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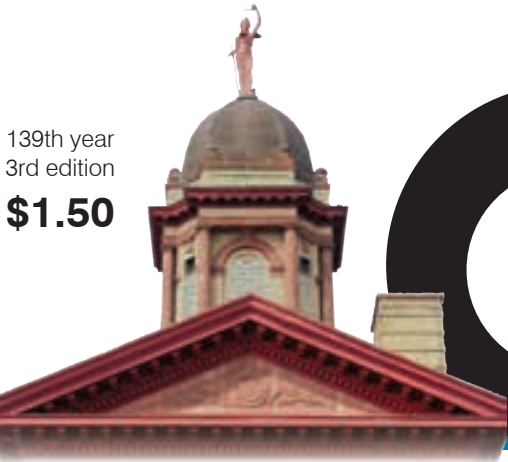
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Record breaker

Scoring record falls in Eagle victory

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COVID level remains high

According to the CDC, Cottonwood County has a high COVID-19 rate

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Local musicians picked for band

Three Windom students selected for area directors' honor band

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ONLINE POLL

Last Week's Results

What issue will you be following in the Minnesota State Legislature this session?

- ☒ Budget surplus.....
- 56%
- ☐ Legalizing marijuana.....
- 30%
- ☐ Sports betting
- 9%
- ☐ Bonding decisions
- 5%

Next Week

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DID YOU KNOW?

Storden's name was changed



The Storden area once had three names in a span of three years. Early on, it was part of Westbrook Township, but that changed in 1872 when the township was split up. The mostly-Norwegian residents adopted the name, "Town of Norsk." However, in 1875, postal officials said the name was too long and threatened to shut down the post office. Residents eventually voted to name both the township and city, "Storden." (It was incorporated in 1920).

WEATHER

A look back . . .

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Sun.	37	15	—
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Lions shelter project gains momentum

■ The new shelter would be over double the size of the existing Tegels Park shelter.

The Windom Lions Club's effort to build a new 50-by-80-foot shelter at Tegels Park is gaining both support and momentum these days.

The plan is to build a shelter that is a little larger and more capable of protecting people from wind and rain. The idea is to build at the site of the park's current shelter, facing Cottonwood Lake.

"This will be a wonderful addition to the park for people who like to go to activities there," said Glen Francis of the Lions Club. "When we have a small band on any given evening, or for Riverfest, it would be the perfect place."

The new shelter would be 4,000 square feet, compared to the 1,500 square feet in the existing shelter. It would also have two small wings for restrooms and a serving area for food.

In addition to a tiered ap-

pearance with spacious side openings, the back portion would be protected on three sides and would include a 24-by-50-foot stage.

The goal is to raise \$250,000 for the project. So far, the Lions have collected \$135,000 in donations and pledges.

"The new shelter would go right over the top of the existing shelter site," said Stephanie Evers of the Lions Club. "It extends just a bit to the north and a bit to the east, toward the lake."



SUBMITTED

THE NEW SHELTER at Cottonwood Lake would have a tiered appearance and a stage toward the back.

The plan is to begin construction in the spring. Once the project is finished, the shelter would be turned

over to the city for all future

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— ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT 2022 —



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WINDOM TEAMS PAIRED up during a qualification match in the Windom VEX Robotics Tournament Saturday. Team members are (from left) Dino Nuggies Jonas Jensen, Liam Carroll and

Aiden Thompson and Pineapple Posse Ethan Brockman, Dylan Serreyn and Carter Allen. Isaac Steele (far left) was one of the scorekeepers.

Invasion of the 'Bots

Nineteen teams and their robots invaded Windom Area Middle High School's Blue Gym Saturday for the annual Windom VEX Robotics Tournament.

Although Friday's snowstorm that dumped 8.4 inches of snow on the area delayed the start of the tournament, 19 of the 25 registered teams made it to Windom for the tournament, which was filled with action from start to finish.

For the casual observer, following the action and knowing who

was ahead and behind may have been difficult, but robotics teams knew exactly what they were doing. Certainly expressions on team members faces said it all as they tried to put mobile goals on platforms, while trying to play defense and take points away from the opposing alliance.

In the end, Windom had all five of its teams selected for the elimination round and one made it all the way to the title bout.

Find out how the teams did on page 6.



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WINDOM'S YIPPIE KI YAY team of (from left) Jonah Naumann, Avery Fast and Caleb Tibodeau (Max Brodin not pictured) react to a big scoring play.

Windom goes to distance learning

■ Illness among staff is a key reason for the switch to distance learning.

In an effort to overcome illness issues in Windom schools, Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt has announced a 10-day break from students in classrooms.

The break started this past Friday. Wormstadt said illness among staff members is a key reason for the change.

Here is the letter Wormstadt sent to parents on the evening of Jan. 12:

"The school district has been battling staff illnesses on top of our season illnesses with students since Christmas break has ended. We are seeing COVID, influenza, RSV and a host of other items. This week, (week of Jan. 10) we have had, every day, 10-15% of staff out. At these levels of absence we cannot function effectively in the education of your students.

"I have set a plan to get a 10-day break for students in classrooms in hopes of getting everyone healthy. This plan has the least amount of disruption to regularly scheduled school days."

The first three days of the 10-day classroom break occurred Friday through Tuesday, with Friday being a closure due to health concerns and Monday a previously scheduled staff

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Session brimming with hot topics

Rep. Hamilton updates county board on priorities for coming session

■ Rep. Rod Hamilton anticipates infrastructure projects, tax relief proposals in light of a \$6 billion budget surplus.

Cottonwood County Commissioners spent the early portion of Tuesday's meeting hearing an update on the upcoming legislative session.

Rep. Rod Hamilton of Mt. Lake gave an update on various legislative priorities. Sen. Bill Weber was unable to attend the meeting.

Hamilton noted that 2022 is a bonding year, but added

the session likely would include a supplemental budget portion to address the state's \$6 billion budget surplus.

"We'll need a supplemental budget to either spend a portion of that surplus or provide tax relief," Hamilton said. "There are a number of hot topics that will be discussed."

Hamilton said one of his priorities for the session deals with water.

"Among the bills I'm working on are ones to deal with helping rural communities upgrade wastewater systems and to extend fresh rural



"We have a major need for more mental health services, especially in Southwest Minnesota. It's a major issue for schools, hospitals and law enforcement."

ROD HAMILTON
DISTRICT 22B STATE REPRESENTATIVE

water systems," Hamilton said.

Hamilton added that he's also bringing a bill forward to expand the law enforce-

ment training program at Minnesota West in Worthington.

Perhaps the biggest hot button issue Hamilton said

he hopes to address is mental health in rural areas.

"We have a major need for more mental health services, especially in Southwest Minnesota," Hamilton said. "It's a major issue for schools, hospitals and law enforcement. We don't have enough beds for mental health services here."

"Currently, people needing services here are transported to Thief River Falls. We're looking to develop a coalition to create something

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■ DISTRICT COURT

Speeding: Joseph L. Amundson, Maple Grove, \$130; Aiden T. Andersen, Faribault, \$140; Bruce J. Backlund, Minneapolis, \$120; Christina M. Bailey, Windom, \$140; Kathleen A. Brown, Denver, Colo., \$140; Okel Esquivel Acosta, Storm Lake, Iowa, \$220; Daryle J. Hansen, Comfrey, \$140; Margarito Hernandez Reynaga, Worthington, \$130; Tayton G. Javers, Tea, S.D., \$220; Sherry J. Juergens, Sioux Falls, \$130; Gregory D. Mikkelson, Lake Crystal, \$220; Michael D. Oehler, Waterloo, Neb., \$280; Mark S. Opdahl, Gilbert, Ariz., \$130; Derek W. Rondeau, Sioux Falls, \$140; April L. Ruble-Nichols, Cherokee, Iowa, \$140; Cole M. Rumsey, Utica, S.D., \$140; Teresa A. Sissoko, Brandon, S.D., \$120; Bharath M. Suresh, Lakeville, \$130; Megan J. Wilson, Windom, \$120; Angel F. Mercado Molina, Worthington, \$130.

Trespass-return to property within one year: Clayton J. Cate, Mt. Lake, \$380, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year; supervised probation for one year; pay for and complete chemical use and diagnostic assessments and follow all recommendations of evaluations, do not enter victim's residence, police escort to enter premises one time to retrieve personal belongings, report to agent as directed, remain law-abiding, pay restitution before fines, fees and surcharges, defendant to pay restitution in accordance with

any certificate of restitution filed in two files.

DWI: Ruben Calderon-Duron, Windom, \$705, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year; supervised probation for one year; pay for and complete chemical dependency assessment and follow all recommendations of evaluation, remain law-abiding, report to agent as directed; David K. Hansen, Round Lake, \$505, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year; supervised probation for one year; complete chemical dependency assessment and follow all recommendations of evaluation, remain law-abiding, report to agent as directed.

Hands-Free Law-initiate, compose, send, retrieve or read electronic message: Paul J. Anderson, Odin, \$130.

Speeding/driving after revocation: Sem R. Lugo, Mt. Lake, \$320.

Drugs-possess over 1.4 grams marijuana in motor vehicle/speeding: Trevon T. Roberts-Sand, St. Cloud, \$390.

Passing parked authorized vehicle-two lanes in same direction: Keith L. Stifter, Winsted, \$130.

Child passenger restraint system not fastened: Kelly M. Hesemann, Lakefield, \$130.

Failure to provide proof of insurance: Sarah A. Ucin, Windom, \$280.

Driving without a valid license: Santos S.P. Vicente, Windom, \$180.

Driver's exam station to re-open

■ The Windom driver's exam station will re-open on Monday.

Major changes are coming for the drivers and prospective drivers of Cottonwood County.

The Windom driver's exam station will re-open on Monday.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic the Department of Public Safety closed Windom's exam station causing everyone who needed a road or knowledge test to drive to another

county. The same was true for those who needed to pay a re-instatement fee.

Recently, Cottonwood County Recorder Kathy Kretsch shared this additional information:

- Class D road tests are by appointment.
- Class D knowledge tests are by appointment.
- All other knowledge tests are on a first come, first served, basis from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Re-instatement fees can be accepted on a first come,

first served, basis from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Online scheduling is one way to make an appointment at the exam station. In addition, appointments will be taken by telephone at 651-284-1000.

In Windom, the Recorder's office still requires appointments for renewing your driver's license at the Courthouse. Those appointments can be made on the Cottonwood County website or by calling 507-831-1458.

A closer look at teenagers and driving

Question: Is there a presentation provided by law enforcement for new teenage drivers? Can a driver, under the age of 18 with a valid permit, tow a trailer in Minnesota?

Trooper Troy says: A driver who is under the age of 18 with a valid permit or provisional driver's license may operate a vehicle towing a single trailer as long as they comply with all of the license restrictions and requirements.

If towing a recreational vehicle combination of three, the operator has to be at least 18 years of age. Please keep in mind that this is a Minnesota law and may not be legal if traveling into other states.

If you are planning on traveling through other states, check with their officials on their state towing laws.

Teen driver safety

The graduated driver's licensing (GDL) law requires driver education programs to offer a 90 minute class for parents of teens who are in the process of obtaining instruction permits and provisional driver's licenses.

This class provides information regarding teen driving risks, teen driving laws and adult influences on teen driver behaviors.

The parent awareness class is critical to understanding today's teen driving risks, Minnesota's teen driving laws and how to help your teen become a safer driver.



■
TROY CHRISTIANSON
STATE TROOPER

As a parent, don't put convenience ahead of safety.

Just because teens have their licenses doesn't mean they're ready for every driving situation. Parents should continue to supervise their teens' driving after they're licensed.

Supervised driving log

The GDL law also requires that students under the age of 18 submit a supervised driving log to the driver exam staff at the time of the road test for the provisional driver's license.

The log must verify the student completed 50 hours of supervised driving time, 15 of which must be nighttime hours. If a parent/guardian completes the parent class and submits a certificate of completion to the driver exam staff at the time of the road test, or if it was submitted when apply-

“The parent awareness class is critical to understanding today's teen driving risks, Minnesota teen driving laws and how to help your teen become a safer driver. As a parent, don't put convenience ahead of safety.”

■
SGT. TROY CHRISTIANSON
MINNESOTA STATE TROOPER

COUNTY/ Bridge project expected to cost over \$1 million

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here.”

Hamilton said that Nobles County received bonding money for a facility, but finding providers and setting rates have been issues.

Hamilton added he anticipates resources for front-line workers and teachers to be proposed, as well as proposals to discontinue taxing social security benefits.

Hamilton added that he anticipated the redistricting process would end up in the courts. Because population in the district is significantly lower, it is likely that portions of another district would be added to the current District 22B.

The board also wished Hamilton well in his retirement. Hamilton announced last week that he would not seek re-election in November.

A story about Hamilton's retirement appeared in last week's Citizen. Watch future editions of the Citizen and www.windomnews.com for updates and new information on the 2022 Legislative Session.

Attorney services

County Attorney Nick Anderson noted that he had been contacted by Jackson County about temporarily providing services, following the resignation of the Jackson County attorney and assistant county attorney.

Anderson stated that he had reached a mutual

agreement with the Murray County attorney to split select duties until the Jackson County position is filled, at a rate of \$125 per hour.

The board approved the agreement.

Bridge design contract

Kyle Pillatzki presented a proposal for a contract to design a replacement for a bridge on County Road 15 by the Windom Country Club.

The project itself likely wouldn't begin for a couple of years, but the design process for a project of that magnitude is typically done in advance.

The bridge project is expected to cost between \$1 million and \$1.5 million.

Four engineering firms bid to design the bridge, with each submitting a “not to exceed” amount.

The board approved the low bid of \$47,580 from SEH Engineering.

Pillatzki also updated the board on other public works projects, noting that one box culvert project from last year saw delays and will be completed this year. He added that County Road 2 figures to be a major project for the summer, as well as potential resurfacing of County Road 13 through Windom.

Other business

In other business, the board:

- Heard a request from Irvin Plotz of Clements to cut and collect wood from a parcel currently listed as a tax forfeiture near the junction of County Roads 10 and 5. The board consensus was that such a proposal would need to go out for bids. The board added that people who would be interested in using

the parcel as hunting ground may want to keep the trees.

- Approved a reimbursement of \$500 to Carson Township for grading work on a box culvert project.
- Approved a plan to pay off the county's sinking ditch fund within three years, beginning with a payment this month of \$97,271 from the general fund.

- Approved posting an opening for an information services technician position.
- Approved probation completion for jailer/dispatcher Dolf Svoboda and moved him to permanent full-time status.

- Approved the retirement of Veterans Services Officer Todd Dibble, effective April 29 and authorized posting internally and advertising the open position at 32 hours per week, plus benefits.

- Approved a request for a phased retirement option for full-time legal secretary Sheli Fast, beginning March 19.

- Approved hiring Nickolas Nolt as a full-time jailer/dispatcher and hiring Brandon Rivera and Caden Wiens as part-time jailer/dispatchers.
- Approved a transfer of Tyann Galer from a full-time jailer/dispatcher to full-time legal secretary.

- Approved an hourly pay increase for part-time seasonal custodian Craig Borsgard to \$14.25 per hour.

- Accepted an agreement for the county to receive a \$10,000 grant for a window project for the county courthouse.

- Accepted a resignation from heavy equipment operator Lon Engler, effective Feb. 4. The county will post the vacancy internally and advertise.

INSIDE EDGE

COVID-19 Data shows high transmission level

It appears Cottonwood County remains in the “high” level of community transmission for COVID-19 in the country.

According to the Center for Disease Control



Data Tracker, the county is now among the 99.57% of all United States counties that are at the high level, compared to 79.48% a month ago. The CDC site can be found at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>.

In early 2021, the county was among the 5.5% of U.S. counties with a low level of community transmission. The transmission rate climbed and has remained high since August.

The CDC lists 92 cases in Cottonwood County as of Jan. 18 with 58.2% of the population over age 5 considered fully vaccinated.

Current CDC data shows these totals for those who are considered fully vaccinated:

- 18-and-older — 66.4%
- 12-and-older — 63.5%
- 65-and-older — 83.1%
- 6,082 of the county's 11,196 residents are fully vaccinated, a total that is 223 higher than a month ago at this time.

Dueling Pianos to perform Feb. 12

A festive evening of music and fun is coming up on Feb. 12 when the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors Dueling Pianos at Round Lake Winery.

Although the event is more than three weeks away, more than half of the tickets have been sold.

People can purchase tickets by stopping at the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce office at the corner of Third Avenue and Ninth Street, or going to www.windomchamber.com and clicking on a link for tickets.

Doors open at 4 p.m., followed by a meal catered by Round Lake Winery at 5 p.m. The show runs from 7-9 p.m.

County saw crime increase in 2021

Crime increased across the board in Cottonwood County, according to County Attorney Nick Anderson.

Anderson offered the following totals:

- Adult criminal cases — 464 cases in 2021, compared to 408 in 2020.
- Juvenile criminal cases — 87 cases, compared to 65 in 2020.
- Child protection cases — 73 cases in 2021, compared to 57 in 2020.
- Total files — 654 in 2021, compared to 569 in 2020.

Hearing set for murder case

The Ralph Leslie Apmann omnibus hearing previously scheduled for late-November is set for next month, according to Cottonwood County Attorney Nick Anderson.

The hearing has been rescheduled for Feb. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Apmann, who faces a charge of “second degree murder without intent while committing a felony,” recently posted \$150,000 bail. He is linked to the Aug. 26 death of Luis Morales-Rivera of Worthington.

Friday snow total was 8.4 inches

The official total snow fall for Windom from Friday's storm was 8.4 inches.

The snow began Friday morning and it was done snowing by Saturday morning.

■ THE RECORD

Jan. 9

• 12:08 p.m. In a case that began on the evening of Jan. 8, officers from Windom and Mt. Lake conferred about a Mt. Lake female who reported harassment issues while working in Windom. As a result of further investigation, it was determined by police that between Jan. 6 and Jan. 9 a 28-year-old Butterfield man had monitored and followed the woman. The man was arrested on felony charges of stalking, harassment and first-degree damage to property.

Jan. 11

• 11:39 p.m. Officers received a report that someone damaged a garage door in the 1400 block of 17th Street. The matter is under investigation.

Jan. 12

• 6:38 p.m. Officers were called to the central part of Windom regarding a domestic incident. Upon investigation the two parties were separated for the night.

Jan. 13

• 3:32 p.m. A two-vehicle crash occurred at the intersection of Collins Avenue and 11th Street. The mishap involved a 1995 Honda and a 2016 bus owned by Palmer Bus Service. No further information is available from the Windom Police Department.

• 6:09 p.m. A two-vehicle crash occurred at the intersection of Highway 60-71 and 10th Street. The mishap involved a 2015 Ford SUV driven by Dustin Hunter of Windom and a 2014 Chevrolet driven by a Windom juvenile. Both vehicles received moderate damage.

Jan. 14

• 1:54 p.m. Officers spoke with a Windom man regarding a report that someone pushed snow up against his garage door in the 600

block of Drake Avenue, causing damage. The matter remains under investigation.

Jan. 16

• 9:53 p.m. While handling a task at River View Apartments, officers recognized a person entering an elevator there. Officers then confirmed that the 30-year-old Mt. Lake man faced a warrant for felony damage to property. The man was arrested on the warrant and cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jan. 17

• 12:07 p.m. Officers spoke with a Windom woman who reported that a family member used her credit and debit cards to take funds without permission. The matter will remain under investigation, pending bank statements and other information.

Sheriff's report

Jan. 10

• 10:26 p.m. Cottonwood County deputies assisted the Mt. Lake Police Department with a possible order for protection violation. Upon further investigation, a 59-year-old Mt. Lake man was arrested for violating an order for protection.

• 12:08 p.m. Deputies received a report from a rural Storden resident regarding a possible scam. The reporting party was contacted by a person from St. Paul who told the resident that his Social Security number was being used illegally for employment. However, there were no signs that the man's Social Security number had been taken.

Jan. 13

• 7:48 p.m. Deputies received a report of possible animal neglect in the Delft area. The case remains under investigation.

inghouse representative.”

“It does not make sense for Publishers Clearinghouse to call and request money to send out winnings,” said Windom Assistant Police Chief Cory Hillesheim. “It makes more sense for them to pay that cost out of the ‘winnings.’”

“The bottom line is, if it seems to be too good to be true, it probably isn't true.”

Share your scam story

Send your story to: rahn1@windomnews.com, or call 507-831-3455.

Our winter challenge

Windom residents deserve a giant tip of the cap for a wonderful job of keeping sidewalks and fire hydrants clear of snow after this past weekend's heavy snowfall.

Saturday morning, hours after the previous day's snow event left a 10-inch blanket of snow on the community, one could hear the growl of snow blowers and pay loaders in all corners of Windom. Folks were clearly hard at work, making sure their areas were clear of snow and safe for pedestrians, mail carriers and emergency personnel.

By late afternoon, a drive through Windom showed few places where snow still blanketed sidewalks and buried hydrants.

A salute to the street crew

Meanwhile, we would be remiss if we did not recognize the tremendous effort by Windom's street department in tackling all facets of the storm clean-up. While we slept, Windom crews put in long hours plowing snow and clearing the downtown area.

By the time we awoke Saturday not only were our residential



A RESIDENT IN WINDOM'S Rolling Green neighborhood did a nice job of clearing snow from this hydrant, giving firefighters excellent access.

NEWS & NOTES

■ In the wake of Friday's 10-inch snowfall, Windom residents worked hard clearing driveways, sidewalks and fire hydrants.

■ Windom crews did a superb job of removing snow from residential streets and the Square.

■ The challenge for Windom residents is to maintain this superb snow removal effort the rest of this winter.

streets perfectly clear, the Square showed almost no sign of Friday's snow event. Residents could park downtown and access businesses with ease. Our street crew's work was absolutely superb!

The task before us

Let's keep in mind that as winter cruises toward spring, we're nearing the point where residents typically get a little lax with snow clean-up. For whatever reason, in late-January, into February, snow and ice tends to linger on our sidewalks a bit longer.

Our challenge, as residents, is to show no let-up this winter. As the next several snowfalls blanket the community, we need to replicate the outstanding effort and energy we put into this past weekend's snow removal efforts.

Clear sidewalks matter to elderly pedestrians, mail carriers, service people and emergency workers. Keep up the great work!

— Rahn Larson

■ LETTER

Windom Veterans Service Memorial: Going strong, but not quite there yet!

Early last year, the Windom City Council held a strategic planning session to discuss possible future plans for the city in 5 to 10 years out.

Council members offered thoughts and I mentioned the real need for a veterans memorial on Highway 60/71 for all to see, traveling in and through our town. My idea met with a resounding "go for it, Marv" and since that evening, I have been "going for it."

Getting started was easy, just traveling from town to town, looking for examples of memorials. I was amazed at how many towns have honored local veterans with a memorial site. Long Prairie has an incredible memorial and worth a visit there by all.

Sauk Center's memorial is beautifully simple. Westbrook can truly be proud of their's.

Citizens in countless towns throughout Minnesota have established memorials in honor of those who have served in the five branches of the U. S. military.

Amazingly, there was a donation of \$1,000 before the effort to build a memorial even got off the ground. While I worked on getting some cost estimates, the newly-created Windom Area Foundation declared the memorial a project and put another \$5,000 in the bucket.

Then in December, Bank Midwest offered the "match" (\$1 for every \$3 donated to the Foundation) and everything just took off! This offer by Bank Midwest drew a great deal of attention to the Foundation's fund drive. And this, in turn, brought attention to the veterans memorial in two ways:

- The Foundation's heavy marketing for its endowment drive also featured the Foundation project funds (the veterans memorial is a Foundation project fund).

- The Foundation's website (www.windomareafoundation.com), where online donations occur, lists two donation options — the endowment, or the veterans memorial. This makes it easy to donate to the veterans memorial.

In addition, Windom businesses and citizens stepped up.

One cannot show enough appreciation for the great giving spirit and the generosity all of you have shown the Windom Area Veterans Service Memorial project and the Windom Foundation. While the financial goal to build the Veterans Memorial has not yet been reached, and the Foundation's Fund Drive still goes to the end of the month, a huge cheer goes out to all those who found it in their hearts to be part of the effort to build the memorial and to fund grants for future projects of the Windom Area Foundation.

— Marv Grunig, Windom

■ OUR READERS RESPOND

Which Minnesota sports team do you think will make the most progress in 2022?

Don Boltjes

■ WINDOM



"The Minnesota Vikings. A new regime is just what they need. They will respond quite well, I think."

Tom Christensen

■ WINDOM



"I'm going to say the Minnesota Gophers basketball team. I really like their coach. He is doing a lot already, with not much talent."

Jack Rogers

■ WINDOM



"The Minnesota Timberwolves, no question. This is a very good young team and they are really deep."

Dave Moede

■ WINDOM



"The Minnesota Vikings. This year, the ball didn't bounce their way. I think maybe with a new GM and coach they'll make the playoffs."

Decked out for robots

I look forward to that mid-January Saturday when robots starting rolling into town.

No, not those of the "Transformers" movies kind that are a figment of someone's imagination, but the small 'bots that make their way to Windom with their creators to compete on a 12-by-12-foot field — two robots against two robots, two teams allied against two other teams.

I marvel at the smarts these students have, whether it's constructing the robot, driving the robot or programming the robot. I've never even toyed with the prospect of programming a robot, but I'm pretty sure I would understand that part of the VEX Robotics program about as much as I understand quantum physics.

Windom's VEX Robotics program hosted its annual tournament Saturday and 19 of the 25 teams that registered showed up and competed. Friday's snowstorm and illness kept some teams home, but most showed and it was as entertaining as ever.

I try to keep up with the scoring with the new game teams play each year, although I must admit that this year I really didn't follow it at all. I knew you got points for putting mobile goals on platforms or keeping them in your zone, but beyond that, it was simply too much for this overloaded mind to calculate.

So, I simply watched — with enjoyment.

I do know that the alliance of Windom's Pineapple Posse and Kimball's Men In Black nearly pulled off a huge point-getter when they almost balanced both of their robots on the same platform with multiple mobile goals in tow. Unfortunately — and just as the game is labeled — they couldn't quite balance and their platform instead



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became the "tipping point," the name of the game.

Watching them try to accomplish the feat was kind of like watching a soccer or hockey team as it tries to put together a combination of passes to score. You're on the edge of your seat with anticipation, eager to erupt with success, or deflate when the puck or ball is missed on

goal. Nevertheless, it was fun and there was some fine defense employed by teams.

One of the most interesting parts of the day is seeing what teams come up with for "uniforms" — and I use the term extremely loosely.

Windom's senior trio of Carter Allen, Ethan Brockman and Dylan Serreyen have really gotten into the costume fun. They've nicknamed themselves "Pineapple Posse." In accordance, the trio don pineapple-print clothing, shorts and sunglasses, well, at least two of the three. Dylan and Ethan have pineapple printed shirts, shorts and the sunglasses. Dylan also completes his ensemble with a paper lei and a pink, pineapple-print fanny pack — dashing.

Carter goes just a formal step farther. He's decked out in a turtleneck suit printed with yellow pineapples and a matching tie — and, of course, sunglasses. The trio are quite the sight. Their moms all wear corresponding pineapple T-shirts.

But they were even more interesting when they formed an alliance with the Kimball Men In Black for the elimination round. Just like Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones in the Men In Black movies, the three were decked out in black suits and ties.

Yes, attire is becoming almost as important as the robots, which simply adds to the fun of the day.

Investing in LGA: Modest increase will go a long way

Minnesota has been hit with so many "unprecedented challenges" over the past 24 months that it may be time to banish the phrase, along with other COVID-era cliches like "the new normal" and "you're on mute."

But when Minnesota's legislative session begins Jan. 31, lawmakers will face yet another unprecedented challenge: what to do with a massive \$7.7 billion budget surplus.

As cities dig out from the economic uncertainty caused by the pandemic, it is reassuring to know Minnesota is on solid financial footing. The surplus — the largest in state history — provides a unique opportunity to invest in the long-term health of our state and local communities.

One modest investment that will have a major positive impact is to increase funding for Local Government Aid.

This session, a top priority for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities is a \$90 million increase in the statewide LGA appropriation. By spending slightly more than 1% of the surplus to boost LGA, lawmakers can help strengthen a program that is vital to reducing inequities between cities, restraining property taxes and ensuring all

Minnesotans can share a good quality of life regardless of zip code.

Here are five reasons spending a small fraction of the surplus on an LGA increase is a wise investment:

LGA levels the playing field for all cities

One of the main purposes of LGA is to ensure all cities can provide the same level of services regardless of their ability to generate revenue through property taxes.

For example, a 1% increase in the city property tax levy would raise \$7,900 in Mt. Lake, whereas it would generate \$403,000 in Minnetonka. LGA helps even out these disparities.

LGA restrains property taxes

Historically, every dollar of LGA results in 50 cents worth of property tax relief.

When CGMC surveyed city leaders last fall on how they would plan to spend additional LGA, 74% of respondents said they would use it

to hold down or reduce their city's property tax levy.

LGA provides consistent funding

Funding from the federal government has been critical in helping cities cover the added expenses brought on by the pandemic.

However, that is one-time money that can only be spent on a narrow list of items. LGA is a consistent funding source, and cities have the flexibility to spend it based on their own unique needs and circumstances.

Minnesota's LGA has not kept up with inflation

From 2009 to 2020, inflation rose 27%, while the state's LGA appropriation only grew 16%.

More inflation woes are predicted and cities are already feeling the pinch. Over the last decade, costs for everything from employee benefits to concrete to machinery have been steadily rising.

In just one example, the cost of rock salt used on roads — an unavoidable expense in a Minne-



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Logging off

I am of the sub-category of the elder-, or as they say now, geriatric-millennial.

This means that I can still (vividly) remember a time when renting a video was our Netflix.

I can remember when TV was not digital and was viewed on a big box.

I can remember when the internet had to be dialed up and could not be used in tandem with the telephone. That same telephone was tied to the wall and shared with every family member.

Technology took a huge turn at the same time that I was becoming an adult. I was in college when the first iPhone was invented.

Ever since then, it has been nearly impossible to be apart from a smart phone without feeling like you're missing out or left behind.

Maybe it's the elder part of the label, but every day I feel a little more comfortable leaving the device behind or simply turning it off for awhile.

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HOPE HARCOURT (ELLA WILDE) and Billy (Alex Garcia) dance across the stage in one of the show's large cast numbers during rehearsal Monday afternoon.

WAHS winter play takes to high seas

■ School's winter production will take the stage in just a couple of weeks.

When Joni Fischenich and Rachel Axford got together to mull over a number of possible shows to stage for Windom Area High School's annual winter play, they had two things in mind — a show that would be fun for students and would fit their cast.

And in the winter of 2022, they are long on females (22) and short on males (8).

In the end, they kept coming back to a production with which both Fischenich and Axford are plenty familiar:

How familiar? Fischenich actually had a lead role in a Windom community theater version of the musical 30 years ago. Moreover, Fischenich is moving back into the lead director role this winter, and staging a show she knows like the back of her hand was a logical step in the right direction.

The show? "Anything Goes," of course. Fischenich played "Reno" in the production a few decades ago — "it doesn't seem like it's that long ago," Fischenich says with a laugh — and knows the show, set on board a ship, will be fun for students.

"It's a fun show," Fischenich says. "The music is wonderful. I've always been a Cole Porter fan. Rachel had done it before. So, we were both familiar with it and it seemed to fit fairly well with our group of kids."

"Anything Goes" is scheduled for a four-show run, Feb. 3-5, with 7 p.m. performances each evening and a

2 p.m., Saturday afternoon matinee on Feb. 5.

Tickets went on sale Monday in the Windom Area Middle High School office and are \$8 each with reserved seating. To reserve tickets, call the school at 831-6901.

This is not the first time Windom students have staged this musical. WAHS's theater department presented the show in the fall of 2007.

Again, it's a Cole Porter musical comedy with fun and romance aboard the S.S. American. As the ship sails from New York to London, stowaway Billy (Alex Garcia) has fallen for heiress Hope Harcourt (Ella Wilde). However, Hope is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh (Isaac Armstrong). Not about to give up, Billy receives help in capturing the heart of Hope, thanks to nightclub singer Reno Sweeney (Lauren Kelly) and Public Enemy Number 13, "Moonface" Martin (Eric Cendejas).

The musical has been a longtime hit with audiences because of some of the great musical numbers included in the show, including the show's theme song, "Anything Goes," as well as a couple of others show-stoppers, such as "You're the Top", "I Get a Kick Out of You" and "It's De-Lovely."

The Windom cast is heavy with veteran actors. In fact, of the 21 principle characters in the show, 11 are seniors, along with three juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen.

With a large group of females, some roles were adapted from men to women

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2022 WINDOM AREA HIGH SCHOOL WINTER PLAY

DATES OF PERFORMANCES
Feb. 3-5, 7 p.m.
Feb. 5, 2 p.m.
WAMHS Lecture Hall Theater
Director: Joni Fischenich
Assistant/Vocal Director: Rachel Axford
Crew: Lights — Jacob Green, Jr., and Isaac Jurgens, So.; Student Directors — Alexa Frank, So., and Lawshana Cuello, Fr.

CAST		
MEN	Billy	Alex Garcia
	Moonface	Eric Cendejas
	Evelyn Oakley.....	Isaac Armstrong
	Whitney	Andres Rodriguez
	Bishop/Sailor Hank.....	James Erickson
	Steward	Thomas Green
	Sailor Scotty	Tyler Fauglid
WOMEN	Sailor Jimmy	Eli Bordewyk
	Reno.....	Lauren Kelly
	Hope.....	Ella Wilde
Angels	Mrs. Harcourt	Kaylan Donchez
	Bonnie	Faith Ford
	Joy	Claire Walinga
	Faith	Valerie Schutz
WOMEN	Charity	Sonia Lopez
	Purser.....	Taylor Franz
	Stella	Virginia Jensen
	Reporter Betty.....	Grace Sherman
	Photographer Dottie	Emily Elston
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	Doris.....	Gabriela Symens-Otero

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Ada Smith	Jr.	Elizabeth Ngisa	Fr.
Makayla Marcy	So.	Amanda Hering	FES
Aubriana Spielman	So.	FES - Foreign Exchange Student	



BILLY (ALEX GARCIA), Reno (Lauren Kelly) and Moonface (Eric Cendejas) team up for another one of the show's fun numbers.

Annual county bird count sights 33 species in 2022

■ The count included 10 participants and three others who watched bird feeders.

The annual Cottonwood County Bird Count turned up some interesting results in 2022.

According to Kim Emerson, a total of 36 species of birds — 33 on count day and three more during the three days before and after count day — were seen on Jan. 2 and the week of the count.

Those species were spotted by 10 participants in this year's count as well as three others who were watching bird feeders in their yards.

"Four people braved the cold temperatures and hiked almost six miles to count birds," Emerson said. The high temperature on Jan. 2 in Windom was 20 degrees, but when the group set out for the count, was probably closer to single digits.

As always, the bird count revealed some interesting results.

"The biggest rarity was a Townsend's solitaire, which is a thrush that breeds in the western mountain forests and over-winters in Minnesota in very small numbers," Emerson said. "This is only the second time a Townsend's solitaire has been found on the Mt. Lake-Windom Christmas Bird Count."

The first sighting was just a year ago.

"Other interesting species include a flock of 300 Canada geese overwintering on the river in Windom, an Eastern screech owl, a Cooper's hawk, eight rough-legged hawks and five bald eagles.

Large numbers of house sparrows, snow bunting, rock pigeons also were spotted during this year's count, as well as more than 100 American tree sparrows and dark-eye Juncos.

Always a colorful delight to see are northern cardinals and blue jays, of which spotters saw five and 74, respectively.

Local count history

This is the 51st year, the area bird club has participated in the National Audubon Society's annual "Christmas Bird Count." Although called the "Christmas Bird Count," the count actually can take place on any one of a series of dates that start in mid-December and run through the first week in January. Until last year, the Cottonwood County Bird Club always did its count on New Year's Day. Last year, more people could make it on the day after New Year's, so the group stuck with the same plan in 2022.

There were four fewer people out this year than last year — which was double the number from 2019. The group covered a 15-mile diameter circle in the county, with the center located one mile north of Maiden Lake on County Road 2, north of Bingham Lake. The count covers the communities of Windom, Mt. Lake, Bingham Lake and Delft, and a number of county roads.

About Emerson

If the name of the person compiling statistics for the Cottonwood County Bird Club seems to be different than you remember from past stories on the count, you're not mistaken. Jon Harder of Mt. Lake, who handled those duties for many years handed off responsibilities to Emerson this year. However, Harder remains one of the counters in the yearly event.

Emerson, meanwhile,

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KIM EMERSON OF the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Windom and one of the newest members of the Cottonwood County Bird Club, snapped this photo of the Townsend's Solitaire. Two were spotted in this year's count, which is the second year in a row that the bird has been spotted. The first time in the count's history came last year.

Windom United Drive surpasses \$20,000 goal

■ Final numbers are expected to be released later next month.

For the first time since 2014, the 2021 Windom United Drive exceeded its annual \$20,000 goal.

This year's drive, to date, has brought in \$21,162, which is the most the drive has grossed since 2014, when donors contributed almost \$23,000, which was disbursed to 45 organizations.

Expenses still must be deducted from the final tally, which run between \$2,200 and \$2,600. However, that will still leave over \$18,500 that will be disbursed to 22 organizations on the donor

card, as well as those charities that were written in.

By comparison, the 2020 drive fell just short of the annual \$20,000 goal, grossing \$19,888, of which \$17,136 was disbursed to 32 organizations.

Final numbers are expected to be released in late February with checks mailed out to organizations in March.

"Many thanks to all who donated!" said Judy Markl of Windom Women of Today, which organizes the drive each year.

The Citizen will share the final totals and disbursements to organizations in March.

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Happiness that lasts

My wife and I enjoy eating at a café now and then, but we don't always like the same place. There are at least two places I don't take her because she has had bad experiences there. One is a local place and the other is a chain where you can get all you want to eat for about \$9. She cares for neither place, but I occasionally will lunch at one of them with a friend.

A restaurant once advertised, "Help Yourself to Happiness." Wouldn't it be nice if a cheap meal was all it would take to become happy? But no restaurant can fulfill that promise, unless that person was starving, of course.

Happiness is elusive. People pursue it with food or drugs or a host of other things, but in the end, happiness stays just outside our grasp. Being happy requires more than food or goods.

The reason for this is that the earthly things we pursue will not give us what we're really seeking. We may find momentary fun or pleasure, but our deep needs are still unmet.

Psalms 146:5 tells us, "Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord." Sure and certain hope in God is a far greater source of happiness than anything we can buy or own.

Only when we entrust ourselves to God by faith in our Savior will we be able to find the happiness we seek. Our hope and help can only be found by trusting Him.

Prayer: Help us put You first, Lord, that our happiness may last.

REV. ROBERT L. TASLER
RETIRED

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■ OBITUARIES

Larry Bak

Larry Bak, 67, of Windom died Jan. 12, 2022, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls. A time of gathering and visitation will be held Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m., at LaCanne Family Funeral Home in Windom. Burial will be held at a later date.

LaCanne Family Funeral Service of Windom is handling the funeral arrangements.

Larry Bak was born Nov. 27, 1954, to Borge and Idell (Swanson) Bak in Spirit Lake, Iowa. He lived in Windom nearly all his life, except for his first few years when his family lived

on a farm south of Lakefield.

He was confirmed at American Lutheran Church in Windom.

Larry attended elementary school and Windom Area High School in Windom, graduating in 1972.

He attended Jackson Vocational to study auto mechanics.

He worked for United Packaging as a shipping clerk for 12 years and as a machinist at Mt. Power Hydraulics for 18 years.

Larry enjoyed playing guitar and loved his family and dogs.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Mike and Ron; and sisters, Bev and Pat.

Survivors include his brother, Tom (Cindy) Bak of Windom.

Beverly Stitt

Beverly Stitt, 82, of Chadron, Neb., the mother of Kathy Jo McInnis of Windom, died Dec. 12, 2021, at Ponderosa Villa in Crawford, Neb.

Services were held Dec. 17 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Chadron with Pastor Ann Sundberg and Rev. Mike McInnis officiating.

Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Chadron.

Beverly Ann Trank was born Aug. 1, 1939, to Walter John and Hazel Elaine (Stegeman) Trank in Holdrege, Neb.

She graduated as valedictorian of her class in 1956 at age 16, then attended Doane College.

In 1958, Bev married Robert Harold Stitt. They lived in Chadron, Neb., where they started their family.

After working numerous jobs, she returned to college, earning her degree in education. She taught typing for several years in the middle school before later moving to the high school

where she taught business and English classes.

She also earned her master's degree and spent summers taking classes to further her education.

Bev will be remembered for her humor and dedication to the success and well-being of her students. She also received numerous Teacher of the Year awards.

A longtime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bev was involved in the choir, church council and taught confirmation classes.

She was an avid volunteer, sorority member and club participant with the Hooker's Crochet Group, Red Hatters, many bridge groups, Culture Club and RAK (Random Acts of Kindness).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob in 2005; and brother, Doug.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy Jo (Mike) McInnis of Windom; son, Gordy (Trina) Stitt of Sidney, Neb.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Joyce Santero of Lake-wood, Colo.

at LaCanne Family Funeral Home in Windom, which handled the funeral arrangements.

■ DEATH NOTICE

Ronald Bak

Ronald Bak, 78, of Windom died Jan. 11, 2022, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Visitation was Monday

■ BULLETIN BOARD

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, Jan. 25

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.)

Thu.: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots.

Friday: Fish patty with tartar sauce on a bun, cheesy hash browns, baked beans.

Monday — Chef's Choice: Sausage gravy over biscuit, peas and carrots, pears.

Tuesday: Ham with raisin sauce, au gratin potatoes, California Nauder vegetables, dinner roll.

Wednesday: Sausage egg bake, broccoli, cinnamon applesauce, homemade muffin or coffee cake.

Thursday (1-27) — Signature

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.

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

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

Immunizations: Mondays-Fridays — By appointment, Community Health Services, 235 9th St., Windom. Contact:

WINDOM LIONS CLUB



MEETINGS:

Second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Phat Pheasant.

ACTIVITIES:

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1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987. **NA:** Wednesdays — 7-8 p.m., BARC Second Floor.

TOPS: Thursdays — 5 p.m., weigh-ins, 5:30 p.m., meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St., Windom.

WIC Clinics: Mondays-Fridays — By appointment 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Community Health Services, 235 9th St., Windom: 1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987.

Windom Area Chordhustlers: Mondays — 7:30-9:30 p.m., Church of God Prophecy, 580 Cindy St., Windom.

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

The DISH

I'm one of the first to admit . . . I love kitchen gadgets, tools, appliances, etc. — and I own my fair share of them! But the one thing I didn't have yet was a cast iron skillet. I've been told I'll either love it or hate it. So, I wanted to try it out for myself and got one for Christmas from my mom. I've made several dishes in it and I have to say, I like it so far. I've done some pretty basic recipes and am looking for more to test out. So, this week I'm including a few recipes I'm looking forward to trying.

Bacon Cheeseburger Bomb

1 lb. ground beef, cooked
1½ lbs. bacon
1 bag Tater Tots
16 oz. cheddar cheese
Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Lay bacon in your cast iron pan so the edges are laying out of the pan. Cook ground beef until crumbled and brown, set aside.

Layer Tater Tots on top of your bacon. Add a layer of ground beef. Top with cheddar cheese. Top with more Tater Tots and cheese. Close the bacon over the top of your mixture. Bake for 1 hour or until the bacon is golden brown.

Note: A 12-inch cast iron skillet did take a little more Tater Tots and bacon. If you use the standard 10-inch cast iron pan, it should be fine for one bag of tots.

Pancake Breakfast Pizza

1½ cups complete pancake mix
1 cup water
2 Tbsp. butter, melted
6 eggs, cooked
2 cups shredded cheese, divided
¾ cup cooked bacon crumbles, about 11 slices
8 Tbsp. maple syrup

Whisk together pancake mix and water until the large lumps disappear. Do not over mix. (You can substitute your favorite pancake mix and the ingredients called for on the box. Or use homemade pancake batter.)

Pour 2 Tbsp. melted butter into a large cast-iron skillet or baking pan and spread to coat. Pour pancake batter into the skillet and spread it out. Bake at 425 degrees for 6 to 9 minutes.

Remove the pancake from the oven and top with one cup of the shredded cheese.

Next, add the scrambled eggs, the remaining shredded cheese and the crumbled bacon. Return to the pan to the oven and bake for an additional 3 to 4 minutes to melt the cheese and warm the toppings. Serve with maple syrup drizzled on top.

Cast Iron Skillet Apple Crisp

APPLE CRISP FILLING:

6 Granny Smith apples
¼ cup light brown sugar (lightly packed)
¼ cup granulated white sugar
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter — if butter is salted, omit extra salt
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice (or equal parts, cinnamon, nutmeg, clove)

1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

¼ tsp. kosher salt

APPLE CRISP TOPPING:

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup old-fashioned oats
1/3 cup light brown sugar (packed)
½ cup chopped pecans (opt.)
¼ tsp. kosher salt
½ cup unsalted butter (room temp or melted) — if butter is salted, omit extra salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees (set rack in center).

Peel, core and slice apples.

In a large bowl, combine sliced apples, brown sugar, white sugar, pumpkin pie spice, salt, lemon juice and melted butter. Mix well. Pour apple mixture into cast iron skillet.

Apple Crisp Topping: In

large bowl, combine flour, oats, brown sugar, pecan and salt. Mix well. Add melted butter. Hand mix until crumbs form. Evenly sprinkle apple crisp crumble topping over apples in skillet.

Bake cast iron skillet apple crisp in oven for approximately 40 to 50 minutes. Serve warm, topped with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce (optional).

Confetti Kielbasa Skillet

1 Tbsp. canola oil
7 oz. smoked turkey kielbasa, cut into ¼-inch slices
1 medium onion, halved and sliced
½ cup sliced baby portobello mushrooms
2 garlic cloves, minced
½ cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
¾ tsp. Mrs. Dash Garlic & Herb seasoning blend
15-oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
8.8 oz. pkg. ready-to-serve brown rice
1 cup frozen corn
½ cup chopped roasted sweet red peppers
4 tsp. minced fresh cilantro

In a large cast iron skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add kielbasa, onion and mushrooms; cook and stir 4-6 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer.

Add broth and seasoning blend, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Bring to a boil; cook 2-3 minutes or until liquid is almost evaporated. Stir in remaining ingredients; heat through.

Rotel Southwest Chicken Skillet

1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts or tenders, cut into small pieces
1 tsp. salt, to taste
1 tsp. pepper, to taste
1 tsp. Montreal Chicken seasoning, to taste
½ tsp. red pepper flakes, to taste
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 cup white rice, uncooked
10 oz. can Rotel diced tomatoes & green chilies
8 oz. can tomato sauce
1 cup water
TOPPINGS:
½ cup shredded Mexican cheese, to taste
Sour cream

Cut your chicken into small (about 1-inch) pieces and season with salt, pepper, Montreal chicken seasoning and red pepper flakes (or whichever seasonings you prefer).

Heat a large cast iron skillet over medium high heat and coat with the olive oil. Once hot, add in the seasoned chicken and cook until no longer pink. Stir in the uncooked rice, can of Rotel, can of tomato sauce and water. Bring to a boil then cover.

Reduce heat to low and let cook for 10 minutes or until rice is tender. After 10 minutes, stir to prevent the rice from sticking, then re-cover and cook another 10 minutes.

Once the rice is done, stir the mixture and top with a handful of shredded cheese. Turn off heat and cover for 5 minutes or until the cheese melts. Top with a dollop of sour cream and serve.

■ ENGAGEMENT

Southivong - Prince

Lori and Toun Southivong of Mt. Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianna Southivong, to Stefan Prince, son of Donna and Gary Gingery of Prior Lake.

Brianna is a 2015 graduate of Mt. Lake High School and a 2019 graduate of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato with a bachelor's degree in educational studies.

She is presently employed as a preschool teacher with Playworks in Prior Lake and as an assistant cross country and track and field coach at Bethany Lutheran College.

Stefan is a 2015 graduate of Prior Lake High School and a 2019 graduate of Bethany Lutheran College



Brianna Southivong & Stefan Prince

with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He is presently employed as manager of Finish Line in Mankato and also serves as an assistant cross country and track and field coach at Bethany Lutheran.

COUNT/ More counters always welcomed

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works for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at the Windom Wetland Management District Office at Wolf Lake. This year's count was her first after she and her office invited bird counters to rendezvous at the USFWS visitor center last year for coffee and treats before heading out for the count.

Emerson is the daughter of Windom native Steve Emerson, a 1973 graduate of Windom Area High School. She moved to Windom in 2015, when she began working for the USFWS.

More participants

Emerson is quick to echo her predecessor's plea for more counters.

"We're always looking for more participants, whether it's someone sitting at home watching their bird feeders or someone interested in walking on public lands or trails," Emerson says. "Any amount of experience is welcome. We try to pair inexperienced bird watchers with someone with more skills."

Those wanting more information on the annual event, or would like to participate next year, contact Emerson at kimberly_emerson@fws.gov.

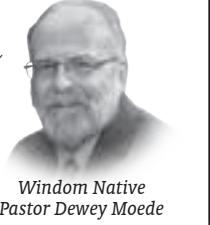
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THIS YEAR'S VEX Robotics game is "Tipping Point" and the move that Kimball's Men In Black (left) and Windom's Pineapple Posse of Ethan Brockman, Dylan Serreyn (partially hidden) and Carter Allen demonstrated that best. The teams tried to balance their robots on the platform with multiple mobile goals in hopes of scoring big points in the semifinals, but they couldn't balance the platform and dropped the semifinal match.



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Windom Robotics teams miss titles, turn in solid efforts in own tournament

■ Yippie Ki Yay reaches the Windom Tournament finals, while three teams finish qualification matches among the top five.

Capturing a trophy and qualifying for the state tournament would have been the capper to a tournament that almost didn't happen for the Windom Eagles Robotics program.

Unfortunately, the local program came away with neither from their own tournament Saturday at the WAMHS Blue Gym.

But what the Windom teams did get was a tournament. Friday's snowstorm that dumped 8.4 inches of snow in Windom threatened to postpone or cancel the event since there were teams traveling from quite a distance.

"We were a little nervous on Friday for setting up. We weren't quite sure if the VEX trailer would make it here due to the storm," said Windom Robotics adviser Jill Defries. "It took them a couple hours longer to get here than normal, but they did it. We always seem to be cursed with a snowstorm the day before our tournament, but it always works out."

In the end, 19 of the 25 registered teams arrived and competed before an alliance of teams from Albert Lea and Mankato West teamed up to win the tournament. The duo defeated the alliance of Windom's Yippie Ki Yay and Gear Shifters from New Ulm Cathedral 166-80.

The Albert Lea (Broken Zip Ties) and Mankato West (Autobytes) teams received the tournament champions trophy and qualify for the state tournament.

Winning the high school and middle school Excel-

lence Awards were teams from Waseca Jr./Sr. High School (Monkey Buccaneers) and Mankato West (Golden Chasers), respectively, while Mankato West's Autobytes also won the Design Award. All three teams qualify for the state tournament.

Men in Black from Kimball Secondary School won the Robot Skills competition, while Metal Manipulators from Waseca captured the Judges Award.

Here's a look at how Windom's teams fared in the tournament:

Three in top five

Three Windom teams finished in the top 5 after qualification matches.

Dino Nuggies of seventh-graders Jonas Jensen and Aiden Thompson and sixth-grader Liam Carroll took the top spot with a 6-1 record, while the Pineapple Posse — seniors Dylan Serreyn, Carter Allen and Ethan Brockman — was fourth with a 5-1-1 mark.

Yippie Ki Yay of Max Brodin, Avery Fast, Caleb Tibodeau and Jonah Naumann, a tournament finalist, finished sixth with a 4-2-1 record.

"We had two surprises in the tournament. Dino Nuggies ranked in first place. These students are all first-year robotics students and did an amazing job," Defries said.

"The second surprise was Yippie Ki Yay, which ended as tournament finalists. All the teams had respectable performances."

Windom's other two teams, Masked Bandits and Couch Potatoes, finished 2-4-1 and 2-5, respectively.

Alliance selection

All five teams advanced to the elimination matches.



WINDOM'S COACH POTATOES (left) of Braeden Moerke, Eric Buss and Maddie Alvstad and Masked Bandits of Nathalie Mendoza, Mynor Mendoza and Blake Thompson teamed up for an early-round qualification match.

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Masked Bandits and Couch Potatoes teamed up and won their Round of 16 showdown 146-40, but fell in the quarterfinals.

Windom's remaining three teams made it to the semifinals with quarterfinal wins.

In the quarterfinals: • The tournament's top seed, Dino Nuggies, which teamed with Mechanical Hounds from New Ulm Cathedral, won their match 106-60.

• Pineapple Posse teamed with Men in Black from Kimball to earn a 156-60 victory.

• Yippie Ki Yay and Gear Shifters coasted to a 106-40 win.

In the semifinals, Pineapple Posse dropped a 126-110 verdict to the eventual champions, while Yippie Ki Yay and Gear Shifters ousted Dino Nuggies and Mechanical Hounds 163-23.

In the title bout, the Broken Zip Ties/Autobytes duo throttled the Yippie/Shifters alliance 166-80.

Skills competition

In the skills competition, Pineapple Posse turned in

its best score of the year, racking up 260 points to finish third behind Kimball's whopping 390 that won the competition.

Pineapple Posse currently ranks 11th in the high school skills state rankings.

In the middle school skills state rankings, Masked Bandits rank fourth (it finished fifth in Saturday's tournament), Yippie Ki Yay is seventh and Dino Nuggies are 12th (it finished ninth on Saturday).

Next tournament

Windom's Eagles Robotics return to action Feb. 5 at Tri-City United in Montgomery.

"This is the final tournament for all the teams before state except for Pineapple Posse. They will also compete on Feb. 19 in Princeton," Defries said.

The VEX Robotics Minnesota State Tournament will be held March 3 and 4 in St. Cloud.

Presently, Windom's two middle school teams, Yippie Ki Yay and Masked Bandits, have received invitations to the middle school tournament.

■ SCHOOL MENUS Jan. 20-27

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Tuesday: Cereal bar and Go-Gurt, fruit punch juice. PreK — Cereal.

Wednesday: Banana bread, orange juice. PreK — Banana bread.

Thursday (1-27): Cereal and graham crackers, fruit punch juice. PreK — Blueberry muffin.

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: Distance learning. No meal service.

Friday: Staff Development Day, no school.

Monday: Ham patty OR barbecued pork rib on a bun, corn, coleslaw, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Cheeseburger.

Tuesday: Pork chop patty with mashed potatoes and gravy, cooked or fresh broccoli, fruit cup, dinner roll or

bread slice with butter cup. MHS alt.: Salisbury steak.

Wednesday: Beef nachos with cheese sauce, tortilla chips, romaine lettuce, tomatoes and toppings, peas, fruit. MHS alt.: Mini chef salad with toppings.

Thursday (1-27): Shrimp poppers with string cheese, baked beans, baby carrots with dip, fruit. MHS alt.: Cheeseburger.

Red Rock Central

BREAKFAST MENU

(All breakfast served with fruit, juice and milk.)

Thursday: French toast.

Friday: Powder doughnuts.

Monday: No school.

Tuesday: Breakfast cookie.

Wednesday: Breakfast

pizza.

Thursday (1-27): Pop Tart, yogurt.

LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday: Goulash, green beans, applesauce.

Friday: Hot ham and cheese, carrots and dip, fruit, bag of chips.

Monday: No school.

Tuesday: Chips with cheese, taco meat, corn, peaches.

Wednesday: Sub sandwich, California blend vegetables, apple, cookie.

Thursday (1-27): Spaghetti, peas, pears, bread stick.

■ 4-H BRIEFS

November project kit teaches origami

Cottonwood County 4-H Junior Ambassadors is a program for youth in grades 3-5. The group gathers to work and learn about projects, complete community pride projects and get to know others.

Over Christmas break, a group gathered to make a snowman project and ice skate.



SUBMITTED

ROGAN BROWN shows off his finished button snowman project that he made at Cottonwood County 4-H Jr. Ambassadors.

— WINDOM AREA SCHOOLS — STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chosen because—Suchin is always a hard worker, and she is quick to help others. She is incredibly happy all the time with her amazing smile.

Student's comments—I enjoy seeing my friends and learning stuff that is cool. I like having partners during work time.

Student's interests—I like basketball, softball, drawing, playing cards and watching my nephew Colton.

Parents—Aimee Kruse-Sayavong and Khamy Sayavong



Suchin Kruse-Sayavong
Grade 6

HIGH SCHOOL

Chosen because—Landon is a very polite student who cares about what is happening in and around school. Landon has a positive attitude and respects others!

Student's comments—I enjoy choir, sitting by my friends, lunch and all the fun activities that the school puts on.

Student's interests—I enjoy hockey, hanging out with friends, especially my best friends and Dan Cory.

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Landon Pillatzki
Grade 9

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Windom trio selected for SW region honor band

Three members of Windom Area High School's Eagle Concert Band have been named to the Southwest Minnesota Band Directors Association Grades 11-12 Honor Band.

Selected from Windom to perform with the honor band are (from left) Faith Ford, trumpet; Kaylan Donchez, percussion; and Tayler Franz, baritone saxophone.

Directors from each of the high schools in the Southwest Region nominated students who were then selected by a committee of directors who are members of SWMBDA.

The concert was scheduled for Saturday at the Schwann's Center for the Arts at Marshall High School, but due to weather, the concert has been postponed. A make-up date has not been set.



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Okabena native appointed FSA executive director

■ Commissioner Petersen also announced new MDA executive team members.

Whitney Place Minnesota Department of Agriculture assistant commissioner has been appointed to serve as executive director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency Minnesota office.

Place, a native of Okabena, has been with the MDA since 2012, serving in multiple capacities. In her new post she will oversee operations and agriculture policy implementation in Minnesota.

"I want to thank Whitney for her decade of service here at the MDA and for her dedication to agriculture," said Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "She has been a valuable member of our team and I look forward to continuing to work with her at the FSA on issues and policies affecting farmers in our state."

Petersen also announced two new appointments at the MDA. Former MDA Govern-

ment Relations Director Peder Kjeseth will now serve as an Assistant Commissioner overseeing the agency's Plant Protection, Pesticide and Fertilizer Management, and Laboratory Services divisions. Prior to coming to the MDA in 2019, Kjeseth worked for eight years on staff for Governor Tim Walz in both his prior congressional and current gubernatorial offices.

Michelle Medina has been hired as the MDA's Government Relations Director. Medina spent more than six years working for the Minnesota Farmers Union organization in several capacities, most recently as Director of Programming. Medina holds degrees in agricultural education leadership and communication and Spanish studies from the University of Minnesota. She also is a graduate of the Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership program.

The appointments were made Thursday and took effect immediately.

Winter has arrived: AAA urges motorists to be ready

■ AAA offers several defensive driving tips during the winter.

Snow and cold weather can make driving conditions more difficult and the first few snowfalls of the year often catch motorists unprepared.

Southwest Minnesota now has multiple inches of snow. The snow, coupled with high winds and cold weather that can come through, can be a recipe for disaster on the roadways because together they create risky driving situations including low visibility, drifting and blowing snow, and slick roads.

AAA Minnesota-Iowa is advising motorists to allow extra time to get to a travel destination, monitor weather conditions and follow advice from authorities. If it is not safe and you don't have to travel, don't drive.

Defensive Driving

When taking to the road during winter weather, remember to drive with caution to help maintain your safety as well as that of passengers, fellow motorists and roadside workers. AAA

recommends the following tips for winter driving:

- Before starting out in snowy weather, take time to remove the snow from the entire car so it doesn't blow onto your windshield or the windshields of other drivers. Make sure your mirrors and lights are clean and clear.
- Go slow in snow. Posted speeds are for ideal conditions.
- Watch for icy surfaces on bridges and intersections, even when the rest of the road seems to be in good condition.
- Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra seconds to react.
- When changing lanes, avoid cutting in front of trucks, which need more time and distance than passenger vehicles to stop.
- Don't use cruise control when roads are wet, snowy or icy.
- Remember that four-wheel drive helps you get going quicker, but it won't help you stop any faster.

MUSICAL/ Cast has multiple talents to help in show

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roles. But that's not the only adaptations they've made.

"The script itself, from 30 years ago when I was in it, has gone through many adaptations and revisions," Fischenich explains.

students have put the show together in relatively short order, even with a two-week Christmas break built in.

"The kids are working hard," she says. "They've helped with choreography and the set. They're working on their lines."

"We're lucky that we have kids that can not only perform on stage, but they can paint a mural of a sunset on the back wall. We have tap dancers."

Speaking of tap dancers, Fischenich and Axford are receiving some additional assistance from Windom fourth-grade teacher Shawna Rogotzke.

"Shawna has a theater and tap background, so she has been coming in and working with some of the girls on tap dancing," Fischenich continues. "That has been fun."

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: January 14, 2022

In the Matter of the Application of Big Bend Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need, Site Permit, and Route Permit for an up to 308 MW Wind Farm and Associated 161 kV Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Martin, and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number: IP7013/CN-19-408, IP7013/WS-19-619, IP7013/TL-19-621

In the Matter of the Application of Red Rock Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need and Site Permit for an up to 60 MW Solar Facility in Cottonwood County, Minnesota

PUC Docket Numbers: IP7014/CN-19-486, IP7014/GS-19-620

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 60-2500-37376

Please Take Notice that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold in-person public hearings and a remote-access public hearing on the applications Big Bend Wind, LLC (Big Bend), an affiliate of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC, for a certificate of need, a site permit, and a route permit for an up-to 300 megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system and an approximately 18-mile 161kV transmission line (Big Bend Wind Project). The Commission will also be holding a public hearing on the applications of Red Rock Solar, LLC, (Red Rock), also an affiliate of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC, for a certificate of need and a site permit for an up-to 60 MW solar energy generating system on approximately 483 acres of land in Cottonwood County (Red Rock Solar Project). The Red Rock Solar Project will also use the proposed 18-mile 161kV transmission line to interconnect to the bulk electric system.

The Big Bend Wind and Red Rock Solar Projects are proposed to be a hybrid wind and solar renewable energy project that would together generate up to 335 MW of electricity.

In-Person Hearings

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Time: 2pm and 6pm

Location: Windom Community Center
1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr
Windom, MN 56101

Link to Google Map:

<https://goo.gl/maps/CeRdVXq39acfDLcA7>

To find out if a meeting is canceled. Call (toll-free) 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc

Remote-Access Hearing

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Time: 6pm

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Public Hearing and Process Information

The Honorable James E. LaFave, Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed project and the draft site permit. Interested persons will have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the applicant and agency staff; (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed

project; and (3) suggest possible conditions to be considered for inclusion in site and route permits. Members of the public may participate without the necessity of intervening as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required.

The hearings will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded, or 9:00 p.m., whichever occurs first. Written comments may be submitted during the comment period following the hearing using the methods described in this notice.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules. For statute and rule information for the Big Bend Wind Project see Minn. Stat. § 216B.243 and Minn. R. ch. 7849 (certificate of need); Minn. Stat. § 216F and Minn. R. ch. 7854 (site permit); Minn. Stat. § 216E and Minn. R. ch. 7850 (route permit).

For statute and rule information for the Red Rock Solar Project see the informal review process (Minn. R. 7829.1200) and alternative review process (Minn. R. 7850.2800 to 7850.3900), respectively. Relevant Minnesota statute and rules may be viewed at: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov>.

Written Comment Period

Comment Period: January 14, 2022 through **February 22, 2022** at 4:30pm.

Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions:

- Should the Commission grant a certificate of need for the proposed large wind energy conversion system?
- Should the Commission grant a site permit for the proposed large wind energy conversion system?
- If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included in the proposed wind site permit?
- Should the Commission grant a route permit for the proposed high-voltage transmission line?
- If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included in a route permit for the proposed high-voltage transmission line?
- Should the Commission issue a certificate of need for the proposed solar energy generating system?
- Should the Commission grant a site permit for the proposed solar energy generating system?
- If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included in the proposed solar site permit?

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

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Additional Information

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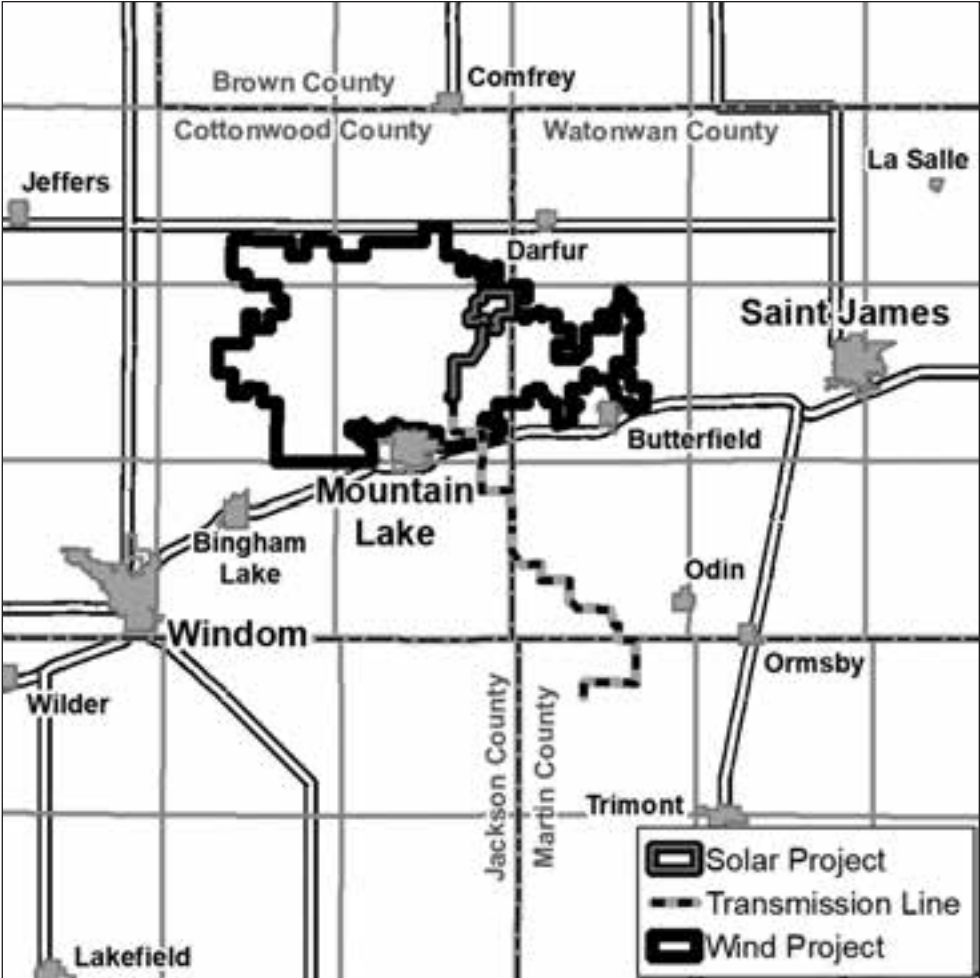
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Community Locations: The copies of the applications and the Environmental Assessment are available at these locations:

- Mountain Lake Public Library, 1054 Fourth Ave, Mountain Lake, MN 56159
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■ **REFLECTIONS**

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 18, 2012

City snowplows have been a rare sight around Windom's streets so far this winter. Steve Willard says that the lack of snow has given the city street department staff time to finally tackle projects that have been put off for quite some time. A year ago, city crews were not only plowing snow, they were using snow throwers to reduce the amount of snow piled along curbs.

Bob Meyer, a 1978 Windom Area High School graduate, was named Blue Earth County Administrator in March 2011. He has been

employed by the county for the past 23 years.

Laura Alvstad, co-president of Education Minnesota-Windom, presented Windom Area Schools paraprofessionals Mary Schaufenbuel, Julie Diemer and Betty Fredin with a certificate signed by Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton declaring Jan. 16-20 Paraprofessional Recognition Week.

Snow Week is underway at Red Rock Central High School in Lamberton. Candidates for Snow Week Queen are seniors Alexis Buehler, Kali Davis, Miranda Furch, Katie Halter, Stephanie Mattison and Cassandra Peterson. Snow Week King

candidates are Bryan Bierl, Matthew Booze, Christopher Buckham, James Carter, Bradley Haugen, Brent Huls, Nick Kruse, Lucas Marsh, Jordan Smith, Jacob Skalbeck, Brandon Stevens, Zach Valentin and Skylar Vold.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 22, 1997

A legislative bill proposed by Sen. Jim Vickerman may launch Westbrook-Walnut Grove's Prairie Smoke Barbecue Sauce into a new status as a state entrepreneurship pilot program.

Members of Red Rock Central's one-act play "Wings" include Sara Lynn Fults,

Bram Burginger, Anna Belle Kelsey, Jamie Sens, Sarah French, Zachary Jensen, James Knakmuhs, Karen Werner, Stacy Knakmuhs, Rhonda Kietzer, Christina Carlblom, Erin Steen, Kate Kronback, Linda Tellinghuisen, Ilaria Berolinis, Heidi Schultz, Hillary Schultz and Carrie Westerman. The one-act is directed by Marilyn Zwaschka and Ron Kelsey is technical director.

A stirring drama by six Windom Area High School students will take viewers to 1938 war-torn Germany. The play will be performed in the annual sub-section One-Act Play Festival in Redwood Falls. "Jacob Comes Home"

includes cast members Mary LaCanne, Britt Hoffmann, Mari Nielsen, Sean Brandon, Dustin Haugen, Eric Nielsen, Michelle Esplan, John Jenniges, Dustin Stevens, Haley Schafer, Jamie Bak and Jessica Jorgenson. The play is directed by Claudia Nielsen and Chris Kuehl.

Red Rock Central Head Girls Basketball Coach Gary Gillis, in his 14th season of coaching, earned his 300th career coaching win.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 18, 1972

Applause filled the room at the annual Windom Area Chamber of Commerce din-

ner at the Driftwood when it was announced that the ever-popular Mary Lou Peterson was the recipient of the Chamber's first "special achievement" award. She received the award for her work in community betterment.

Dave Dokken placed in every category and easily won the overall title in the Windom City Bowling Tournament at the Windom Sports Center.

Junior Lew Olson poured in 23 points and Doug Miller added 14 as Windom roared to a 63-48 victory over Jackson in Windom.

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TIME OUT

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The right people make the difference

Like many Vikings fans, I am closely watching the process the team is going through to hire its new general manager. So far, the Vikings have left no stone unturned when it comes to the position vacated by the firing of Rick Spielman. That includes interviewing a diverse pool of candidates. That includes several minority candidates and even a female candidate.

In professional sports, having someone at the top of the food chain who is highly knowledgeable and driven to succeed can trickle down to every aspect of the organization.

My feeling is that if you have a championship team, it starts with a winning mentality by ownership, who hires a general manager to make that vision a reality.

The Vikings are interviewing candidates from as many recently-successful teams as possible. That pool even includes one Minnesota native—1996 Luverne graduate Monti Ossenfoort, who currently works for the Tennessee Titans.

What I'm a bit puzzled by is the fact that Vikings ownership also is apparently conducting interviews for the head coaching vacancy. I would think that if a team is hiring both a general manager and a head coach, they would want the general manager's input on the head coaching hire.

It seems that hiring a head coach before hiring a GM would be counter-productive and would put the coach and GM at odds with each other from the start.

Having both leaders on the same page would be crucial for the Vikings moving forward.

A LOOK BACK

TEN YEARS AGO

The Windom Area boys hockey team climbed back into the Southwest Conference picture, winning five of its past six games. That included a 6-3 win over former league co-leader Morris-Benson at the Windom Arena. Travis Janssen and Mitchell Baumhoefner each scored two goals in the win. Ben Stubbe finished with 38 saves.

The Eagle girls hockey team had to take a forfeit against Waseca due to low numbers of healthy players. The Eagles were able to get back onto the ice for a 3-2 loss to Morris-Benson. Kylie Willard and Lizzie Schoenenberger scored the goals in the loss.

The top seed in the south half of Section 3AA wrestling is on the line as the Cobras prepare for a match with Adrian. Both teams are missing key figures. Cobra senior Drake Borsgard has not wrestled yet this season after suffering a concussion during football season.

The Eagle boys basketball team held off a late rally to beat Adrian 66-61. Jake Holt finished with 19 points while Lee Holt added 18 in the victory.

Record performance not enough

Worthington's height and length played a big role Thursday night, as the Trojans ran away with a 92-57 victory over a shorthanded Windom Eagle girls basketball team in Windom.

Worthington pounded the ball into the lane throughout the game, shooting 59% from the field as a team and 65% from two-point range. The Trojans outscored the Eagles 60-6 in the paint.

Windom tried to keep close, but had a cold first half from the field, which allowed the Trojans to take a 37-point halftime lead.

Windom warmed up from outside in the second half, hitting 14 three-pointers as a team for the game.

Senior KJ Huska broke



Girls Basketball

Thursday—vs. TMB, 6 p.m.
Tuesday—at Pipestone, 6 p.m.

STANDINGS

BIG SOUTH WEST DIVISION

GIRLS BB

Team	W	L
Mar (12-3)	6	0
Wor (7-5)	4	1
Luv (11-2)	4	2
JCC (8-5)	3	3
Pipe (5-8)	2	3
Win (6-8)	1	5
RV (0-14)	0	6

Worthington	58	34	92
Windom	21	36	57

Worthington (FG-FT-TP): Scheitel-Taylor 3-2-8; Beckmann 5-0-13; KSpartz 2-1-6; Schaefer 0-0-0; Hayenga 8-4-21; Potter 2-0-5; TSpartz 5-1-11; NGora

0-0-0; Bickett 0-0-0; Weg 10-2-22; Hamann 1-0-2; PGora 0-0-0; Zeidi 2-0-4; FG: 38-64 (59%); FT: 10-15 (67%); 3PT: FG: 9-15 (40%); Beckmann 3; KSpartz; Hayenga, Potter); Fouls: 14; Fouled out: None; Rebs: 48; TOS: 21.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): KSammmons 2-0-6; HadSammons 2-6-10; Nielsen 1-0-3; Dauer 1-0-3; HalSammons 0-0-0; Chuska 0-2-2; Letcher 0-0-0; KHuska 10-0-29; MHogan 0-0-0; Veenker 1-0-3; AHogan 0-1-1; FG: 17-50 (34%); FT: 9-14 (64%); 3PT: FG: 14-39 (36%); KSammmons 2; Nielsen, Dauer, KHuska 9; Veenker); Fouls: 11; Fouled out: None; Rebs: 18; TOS: 19.

Eagles edge Cards

A back-and-forth game saw the Windom girls basketball team get the last word Tuesday night, claiming a 64-62 victory over Redwood Valley at Windom.

The Eagles trailed by four points at halftime but turned up the intensity in the second half, quickly climbing into the lead.



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EAGLE SENIOR KJ Huska fires away from long distance, hitting one of her program-record nine three-pointers against Worthington. Huska scored 29 points in the Eagles' 92-57 loss.

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Eagles claim victory for the ages

Henry Erickson broke the program's single-game scoring record in win over Trojans.

By JOEL ALVSTAD

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Typically, a point guard is a basketball team's facilitator—the person who works to put teammates in the best position to score.



Boys Basketball

Friday—vs. Minnesota, 6 p.m.

Saturday—vs. SESM (at Westbrook), 6 p.m.

Tuesday—vs. Pipestone, 6 p.m.

STANDINGS

BIG SOUTH WEST DIVISION

BOYS BB

Team	W	L
RV (10-3)	6	1
Mar (9-4)	6	1
Pipe (10-2)	4	2
JCC (5-8)	2	3
Win (4-7)	2	5
Wor (1-9)	1	3
Luv (1-8)	0	6

as Worthington battled to eventually tie the game at 71, Erickson took control, scoring 29 points in the second half.

That gave him 43 points for the game, breaking the Eagle boys' program single-game scoring record. It also helped the Eagles pull away late, defeating Worthington 90-77 at Windom.

"Henry has always had the ability to score, but he's always been someone who set up his teammates first," Eagle Coach Mitch Boeck said. "But Thursday, we were able to get some favorable

But Thursday night, junior Henry Erickson proved to be both a facilitator and a scorer, which is exactly what the Windom boys basketball team needed against Worthington.

Erickson had a double-double by halftime with 14 points and 10 assists. That helped the Eagles race to a 15-point halftime lead.

But in the second half,



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HENRY ERICKSON drives into the lane to lay in a bucket during Thursday's game against Worthington. Erickson broke the Eagles' single-game scoring record, scoring 43 points in a 90-77 victory over the Trojans.

matchups and Henry was able to take advantage of them.

"We did a great job of getting out to an early lead, but Worthington is an athletic team and they did a great job to battle back."

Windom played the game without all-conference senior center Dylan Serreyn due to injury. But the Eagles were able to get into the lane, which freed up scorers on the outside.

Early in the game, Erickson was the facilitator, while teammate Abe McKibbin shouldered the scoring load.

McKibbin scored 20 points

in the first half. That helped the Eagles build a 20-point lead before the Trojans cut the lead to 15 by halftime.

"Abe was hitting everything in the first half," Erickson said. "I was able to get him the ball in position to score and he did a great job driving to the bucket or pulling up and hitting."

In the second half, the Trojans were able to slow down McKibbin, which allowed Erickson to take on the scoring role.

"We did a nice job of setting ball screens and Worthington switched its defense on screens," Boeck

said. "That put a bigger, slower defender on Henry. He was able to get into the lane or pull up from outside."

After battling from an early 20-point deficit, Worthington tied the game at 71. But a long Erickson three-pointer gave the Eagles the lead again. Windom closed the game with a 19-6 run, with Erickson scoring his final five points from the free throw line. Josh Garrison added a pair of key free throws to seal the win.

Erickson noted he had no

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Eagles hit season best at Jackson

The Windom Area gymnastics team inched closer to its preseason goal of scoring 130 points in a meet.



Gymnastics

Thursday—vs. Blue Earth Area, 6 p.m.

Monday—vs. Luverne, 6 p.m.

At Saturday's Sweetheart Invitational in Jackson, the Eagles recorded their best score of the season, finishing

with 127.175 points.

Despite the season-best total, the Eagles finished fifth in the five-team tournament. New Prague won the team title, scoring a 145.775.

Eagle senior Brooklyn Paulson had a stellar day Saturday, placing fourth in the all-around competition with a 34.225.

Paulson finished fifth on beam with an 8.975 and added an eighth-place score of 9.025 on vault.

Teammate Ada Lund placed eighth all-around (31.2).

The Eagles' scheduled dual Thursday at Redwood Valley was postponed.

Windom Area hosts Blue Earth Area Thursday, then hosts Luverne Monday.

SWEETHEART INVITATIONAL: 1. New Prague 145.775. 2. Worthington 142.425. 3. JCC 132.625. 4. Martin County Area 128.175. 5. Windom Area 127.175

Eagle Results
Vault: Brooklyn Paulson 9.025; Kady Paulson 8.65; Addison Colbert 8.525; Ashlyn Altman 8.325; Ada Lund 8.2.
Bars: B. Paulson 7.725; K. Paulson 7.375; Lund 7.275; Altman 7.25.
Beam: B. Paulson 8.975; Lund 8.1; Altman 7.375; K. Paulson 7.05; Addison Evans 6.8.
Floor: B. Paulson 8.5; K. Paulson 7.8; Lund 7.625; Altman 7.6; Evans 7.1.
All-Around: B. Paulson 34.225; Lund 31.2; K. Paulson 30.875; Altman 30.55.

Eagles regroup, top Rochester Lourdes

For much of the season, if the game has been close going into the third period, things haven't gone the Windom Area boys hockey team's way.

Saturday in Rochester, the Eagles were determined to reverse that trend.

Windom Area broke a 1-1 tie with 4:52 left on the clock, then scored an empty-net goal in the final minute to steal a 3-1 victory from Rochester Lourdes.

Eagle Coach Travis Janssen was proud of the team's determination Saturday.

"We outworked them, especially in the last two periods," Janssen said. "But all season, if the game has been within one goal going into the third period, we've either lost or tied. This was the first time all year we had won one of those close games. That's big for our confidence going forward."

STANDINGS

BIG SOUTH WEST DIVISION

BOYS HOCKEY

Team	W	L	T
NU (10-4)	8	0	0
Luv (7-6)	7	1	0
Wor (8-4)	6	3	0
Mar (7-9)	5	4	0
Win (7-8-1)	4	2	1
Fair (4-7)	4	5	0
Was (4-8-1)	2	7	0
MnRiv (3-10-1)	1	6	1
RV (2-12)	1	10	0

Lourdes scored a power play goal late in the first period and held a sizeable edge in shots on goal early.

But late in the second period, Windom Area began to apply more pressure. The Eagles went on the power play with 4:58 left in the period and scored 19 seconds later, when Wyatt Haugen knocked in a rebound on the power play.



Boys Hockey

Thursday—vs. Worthington, 7 p.m.

Friday—at Waseca, 7 p.m.

Monday—vs. New Ulm, 7 p.m.



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ZACH ESPENSON winds up to fire a big slap shot toward the net during Thursday's game against Minnesota River.

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Wolverines run out of gas against Indians

The Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey girls basketball team came out firing against one of Section 2A's top teams Monday night.

■ STANDINGS

Team	W	L
SWC (10-3).....	7	0
RRC (9-5).....	5	2
HBC (5-8).....	4	2
Edg (7-5).....	5	3
MLAC (5-8).....	4	4
HLOF (7-8).....	3	4
WWG (6-8).....	3	4
Adri/Elis (2-10).....	1	6
MCC (1-11).....	0	7

However, after leading Sleepy Eye by one at halftime, the Wolverines went cold in the second half, eventually taking a 58-44 loss at Sleepy Eye.

MLAC was able to work inside against the Sleepy Eye defense in the opening half. Brooke Naas scored 14 of her team-high 22 points in the opening 18 minutes.

That eventually opened up the outside, as Jaci Tollefson added four three-pointers in the game.

But Sleepy Eye hit four three-pointers in the second half, with 1,000-point career scorer Kadence Hesse draining back-to-back treys to start the half and finishing with six for the game.

MLAC.....	26	18	—44
Sleepy Eye.....	25	33	—58

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): JBrinkman 2-0-4; ABrinkman 0-0-0; Tollefson 5-0-14; Janzen 0-0-0; Green 1-2-4; Naas 6-9-22. *FG:* 14-49 (29%). *FT:* 11-15 (73%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 5-20 (25%)—Tollefson 4, Naas). *Fouls:* 10. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* 40. *TGs:* 22.

SE (FG-FT-TP): Martinez 0-1-1; Moldan 5-0-11; Hernandez 0-0-0; Mertz 8-2-19; Braun 0-0-0; Huiras 0-0-0; Hesse 8-3-25; Lozano 1-0-2. *FG:* 22-54 (41%). *FT:* 6-9 (67%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 8-21 (38%)—Moldan, Mertz, Hesse 6). *Fouls:* 12. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* 32. *TGs:* 15.

Chargers fall Monday

A shorthanded Westbrook-Walnut Grove squad got even more so Monday night, as the Chargers dropped a 27-26 decision to Hills-Beaver Creek in Hills.

The Chargers were without one player due to illness, but lost starting forward Abby Wiggins with an injury in the opening half.

WWG held a four-point halftime lead, but HBC held the Chargers to eight points in the second half.

Isabel Klumper led WWG with 16 points.

WWG.....	18	08	—26
HBC.....	14	13	—27

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jennings 2-0-6; Klumper 6-3-16; Wahl 1-0-2; Parker 1-0-2; DeSmith 0-0-0; Wiggins 0-0-0; Sikel 0-0-0. *FG:* 10. *FT:* 3-8 (38%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 3 (Jennings 2, Klumper). *Fouls:* 8. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* na. *TGs:* na.

HBC (FG-FT-TP): Fick 5-0-13; Raik 0-0-0; Voss 2-0-4; Bork 0-0-0; Stenhardt 2-0-4; Deelstra 0-0-0; Elbers 1-2-4; Moser 1-0-2; Harris 0-0-0. *FG:* 11. *FT:* 2-2 (100%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 3 (Fick 3). *Fouls:* 16. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* na. *TGs:* na.

Chargers fall in S.D.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove couldn't get its offense going against a stingy defense Saturday, taking a 46-32 loss to Castlewood, S.D., as part of the Border Bash, played in Colman, S.D.

The game was played using South Dakota rules, which have four eight-minute quarters and a 35-second shot clock.

Castlewood jumped to a lead with a strong second quarter, then put the game out of reach by outscoring WWG 19-9 over the final eight minutes.

WWG shot just 30% from the field in the game and was outrebounded 37-23.

Isabel Klumper led WWG with 11 points. Abby Wiggins added 10 points in the loss.

WWG.....	08	05	10	09	—32
Castlewood (S.D.).....	09	11	07	19	—46

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jennings 0-0-0; Klumper 4-0-11; Wahl 1-0-2; Parker 1-0-3; Archer 0-0-0; Bhorn 0-0-0. *FG:* 20-55 (36%). *FT:* 4-8 (50%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 2-18 (11%)—M'Horn, Haug). *Fouls:* 10. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* 37. *TGs:* 13.

Castlewood (FG-FT-TP): Wittnebel 0-0-0; Knecht 3-1-7; M'Horn 7-0-15; Everson 7-3-17; Akin 1-0-2; Hunter 1-0-2; Haug 1-0-3; Archer 0-0-0; Bhorn 0-0-0. *FG:* 20-55 (36%). *FT:* 4-8 (50%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 2-18 (11%)—M'Horn, Haug). *Fouls:* 10. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* 37. *TGs:* 13.

Falcons top Rebels

Red Rock Central battered Murray County Central in the lane in the second half Thursday, pulling away for a 70-48 victory at Lambert.



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HAILY GREEN wrestles a loose ball away from a Madelia player during last Tuesday's game in Comfrey. Green scored a career-high 13 points in the Wolverines' 75-14 victory.

Area Girls Basketball Schedule

Thursday—Nicollet at MLAC (Comfrey), 6 p.m.

Friday—MLAC at HBC (Hills), 6 p.m.; RRC at SWC (Edgerton), 6 p.m.; HLOF at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

Tuesday—Edgerton at RRC (Lamberton), 6 p.m.; WWG at MCC (Slayton), 6 p.m.

The Falcons held a slim four-point halftime lead, but Karli Arkell and Sondra Rindfleisch combined for 24 second-half points, as the Falcons outscored MCC 41-23 in the second half.

Lilly Stavnes shouldered the load early for the Falcons, scoring 16 of her game-high 19 points in the first half. Arkell added 18 and Rindfleisch finished with 14 in the win.

MCC.....	25	23	—48
RRC.....	29	41	—70

MCC (FG-FT-TP): Schneider 1-0-2; CMiller 1-4-6; Daniels 1-1-3; Gillette 1-0-2; JMiller 1-0-3; Overman 1-2-4; Hurd 0-0-0; Swenson 2-0-4; Iverson 2-0-4; Hellevell 0-0-0; Rohrer 5-6-16; McKab 1-0-2; Larson 0-2-2; Williams 0-0-0. *FG:* 16-45 (36%). *FT:* 15-17 (88%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 1-8 (13%)—JMiller). *Fouls:* 12. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* 37. *TGs:* 38.

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Erickson 0-0-0; DeCock 4-0-8; Amsden 0-0-0; Stavnes 7-2-19; Hubin 1-0-3; Rindfleisch 6-2-14; Hemmingsen 0-0-0; Cowan 0-0-0; Arkel 8-2-18; Redman 0-0-0; Irlbeck 1-0-2. *FG:* 30-75 (40%). *FT:* 6-13 (46%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 4-17 (24%)—Stavnes 3, Hubin). *Fouls:* 15. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* 35. *TGs:* 20.

Chargers top Dragons

Westbrook-Walnut Grove revved up the defense in the second half, holding Adrian-Ellsworth to 13 points over the final 18 minutes to claim a 49-38 win at Ellsworth.

The Chargers trailed by four at halftime, but found their offensive touch in the second half. Isabel Klumper scored 12 of her team-high 19 points in the second half, including 7-of-10 from the line for the game.

Meanwhile, the Chargers forced several Dragon turnovers, turning those into points.

Abby Wiggins added 18 points in the game, 12 in the first half.

WWG.....	21	28	—49
Adrian-Ellsworth.....	25	13	—38

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jennings 1-0-3; Klumper 5-7-19; Wahl 2-2-6; Parker 0-0-0; DeSmith 0-3-3; Wiggins 7-4-18; Sikel 0-0-0; Knakmuhs 0-0-0. *FG:* 15-36 (42%). *FT:* 16-29 (55%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 3-14 (21%)—Jenniges, Klumper 2). *Fouls:* 16. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* 23. *TGs:* 12.

AE (FG-FT-TP): Altman 3-0-6; Krahling 3-2-9; Polzine 0-0-0; Buntjer 5-2-12; Popkes 0-0-0; Bullerman 1-0-2; Wagner 3-1-7; Hoffman 1-0-2. *FG:* 16-48 (33%). *FT:* 5-12 (42%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 1-9 (11%)—Krahling). *Fouls:* 21. *Fouled out:* Krahling. *Rebs:* 36. *TGs:* 18.

Eagles bounce MLAC

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey fell behind early Thursday and couldn't catch up, dropping a 59-44 decision to Southwest Minnesota Chris-



JOEL ALVSTAD 1/19 girls basketball 140

MIRIAM RETE drives past the Madelia defense for two of her career-high 10 points in last Tuesday's win at Comfrey.

tian in Edgerton.

The Eagles raced to an 18-point halftime lead while holding the Wolverine offense in check in the first half.

MLAC battled back in the second half, but was unable to close the deficit below 10 points.

Brooke Naas scored all of her team-high 11 points in the second half. Anika Brinkman poured in 12 points. Jaci Tollefson added eight of her 10 points in the second half.

MLAC.....	14	30	—44
SWC.....	32	27	—59

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): JBrinkman 1-0-2; ABrinkman 5-0-12; Tollefson 4-2-10; Janzen 2-0-4; Green 1-3-5; Schroeder 0-0-0; Naas 2-5-11. *FG:* 13. *FT:* 10-14 (71%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 2 (Naas 2). *Fouls:* 14. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* na. *TGs:* na.

SWC (FG-FT-TP): Binford 0-0-0; Fick 4-0-10; MaPap 1-0-2; VanEsen 1-2-4; Velkamp 6-0-12; VanderMaten 0-0-0; Rfey 5-0-11; Nelson 1-0-3; MaPap 0-6-6; Moss 2-3-7; Barron 0-0-0; MFey 2-0-4. *FG:* 22. *FT:* 11-17 (65%). *3Pt:* *FG:* 4 (Fick 2, Rfey, Nelson). *Fouls:* 15. *Fouled out:* Moss. *Rebs:* na. *TGs:* na.

Wolverines race to win

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey

Falcons post 1-2 mark at St. James Area Quad

The Red Rock Central wrestling team posted a 1-2 record in a quadrangular meet held last Tuesday in St. James.

The Falcons opened the night with a 45-30 loss to Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Area. In that match, the Falcons had falls from Carter Beranek (132), Andrew Pankonin (145), Vander Mathiowetz (182) and Gavin Hesse (285). RRC added a forfeit win.

RRC then picked up a

46-28 victory over St. James. Jonah Skarupa (120), Pankonin (152), Mathiowetz (182), Austin Cowan (195) and Hesse (285) each won by fall. Bode Determan (145) won by major decision, while Zak Zimmerman (132) and Keaton Skarupa (220) won by decision. The Falcons added one forfeit win.

RRC closed the night with a 42-33 loss to Waseca. Cowan (195) had the lone Falcon fall. Zimmerman (132), Mathiowetz (182) and Hesse

(285) added decision wins. RRC also had three forfeit victories.

LCWMA 45, RRC 30

106: Logan Quade (L) pin Gavin Willardson 2:57. **113:** Carson Othovut (L) pin Marshall Willite 0:38. **120:** Zach Palmer (L) forfeit. **126:** Double forfeit. **132:** Carter Beranek (R) pin Talan Osborne 1:32. **138:** Zak Zimmerman (R) forfeit. **145:** Andrew Pankonin (R) pin Noah Sodeman 3:52. **152:** Alex Hamitz (I) dec. Jacob Amsden 3-1. **160:** Ean Gillman (L) forfeit. **170:** Syder McMichael (L) forfeit. **182:** Vander Mathiowetz (R) pin Nick Slater 3:35. **195:** Jermaine Arrington (L) pin Austin Cowan 2:31. **220:** Justin Slater (L) pin Keaton Skarupa 3:58. **285:** Gavin Hesse (R) pin Dietrich Rosin 1:57.

RRC 46, St. James 28

106: Gavin Willardson (R) forfeit. **113:** Jesus Leyna (S) forfeit. **120:** Jonah Skarupa (R) pin Ariene Melendez 0:50. **126:** Talyn Tande (S) forfeit. **132:** Zak Zimmerman (R) dec. Levi Miest 14-10. **138:** Kollin Anderson

(S) MD Carter Beranek 16-7. **145:** Bode Determan (R) MD Gadiel Velasco 11-2. **152:** Andrew Pankonin (R) pin Hayden Davis 5:37. **160:** Peyton Wolner (S) pin Jacob Amsden 5:46. **170:** Omar Ambrocia-Garnil (S) forfeit. **182:** Vander Mathiowetz (R) pin Trenton Kettner 0:44. **195:** Austin Cowan (R) pin Derek Fast 3:42. **220:** Keaton Skarupa (R) dec. Julio Esqueda 3-1. **285:** Gavin Hesse (R) pin Willie Curry 0:54.

Waseca 42, RRC 33

106: Gavin Willardson (R) forfeit. **113:** Elijah Biehn (W) forfeit. **120:** John Feeley (W) forfeit. **126:** Jacob Root (W) forfeit. **132:** Zak Zimmerman (R) dec. Slade Barnett 11-6. **138:** Carter Beranek (R) forfeit. **145:** Kaden Johnson (W) pin Bode Determan 1:33. **152:** Oliver O'Brien (W) pin Andrew Pankonin 0:14. **160:** Quentin Staloch (W) pin Jacob Amsden 2:30. **170:** Carter Ellis (W) forfeit. **182:** Vander Mathiowetz (R) dec. Payton Garza 3-1. **195:** Austin Cowan (R) pin Matthew Verpeven 3:01. **220:** Keaton Skarupa (R) forfeit. **285:** Gavin Hesse (R) dec. Jenaro Delgado 3-1.

Five Cobras place at BSC Tourney

The strength at the top of the Big South Conference left little room for the rest of the field at Saturday's conference tournament in St. James.

Jackson County Central and Martin County rolled up big points in the tournament.

Windom-Mt. Lake ended the day in 10th place with 62½ points. The Cobras had five placewinners in the tourney.

Leading the way for WML was senior Micah Holmberg at 182 pounds. Holmberg opened with a fall, then lost in the semifinals. He then pinned Payton Garza of Waseca in 5:52 to capture third place.

At 106 pounds, Preston Xayachak won by fall to advance to the semifinals. He then lost an 11-9 semifinal decision and fell 8-6 to Maddex Faber of Martin County to finish fourth.

At 126 pounds, Tucker Renquist won by technical fall to advance to the semifinals. He then lost a 4-2 overtime decision before falling 15-6 to Logan Lee of New Ulm to finish in fourth place.

Eagan Maras (138) and Caden Swoboda (145) each added sixth place finishes.

WML was scheduled to face Luverne and Worthington last night (Tuesday) in a triangular at Worthington.

The Cobras hold their first home meet of the season Tuesday, when they take on Canby and BOLD in a triangular at Mt. Lake.

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Team results: 1. JCC 263½. 2. Martin County 138½. 3. St. Peter 163. 4. Marshall 137. 5. New Ulm 112. 6. Pipestone 97½. 7. Worthington 92. 8. Waseca 87. 9. Blue Earth Area 73½. 10. Windom-Mt. Lake 62½. 11. Redwood Valley 31½. 12. Luverne 11. 13. St. James 9.

Cobra Results

106: Preston Xayachak pin Tim Nagel (BEA) 5:30; Alex Galez (Worthington) dec. Xayachak 11-9; Maddex Faber (MC) dec. Xayachak 8-6. **Fourth place** 113: Open.

120: Cooper Peterson (BEA) MD Jared Hunter 10-0; Brayden Chandler (Marshall) dec. Hunter 12-8. **126:** Tucker Renquist pin Slade Barnett (Waseca) 0:58; Renquist TF Carson Sturtz (BEA) 15-0; Hudson Burnett (Pipestone) dec. Renquist 4-2 in overtime; Logan Lee (NU) MD Renquist 15-6.

Fourth place 132: Evan Walter (SIP) MD Noah Holmberg 8-0; Holmberg pin Vincent Vanderkooi (Worthington) 0:51; Lincoln Ourada (RV) dec. Holmberg 5-2. **138:** Margavion Haeffer (NU) pin Eagan Maras 0:56; Maras pin Collin Kenken (Marshall) 1:59; Maras dec. Blair Lunz (BEA) 5-3; Miat Htoo (Worthington) pin Maras 5:38. **Sixth place** 145: Braydon Ripka (Luverne) dec. Caden Swoboda 5-0; Swoboda pin James Gednalske (Marshall) 1:00; Harold Born (SIP) dec. Swoboda 7-5 in overtime. **Sixth place** 152: Tate Condezo (Marshall) pin Montgomery Bjorklund 1:18; Kade Gaydon (BEA) pin Bjorklund 1:45.

160: Open. **170:** Kean Hicks (BEA) pin Matthew Ekstrom 1:26; Gage Cyphers (MC) TF Ekstrom 16-1.

182: Micah Holmberg pin Adam Schavey (BEA) 3:16; Caleb Vancura (JCC) dec. Holmberg 13-8; Holmberg pin Payton Garza (Waseca) 5:52. **Third place** 195: Open. **220:** Connor Travaille (SIP) pin Cyrus Bjorklund 0:23; Kale Frank (BEA) pin Bjorklund 0:48. **285:** Open.

Huskies roll past Cobras

Windom-Mt. Lake hung tough early against state-ranked Jackson County Central Thursday.

However, JCC won the final nine weight classes of the dual, pulling away for a 60-12 victory in Jackson.

The Cobras built an early 9-0 lead, as Preston Xayachak (106) won by fall and Jared Hunter (113) claimed a 7-2 decision victory.

JCC answered with back-to-back falls before Tucker Renquist (132) claimed a 7-2 decision victory.

After that, it was all Huskies, as JCC recorded five falls, two forfeit victories and two decisions.

JCC 60, WML 12

106: Preston Xayachak (W) pin Isaac Rodriguez 1:25. **113:** Jared Hunter (W) dec. Alex Mohring 7-2. **120:** Nolan Ambrose (J) pin Thavien Xayachak 0:46. **126:** Kie Anderson (J) pin Aiden Holmberg 0:30. **132:** Tucker Renquist (W) dec. Andrew Boyum 7-2. **138:** Logan Butzon (J) pin Noah Holmberg 0:37. **145:** Thomas Freking (J) dec. Micah Holmberg 7-0. **220:** Dylan Withers (J) dec. Caden Swoboda 2-0. **160:** Isaiah Rodriguez (J) pin Montgomery Bjorklund 2:46. **170:** Payton Handevitt (J) pin Matthew Ekstrom 0:26. **182:** Caleb Vancura (J) forfeit. **195:** William Freking (J) dec. Micah Holmberg 7-0. **220:** Trace Michelson (J) pin Cyrus Bjorklund 0:22. **285:** Cameron Scholten (J) forfeit.

Packers hold off Eagles

The Windom Area girls hockey team couldn't hang onto an early lead Tuesday night, dropping a 2-1 decision at Austin.

The Eagles struck first in the game when Elly Bang picked up a rebound of a Toria Robillard shot and found the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

But Austin battled back, scoring a power play goal in the second to tie the game. Then, at the 5:03 mark of the third, Brenna Haedt redirected a shot past Eagle goalie Kaylie Baerg for the game-winning goal.

Austin outshot the Eagles 34-21 in the game.

■ STANDINGS

BIG SOUTH GIRLS HOCKEY				
Team	W	L	T	
NU (14-3).....	8	0	0	
Luv (19-1).....	10	1	0	
Mar (11-8-1).....	6	3	0	
MnRiv (8-10).....	6	5	0	
Win (5-12).....	3	6	0	
Fair (4-9-2).....	3	8	0	
Was (3-16-1).....	2	8	0	
Wor (3-13).....	1	8	0	

Baerg finished with 32 saves.

Windom Area.....	1	0	0	—1
Austin.....	0	1	1	—2

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Windom: Elly Bang (Torla Robillard) 15:13. **SECOND PERIOD:** 2. Austin: Kate Holtz (Samantha Krueger) 7:13, pp. **THIRD PERIOD:** 3. Austin: Brenna Haedt (AJ Barrera, Camille Duriga) 5:03. **SUMMARY:** Shots on goal: Windom 21, Austin 34. **Power plays:** Windom 0-2, Austin 1-2. **Goalies:** Windom, Kaylie Baerg (34 shots, 32 saves); Austin, Kyla Radford-Garcia (21 shots, 20 saves).

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Henry Erickson

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Year: Junior
Parents: Juhl and Angie Erickson

Henry broke the Eagles' single-game scoring record, pouring in 43 points in Thursday's 90-77 victory over Worthington.

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Wolverines surge past Indians Monday

The Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey boys basketball team used its depth and balance to build a commanding lead Monday night, rolling to a 71-55 victory at Sleepy Eye.

■ STANDINGS
RED ROCK BOYS BB

Team	W	L
WWG (6-5).....	3	0
MLAC (7-2).....	4	1
SWC (10-3).....	4	1
MCC (6-7).....	3	1
HBC (5-4).....	3	2
RRC (2-8).....	1	3
HLOF (3-8).....	1	4
Ad/Elis (2-7).....	1	4
Edg (0-7).....	0	4

The Wolverines raced to a 41-12 halftime advantage. Sleepy Eye tried to battle back, hitting eight three-pointers in the second half as a team. But the Wolverines were able to preserve the victory.

Damon Khamvongsa led a balanced scoring night with 14 points. Carter Olson scored 13, Ashton Toll added 12 and Kolby Kremmin finished with 10 in the win.

MLAC.....41 30—71
Sleepy Eye.....12 43—55

MLAC (FG-FITP): Khamvongsa 6-0-14; Kremmin 4-2-10; Oakland 0-0-0; KoWassman 3-0-7; Olson 6-1-13; Banks 0-0-0; Toll 6-0-12; Moody 0-0-0; KoWassman 2-0-4; Penner 2-1-5; Kleven 0-2-2; Xayavong 0-2-2; Wall 1-0-2; Linscheid 0-0-0; Apenner 0-0-0. FG: 30-60 (50%). FT: 8-14 (57%). 3Pt. FG: 3-12 (25%)—Khamvongsa 2, KoWassman. Fouls: 12. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 43. TOS: 22.
SE (FG-FITP): Trawnis 7-0-17; Ziegenhagen 0-0-0; Lend 3-0-8; Heiderscheidt 3-0-5; Evers 1-2-5; Sellner 4-1-11; Schultz 0-0-0; Wendinger 2-0-4; BHeiderscheidt 1-0-2; Bauers 1-0-2; Martinez 0-0-0. FG: 22-56 (39%). FT: 3-6 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 8-30 (26%)—Trawnis 3, Lend 2, Evers, Sellner 2. Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 24. TOS: 19.

Falcons drop Cougars

Red Rock Central pulled away in the second half Monday night, capturing a 60-40 victory over Cedar Mountain in Lamberton.

The Falcons were able to work the ball into the lane much of the night. Joe Strock scored 12 of his game-high 23 points in the second half, while Isaac Simonson added nine of his 10 points in the opening half.

That opened things for the outside game, as Ashton Juhnke hit a trio of three-pointers and finished with 11 points.

Cedar Mountain.....19 21—40
RRC.....28 32—60

CM (FG-FITP): BPendleton 6-2-19; Steffl 0-1-1; Heidemann 0-0-0; MPendleton 4-2-12; NFretag 1-0-2; Schueller 0-0-0; OFretag 0-0-0; Lueck 1-0-2; Sandgren 2-0-4. FG: 14-64 (22%). FT: 5-6 (83%). 3Pt. FG: 7-31 (23%)—BPendleton 5, MPendleton 2. Fouls: 12. Fouled out: MPendleton. Rebs: 36. TOS: 13.

RRC (FG-FITP): Simonson 4-2-10; Jackson 0-0-0; AJuhnke 4-0-11; Holman 3-0-5; Holman 0-0-0; Malkisi 0-0-0; Hansen 2-0-4; Hensch 0-0-0; Strock 9-5-23; Lang 1-0-2; Arkell 1-0-2; TJuhnke 0-0-0. FG: 24-51 (47%). FT: 7-14 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 5-14 (36%)—AJuhnke 3, Holmen 2. Fouls: 6. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 44. TOS: 17.

Chargers edge Eagles

The Westbrook-Walnut Grove boys basketball team pulled away from the free throw line in the second half Saturday evening, claiming a 64-61 victory over Southwest Minnesota Christian in Edgerton.

WWG trailed by two at halftime, but came out attacking the basket in the second half. As a team, the Chargers went 8-of-10 from the line down the stretch and 10-of-12 for the game.

Meanwhile, SWC struggled from the stripe, going 3-of-9 in the second half and 13-of-21 for the game.

Kole Curry led WWG with 17 points, with 11 in the second half. Austin Parker added 15 in the win, including 10 in the second half. Dan Kleven scored 12 and Cole VanDeWiele added 11.

WWG.....29 35—64
SWC.....31 30—61

WWG (FG-FITP): Yue 1-0-2; Curry 7-2-17; Parker 6-2-15; Ross 3-0-7; VanDeWiele 4-0-11; Kleven 3-6-12; Marsh 0-0-0. FG: 24-55 (44%). FT: 10-12 (83%). 3Pt. FG: 6-15 (40%)—Curry, Parker, Ross, VanDeWiele 3. Fouls: 18. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 31. TOS: 23.
SWC (FG-FITP): Ulik 1-0-3; Sas 0-0-0; Van't Hof 4-0-9; VanDyken 0-0-0; ASchaa 2-2-6; Rieck 1-0-2; MSchaa 5-6-18; Walhof 2-1-5; Kuipers 2-3-7; VanHulzen 6-1-13. FG: 23-62 (37%). FT: 13-21 (62%). 3Pt. FG: 2-15 (13%)—Ulik, Van't Hof. Fouls: 15.

GIRLS/ Eagles hang on late to beat Redwood

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After seeing the lead change hands several times throughout the game, Redwood Valley took a 62-61 lead on a three-pointer from Jess Barber with 1:25 left on the clock. But the Eagles answered, with Kendyl Sammons drilling a three-pointer of her own moments later.

Hadley Sammons led the Eagles with 29 points. Hannah Dauer scored all of her 12 points in the first half. KJ Huska added 10 points.

Redwood Valley.....37 25—62
Windom.....33 31—64

RV (FG-FITP): Buffie 4-0-8; Farasyn 0-0-0; Fischer 1-0-2; Lundeen 4-0-10; Barber 6-4-20; Larsen 3-1-7; Huhnerkoch 6-3-15. FG: 24-59 (41%). FT: 8-12 (67%). 3Pt. FG: 6-22 (27%)—Lundeen 2, Barber 4. Fouls: 12. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 44. TOS: 21.
Windom (FG-FITP): KSammmons 3-0-9; HadSammons 10-9-29; Nielsen 0-0-0; Dauer 4-0-12; HaSammons 0-0-0; Huska 3-2-10; Hogan 2-0-4; Veenker 0-0-0. FG: 22-64 (34%). FT: 11-17 (65%). 3Pt. FG: 9-30 (30%)—KSammmons 3, Dauer 4, Huska 2. Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 41. TOS: 14.



WOLVERINE PLAYERS Kody Wassman (left) and Kade Wassman (32) battle for a rebound under the bucket during Thursday's game against SWC in Edgerton.

Area Boys Basketball Schedule

Thursday—MLAC at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.; RRC at HLOF (Fulda), 6 p.m.

Saturday—RRC at TMB (Tracy), 1 p.m.; GFW at WWG (Westbrook), 2:30 p.m.; MLAC vs. New Ulm Cathedral (at Westbrook), 4:15 p.m.

Monday—RRC at MCC (Slayton), 6 p.m.; Adrian-Ellsworth at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

Tuesday—RRC at MLAC (Comfrey), 6 p.m.

Fouled out: Van't Hof. Rebs: 32. TOS: 19.

Eagles sink MLAC

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey found itself behind early and never fully recovered Thursday, falling 57-51 to Southwest Minnesota Christian in Edgerton.

The Wolverines trailed by 13 at halftime and had a tough night from the field, shooting 27% as a team for the game. SWC also outscored the Wolverines 22-12 from the free throw line for the game.

Carter Olson led the Wolverines with 22 points. Damon Khamvongsa added 10 points.

MLAC.....20 31—51
SWC.....33 24—57

MLAC (FG-FITP): Khamvongsa 3-4-10; Kremmin 1-2-4; KoWassman 1-0-3; Olson 8-4-22; Toll 2-2-6; KaWassman 1-0-2; Penner 0-0-0; Kleven 2-0-4. FG: 18-66 (27%). FT: 12-22 (54%). 3Pt. FG: 3-18 (18%)—KoWassman, Olson 2. Fouls: 21. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 49. TOS: 22.

SWC (FG-FITP): Ulik 2-0-6; Van't Hof 0-0-0; VanDyken 0-0-0; ASchaa 0-0-0; Rieck 0-7-7; MSchaa 5-5-15; Walhof 2-5-9; Kuipers 1-3-5; VanHulzen 6-2-15. FG: 16-60 (26%). FT: 22-30 (73%). 3Pt. FG: 3-25 (12%)—Ulik 2, VanHulzen. Fouls: 19. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 42. TOS: 19.

Wolverines roll to win

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey used a balanced effort to build a commanding early lead Tuesday night, rolling to a 70-40 victory at Edgerton Public.

Eleven Wolverines found the scoring column in the game, as MLAC shot 44% from the field while holding Edgerton to 20%.

The Wolverines also were able to force 28 Dutchmen turnovers, with many of those turnovers leading to quick buckets.

Ashton Toll led the Wolverines with 14 points. Kolby Kremmin added 13 points and Carter Olson scored nine.

MLAC.....38 32—70



COLE KLEVEN (right) puts up a wall to prevent a shot attempt as Carter Olson (21) closes to assist on the play.

Edgerton.....16 24—40

MLAC (FG-FITP): Khamvongsa 4-0-8; Kremmin 6-1-13; KoWassman 3-0-7; Olson 3-2-9; Banks 0-0-0; Toll 6-2-14; Lopez 0-0-0; Moody 1-0-2; KaWassman 1-0-2; Penner 2-1-5; Kleven 2-0-4; Xayavong 0-0-0; Wall 2-0-4; Linscheid 0-0-0; Apenner 1-0-2. FG: 31-69 (44%). FT: 6-14 (42%). 3Pt. FG: 2-13 (15%)—KoWassman, Olson. Fouls: 21. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 41. TOS: 17.

Edgerton (FG-FITP): Schultz 2-2-8; Bootsma 1-1-3; Ockenga 0-0-0; JacFisher 5-0-13; Scholten 0-0-0; Buckridge 0-2-2; JarFischer 2-9-13; Carrera 0-1-1. FG: 10-48 (20%). FT: 15-25 (60%). 3Pt. FG: 5-22 (22%)—Schultz 2, JacFischer 3. Fouls: 15. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 35. TOS: 28.

Panthers drop Chargers

Tracy-Milroy-Balaton did most of its damage in the paint Tuesday night, claiming a 59-49 win over Westbrook-Walnut Grove at Westbrook.

The Panthers shot 46% as a team and outscored WWG 46-22 in the paint in the game, with University of Minnesota football recruit Tony Nelson dominating the middle with 26 points and 13 rebounds.

Kole Curry led WWG with 13 points. Brady Ross and Cole VanDeWiele scored 10 points each.

TMG.....32 27—59
WWG.....31 18—49

TMB (FG-FITP): Ankrum 2-0-5; Wendland 3-0-6; SvenHaugen 3-2-10; Smith 2-0-4; Munson 3-2-8; Schmitt 0-0-0; Nelson 13-0-26. FG: 26-56 (46%). FT:

4-6 (67%). 3Pt. FG: 3-16 (19%)—Ankrum, SvenHaugen 2. Fouls: 9. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 36. TOS: 8.
WWG (FG-FITP): Knakmuhs 0-0-0; Curry 5-1-13; Knudson 1-2-4; Parker 3-1-8; Ross 4-0-10; VanDeWiele 3-2-10; Kleven 2-0-4; Marsh 0-0-0. FG: 13-36 (36%). FT: 6-8 (75%). 3Pt. FG: 7-28 (25%)—Curry 2, Parker, Ross 2, VanDeWiele 2. Fouls: 10. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 40. TOS: 10.

Falcons fall to HBC

Red Rock Central couldn't slow down the hot shooting of Hills-Beaver Creek's Cole Baker Tuesday, as the Patriots cruised to a 67-42 win over the Falcons in Lamberton.

Baker poured in 16 points in the first half and finished with 29 for the game. His hot hand helped HBC race to a 19-point halftime lead.

Corey Arkell and Joe Strock each scored nine points to lead RRC.

HBC.....34 33—67
RRC.....15 27—42

HBC (FG-FITP): Baker 12-4-29; Deelstra 4-3-12; Raymon 1-0-2; Harnack 1-0-3; Page 0-0-0; Leenderts 2-0-5; Bundesen 2-2-8; Gehrke 0-0-0; Metzger 0-0-0; Taubert 0-0-0; Tatge 0-0-0; Durst 0-2-2; Scholten 0-0-0; Harris 1-2-4. FG: 24-58 (41%). FT: 13-23 (57%). 3Pt. FG: 6-21 (29%)—Baker, Deelstra, Harnack, Leenderts, Bundesen 2. Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 41. TOS: 12.

RRC (FG-FITP): Jackson 0-0-0; AJuhnke 2-2-7; Vold 0-0-0; Holmen 1-2-4; Holman 0-0-0; Hansen 1-0-3; Hensch 1-0-2; Strock 3-3-9; Dammann 0-0-0; Lang 3-1-8; Horning 0-0-0; Sanst 0-0-0; Arkell 3-3-9; TJuhnke 0-0-0. FG: 14-41 (34%). FT: 11-19 (61%). 3Pt. FG: 3-15 (20%)—AJuhnke, Hansen, Lang. Fouls: 17. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 28. TOS: 20.

Izzy was nothing compared to 1880-81

We now name our winter storms just like our hurricanes. Izzy was the name given to our most recent.

It came south out of Saskatchewan, came through Portal, N.D., without stopping at U.S. Customs, proceeded through the Upper Midwest and now out to sea on our eastern border.

Storms like that are labeled by some as Saskatchewan Screamers, similar to Alberta Clippers, I'm sure. This one dumped 11 inches in Marshall, nine inches here and 14 inches in Des Moines, Iowa.

A similar storm, albeit a few weeks later in the season, was the Halloween Blizzard of 1991. That one I can remember quite well as it dropped 18 inches of snow in our area, 24 inches in the Twin Cities and three feet on the north shore of Gitche Gume.

Well, our brothers and sisters to the east of us seem panicked with four to six inches of snow, maybe some sleet and high winds. But, this whole thing called Izzy is nothing compared with the "Long, Hard Winter of 1880-81". The book of that name was written by Dan L. White. In it he explores many historic headlines of that worst of all winters.

Readers of that book will realize how accurate Laura Ingalls Wilder really was in her book, "The Long Winter". I picked up my copy just a year ago at the museum in Walnut Grove.



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Briefly, that winter in which the term blizzard became a word of common usage, started on October 15-16, 1880. The winter lasted until April of 1881. That's six months from freeze up to the spring melt.

The Ingalls Wilder family lived in DeSmet, S.D., population 100, in that winter of 1880-81. They moved into their store as the weather worsened.

Trains were considerably slowed after that first blizzard. But before long storm after storm came along and blocked them permanently until April. Considering the fact that railroads were the lifeline of early Dakota Territory, things soon got tough, very tough, for those early farmers and small towns. Trains carried the coal, kerosene, fruits, sugar and flour that normally arrived in late October.

The Tracy cut, west of that town, was a notorious place for trains to get stuck. I saw one claim in White's book it was filled with 100 feet of snow.

Superintendent fails

De Smet was plagued with a similar cut that was filled with 40 feet of snow. A district superintendent, perturbed by his crews not keeping the track open went directly to the site. He told the engineers to hook three, 40-ton, steam locomotives together, back up a mile and hit the drift.

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JENNA VEENKER tries to keep the ball away from Worthington defender Brooklyn Scheitel-Taylor during Thursday's game.

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BOYS/ Junior duo combines for 72 points

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idea he was approaching a school record that had stood since the 1978-79 season, when Kent Kelly scored 40 against Worthington.

“I think everyone has seen the record listed in our program book,” Erickson said. “I really wasn’t thinking much about it. I just wanted a win. But at one point, I looked up at the scoreboard and saw I had 38, and thought to myself that couldn’t be right.

“It wasn’t until after Mr. Joyce announced it on the PA after the game that I realized what had happened.”

Boeck added Thursday’s performance was one where he was glad to have the best seat in the house.

“There are some times where you really don’t have to do a lot of coaching on one end of the floor, and Thursday was definitely that way,” Boeck said. “Our kids have a lot of basketball smarts and they did a great job of getting our scorers the ball. That was Abe in the first half and Henry in the second half.”

As a team, Windom shot 60% from the field in the win and hit 11 three-pointers as a team.

Erickson hit 14 of his 17 shots from the field, including 4-of-4 from three-point range, and went 11-of-13



JOEL ALVSTAD 1/19 boys basketball 123
BRYAN MACARIO powers into the lane for a shot during Thursday’s win over Worthington.

from the line — with all his free throws in the second half — to break the record. He also finished with 11 assists in the win.

McKibbin finished with 29 points. Bryan Macario added seven points in the victory.

Windom was scheduled to host Blue Earth Area last night (Tuesday).

The Eagles host Minneota Friday, then face Sleepy Eye St. Mary’s as part of the Conference Crossover Saturday in Westbrook. The

Eagles then host Pipestone Tuesday.

“We have two really tough non-conference tests on back-to-back nights with Minneota and St. Mary’s,” Boeck said. “After that, we have a bunch of conference games that will be really important for our playoff position.”

Worthington29 48—77
Windom44 46—90

Worthington (FG-FT-TP): Brandner 5-3-13; Opiw 1-1-3; Walu 1-2-5; McCoy 2-0-4; Knothe 8-3-23; Swinea 11-2-25; Mulder 2-0-4. FG: 30-55 (55%). FT: 11-17 (65%). 3PT: FG: 6-16 (38%)—Walu, Knothe



JOEL ALVSTAD 1/19 boys basketball 127
ABE MCKIBBIN hits an off-balance shot while avoiding contact for two of his 29 points Thursday. The Eagle boys claimed a 90-77 victory over Worthington.

4, Swinea). Fouls: 20. Fouled out: Opiw. Rebs: 32. TOS: 21.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): Wormstadt 1-0-2; Garrison

0-3-3; Rothenberger 2-0-6; Macario 3-0-7; Elder 0-0-0; McKibbin 11-3-29; Erickson 14-11-43. FG: 31-51 (61%). FT: 17-23 (74%). 3PT: FG: 11-21

(52%)—Rothenberger 2, Macario, McKibbin 4, Erickson 4). Fouls: 22. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 21. TOS: 14.



JOEL ALVSTAD 1/19 boys hockey 54
KARSON LACANNE (7) tries to stuff the puck past the downed Minnesota River goalie during Thursday’s game at the Windom

Arena. The Eagles mustered only a single goal in Thursday’s 1-1 tie against the Bulldogs.

HOCKEY/ Eagles skate to tie with Bulldogs

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The game stayed tied at 1-1 until late in the third period, when the Eagles caught a break. Windom Area was able to mount more offensive pressure thanks to back-to-back power play chances.

And with 4:52 left on the clock, the Eagles cycled the puck to Brady Espenson in front of the net for the go-ahead goal.

“I think the kids were just determined to not lose another close game,” Janssen said. “Both teams worked hard and skated well, but we started playing with some confidence and were able to get the go-ahead goal.”

Late in the game, Lourdes pulled its goalie for an extra attacker. Eagle goalie Dan

Stubbe stood firm in net, turning aside 12 shots in the final period.

And with 28 seconds on the clock, Wyatt Haugen found himself alone with the puck, shooting it into an empty Lourdes net to seal the win.

Lourdes outshot the Eagles 36-27. Stubbe finished with 35 saves.

“Dan played a great game and our defense was solid the whole day,” Janssen said. “We kind of had a disappointing performance on Thursday, but Saturday really wiped that away.”

Windom Area was scheduled to play at Fairmont last night (Tuesday). The Eagles host Worthington Thursday, play at Waseca Friday and host New Ulm Monday.

“The coming week will really determine our playoff fate,” Janssen said. “We have four games against conference and section opponents. Based on how those

go, we could end up seeded anywhere from second to seventh in the playoffs.”

• One of the assistant coaches for Rochester Lourdes is 2014 Windom graduate and former Eagle boys hockey player Zach Bartosh.

Windom Area0 1 2—3
Rochester Lourdes1 0 0—1

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Lourdes: Matthew Mahoney (Charlie Kietly) 14:43, pp. SECOND PERIOD: 2. Windom: Wyatt Haugen (Sonny Heil, Cragen Porath) 12:21, pp. THIRD PERIOD: 3. Windom: Brady Espenson (Wy. Haugen, Heil) 12:08. 4. Windom: Wy. Haugen (B. Espenson) 16:32, empty net.

SUMMARY: Shots on goal: Windom 27, Lourdes 36. Power plays: Windom 1-4, Lourdes 1-3. Goalies: Windom, Dan Stubbe (36 shots, 35 saves); Lourdes, Xander Carter-Kleven (26 shots, 24 saves).

Eagles, Bulldogs tie

The Windom Area boys hockey team dominated play much of the night Thursday, but a late third-period goal allowed Minnesota River to tie the game at 1-1. Neither team scored in overtime, leaving the game a 1-1 tie at the Windom Arena.

The Eagles peppered the Bulldog net with 48 shots in

the game and had the puck in the offensive zone much of the night. Minnesota River managed just 9 shots on goal in the game.

After a scoreless first period, the Eagles netted a power play goal at the 15:24 mark of the second, when Wyatt Haugen scored off an assist from Zach Espenson.

It stayed that way until the 10:46 mark of the third, when Minnesota River’s Drew Simonette evened the game. The Bulldogs had a golden opportunity to take the lead in the final two minutes, but shot wide of the net after Eagle goalie Dan Stubbe had fallen.

Stubbe finished with eight saves in the tie.

Minnesota River0 0 1 0—1
Windom Area0 1 0 0—1

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring. SECOND PERIOD: 1. Windom: Wyatt Haugen (Zach Espenson, Wriley Haugen) 15:24, pp. THIRD PERIOD: 2. MR: Drew Simonette (Travis Kotek) 10:46. OVERTIME: No scoring.

SUMMARY: Shots on goal: MR 9, Windom 48. Power plays: MR 0-3, Windom 1-4. Goalies: MR, Sam Gibson (48 shots, 47 saves); Windom, Dan Stubbe (9 shots, 8 saves).

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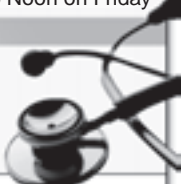
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 17-PR-22-11

Estate of
**Cathryn Lee Prins
a/k/a Cathryn Prins,
Decedent**
**NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY**

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Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on February 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., by this Court at 900 3rd Ave, Windom, MN 56101.

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Decedent**
**NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY**

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on February 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., by this Court at 900 3rd Ave, Windom, MN 56101.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

BY THE COURT
Christina M. Wietzema Judge of District Court
Sheila Pierson Court Administrator
Date: January 5, 2022
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 17-PR-21-619

Estate of
**Gordon Donald Bolin
a/k/a Bud Bolin,
Decedent**
**NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY**

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on February 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., by this Court at 900 3rd Ave, Windom, MN 56101.

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BY THE COURT
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 17-PR-22-12

Estate of
**Kristin Harrington
Soderman,
Decedent**
**NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 23, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 900 3rd Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, 56101, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Terry S. Soderman, whose address is 3413 South Vista Park Drive, West Valley City, UT 84120, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with 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. Objections to the petition for appointment of the personal representative must be filed prior to the hearing with the Cottonwood County Court Administration office by: eFiling (electronic filing); email: 5thCottonwoodCourtAdmin@courts.state.mn.us; or mail at P.O. Box 97, Windom, MN 56101. Any interested person planning on attending the hearing should contact Court Administration at 507-831-4551

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 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 months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Christina M. Wietzema Judge of District Court
Sheila Pierson Court Administrator
Date: January 5, 2022
Attorney for Petitioner
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Email: schramellaw@windomnet.com (677— Jan. 12, 19, 2022)

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 17-PR-22-9

Estate of
**Michael Roger
Harrington,
Decedent**
**NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY**

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Pe-

tion must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on February 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., by this Court at 900 3rd Ave, Windom, MN 56101.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

BY THE COURT
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Sheila Pierson Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 17-PR-21-620

Estate of
**Margaret Jean Bolin
a/k/a Jean Bolin,
Decedent**
**NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY**

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on February 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., by this Court at 900 3rd Ave, Windom, MN 56101.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

BY THE COURT
Christina M. Wietzema Judge of District Court
Sheila Pierson Court Administrator
Date: January 5, 2022
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 17-PR-21-618

Estate of
**Edna May Hansen,
Decedent**
**NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 900 Third Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, 56101 for the for-

mal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated May 14, 2002, ("Will") and first Codicil to Will of Edna May Hansen dated September 14, 2005 (collectively "Will") and for the appointment of Hans A. Hansen, 3010 Trenton Drive, Zeeland, MI 49464 and Andrew L. Hansen, 561 South 7th Street, La Crescent, MN 55947, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with 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.

Objections to the petition for appointment of the personal representative must be filed prior to the hearing with the Cottonwood County Court Administration office by: eFiling (electronic filing); email: 5thCottonwoodCourtAdmin@courts.state.mn.us or mail at P.O. Box 97, Windom, MN 56101. Any interested person planning on attending the hearing should contact Court Administration at 507-831-7003.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 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 months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Christina M. Wietzema Judge of District Court
Sheila Pierson Court Administrator
By: Sheila Pierson
December 29, 2021
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SIGNED BY: **Kathleen Bataland Smith**
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**PUBLIC
NOTICE**

**SECTION 00 1113
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FOR BIDS
WINDOM
MIDDLE/HIGH
SCHOOL
RTU REPLACEMENTS
WINDOM, MINNE-
SOTA
ISG NO. 21-25370**

Sealed Prime General Contract bids for Windom Middle/High School RTU Replacements will be received by Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt at the office of the Owner, 1400 - 17th St. (P.O. Box C-177), Windom, MN 56101-0177 by mail or personal delivery until Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at which date and time the bids will be opened and read aloud. A prebid conference will be held Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the location of the Work, 1400 - 17th St., Windom, MN 56101.

Project Scope: Replacement of seven (7) existing roof top units, installation of heat exchanger and pumps. Ancillary ceiling grid removal and replacement for re-hook up of ductwork. Electrical work at replaced roof top units, and other Work indicated in the drawings and specifications.

Bidders shall submit their proposal on the forms provided. The proposal shall be filled in clearly and correctly with ink or another permanent format. The proposal shall be signed in ink by the individual, members of the partnership, or by one or more officers of the corporation making the proposal.

Drawings, specifications, and other Bidding Documents may also be obtained online at www.questcdn.com. If you do not already have a free membership, you may sign up for one to gain access to the documents. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 8105827. There will be a \$30.00 non-refundable downloading fee to access a pdf copy of the documents online.

Documents are viewable at both www.questcdn.com and www.ISGInc.com free of charge.

All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope upon which shall be plainly marked "BID ON WINDOM MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL RTU REPLACEMENTS—WINDOM, MINNESOTA" and the name of the bidder. If a bid is to be mailed, the bid envelope shall be sealed in a regular mailing envelope. FAX and E-mail Bids will not be accepted. The Owner reserves the right to hold and consider the bids for 30 days after the date of the bid opening. Bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, bidder's bond, or certified check payable to WINDOM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid including add-alternates. A bidder's bond shall include certified copy of the power of attorney.

The right to waive any informality in any bid and reject any or all bids is reserved to the Owner. **DATED THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022
END OF SECTION**
(683— Jan. 19, 26;
Feb. 2, 2022)

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 08, 2021**

The Windom Board of Education met in regular session on Monday November 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Windom City Council Chambers. Members present: Brugman, Bordewyk, Jones, Klassen, LaCanne, Mews, Stevens, Bus Mgr Pfeffer and Supt. Wormstadt. Absent: none. Chair Brugman called the meeting to order with the of Pledge of Allegiance.

MSP Bordewyk/Jones to approve amending of agenda to include discussion on a meet and confer with ED-MN and discussion on the OSHA COVID policy.

Member Mews introduced resolution 110821A and moved its adoption relating to various donations in the amount of \$9075 and moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to accept the donations on behalf of Independent School District No. 177 to be used for the benefit of the students of the Windom School District. Member Jones seconded the motion. Upon vote, Resolution 110821A passed unanimously.

There were no requests to address the board in open forum.

MSP Bordewyk/Klassen to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of previous minutes (October 11, 2021, and October 25, 2021) Approve bills and wire transfers, Approve Financial Report, Approve resignation of Cheryl Hussong, Paraprofessional effective October 20th, 2021. Approve hiring Lisa Behrens as ECFE teacher approximately 6 hour per week for approximately 25 weeks effective the 21-22 school year. Approve hiring Ashley Johnson as long-term EBD sub effective Nov. 8th, 2021. Approve hiring Alyssa Koob at a 7.25-hour special education paraprofessional at the Middle/High School beginning 10/25/2021 Approve Tara Thompson, Parent Educator for the ECFE program effective November 1, 2021. Approve additional 30 minutes para time at the elementary due to student needs effective October 25th, 2021. Approve hiring Alycia Flatgard as paraprofessional 7.5 hours effective November 8, 2021

Principal Frank reported that grandparent's day was held on October 25th. The PTO hosted a trunk or treat event about 400 students were in attendance. The Bakers Square pie fundraiser has wrapped up and pie pick up is November 23rd. Veteran's day program is November 11th. Elementary students have again filled the eagle pride bucket and were rewarded with a field day. Soaring eagles begins Tuesday November 9th. This is for math and English supports for those students scoring below grade level.

Principal Joyce reported Quarter 1 ended Friday Nov. 5th. Juniors take the ASVAB on Wednesday November 17th. Junior and Seniors went on college visits in Mankato on Monday November 8th. There were \$23,000 worth of pies sold proceeds to benefit the MS advisory and Elementary PTO. MREA conference is November 15-16. Jeff Gould will be speaking to Juniors and Seniors he is an author and motivational speaker. Draft guidelines were presented regarding graduation attire.

Superintendent Wormstadt presented a current COVID update numbers remain low. Windom Area schools will

be hosting a MDH COVID Vaccine Clinic for children aged 5-11 on Saturday November 20th for the 1st dose and Saturday December 11th for the second dose. This is available to all children in the community and nearby communities. Parents are required to accompany their children. There will also be a flu clinic during parent/teacher conferences.

Discussion held on the current day care situation and some upcoming meetings to address the issue with other community leaders.

Board of Education reported that there will be upcoming SOLAR meetings on November 9th and November 18th. Discussed upcoming meet and confer with ED-MN December 6th with the teacher negotiations committee.

MSP Stevens/Mews to approve project application and project certification for payment, building parking lot & LTFM payments totaling \$759.97

MSP Bordewyk/Stevens to approve the updated 2021-2022 activity assignments

MSP Bordewyk/Klassen to approve the teacher seniority list

MSP Klassen/Mews to approve the ECFE/ABE seniority list

MSP LaCanne/Mews to approve the Administrators seniority list.

MSP Bordewyk/Klassen to approve the early resignation agreements for 2021-2022 school year.

MSP Klassen/Mews to approve Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election Voting for Klassen, Jones, Bordewyk, Mews, Stevens, LaCanne, Brugman. Voting Against: none. Motion Passed

MSP Mews/Klassen to approve Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Election Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election Voting for Klassen, Jones, Bordewyk, Mews, Stevens, LaCanne, Brugman. Voting Against: none. Motion Passed

MSP Bordewyk/Mews to approve proceeding with design and bid for the HVAC system and powder coat room. Total for this project is about 1.8 million. LTFM funds and ESSER III funds and Capital Outlay funds will be used to pay for this project.

Discussed teacher retention and recruitment. Presented information about incentive programs and the Come Teach in Minnesota grant program.

MSP Bordewyk/Klassen approve recruitment of teachers from Puerto Rico. Voting in favor Klassen, Jones, Bordewyk, Mews, Brugman. Voting against Stevens and LaCanne motion passes 5-2

Mandatory annual review of Policy 419 Tobacco Policy.

Mandatory annual review of Policy 421 Gifts to Employees and School Board members.

Discussion on the upcoming OSHA Covid Policies. Sample policies should be reviewed, and an emergency Board meeting will need called possible date of November 29th to allow time to for discussion and a public comment. MSP Mews/Bordewyk to have an emergency meeting with a tentative date of November 29th to review the OSHA Policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was

official proceedings of

BOARD OF EDUCATION

adjourned at 8:38 p.m.
Barbara Jones, Clerk
Don Brugman, Chair
Attest: Barbara Jones, Clerk
A complete copy of the minutes can be viewed on the school website.

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
November 22, 2021**

The Windom Board of Education met in a work session meeting on Monday November 22, 2021, at 6:31 p.m. in Windom City Council Chambers. Members present: Brugman, Jones, Mews, Supt. Wormstadt and Bus Mgr Pfeffer. Absent Klassen, LaCanne, Stevens. Chair Brugman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MSP Mews/Jones to approve the agenda as amended with the change of 2020 to 2021 in items 4 and 5 and the addition of item #14 Gun and Knife show 2022.

MSP Bordewyk/Jones to approve the 2021 Audit Report.

MSP Bordewyk/Mews to approve the project payments of the CTE/Elementary in the amount of \$1531.44.

MSP Mews/Bordewyk to approve the 2022 revised budget.

MSP Jones/Bordewyk to approve the 2021-2022 census report.

MSP Bordewyk/Mews to approve Resolution 112221A MSHSL Foundation Application Voting For: Mews, Bordewyk, Jones, Brugman Voting Against: None Absent: Klassen, LaCanne, Stevens.

Discussion held about solar panel projects. Buildings and grounds will continue exploring with different vendors. First round of grant applications opens in January.

COVID update presented. Two 5th grade classes are distance learning due to a higher number of COVID cases. All will return after Thanksgiving break.

OSHA/ETS update provided. ETS is on hold due to current court action.

Discussion on 2022 Gun and Knife show being held at the High School. This would be for one year only due to a scheduling conflict with the community center. This will be at the December regular meeting for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Barbara Jones, Clerk
Don Brugman, Chair
Attest: Barbara Jones, Clerk

A complete copy of the minutes can be viewed on the school website.

**Minutes
Truth in Taxation Meeting
December 9, 2021**

The Windom Board of Education met in a Truth and Taxation Meeting on December 9th, 2020 at 6:13 p.m. at the Windom City Council Chambers. Members present: Bordewyk, Brugman, Jones, Klassen, Mews, Stevens (arrived at 6:28 p.m.) Absent: LaCanne. Chair Brugman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MSP Bordewyk/Klassen to approve the agenda as presented.

No one from the public were in attendance.

Peggy Pfeffer presented the Truth in Taxation Information property taxes 2021 payable 2022.

Member Bordewyk introduced the Resolution establishing final school district tax levies authorized for general and special purposes.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to

Minnesota Statutes the School Board of Independent School District No. 177, Windom, Minnesota, is authorized to make the following proposed tax levies for general purposes.

General Fund \$1,962,483.92
Community Education \$77,311.82
Debt \$2,234,946.85
Final Proposed School Tax Levy \$4,274,742.59

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the School Board of Independent School District No. 177, Windom, Minnesota, that the total levy to be levied in 2021 to be collected in 2022 is set at \$4,274,742.59. The clerk of the School Board is authorized to certify the final levy to the County Auditor of Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

Member Jones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting in favor: Bordewyk, Brugman, Jones, Klassen, Mews, Stevens Those opposed: None, whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Barbara Jones, Clerk
Don Brugman, Chair
Attest: Barbara Jones, Clerk

A complete copy of the minutes can be viewed on the school website

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2021**

The Windom Board of Education met in regular session on Monday December 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Windom City Council Chambers. Members present: Brugman, Jones, Klassen, LaCanne, Mews, Bus Mgr Pfeffer and Supt. Wormstadt. Absent: Bordewyk and Stevens. Chair Brugman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MSP Jones/LaCanne to approve Agenda.

Member Klassen introduced Resolution 121321A relating to various donations in the amount of \$9538 and moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to accept the donations on behalf of Independent School District No. 177 to be used for the benefit of the students of the Windom School District. Member Jones seconded the motion. Upon vote, Resolution 123121A passed unanimously.

There were no requests to address the board in open forum.

MSP Mews/LaCanne to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of previous minutes (November 8th and November 22nd); Approve bills and wire transfers; Approve Financial Report; Approve #22-6 medical leave of absence for 6 weeks beginning February 9, 2022 and continuing until approximately March 23, 2022.; Approve resignation of Cassidy Back, Paraprofessional effective November 22, 2021; Approve resignation of Beth Scrivens, Paraprofessional effective November 30, 2021; Approve resignation of Tucker Kern from Paraprofessional after one year leave of absence to continue in current custodial position effective December 7, 2021; Approve termination of Debra Jones, Paraprofessional effective December 3, 2021; Approve hiring Rachel Schoenecker as Paraprofessional, 8 hours per day effective November 15, 2021; Approve 3 extra hours of Paraprofessional time for bus

route assignments; Approve .5 hour increase of Paraprofessional time for bus duties; Approve additional 7 hour Paraprofessional position for 1:1 student; Approve 3.5 hour increase per day Bridges paraprofessional for newly identified student.; Approve hiring additional Food Service Employee for 2 hours per day; approve hiring Kenya Duroe as 7 hour Special Education Paraprofessional effective December 6, 2021; Approve hiring Brittany Hernandez as Paraprofessional 7 hours per day effective December 9, 2021; Approve hiring Melody Vice as Paraprofessional 7 hours per day effective December 13, 2021; Approve hiring Baylee Winzenried as ECFE Parent Educator effective January 3, 2022; Approve resignation of Wendy Sjoblum Special Ed Teacher effective end of 2021-2022 school year; Approve 2021-2022 MSEA Food Service, Secretary, Custodian and Para Seniority Lists

Principal Frank reported that Family Engagement Night was hosted December 7. There were 135 people in attendance. Each family was able to take a Free game home at the end of the evening. The elementary is experiencing success with consistent core instruction as well as PRESS interventions. Our teams have moved 41 students from Tier III to Tier II in the last month. The Elementary Holiday concert is scheduled for December 14 in the Gold Gym. Staff participated in a short Top 20 review on December 8 by Paul Bernabi.

Principal Joyce reported Top 20 was in to train our HS students on Dec. 8 and will be in to train our MS students on Dec. 15, they are also working with faculty from 2:45-3:45 each day. Juniors & Sophomores have finished online course requests, Freshmen & 8th graders will do so by Dec. 22. The 10th Grade will take the Pre-Act on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Eagle Pride reward day is planned for positive behaviors on Thursday, Dec. 23. There is a draft of the Honor Society Guidelines.

Superintendent Wormstadt presented a current COVID update. Building closure for the holidays includes December 24-27th and December 31.

Board of Education reported on the meet and confer with ED-MN Windom.

The project application and project certification for payment, building parking lot & LTFM payments totaling \$7,148.94.

MSP Jones/Mews to approve World's Best Workforce Report.

MSP Klassen/Jones to approve Jenna Fromm, Mark Westerburg, and Craig Brenden as candidates for the MREA 2022 Board of Directors

MSP Jones/Klassen to approve the substitute rates effective January 1, 2022.

MSP Mews/Klassen to approve the updated 2021-2022 Activity Assignments

Reviewed retention Policy 428.

Reviewed Board Committee assignments.

Reviewed WAH contract for onsite athletic services.

Discussed addition of soccer program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Barbara Jones, Clerk
Don Brugman, Chair
Attest: Barbara Jones, Clerk

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SHELTER/
Lions would like to see the shelter built in 2022

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maintenance and upkeep.

The design

The shelter project, which was unveiled last summer, would be a post frame building with a shingled roof. It is designed to be more comfortable than the existing shelter for all users. Plans are for sliding doors on the back side, which could open to allow air flow if it's stuffy and a band is performing. Conversely, the doors could be closed during an anniversary party on a cool, breezy fall day. The ceiling height varies, as the exterior appearance would suggest, starting at 16 feet near the stage and dropping to 14 feet in the middle section and then 12 feet on the portion closest to

the lake. There are even provisions in the design so that overhead doors could be added on the shelter's side openings (for further wind and rain protection), at some point. "The building will also have extended eaves to help protect people from wind and rain," Francis said. "They will stick out about six feet."

The timetable

There is no specific timetable for the project, other than the Lions Club would like to see it built sometime in 2022. Francis said once construction gets underway, it should take about two months to build. Fundraising for the project began in July and has seen significant growth in the past few months. It has seen support from businesses, individuals and non-profit groups, such as the Windom Area Foundation which recently approved a

\$5,000 grant. Residents can expect to see fund drive ads in upcoming editions of the Citizen and Shopper. "There is not a set date to finish raising funds," Francis said. "We would like to have funding by May 1 so they can start pouring concrete." Francis and Evers said the project is designed so the restrooms and food area could be scaled back, if necessary, to bring the shelter in under budget. It could also be designed so that certain things could easily be added later. Once the shelter is in place, Francis and Evers see it getting heavy use. "We (the Lions) would like to bring some bands to Windom on a more regular basis," Francis said. "You can have parties or graduations there, almost anything, really," Evers added. "You could have outdoor weddings there and private family parties. It would be a great addition to the community."

SCHOOL/
Evening activities will continue as scheduled

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development day. As it turned out, virtually every school in the region was closed Friday anyway, due to the snowstorm.

Tuesday was the first of three straight distance learning days for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. This coming Friday is also a previously scheduled day off for students. It is a teacher work day for the end of the semester. Wormstadt informed parents that the district will not provide daycare or adventure club during the 10-day classroom break.

The district will not be providing daycare or adventure club during this time. "We will run evening activities as scheduled," Wormstadt said. "We ask that any students that are sick do not attend. "This schedule is the least disruptive schedule tied to our current calendar. This creates the least amount of impact to our scheduled days for students."

RON/ Pheasant numbers are low

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The engineers refused, so he did it himself. Backing up a mile he hit it, full bore. It became stuck 'til spring after he was dug out by hand shovels. Not, the aluminum or plastic shovels we now use, but the heavy steel ones that prevailed even to my father's time on the farm. The whole train debacle left those early settlers literally isolated from the rest of the country. They soon ran out of supplies including coal for heat and only a little wood from the treeless prairie. Tall prairie grass was twirled into knotted sticks during the day and burned at night. Wheat kernels had to be ground into flour, which they did with coffee grinders that most homes had. From Winona, Minn., west to Deadwood, S.D., railroads were closed 'til spring. The



old Chicago Northwestern line did the best they could but had to give in to the winter that wouldn't quit. **Our troubled pheasants** Changing the tune a bit . . . how are our local pheasants doing? During that terrible winter of 1880-81 our pheasants were still living in China. I'm guessing the prairie grouse were nearly decimated in that long winter. I say, in an honest belief, our pheasant are nearly to the stage we were in after our own Halloween Blizzard. They are now being seen

only in the best of winter cover. On my river 80, which is totally dedicated to wildlife, there is only one rooster living. I saw him the day after our latest nine inches of snowfall. I believe it is the same lone rooster I've been seeing for the last few years. This spring he was able to attract three hens to my grasses but the hot, dry summer of 2021 resulted in no (zero, zip, nada) pheasants reaching flight. This, even though the government program I am enrolled in, made me convert my corn plot to flowers. **A predator report** I noticed this research study out of Washington state a few days ago. In the southeastern area of that state they radio collared 125 elk calves and only a total of nine survived. Of those calves, 59 of the deaths were killed by cougars. Too frequently studies such as this are buried from the public to see.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Development

Red Rock Rural Water System: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utility Service, USDA Rural Development

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utility Service (RUS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by the Red Rock Rural Water System (RRRWS) of Jeffers, MN. RRRWS has authorized this study to evaluate the feasibility of providing rural water service to new rural customers located on the shores of Lake Shetek and Lake Sarah, rural users in Murray County, and the city of Avoca. This project is referred to as the Lakes Area Expansion Project. The expansion area includes the townships of Lake Sarah, Shetek, Mason, Murray, Slayton, Lime Lake, Des Moines River, Bondin, and Belfast in Murray County. Water for the new members will be provided from a combination of RRRWS's current Lake Augusta water source and the new Lindstrom water source. The Lindstrom water source is located 5 miles east of the city of Avoca and will be developed as a part of this project. Water from the Lindstrom Source will be delivered to an elevated tank located west of Lake Shetek, which will serve the rural area as well as the lake homes.

If implemented, the proposed project will construct the proposed wells in the 100-year flood plain. The portion of the project which would affect the floodplain equals about 1-acre. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Gilmore, Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development, 1810 30th ST NW Faribault MN, 507-332-7418, edward.gilmore@usda.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lindstrom Water Source is located on the western edge of the Red Rock System within the boundaries of the Lakes Area Expansion Project. RRRWS currently owns a 32-acre parcel in the SW1/4 of Section 20 in T106N R39W. The site is on a shallow alluvial aquifer consisting of sands and gravels down to approximately 50 feet below the ground surface. RRRWS has acquired a water withdrawal permit from the MN DNR for 100,000,000 MGY, an average flow rate of 325 gpm and a peak flow rate of 500 gpm.

Constructing a new water treatment plant (WTP) at this site will provide RRRWS with a new water source for the system. Diversifying sources allows RRRWS to be more resilient to maintenance issues, such as pipeline leaks, routine water treatment plant maintenance, etc. Constructing a new water treatment plant would also increase maintenance costs for the system. These costs would be offset by the increase in customers of the Lakes Area Expansion Project.

The quantity of water available at the Lindstrom source is limited and would not offer much room for expansion outside of the proposed Lakes Area project boundary. The designed peak flow rate of 500 gpm is higher than the average 325 gpm flow rate of the water source due to the high peaking factor of seasonal homes. Increased storage is planned at the site to offset the peak source deficit during the day. The Lindstrom Water Source has similar water quality to the Lake Augusta Water Source. Primary contaminants of concern are iron, manganese and arsenic. Iron and manganese levels are above the secondary MCL limit and the Arsenic levels are at or above the primary MCL limit. Total hardness is comparatively high to other water systems, but RRRWS has chosen to allow the customer to decide if the water needs to be softened.

The proposed water treatment plant is designed to be a filtration plant for removing iron and manganese. Arsenic will co-precipitate out of the water with iron and manganese removal. Water from the wells will be pumped to a forced draft aerator to oxidize iron. The manganese will be oxidized using a chemical feed system. Water will then flow to the filter system for removal of contaminants. Water will be stored onsite in a combination of below-grade clear well and 300,000-gallon ground storage reservoir. Vertical turbine high service pumps will then be used to deliver water to elevated storage in the system.

DGR Engineering, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

The location maps for the proposal are shown below.

Dated: January 12, 2022

