dry with paper towels and place them in a large bowl. Add olive oil, Italian seasoning, garlic, Parmesan, salt and pepper. Toss gently to coat the brussels sprouts evenly.

Place the brussels sprouts on the prepared baking sheet, spreading evenly into one layer. Bake the Parmesan brussels sprouts on the center rack for 25 to 30 minutes — adjust the time depending on your oven; the vegetables should be golden brown.

Transfer the Parmesan roasted brussels sprouts to a large serving bowl and sprinkle with fresh chopped parsley, if you like.

■ **OBITUARIES**

Alfred Eigenberg

Alfred Eigenberg, 87, of Heron Lake died Nov. 7, 2021, at Good Samaritan



Society-Sogge Memorial in Windom. A Celebration of Life service was Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Okabena with Rev. James Albrecht officiating.

Burial was at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Okabena.

Alfred Henry Eigenberg was born March 20, 1934, to Henry and Lilly (Hensel) Eigenberg on the family farm in Springfield Township of Cottonwood County. He was baptized at his home and later confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Okabena, where he remained a lifelong member.

Alfred attended District 17 country school in Springfield Township before graduating from Heron Lake High School in 1952.

Alfred was a farmer his entire life. As a young man, he did everything from raising livestock to pitching bundles. He even helped with the horses used for farming as the tractor era was taking place.

He farmed with his brother, Leonard, his entire career. They remained very close.

As a young man, Alfred learned he had a heart condition during a routine physical. In 1984, he had open heart surgery to replace a defective valve with an artificial valve, which lasted throughout his life. He took care of himself by doing a lot of walking, which he enjoyed.

After his father died in 1963, Alfred stayed home to care for his mother and brother, Dale, who was born with cerebral palsy.

His mother moved off the farm in 1985 and died a year later. Dale remained at home until 1994 when he moved to Good Samaritan

Society-Sogge Memorial in Windom.

Alfred visited Dale each evening for 24 years until Dale's death in 2019. Alfred remained on the farm until September 2021, when he had a heart attack and moved to Good Samaritan Society-Sogge Memorial.

Alfred served on the Springfield Township board for 30 years and also served on various church boards at St. John's Lutheran in Okabena. He also was the official bookkeeper for the farm until retiring in 1998.

In retirement, he enjoyed taking care of the farm, especially the lawn, and stayed active as long as he was able.

He also enjoyed reading, watching the Minnesota Vikings and Twins and making many trips to Louisville, Ky., for the National Farm Machinery Show. He enjoyed family gatherings, including birthday parties for his great nephews who lived in the area, and looked forward to opportunities to see his nieces and nephews, who lived a distance away. He especially enjoyed the Century Farm celebration in 2014 when most of the family was home.

Alfred was an avid aviation fan, especially of World War aircrafts. His favorite aircraft was the P38.

In addition to his brother, Dale, Alfred was preceded in death by an infant brother, Raymond Eigenberg.

Survivors include his brothers, Pastor Edwin (Doris) Eigenberg of Windom and Leonard (Norma) Eigenberg of Heron Lake; nephews: Dan (Cheryl) Eigenberg of Yakima, Wash.; Steve (Kim) Eigenberg of Sacramento, Calif.; Bruce Eigenberg and James (Ruth) Eigenberg, all of Heron Lake; and nieces: Karen (John) Cress of Glendale, Calif.; Beth (Gale) Henrick of Denver, Colo.; Judy Burleson of Sacramento, Calif.; and Sherilyn Malloy of Eagle Lake.

Nancy Jenkins

Nancy Jenkins, 82, of Lakewood, Colo., formerly of Windom died Nov. 9, 2021, at her daughter's home in Lakewood.

A Celebration of Life service was Monday at LaCanne Family Funeral Home in Windom with Pastor Mike McInnis officiating.

Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Windom.

LaCanne Family Funeral Service of Windom handled the funeral arrangements.

Nancy Jane Hiebert was born March 4, 1939, in Mt. Lake and grew up in Bingham Lake. She attended Windom schools, graduating from Windom High School. In 1957, Nancy married Richard Jenkins of Lakefield. They lived in Windom where their three daughters — Jane, Barbara and Kay — were born.

Nancy worked in the nursing field as an aide, licensed practical nurse and registered nurse in Windom and Minneapolis for over 40 years.

She was diagnosed in October with acute myeloid leukemia and was placed in

hospice care.

The family attended and were members of the United Methodist Church. Nancy enjoyed serving with United Methodist Women.

Some of Nancy's favorite memories came from spending time with family and friends. In retirement, she and Richard enjoyed winters in Apache Junction, Ariz. She also enjoyed daily phone conversations with her mother, playing cards with friends in Bayport and Stillwater and morning coffee. She enjoyed being around people and will be remembered for the conversations she struck up wherever she went.

She was especially proud of her daughters and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Jenkins; parents, Frank and Dorothy Hiebert; brother, Delevan Hiebert; sisters, Louise Brugman and Virginia Hay; and son-in-law, Perry Grell.

Survivors include her daughters: Jane (Christopher) Imperiale of St. Paul; Barbara Grell of Papillion, Neb.; and Kay Cowell of Lakewood, Colo.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

■ **DEATH NOTICE**

Marcine Elder

Marcine Elder, 75, of Fulda died Nov. 13, 2021, at our House Hospice Home in Slayton.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m., in the Fulda High School Gym in Fulda.

Visitation will be Wednesday (today) from 4 to 7 p.m., also in the Fulda High School Gym in Fulda.

Totzke Funeral Home in Fulda is handling the funeral arrangements.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, Nov. 23

The Dinner Table, a monthly meal open to all, is now serving both in-person and drive-thru meals, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For in-person dining, enter First Presbyterian Church through the east doors, or to pick up a drive-thru meal see organizers in the alley by the church at 336 11th St., to receive your meal. Enter the alley from Third Avenue and drive west.

LSS BISTRO

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

Thursday — Thanksgiving Dinner: Turkey and mashed

potatoes with gravy, green bean casserole, dressing, pumpkin dessert.

Friday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, broccoli salad, cinnamon apple-sauce.

Monday: Beef chili with beans, romaine salad with dressing, corn muffin, blushing pears.

Tuesday: Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, broccoli florets.

Wednesday: Lasagna, California Normandy vegetables, peaches, bread stick.

Thursday (11-25): Closed for Thanksgiving.

Call 831-6161 the day prior to the desired dinner and indicate eat-in, take-out or delivery.

WEEKLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

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.

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, 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 Kiwanis Club: Thursdays — Noon, River City Eatery.



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‘High School Musical’ ready for four-performance run

Windom Area High School’s 2021 fall musical “High School Musical” takes the WAMHS Lecture Hall Theater stage Thursday night for the first of four performances that run through Saturday evening.

The musical is set in modern-day East High School and centers on Troy Bolton (portrayed by Alex Garcia) and Gabriella Montez (Lauren Kelly), two completely different teenagers who meet at a party while singing karaoke on New Year’s Eve. One week later, Troy meets Gabriella, who is a new student at East High. They audition for the school musical, which doesn’t sit well with the sister-brother duo of Sharpay (Ella Wilde) and her brother, Ryan (Matthew Wilde), who are the perennial stars of the annual school musical. The show features a lot of high school twists and turns to which audiences of all ages can relate.

The show is directed by Emily Riordan, with Sarah Theesfeld serv-

ing as assistant director. Rachel Axford serves as music director.

Show times are 7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee. Tickets are \$8 each and available in the WAMHS office or at the door. As of Tuesday morning, good seats still remain for all four performances.

The cast and crew of the show includes, from left, **Row 1:** Allison Negen, Vanessa Garcia, Grace Sherman, Sonia Lopez, Amanda Herring, Moriah Lohrenz. **Row 2:** Eric Cendejas, Matthew Wilde, Alex Garcia, Lauren Kelly, Ella Wilde, Kaylan Donchez. **Row 3:** Elizabeth Ngisa, Maddie Alvstad, Virginia Jensen, Tayler Franz, Valerie Schutz, Claire Walinga, Faith Ford. **Row 4:** Andres Rodriguez Cerda, Isaac Armstrong, Eli Freiwald, Eli Bordewyk, Thomas Green, Isabel Mendoza, Emily Elston. **Row 5:** Crew members Aubriana Spielman, Jacob Green, Sherlin Barrios and Michelle Macario Rios.

County Cheer Box ready to accept donations

■ Collection sites are located in Windom, Westbrook, Jeffers, Storden and Mt. Lake.

Donations to the Christmas Cheer Box, Cottonwood County’s annual Christmas gift collection program, is now underway and continues through Dec. 8.

The program, sponsored by Windom Women of Today and the Mt. Lake Police Department, is accepting new unwrapped toys, hats, mittens, clothing, books or other items that would be appropriate for children 18 years and younger.

Cash donations may be left at any bank that has a Christmas dropoff, or mailed to: Christmas Cheer Box, c/o Women of Today, P.O. Box 222, Windom, MN 56101.

For families seeking gifts for their children, applications must be made by Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Applications are available at the following locations: Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services-Family Services, Windom Area Sharing Center, Southwest Mental Health and Windom Area Chamber of Commerce in Windom ; City Hall and

COUNTY CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX LOCATIONS

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Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf in Mt. Lake; and all Cottonwood County area churches.

Completed applications can be mailed to the same address as cash donations.

Fall Band Showcase takes the stage Monday evening

■ The concert will feature seven bands.

For the first time in two years, the Windom Area Schools instrumental music department will present a concert.

In fact, the last time Windom bands performed was in the 2019 Fall Band Showcase, the same concert Windom instrumentalists will present Monday, at 7 p.m., in the Gold Gym.

Admission is free.

The concert will feature seven bands, including the Sixth Grade Band, directed by Jim Axford, as well as the Seventh Grade Band, Eighth Grade Band, Gold Band (grades 9-10), Eagle Band (grades 11-12) and the middle school and Eagle

stage bands, all under the direction of Jamie Pohlmann. Each of the bands will perform two or three selections.

“Everyone is so excited to perform a live concert again,” Pohlmann says.

Among the numbers, concert-goers can expect to hear are “Excalibur,” performed by the Seventh Grade Band, and the “William Tell Overture,” performed by the Eighth Grade Band. The Gold and Eagle bands will present “Eagle Pointe Overture” and “Freedom’s Light,” respectively.

“As always, this amazing community’s support is appreciated and we look forward to seeing you there,” Pohlmann concluded.

■ SCHOOL MENUS Nov. 18-25

Windom Area Schools *An equal opportunity provider*

BREAKFAST MENU

(Each meal comes with fresh fruit, juice and milk; cereal alternative is whole grain. Meals are subject to change.)

Windom Area Schools/ELC/RRRLC/PreK/Headstart

Thursday: Cereal and graham crackers, fruit variety, fruit punch juice. PreK — Graham crackers.

Friday — MHS/PreK/ALC/ELC: Mini bagel with cream cheese. Elementary — Mini pancakes. All — Apple juice.

Monday: Mini waffles OR pancakes OR Nutri-Grain bar with string cheese, orange juice. PreK — Banana bread.

Tuesday: Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly sandwich, apple juice. PreK — Uncrustable PB&J.

Wednesday: E-Learning Day for Windom Area Schools - no meals served. ELC & ALC — Muffin and Animal Crackers, orange juice.

Thursday (11-25): Thanksgiving break. No school.

LUNCH MENU

(All meals at all schools include 1% white or skim white, chocolate or strawberry milk.)

Windom Area Schools/ELC/RRRLC/PreK/Headstart

Thursday: “Build a Better Burger” with hamburger patty, cheese, lettuce, tomato and pickles, potato choice, baked beans, fruit. MHS alt.: Savory chicken on a bun.

Friday: Cheese pizza crunchers OR cheese pizza, buttered carrots, broccoli florets with ranch, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly sandwich, yogurt.

Monday: Shrimp poppers

and string cheese, baked beans, baby carrots with dip, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Hamburger.

Tuesday: Bosco cheese bread sticks with marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, apple variety. MHS alt.: Turkey sandwich.

Wednesday: E-Learning Day for Windom Area Schools - no meals served. ELC & ALC — Cheeseburger, potato choice, corn, colorful fruit.

Thursday (11-25): Thanksgiving break. No school.

Red Rock Central

BREAKFAST MENU

(All meals include bread and milk, but are subject to change.)

Thursday: Long John. Friday: Mini pancake. Monday: Breakfast pizza. Tuesday: Bagel Bites. Wed.: Breakfast cookie. Thursday (11-25): Thanksgiving break. No school.

LUNCH MENU

(All meals include bread and milk, but are subject to change.)

Thursday: Chicken strips, broccoli with cheese, pineapple.

Friday: Hamburger, Tater Tots, pears.

Monday: Pizza crunchers, green beans, mixed fruit.

Tuesday: Hot turkey gravy over mashed potatoes, stuffing, applesauce.

Wednesday: Sub sandwich, carrots and dip, pears, cookie.

Thursday (11-25): Thanksgiving break. No school.

Windom Elementary to host regional vaccination

■ This clinic is for ages 5-11 only and all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Windom Area Elementary School will host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for children ages 5 to 11 years, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Windom Area Elementary is serving as a regional host site. The clinic is coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Health and Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services, with all of the school’s expenses paid for with COVID-19 funds provided to schools.

This clinic, which is for ages 5 to 11 only, is available not only to Windom youth, but youth in surrounding communities. Because of its location, Windom has been asked to serve as a regional host for the clinic.

Windom Area Elementary is located at 1200 17th St., in Windom.

The clinic is administering the two-dose pediatric Pfizer vaccine for free to all eligible Minnesotans, ages 5 through 11. The second dose will be administered no earlier than three weeks after the first dose, which will be Dec. 11.

Walk-ups are welcome, however, parents also can make an appointment for your child by going online to: https://my.primary.health/r/windom-area-schools?registration_type=students+5-11

A parent or guardian must accompany their child through the vaccination process.

Windom Area Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt said in a letter to district parents that now is the time to vaccinate your children ages 5 and older. Anyone with questions about vaccines are encouraged to contact their pediatrician or family physician. More information is available from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In its review, the federal government found the Pfizer vaccine to be safe for children. It has been carefully studied in children ages 5-11 years, just as it was for people 12 and older. The process is called a clinical trial and all authorized vaccines must go through it. Only vaccines shown to be safe and effective are authorized to be used.

“We all want a world in which our kids can just be kids again — the vaccine helps get us there,” Wormstadt said in the letter. “That’s why the state is partnering with Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services and the Windom School District to meet Minnesota families where they are as they navigate daycare, school and work.”

“Getting the safe, free, and effective shot is vital to protecting our kids and slowing the spread of COVID-19.”

Volunteer caregivers aid others, earn benefits

■ November is National Family Caregivers Month.

November is National Family Caregiver’s month — a time dedicated to recognizing all the hard work and support that family caregivers offer to their friends and loved ones. Caregiving can be difficult and caregivers often need a much-deserved break. Even just a few hours alone can make a big difference.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is seeking Caregiver Support AmeriCorps volunteers to provide family caregivers this much-needed break to relax, re-charge, practice self-care and reduce isolation.

Respite volunteers also offer older adults more opportunities to maintain social connections, an important aspect of healthy aging that can become difficult as people experience dementia or mobility limitations.

People who care for loved ones rely on local volunteers to provide this life-changing support.

Currently, due to COVID-19, visits are being done virtually through phone and video chat with limited in-person visits. Through a partnership with AmeriCorps, volunteers earn a monthly living allowance

ranging from \$150 to \$250 and can earn a \$1,300 to \$1,600 education grant annually, which can be used for tuition and student loans. Those who meet hourly requirements over four years can earn a total of up to \$18,400. Volunteers older than 55 can also put these grants toward a child or grandchild’s education fund.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota provides volunteers with training and requires no prior experience. To qualify, volunteers must be at least 17 years old, with availability each week and a reliable vehicle. They also must pass a routine background check.

The statewide organization serves all Minnesotans and welcomes volunteers from different faiths, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations and stages in life to inquire.

To learn more or to get started, contact Program Director Tara Giese at 866-787-9802, tara.giese@lssmn.org or visit lssmn.org/caregiver/volunteernow.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota also offers additional support for family caregivers. To view all the Caregiver Support & Respite Service offerings, visit lssmn.org/caregiver-support.

— WINDOM AREA SCHOOLS — STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chosen because — Jack works hard in class to get his work done and is respectful to his peers. He has a friendly personality and demonstrates responsibility in the classroom by helping when he can. He always has a great story to share about his endeavors, from working on cars to hunting.

Student’s comments — I enjoy math.

Student’s interests — Riding bike, helping papa Mark fix things, hunting with my dad, swimming, golfing, going hiking with my mom and sister.

Parents — Chelsea Stevens and Justin Hall



Jack Stevens-Mutz
Grade 6

HIGH SCHOOL

Chosen because — Kaycee is willing to work extra hard in order to learn the material we’re doing in class, pays attention in class, does the work needed to be successful, and is polite and respectful to everyone around her.

Student’s comments — I enjoy being able to see my friends everyday and being able to see some of my favorite teachers and paras. I also enjoy being able to learn new things to further my education.

Student’s interests — I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, fishing/hunting, shopping with family and friends

Parents — Kevin Hunter and Karlene Hunter



Kaycee Hunter
Grade 11

Congratulations, Jack and Kaycee!

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DAVE FJELD 11/17 WinVeterans 17
TOMASA JUAREZ DE LA CRUZ proudly waves a flag during a fifth-grade flag routine that was part of Thursday's Veterans Day program in the Windom Area Middle High School Blue Gym.

Windom honors its veterans

After a pandemic-related hiatus, the annual Veterans Day Program was back in 2021 — and in full patriotic red, white and blue.

The Windom Area Middle High School Blue Gym was packed with students, and the public was more than a little eager to give local veterans their due during the one-hour event.

The highlight of the program was a keynote address by Minnesota State Representative Rod Hamilton of Mt. Lake. Hamilton, sporting a flag-like tie, gave an emotional speech that not only honored the veterans assembled, but also recognized the sacrifice — ultimate sacrifice in some cases — that many have made.

The observance also included patriotic musical selections by the WAHS Eagle Band, as well as vocal music students in grades 1-12.



11/17 WinVeterans 84
MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVE Rod Hamilton of Mt. Lake provided a moving and emotional keynote address.



WINDOM BOYS AND Girls Staters Sam Yusuf, Michelle Macario Rios and Kaylan Donchez shared the mike for their speech.



DAVE FJELD 11/17 WinVeterans 69
A HIGHLIGHT OF every Windom Veterans Day program is music presented by the Elementary mass choir, which sang "You're a Grand Old Flag."

■ REFLECTIONS

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 16, 2011

Lois Ross of Mt. Lake spends much of her time volunteering at the Cottonwood County DAC with Chelsey Junker. Ross was honored as the Cottonwood County Senior Citizen of the Year in 2011.

Lower grade winners in the 16th annual Elementary Prairie Winds Arts Festival Art Show in Walnut Grove were Bethany Byers, Luke DeSmith, Lance Her, Addison Jennings, Ella Knakmuhs, Aili Koenig, Ethan Mischke, Callie Smith, Jonny Taylor, Pachee Vue, Lor Yang and Phong Yue Yang. Upper grade winners were Matthew Bruns, Wyatt Christians, Justin Erickson, Amanda Hartson, Hunter Reimers, Kelly Truedson, Rachel Villegas, Kathy Vue and Ricky Yang.

After 30 years of serving as director of the Cottonwood County Sharing Center, Joyce Ysker has stepped down. She plans to travel in retirement. With Ysker's retirement, the Sharing Center has reorganized and named Clarice Gregg as its new director. A new board of directors has been put in place to oversee the center's operation.

Island Park's baseball field had a new concrete backstop installed recently and the framework for a new batting cage and maintenance shed are going up.

Cast and crew of Windom's 2011 fall musical, "Singing in the Rain" include: Student director Rebekka Silberman, silent film director/editor Ethan Clerc, light technician Nick Ravery, percussionist Bryton Syverson and spotlight Jamie Thiessen; and cast Nick Riordan, Marissa Cartwright, Kelly Riordan, Emily Mohlencamp, Jessica Soleta, Kaitie Bartelt, Hanna Low, Ryan Helmoski, Eli Yackel-Juleen, Amy Elston, Mijah Murden, Ryan Clark, Andrew Derickson, Sarah Theesfeld, Ashley Gehl, Kylie Wilard, Brady Ysker-Giefer, Thomas Hacker, Morgan Potter, Kayla Haglund, Mary Green, Isaac Steele, Emily Axford, Rachel Witt, Neil Litfin, Hannah Steele, Erin Thiessen, Vincent Raia, Parker Scott, Nathan Luitjens, Blake Warner, Aaron Axford and Daniel Arends. The show is directed by Rachel Axford, while Eugene Hanchett is assistant director and keyboard accompanist.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1996

The Windom Eagles looked tense in the locker room before the opening kickoff of their state Class B semifinal game against the Benson Braves at the Metrodome. Head Coach Bill Magnuson addressed the team in a pre-game pep talk. The tension quickly turned to celebration when Spencer Holmen returned the game's opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown. The touchdown helped send the Eagles on their way to a 37-20 victory to advance to their first Prep Bowl.

The stage at Windom Area Central School is set for Windom Area High School's production of "Oklahoma!" In a scene from the show, Aunt Eller (portrayed by Mary LaCanne) and Curly (Dustin Stevens) sing about a "surrey with a fringe on top" to Laurey (Molly Mix).

Josh Hummel's Eagle Scout Award project was the creation of a memorial garden at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in honor of Father John Tighe. Hummel, a senior at Windom Area High School, reached his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout this summer and was recognized during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at St. Francis Xavier.

Lakefield School Board members have voted unanimously to end the district's pairing agreement with Heron Lake-Okabena. The two districts will remain paired through the 1997 graduation. Officials from both districts are already making plans for the 1997-98 school year.

Local winners of this year's Lions International Peace Poster Contest include: Sixth-graders Alissa Palm, first; Bridget Curley, second; and Stephanie Hacker, third. Receiving honorable mention were Jaclyn Haygood, Alexis Smith, Laura Farrell and Justin Gehl.

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 16, 1971

Cottonwood County Attorney Jim Remund is a smiling picture of confidence now, but he probably won't be after Nov. 23. Remund is practicing playing basketball from a wheelchair. He and several oth-

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A CITIZEN TECH SUPPORT

Windows 11 is here!

Ah, nothing like a good operating system update to shake things up!

Windows 11 brings a new Mac-like interface to the OS — cleaner design with rounded corners.

If you've seen advertisements for it you may have noticed that the taskbar is in the center of the screen. It can be moved to the left, if you prefer.

They've integrated Android app support, which means some of your Android apps will now be available on your computer.

It does have a minimum hardware requirement that doesn't go past an eighth generation CPU, which started coming out August 2017. If your CPU is older than 2017, Windows 11 will most likely not work, at least right now. Microsoft hasn't said whether it is going to add additional support in older CPUs.

Windows 11 is on the market now and available on some computers to download and install. Windows has a PC health check app that's downloadable from its website, which can tell you if your computer meets the minimum requirements for installation.

If you are not eager to upgrade, Windows 10 support will be active until Oct. 14, 2025.

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Reserve your spot in CCHS’s annual Festival of Trees display

■ Tree setup times are planned from Monday through Wednesday.

With the holiday season just around the corner, the Cottonwood County Historical Society invites area organizations, businesses and individuals to take part in its annual Festival of Trees display in the Remick

Gallery. The exhibit returns in 2021 after a one-year hiatus, due to the pandemic. The trees will be on display at the CCHS Dec. 1-23. Presently, CCHS Director Linda Fransen reports that 10 businesses, organizations or individuals have reserved spots for trees this year, but more are welcomed.

Setup times are planned for Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. The exhibit opens Dec. 1. As always, prizes will be awarded to the top three trees, based on popular vote. Fransen encourages interested groups and individuals to participate in this festive event. There is no fee to

enter a tree. In past years, over 300 people have viewed the trees throughout the month of December. For more details and to reserve your space, call the CCHS at 831-1134, or email: cchs@windomnet.com.

AWARDS/ Federation officers honored

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and Lisa Erickson, Highwater Lads & Lassies; Sarah Wiebe, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers; Rhonda Crowell and Chelsea Kleine, Springfield Sparklers; Rebekah Saffert and Joe Saffert, Westbrook/Rosehill; and Tammy Holtz, Cheri Maras, Katie Robillard and Kimm Symens, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.

Other honors

Cottonwood County 4-H’ers were recognized for their service as Federation officers. They included Kelsey Piotter, president; Charles Dammann, vice president; Tristyn Maras, secretary; Sam Dammann, youth treasurer; Toria Robillard, youth treasurer signer; Gabriella Symens-Otero, historian; Aubree Paplow, parliamentarian; Dominik Smith, Livestock Improvement Association representative; and Youth Leader District Representatives: Zachary Piotter, Northeast District; Reilly Hubin, Northwest; Tyler Dahna, Southeast; and Lizabeth Bramstedt, Southwest.

Adult advisers for the Federation were Hilary Paplow, Megan Bramstedt, Kimm Symens, Tammy Holtz and treasurer Elizabeth Johnson.

Fair Board representatives were Tayler Franz and Wilson Hochstein, youth; and Jamey Hochstein and John Smith, adult. Extension Committee members recognized included Matthew Wiebe, voting delegate; and Kylee McMullen, non-voting delegate.

Interview winners

Cottonwood County 4-H’ers received medals for finishing first or second in Livestock Interviews during the Cottonwood County Fair in August. The interviews are a mandatory step for youth to participate in the livestock premium auction. Judges conducted a short interview and asked youth questions about a specific livestock specie.

The winners included:

GRADES 3-5



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RECORD JUDGING MEDALISTS for 2021 recognized during the banquet include, from left, front: Natasha Erickson, Cole Paplow, Danika Gohr. Back: Aubree Paplow, Heidi Imker, Kelsey Piotter, Gabriella Symens-Otero.



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CLOVERBUDS RECOGNIZED AT the banquet include (from left) Eli Gohr, Makenna Hovland, Everly Saffert, Jessa Meidl and Alyssa Rients.

Beef: 1T. Cole Paplow, Amboy Sunrisers, and Bowen Saffert, Westbrook/Rosehill. 2. Kallie Hovland, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Horse: 1. Lydia Fossing, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers. 2. Kallie Hovland, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Sheep: 1. IvyAnne Peters, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers.
Swine: 1. Chloe Oltmans, Springfield Sparklers. 2. Amelia Winters, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers.
GRADES 6-8
Beef: 1. Aubree Paplow, Amboy Sunrisers. 2. Wilson Hochstein, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Goat: 1. Fiona Robillard, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers. 2. Tyler Dahna, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers.
Horse: 1. Fiona Robillard, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers. 2. Grace Buckentin, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Poultry: 1. Fiona Robillard, Windom

Workers/Dale Diggers. 2. Anthony Fleckner, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Rabbit: 1. Tyler Maras, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Sheep: 1. Ellamae Peters, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers. 2. Adley Anderson, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Swine: 1. Wilson Hochstein, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers. 2. Nolan Peters, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers.
GRADES 9+
Beef: 1. Sydney Pankonin, Germantown Livewires. 2. Sam Dammann, Amboy Sunrisers.
Goat: 1. Toria Robillard, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Horse: 1. Eryn Friesen, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers. 2. Ella Smith, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Llama: 1. Heidi Imker, Highwater Lads & Lassies.
Poultry: 1. Sam Dammann, Amboy Sunrisers. 2. Charles Dammann,



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CRYSTAL REITH received this crystal vase of flowers for 15 years as Cottonwood County 4-H program coordinator.

Amboy Sunrisers.
Rabbit: 1. Tristyn Maras, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers. 2. Damian King, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.
Sheep: 1. Ella Smith, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers. 2. Matthew Wiebe, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers.
Swine: 1. Evan Oltmans, Springfield Sparklers. 2T. Tayler Franz, Loyal Lakers/Carson Climbers, Jackson Roll, Windom Workers/Dale Diggers.

Chordhustlers’ holiday concert is Sunday at St. Francis Xavier

■ Admission is a cash donation or nonperishable food item to benefit area food shelves.

It’s been two years since the Windom Area Chordhustlers barbershop chorus has taken the stage for a concert. In fact, the last time the group performed was the 2019 Food Shelf Benefit Concert. Now, exactly two years later, the Chordhustlers will again present their annual Food Shelf Benefit Concert Sunday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 532 17th St., in Windom.

Helping food shelves
Admission to the concert

is a nonperishable food item or cash donation, which will be split between local food shelves. “What better thing to do on Thanksgiving weekend than to give,” says Rakki Peterson, a Chordhustlers member.

About the Chordhustlers
The Chordhustlers will perform your favorite Christmas music in four-part, a cappella harmony. The Chordhustlers, directed by Randy Rogers, are a 30-man, four-part, a cappella harmony music group featuring singers from Windom and the surrounding area.

REFLECTIONS/ 50 years ago


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ers from Windom will be meeting a wheelchair team from Southwest Minnesota State College in Marshall at the Middle School gym in a benefit for the Cottonwood County Association for Retarded Children. The Marshall team is made up of handicapped persons, but they nonetheless are sure to upset the Windomites. Gary Elston carries Sheryl Muir during a scene

of “The Matchmaker,” while student director Cindy Hanson looks on. The junior class will present the play in the school auditorium at Area Central. Windom’s Southwest Conference champion football squad placed five players on the All-Conference squad. They are guard Steve Schmidt, tackle Mike Harrington, fullback Randy Even, tackle Jim Larson and halfback Lew Olson. Eagle center Steve Ratzlaff received honorable mention.

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Cottonwood County’s Christmas Gift Collection Program

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STORDEN: First Security Bank

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Cash donations are also welcome! Mail to: Christmas Cheer Box, Windom Women of Today P.O. Box 222 • Windom, MN 56101

Or leave at Citizen Publishing or the banks.

Application deadline to receive toys:

TUES., NOV. 30

Applications available at: DVHHS-Family Services, Windom Sharing Center, Windom Chamber Office, Mountain Lake City Hall, Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf and Cottonwood County area churches. Completed applications can be mailed to same address as cash donations (above).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Court File No.: 17-PR-21-536
In Re: Estate of Kenneth Arnsdorf, Decedent.
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF TESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Cottonwood County Courthouse, 900 Third Avenue, Windom, Minnesota 56101-0097, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirs of the decedent, and for the appointment of Ellen Arnsdorf, whose address is 46311 County Road 53, Jeffers, Minnesota 56145, as personal representative of the decedent’s estate in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative

will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the estate. Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.
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In Re: Estate of EDWARD G. RADTKE, Decedent.
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TIME OUT

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Hopefully sports stay normal

High school sports fans everywhere are thrilled that, so far, the 2021-22 season has resembled normal.

I saw very few instances of teams that were forced to shut down this fall due to COVID outbreaks. I don't know if that's a by-product of efforts to increase vaccination or just people not reporting when they have symptoms. But either way, most fall sports teams made it through their seasons without a hiccup.

Now, winter sports are getting underway. Locally, the first winter sports event of the season was held last night. The last of the teams will begin practice Monday and games will start revving up the week of Nov. 29.

I'm going to be curious to see just how well the winter season progresses. All the sports are indoors and teams are generally in pretty close quarters at times.

However, there are no restrictions on the size teams can have at practices. Players are going to be able to play both varsity and B-squad.

Now, there is still a fairly sizeable portion of the population that has not been vaccinated against the COVID virus. There's also a sizeable percentage that may have completed the first doses of vaccine but have not received a booster.

Unfortunately, those will likely be factors in whether or not we see instances of teams reporting cases of COVID within their ranks during the winter.

I'm not going to preach about the virtues of vaccination. That's a personal choice. But if players or teams have to shut down because of widespread cases, it won't be because vaccine wasn't available.

A LOOK BACK

TEN YEARS AGO

Eagle senior Abby Hayenga and junior Hali Tasler were each named to the All-Southwest conference volleyball team. Sophomore Kelsey Hanefeld received honorable mention.

Senior fullback/linebacker Jake Holt was named to the All-Southwest Conference football team for the third straight year. Senior tight end/defensive end Lee Holt received honorable mention.

The recently-played Class A state volleyball championship had a Windom flair: Faribault Bethlehem Academy won the state title under the guidance of 1970 Windom graduate Franz Boelter. Meanwhile, state runner-up Nevis also had a Windom flair: Sophomore all-state hitter Megan Norby attended school in Windom until seventh grade, when her parents moved to the Nevis area.

Practices for several Windom teams got underway in the past week, with girls basketball, gymnastics and boys hockey all starting. Girls hockey was slated to play its first game of the season. Boys basketball and wrestling start next week.

Eagle girls run out of gas in opener

Penalties in the second period put the Eagles behind in Monday's 4-1 loss.

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Things started well for the Windom Area girls hockey team in Monday's season opener against Minnesota River.

The Eagles scored the game's first goal and held a 1-0 lead after the season's first period of play.

But Minnesota River's power play gave the Bulldogs the lead in the second period and the Eagles ran out of gas late, falling 4-1 at the Windom Arena.

"We gave up a couple of power play goals in the second period and had a lot of time on the penalty kill, and it just took all our energy," Eagle Coach Bill Fredin said. "In the first period, we had the puck in the offensive zone a lot and were putting good shots on net. But we just didn't have the puck in the offensive end enough in the last two periods."

"We also have been working a lot on making better passes, but that work didn't really show itself in this one. That's going to have to be a continued emphasis for us."

The Eagles opened the game with good offensive pressure and working



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PRESLEY DOCKTER (15) weaves through the Minnesota River defense to set up a shot on goal during Monday's game at the

Windom Arena. Dockter scored the lone Eagle goal in Monday's season-opening 4-1 loss.

through three lines of offensive skaters.

Finally, with 6:39 left in the first period, Presley Dockter intercepted a pass, weaved through the Bulldog defense and fired a backhanded shot past the Bulldog goalie for the Eagles' first goal of the season.

Late in the first period, the Bulldog offense started to come to life. Despite the Eagles having a trio of power play attempts in the first period, Minnesota River peppered the Eagle net late in the period. But goalie



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EAGLE GOALIE Kaylie Baerg makes a pad save during Monday's season-opening game against Minnesota River. Baerg recorded 32 saves in the Eagles' 4-1 loss.

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Maras earns All-Big South Conference honorable mention

No Windom Eagle volleyball players were named to the All-Big South Conference volleyball team, which was released Tuesday.

One Eagle, sophomore outside hitter Tristyn Maras, earned honorable mention from the league's coaches.

Maras was an All-BSC pick a season ago.

The Eagles finished 1-5 in conference matches this year.

West Division champion and Class AAA state champion Marshall had four all-conference selections. Class AA state runner-up Jackson County Central had three all-conference picks, while Pipestone had two.

St. Peter won the East Division title and had four

2021 BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE WEST DIVISION VOLLEYBALL TEAM

MARSHALL	Yr.	Pos.	LUVERNE		
Taylor Ariasola	Sr.	MH	Elise Ferrell	Sr.	OH
Maysa Gillingham	Sr.	S	HM - Trista Baustian	Sr.	MH
Caitlyn Christenson	Jr.	DS			
Leah Jones	Jr.	OH	REDWOOD VALLEY		
HM - Tessa Gannott	Sr.	OH	Kate Ahrens	Sr.	OH
			HM - Kendall Huhnerkoch	Fr.	MH
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HM - Emma Haren	So.	MH	WINDOM		
			HM - Tristyn Maras	So.	OH
PIPESTONE					
Marli Taubert	Sr.	S			
Melody Remund	Jr.	LI			
HM - Arinn McGee	Jr.	MH			

all-conference selections. New Ulm had three.

Marshall won the outright conference title after

defeating St. Peter 3-0 in the cross-division championship match.



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TRISTYN MARAS fires a spike during the Eagles' playoff win over Redwood Valley. Maras was an honorable mention All-BSC pick.

Firearms deer hunting now our top opener

Speaking locally, our firearms deer hunting season has now become the most popular of all. In the past it has been first the duck opener, more recently the pheasant opener but now, no doubt, deer hunting has become king to those of us that hunt.

Duck openers were awesome here in the past, especially near the great Heron Lake. It runs from the cities of Heron Lake to Lakefield and after sport hunting for ducks prevailed, a hundred years ago, over market hunting it was wonderful.

Old pickups and newer station wagons filled the towns. On top of each was a special boat simply called a duck boat. It was then all wood, always and usually designed to hold a couple of hunters and a couple dozen decoys.

Housing for that army of duck hunters was provided by rail box cars pulled onto the sidings for sport hunters from the Twin Cities.

Then draining, ditching and tiling changed the face of the earth in our area. It was subsidized by the government so it was considered ok to do.

As duck hunting declined it seems like pheasant hunting improved to the extent it took the sting out of the



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duck situation. Soon the small towns were filled with pheasant hunters for that opening season.

And bag limits were filled quite easily.

Now pheasant hunting has declined similarly due to habitat changes, mainly a switch from small grain farming to row crops such as corn and soybeans.

So for our area, despite great promotions of the pheasant opener by our area chambers of commerce, that opener has greatly declined in significance.

Now enters the Virginia whitetail. Because it was first documented by the early settlers in what became the state of Virginia its scientific name became *Odocoileus virginianus*. Then as civilization spread west the whitetail deer de-

cided it liked farming.

They mainly were a north country deer here in Minnesota but in the 1950s they decided they like corn and alfalfa better than pine cones and poplar saplings.

The rest is history as people like to say, deer prospered greatly and now we have numbers of deer and many bucks becoming what many refer to as trophy size.

The hunting season has been lengthened to 9 days continuous, attracting even more hunters. But like other local hunting it is limited to mainly finding a place to hunt. So, for many, it is a trip home to dad, uncle or grandpa's farm. The firearms opener is the best time to be in the wooded areas next to cornfields.

2021 deer opener

The firearms deer hunting season is now over and a look back on commentary to me indicates it was pretty good. Remaining yet are a muzzle loader season and a prolonged archery season.

I have had many texts with photos of some very nice bucks being taken. Most of them are from private lands that have a long history of successful hunting.

Two grandsons were included in our small group of hunt hunters this year

with my Marshall grandson shooting a large-antlered buck the Saturday of the second weekend. Both my sons chose to serve as their son's mentors with one of them getting rewarded for many years of hunting.

But there is no doubt in my mind, the firearms opener has now greatly surpassed duck and pheasant openers of the past.

Other sightings

As those of us that continue to hunt despite bad weather know shooting game is the primary reason for being out there.

But there are also a lot of experiences providing the bread to that venison sandwich. That would be the sights and sounds of nature as it goes on every day.

For the Virginia guys, both dad and son that was hunting for his first time, marveled at the number of squirrels in the mature oak woods. Evidently, they were attracted by the crop of acorns despite last summer's hot, dry, weather.

It's mostly fox squirrels seen in the country with a few small red (pine) species. In our towns and villages, we have gray squirrels predominate.

Great horned owls, pheasants and turkeys provide the

rest of the sounds. One good sighting for the Virginia boys was several flocks of wood ducks still remaining into November. They liked the cleaner water in the ponds and also go after the acorns, both floating in the water and on the ground.

Hawks and eagles

I personally had a couple of great sighting that were somewhat rare, but I'm sure goes on every day when we aren't there.

The first was seen on opening day as I sat in a partial opening in the mixed woods. Two young roosters passed by me in a very sneaky fashion, then disappeared into the piney cover near a corn food plot.

They must have exposed themselves briefly and soon a Cooper's hawk was after them. The warning crowing of the rooster and the call of the hawk were followed by his landing near me for an accurate ID.

Later one evening, as I was heading out to help my grandson get his big buck on my trailer, I spotted a couple of flying pheasants. Right behind them was a young bald eagle but they made it safely to an old farm grove of trees.

And on and on it goes in the outdoors, daily!

Mark the calendars: holiday tourneys take shape

A year ago, winter sports seasons all began in mid-January due to the COVID pandemic.

As a result, programs that traditionally played in tournaments in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day missed out on their festivities.

But the 2021-22 season is seeing a return to normal. The last of the winter teams begin practices next week and games, for most teams, begin in the coming weeks.

And plans are being finalized for holiday week action.

Windom

•**Boys Basketball:** The Eagle boys basketball team will once again host the Windom Holiday Classic, with the tournament being held Dec. 28 and 29.

Other teams in this year's tournament are Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton and St. James Area.

The tournament matchups have not yet been determined. However, the tournament has typically followed the format of having the boys play in the afternoon session on the opening day, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The boys generally have played in the evening session on the second day, starting at 5 p.m.

Plans are to have a three-point contest and a skills contest between the boys and girls sessions on the opening day of the tourney.

Varsity teams play in the Blue Gym, while B-squad play at opposite times in the Gold Gym.

The Eagles also will have a game on the day that school resumes, Jan. 3, when Windom hosts Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

•**Girls Basketball:** Like the boys, the Eagle girls will host the Windom Holiday Classic on Dec. 28-29.

Other teams in this year's girls' portion of the tournament are Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg, Fairmont and East Central.

The girls traditionally have played in the evening session on the opening day, starting at 6 p.m. The girls play in the afternoon session on day two, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

A skills contest and three-point contest will be held prior to the girls' session on the first day of the tourney.

Windom is scheduled to face East Central to open the tournament, with the game at 7:30 p.m., on Dec. 28.

•**Boys Hockey:** The Windom Area boys hockey team wanted to beef up its non-conference schedule in 2021-22, and accomplished that mission with a three-day, round-robin tournament in Little Falls on Dec. 28-30.

Other teams in the tournament include Wadena-Deer Creek, Northern Lakes and



HENRY ERICKSON drives around an Adrian-Ellsworth defender during an Eagle boys basketball game last season. After a one-year hiatus, the Windom Holiday Classic will return Dec. 28-29.

Little Falls.

Wadena-Deer Creek, like Windom Area, is a multiple-school pairing that includes Wadena-Deer Creek, Sebeka, Verndale, Staples-Motley, Parkers Prairie and New York Mills.

Northern Lakes also is a multiple-school pairing, which includes Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton, Pequot Lakes and Pine River-Backus.

The most established program in the tournament is Little Falls, which won the Section 6A title and advanced to the state semifinals a season ago.

•**Girls Hockey:** The Windom Area girls hockey team isn't playing in a tournament, but will have a regular-season matchup during the holiday break.

The Eagles will head to All-Seasons Arena in Mankato for a 5 p.m. match-up against new section rival Mankato East.

•**Wrestling:** The Windom-Mt. Lake wrestling team is off during the holiday break, but will be in tournament action on Dec. 17-18.

That is when the Cobras will head to Redwood Falls for one of the larger indi-

vidual tournaments of the season, the Redwood River Riot.

The Cobras also will return to Redwood Falls on Dec. 21 for a regular-season triangular against Redwood Valley and Pipestone.

•**Gymnastics:** The Windom Area gymnasts will have the Christmas break off, but will take part in a multiple-team invitational on Jan. 8 in Marshall.

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey

•**Boys and Girls Basketball:** The annual holiday tournament has not been played in a couple of years, but the Wolverine boys and girls basketball teams will both be in action during the break.

MLAC will host subsection rival Springfield in a girl/boy varsity-only doubleheader on Dec. 28, in Mt. Lake.

Action begins with the varsity girls game at 6 p.m., with the boys to follow.

Red Rock Central

•**Wrestling:** The RRC wrestling team will travel to Redwood Falls on Dec. 17-18 for the Redwood River Riot



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EAGLE FORWARD Ellyson Bang battles to control a loose puck during Monday's season-opening game at the Windom Arena. The Eagles fell 4-1 to Minnesota River Monday.

EAGLES/ Power play goals lift Bulldogs

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Kaylie Baerg stood firm in goal, preserving the 1-0 Eagle lead.

Unfortunately, the tide turned in the second period. A tripping penalty gave Minnesota River a power play and Lucy Kleschult scored on a long wrist shot, tying the game at 1-1.

About a minute later, the Eagles were whistled for a five-minute major penalty for checking from behind, which also carries a 10-minute misconduct penalty.

"That was on one of our defensewomen, so we had to adjust to fill that hole," Fredin said. "And it wound

up draining our energy for the rest of the night."

Late in the five-minute power play, Adrianna Bixby fired a puck over Baerg's shoulder, giving the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead. Then, late in the period, Bixby's second goal of the night gave Minnesota River a 3-1 lead. The Bulldogs added a goal with 1:37 left in the game.

Windom Area (0-1) hosts Luverne Thursday, then hosts Austin Saturday afternoon. The Eagles play their first road game of the season Tuesday at Waseca.

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FIRST PERIOD: 1. Windom: Presley Dockter (w/a) 10:21. **SECOND PERIOD:** 2. MR: Lucy Kleschult (Adrianna Bixby) 5:36, pp. 3. MR: Bixby (Mia Schwarz) 10:42, pp. 4. MR: Bixby (Anna Pavlo) 15:17. **THIRD PERIOD:** 5. MR: Christine Cruz (Schwarz) 15:23. **SUMMARY:** Shots on goal: MR 36, Windom 21. Power plays: MR 2-2, Windom 0-4. Goals: MR, Amelia Messer (21 shots, 20 saves); Windom, Kaylie Baerg (36 shots, 32 saves).



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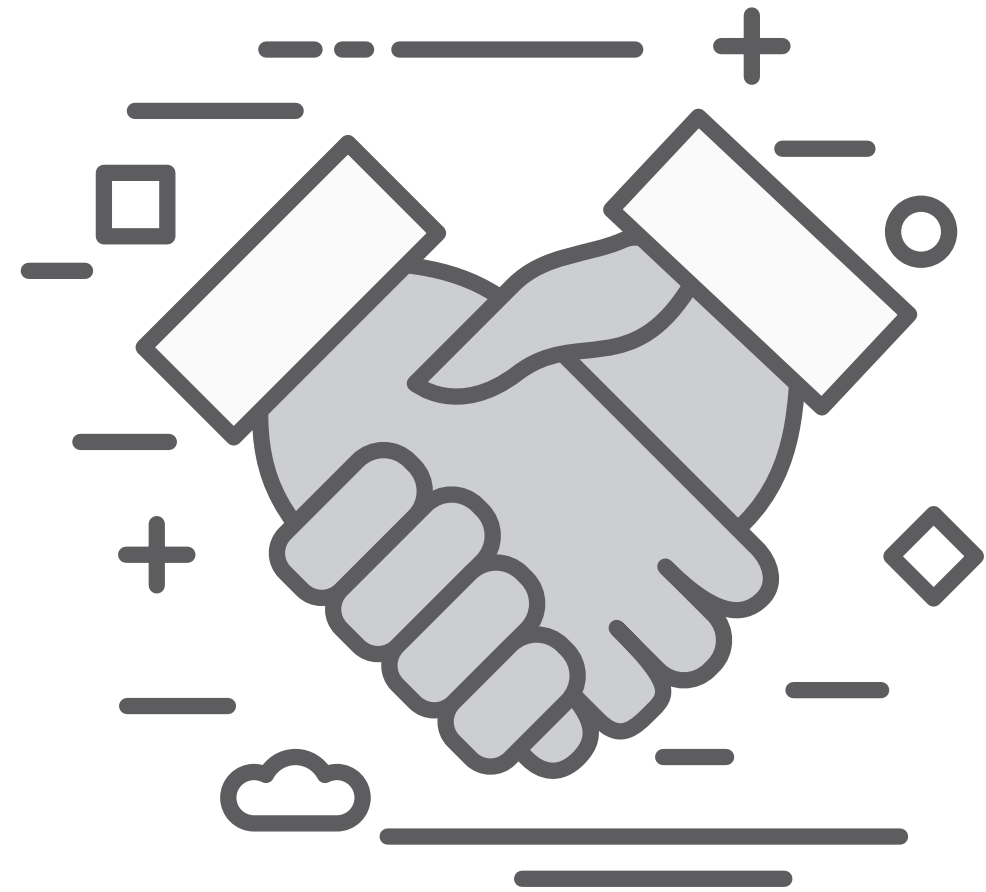
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tal Health closed, because they were created for us." **Equipment purchase** Sheriff Jason Purrington requested permission to purchase 10 new rifles for the department. Currently, the sheriff's department has rifles from a 1033 government program. He said that the paperwork to participate in a state program for department rifles is lengthy and cumbersome, and felt new rifles and scopes for the department were a good investment. Purrington presented a couple of estimates, with the lowest being from Alex Pro Firearms for a total of \$8,149.90 for 10 rifles and scopes. Purrington added that the department had money through the drug

task force to pay for the rifles. The current rifles would be returned to the state. The board approved the purchase. **Courthouse grant** Purrington presented a request for permission to apply for a grant through the state's Safe and Secure Courthouse program. The state allocated \$500,000 to the program for which counties could apply. The matching-fund grants would fund projects for security equipment, training, assessment or other projects to enhance courthouse safety. Purrington said the project being considered is minor — installing a key fob to enter a conference room just outside the courtroom.

The room is often used by attorneys and clients awaiting entrance to a courtroom, so the room needs to be secure. Cost of the project is estimated at \$3,600. The grant would fund half the project, if received. The board approved the grant application. **Other business** In other business, the board: • Approved the completion of six-month probationary periods for jail administrator Jason Rupp and jailer/dispatcher supervisor Dan Quade. The board approved moving both to permanent full-time status. • Discussed a request from Southwest Mental Health to terminate its lease early. The board stated its contract

with Southwest Mental Health calls for six months notice to discontinue the lease at the North Highway 71 building. As a result, the board stated that it would cancel the lease six months from when the request was received. Southwest Mental Health stated it was vacating the building by December, but the request to opt out of

the lease was only received recently. • Discussed the results from the state audit report. The county's fund balances and capital assets have gone up and the county currently has very little debt. The audit showed the county currently has a reserve to cover about 4½ months of expenses.



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Legion members recognized for 50 years

At Thursday's Veterans Day Ceremony in Windom, Gareth Holmen (left) and Perry Zieske were recipients of the "Certificate of Continuous Membership" which goes to those who have been members continuously in good standing for 50 years. The plaque goes on to say, "Let it be further known that such record of consistent loyalty to The American Legion merits the honor of being cited as an outstanding contributor to the programs of The American Legion."



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How Do Windom Utilities Make Rate Adjustments?

- Every five years an independent consultant completes a rate study for the Electric Department. These findings are the basis for rate and/or class adjustments.
- Wastewater rate increases the past four years were approximately 4.25% per year to help pay for the debt service on the new plant. In 2022, the increase will be just 1.25% to cover the cost of inflation for chemicals.
- Water rates are reviewed annually. Rates have increased about 2% annually the last few years to match operational costs.
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- We provide a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to help you give back. Grants will be made to non-profit groups that strengthen our community and surrounding area. Potential projects include a new Lions Club shelter at Cottonwood Lake and a new veterans memorial along Highway 60-71.
- Windom Area Foundation is backed by the highly-respected Southwest Initiative Foundation, which has 501(c)(3) status and serves 30 cities in the region.
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THIS IS A MODEL of the proposed Windom Area Veterans Service Memorial. If enough funds are raised, it will be built at the curve of Hwy. 60-71 in Windom.

Windom Area Foundation is proud to host donations to one of the area's most exciting projects in some time: the "Windom Area Veterans Service Memorial" project. Project organizer Marv Grunig says donations make up 100% of the project's funds—meaning the \$60,000 project's success hinges on donations. Any donation targeted for the memorial will funnel directly into the project (not the Foundation's current endowment fundraiser).

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Here are two options for making a donation:
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